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FRYE LEAVES THE SENATE TO DECIDE

The Two Senators' Names Restored to the Roll.

RESULT OF DISCUSSION

Republican Members Thought His First Action Unjustified.

BURROWS' COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY

May Prepare a Resolution Providing For Temporary Suspension. Some Senators Hold That Such Action by Senate Would be Subject to Criticism.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The most important development today in connection with the Tillman-McLaurin episode of last Saturday was the act of Senator Frye, president pro-tem of the Senate, in ordering the clerk of the Senate to restore the names of the two South Carolina Senators to the Senate roll.

When asked for an explanation of this order, Senator Frye said: "In my rulings yesterday I believe that I was strictly within parliamentary laws; that Senators in contempt are not entitled to recognition either to speak or to vote and that logically their names should not be called. I still adhere to that opinion; but, desirous of shifting the responsibility from the chair to the Senate, I have directed the clerk to restore to the roll the names of the two Senators from South Carolina."

When asked if the result of this action would be the recognition of either of the Senators to either vote or speak, Senator Frye replied that it would not and that that was a question which must be decided by the Senate. He declined, however, to state how the question would be brought to the attention of the Senate.

Inquiry into other quarters developed the fact that there had been a conference of the Republican leaders in Senator Aldrich's committee room during the forenoon and that the extent of Senator Frye's ruling and especially its far-reaching effect, not only in this case but as a precedent had been very exhaustively discussed, the conclusion being that the action of the president pro-tem in striking the names of the South Carolina Senators from the roll and his refusal of a request to have their names called was beyond precedence in the Senate and not entirely justified.

On this account it was decided that this particular phase of the question should be immediately taken up by the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Senator Burrows, who is chairman of that committee, was called into the conference and the details of carrying out the plan were intrusted to him. It was decided that a resolution should be formulated providing for the temporary suspension of the two Senators and that this resolution should be passed upon by Mr. Burrows' committee and presented to the Senate as soon as possible after the convening of that body tomorrow. The general opinion of the Senators present was that the South Carolina men should be punished to some extent for the altercation of Saturday and the Senators present were quite agreed that suspension would be the most practicable and reasonable form of inflicting this punishment. Five days was suggested as a reasonable time for the suspension and there was some suggestion that Senator Tillman should be given a somewhat longer suspension than his colleague. The question of time was, however, left indefinite, the understanding being that this should be determined by the committee.

Immediately after this conference Senator Burrows issued a call for a meeting of his committee tomorrow morning. In response to questions, Mr. Burrows said he could make no explanation of the purpose of the meeting beyond the general statement that the question of privilege connected with the conduct of the South Carolina Senators would be taken up for investigation.

The Democratic Senators also spent the day in a general discussion among themselves of the situation. They were unanimous in their characterization of Senator Frye's ruling as arbitrary and announced their purpose to resist by prolonged debate if necessary any further efforts to enforce the ruling. Senator Turner, acting for his Democratic colleagues prepared a resolution declaring it to be "the sense of the Senate that the names of Senators Tillman and McLaurin should be restored to the Senate roll," and in addition asserting that these two Senators "are entitled to vote on all questions coming before the Senate." This resolution may not be pressed owing to the action of the majority.

The adjournment of the Senate for the day was also decided upon at the forenoon conference of the Republican lead-

ers. The announcement of Representative Crump's death had reached the Senate yesterday but was withheld until today. When the Republican Senators were informed of this fact, they were only too willing to use the announcement to secure an adjournment and their Democratic colleagues were just as willing that it should be so used. All Senators recognized the fact that the Senate is under somewhat serious tension and all felt that both time and temper might be saved by stopping for twenty-four hours for a general conference and exchange of views over the situation.

The Republican members of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections were in consultation during the afternoon over the resolution which it was proposed to bring to the attention of the Senate tomorrow through the committee providing for the suspension of the two South Carolina Senators. None of the Senators present at the conference would consent to disclose the details of their proceedings, but it is learned in a general way that considerable doubt was expressed by some of the members as to the regularity of the suggested proceedings, some of the Senators holding that the suspension of Senators even by the Senate itself would be subject to criticism. The feeling was quite general that the problem is a difficult and intricate one and the opinion was expressed that it would be impossible to formulate a line of action that could be put into execution at so early a date as tomorrow. Senators Burrows and Foraker were appointed a sub-committee to consult authorities and suggest a form of proceeding either in the line proposed or on other lines.

IN SESSION FIFTEEN MINUTES

The Senate Adjourns Until Today, Disappointing the Crowd in the Galleries.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—Quite unexpectedly the Senate adjourned today within fifteen minutes after it convened.

An hour before the body convened the galleries began to fill with spectators, all expecting a sequel to the great debate of yesterday on the right of the Senators from South Carolina to cast their votes while under the ban of contempt, by the Senate.

Several Democratic Senators had books upon their desks and it was evident that they were preparing to continue the contest of yesterday. This was made more evident immediately after the Senate convened. When the clerk began the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings the usual request that the reading be suspended was made by Mr. Stewart, Republican, Nevada.

"I object," interjected Mr. Turner (Dem., Wash.), and Mr. Dubois (Dem., Idaho), in unison and the reading was continued, and at its conclusion the journal was approved without comment. Instantly Mr. McMillan (Rep., Mich.), a member of the Republican Steering Committee, was on his feet. He called up the message of the House of Representatives announcing to the Senate the death last fall of Representative Rousseau Crump, of Michigan. He presented resolutions expressive of the sorrow of the Senate at the announcement. These were adopted and then the Senate as an additional mark of respect at 12:15 adjourned. The Democratic Senators were evidently surprised but offered no objections.

DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR BILL

Fifth Regular Annual Supply Measure Passed by the House.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The House today passed the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation Bill. It was the fifth of the regular annual supply measures to be sent to the Senate at this session. No amendments of importance were adopted. The feature of the day was the speech of Mr. Richardson (Aia.), in reply to Mr. Corliss' speech a few days ago in favor of the construction of a Pacific cable by the Government. The question of reforming the consular service was debated at some length but no amendments upon that subject were offered.

Mr. Richardson protested against Mr. Corliss' course in delivering what he termed his "well prepared and widely disseminated speeches" before the subject had come before the House for consideration and said it looked like an effort to forestall the judgment of the House.

He took up the Michigan member's statement that Great Britain was about to construct a 7,000 miles cable from Vancouver to Australia and declared that the statement was ingeniously made to afford a precedent for our government whereas as a matter of fact, he said, Great Britain had offered a subsidy to any private corporation which would build the cable. It was only because no corporation could be persuaded to take the risk that England decided to construct the cable itself.

He denied that the Commercial Cable Company had been offered a subsidy by Germany to land on the Marshall Islands. The company, he said, was prepared, if it was practicable, to build an all American cable. He ridiculed Mr. Corliss' description of this company as an "octopus." He warned the members of the House not to decide the question until the facts on both sides had been regularly and finally presented.

Champ Clark, of Missouri, made a characteristic speech, urging that instead of criticizing the present consular system definite plans for bettering the system should be presented. For himself, he did not favor the so-called merit system. When the Republicans carried the elections he believed they had a right to the offices; when the Democrats carried the elections he believed they had a right to the offices. Mr. Clark caused much laughter by referring to the Democratic success in carrying Mr. Cleveland as "the greatest calamity that has befallen the human race since the fall of Adam."

Mr. Dinsmore (Ark.), made a strong (Continued on Page Five.)

AROUND A CURVE TO WRECK AND DEATH

A Passenger and a Wrecking Train Collide.

FOR SEVEN LIFE IS OVER

Crash on Auburn Branch of the New York Central.

A FREIGHT RUNS INTO A LANDSLIDE

This Occurs on the Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad and Results in the Death of Two Men and Injuring of Another.

(By the Associated Press.)

Auburn, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Five men were killed and two fatally injured in a wreck early today on the Auburn branch of the New York Central, two and one half miles west of Aurelius. A passenger train and a wrecking train collided head-on while rounding a curve at full speed. The dead:

JOHN HAZEMAN, of Rochester, engineer of the passenger train.

FRANK HILES, of Rochester, fireman of the passenger train.

EDWARD VINE, of Rochester, baggage man.

ENGINEER DURAND, of Syracuse, crew of the wrecking train.

FIREMAN SCHMUCK, of Syracuse, of the wrecking train.

The injured:

Trainman E. H. Renner, of Rochester.

Evau, member of wreck crew.

Both engines and the baggage car of the passenger train were demolished.

The Second Report.

York, Pa., Feb. 25.—Two men were killed and one dangerously wounded in a freight wreck on the Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad, a short distance south of McCall's Ferry, about 11 o'clock last night.

The dead are:

ENGINEER A. T. HATCH.

FIREMAN PAUL WILHELM.

Harry Wolfe, a brakeman, was dangerously injured. The men are all residents of Columbia. The wreck was caused by the train running into a landslide. About twenty-five cars were reduced to splinters in the wreck.

STEAMER'S BOILER BURSTS

One Man Killed, One Fatally Hurt, Two Badly Injured.

(By the Associated Press.)

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 25.—The steamer T. H. Bacon, plying between London and Kingston, Tenn., was totally wrecked in the Tennessee River, seven miles below London today, by the explosion of its boiler. Estil Hudgins, assistant engineer, was killed; Robert Bird, a passenger, who was en route home, and Cook Smith, a deck hand, were badly hurt.

The Army to Receive the New Islands.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—It has been practically decided that the formal ceremonies incident to the taking over of the Danish West Indies by the United States shall be performed by the army, and it is probable that a detachment of troops from Porto Rico will be sent to the islands soon after the exchange of ratifications of the treaty to raise the flag and formally take possession of the new territory. While not definitely determined, it is stated here that the islands will be placed, with Porto Rico, under the control of Governor Hunt.

Indiana's Governor at Charleston.

(By the Associated Press.)

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 25.—Governor W. T. Durbin, of Indiana, with his staff, consisting of General B. A. Richardson, seven colonels and seven majors, many of them accompanied by their wives, arrived here this morning en route home from a trip to Cuba. They were welcomed by the mayor and the exposition authorities and spent most of the day at the exposition. Tomorrow, Indiana Day, they will be accorded a reception at the Woman's Building and go on an excursion around the harbor.

Schooners in Collision.

(By the Associated Press.)

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 25.—The Foster schooner Fannie Palmer arrived here today and reports having been in collision the night of February 19th with the New Haven schooner Charles E. Hall, of Fenwick Island Lightship. The Charles E. Hall sank and one of her crew was drowned. Six others of the Hall's crew were brought here by the Fannie Palmer.

Fighting the American Invasion.

(By the Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 25.—The Imperial Tobacco Company today secured control of the tobacco business of Salmon & Gluckstein (Limited) by a vote of the share-

holders of the latter concern, who are guaranteed a ten per cent. dividend on their stock by the Imperial Tobacco Company. The chairman, Mr. Gluckstein, emphatically urged the acceptance of the proposal, as they wished to escape the risks of the fierce tobacco war now entering upon its skirmishing stage. The Americans, he said, were about to spend vast sums in an attempt to capture the British tobacco industry, but though the weaker houses would probably fall in the struggle, there was no doubt the invasion would ultimately fail.

EMPEROR'S GIFT TO MISS ALICE

Golden Bracelet With Picture of William Set in Diamonds.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 25.—Before the luncheon given on the Imperial yacht Hohenzollern today in honor of President Roosevelt by Prince Henry of Prussia, a golden bracelet with a picture of Kaiser Wilhelm in diamonds was presented to Miss Alice Roosevelt. It was the Emperor's gift to the young lady as sponsor for the new yacht Meteor. The presentation was made by Prince Henry on behalf of his brother, the Emperor. The Prince made a brief address and the young lady thanked him very much. The bracelet is of very handsome workmanship and the portrait of the Emperor in diamonds is well made.

ARREST OF BLONDIN

He is Charged With Decapitation of His Wife.

The Theory is That He First Strangled Her Then Cut Off Her Head to Prevent Identification.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 25.—Joseph Wilfrid Blondin, who was accused of the murder of his wife near Boston, Mass., last June by cutting off her head, was arrested at police headquarters, New York today. He had gone to headquarters to take an examination for an engineer's license. He was identified by representative of the Boston police. Blondin was taken into court and arraigned. He admitted his identity, but denied murdering his wife. He was remanded until 2 o'clock tomorrow to await requisition papers.

The Story of the Crime.

Boston, Feb. 25.—The arrest of J. Wilfrid Blondin, the suspected wife murderer, was the result of one of the most persistent searches ever made by police authorities, especially those of New York and this city. The man has been a fugitive since last June, when the headless body of his wife was found in the woods at Chelmsford, Mass. The body was found June 9th, two days later the missing portion was found in a brook, some distance away from the place where the body had been.

The police learned that Mrs. Blondin and her husband had been living in a lodging house in this city. Subsequent investigations disclosed evidence which led to the theory that in a fit of passion due to jealousy, the woman's husband had strangled her, and concealing the body in a trunk had taken it to Chelmsford at night. To prevent identification, it was thought the head was cut off and thrown into the brook and the body hidden in the woods.

Blondin was an engineer. When the police went to his place of business, they found that he had left the night before and the chase began which has lasted until today.

ALL READY FOR EXECUTION

The Emma Burglars Will be Hanged For Their Crime Today

(Special to News and Observer.)

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 25.—All preliminaries for the execution of the Emma burglars have been arranged. They will be hanged between 10 and 2 o'clock tomorrow.

Flores Promises to Exterminate Them.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manila, Feb. 25.—Governor Flores, of Rizal province, has organized an expedition consisting of native police and volunteers to co-operate with the constabulary and military and clear the province of the ladrones and insurgents who have been pouring into Rizal from Batangas and Cavite provinces.

Governor Flores says that when he has completed his task there will be no ladrones or insurgents left in Rizal.

Lieut. Walt C. Johnston, of the Fifth infantry, has captured Malvar's battle flag. Johnston also captured Malvar's personal jewelry, valued at over \$600.

Roosevelt Returns to Washington.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The special train bearing resident and Mrs. Roosevelt and some of those who went to New York to witness the launching of the Emperor's yacht, returned to Washington at 8:47 o'clock tonight.

Secretary Root, Senator Lodge and Miss Alice Roosevelt did not come back with the party, the latter remaining with Mrs. Cowles, the President's sister, for a few days' stay in New York city.

ALICE ROOSEVELT CHRISTENS METEOR

Emperor's Yacht Launched Without Mishap.

CANNON ROAR, MEN CHEER

Flags Wave and a Drizzling Rain Veils the Distance.

MISS ALICE AND THE PRINCE CHAT GAILY

A Luncheon Follows the Launching at Which the Prince Proposes Three Cheers for President Which Are Given With a Will.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 25.—The all-important in the itinerary of Prince Henry of Prussia today, was the launching of the schooner yacht Meteor, built at Shooter's Island for the Prince's brother, the German Emperor. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Alice Roosevelt, daughter of the President of the United States, in the presence of the President, the Prince, German Ambassador Von Holleben and a brilliant assemblage.

The Meteor moved down the ways at 10:39 a. m. amid a scene of great enthusiasm. The launching proper was without mishap and presented a graceful and beautiful picture, though it was accomplished in a drizzling rain and other inauspicious atmospheric conditions.

The special train bearing President Roosevelt from Washington to the launching reached Jersey City at 6:40 a. m. The President remained on board until the arrival of the Prince's train, a few minutes after 8 o'clock. A cylinder head on the engine of Prince Henry's special blew out and the train was more than an hour late in reaching Jersey City. The accident occurred shortly after leaving Baltimore, he stalled train was pushed into Magnolia, Md., by a passenger train, and there got a new engine.

Soon after 8 o'clock the President and the Prince and their suites embarked on a boat for Shooter's Island. The party proceeded directly from the ferry boat to the stand which had been erected at the inshore end of the ways on which the Meteor rested, the guns meanwhile booming salutes and the crowd cheering enthusiastically. The President and Prince, with Mrs. and Miss Alice Roosevelt, arrived on the platform at 10:22. The Prince conducted Miss Roosevelt to the small platform immediately under the bow of the boat.

During the preliminaries on the stand a photographer from the Hohenzollern stood by with a camera and took numerous snap shots. The Prince looked at him occasionally and smiled. Two moving picture machines were trained on the scene, and there were scores of cameras leveled at the party.

In a drizzling rain, amid the roar of cannon, great cheering and waving of flags, the Meteor was launched. The scene was one of animation and good humor, the cue for the latter spirit being taken from Prince Henry and Miss Roosevelt who, standing on the platform near the Meteor, engaged in lively conversation, laughing and joking with democratic ceremony. Precisely at 10:39 Miss Roosevelt raised the bottle of champagne which had been encased in beautiful silver filigree, and which was suspended by a 35 foot silver chain. Dashing the bottle against the side of the vessel with vigorous and effective hand, the wine breaking into spray, Miss Roosevelt said in English: "In the name of the German Emperor, I christen thee Meteor." Her voice was loud on all the surrounding platforms. Then she raised a silver axe and severed the rope holding the weight, which kept the ship in the ways and the vessel went gracefully into the water.

Simultaneously cannon boomed and the noise of the gun was lost in that resulting from the roar of human voices, aided by the royal German band, the naval militia band and several bands on board the various vessels surrounding the island where occupants were not privileged to land. Every hat was raised and then there was cheer after cheer for the President, the Prince and Miss Roosevelt.

After the launching the President presented several persons to the Prince. President Roosevelt, leaning over the railing, shook hands with many guests who were old acquaintances. While this scene was going on the crowd remained, continually cheering and occasionally calling "cheers for the Prince," "cheers for the President," "cheers for Miss Roosevelt."

The latter had to repeatedly bow her acknowledgements. The Prince immediately after the launching sent the following cablegram in German:

"To the German Emperor, Berlin. "Yacht just launched under brilliant auspices. Christened by Miss Roosevelt's hand. Beautiful craft. Great enthusiasm. I congratulate you with all my heart."

(Signed) "HEINRICH."

Soon after the launching the Presidential party and the Prince proceeded to the hall where a luncheon had been prepared. The health of the Prince was drunk and Prince Henry said: "On this occasion I wish to call for

three hearty cheers for the President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt, hip, hip hooray."

As the Prince spoke he waved his arms as a signal and the building shook with responding cheers. Then President Roosevelt raised his right hand and when there was silence said:

"I ask three cheers for the guest who has already won our hearts, Henry of Prussia. Now a good one."

GENERAL HUGHES A WITNESS

He Appears Before the Senate Committee on the Philippines.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Senate Committee on the Philippines resumed its sittings today with General Robert P. Hughes as a witness. General Hughes said that soon after his arrival he had been appointed provost marshal general of Manila. At that time the insurrecto forces were quartered in the city and there was free communication between them and the Americans. When later Aguinaldo was directed to move out he objected strenuously, but went. At first, the witness said, the people of the city were quite friendly, but by the first of January, 1899, there was a change in their behavior. This change he attributed to Aguinaldo's influence and advice.

General Hughes then described the condition of affairs in Manila which led up to the outbreak of February 4, 1899.

HE HAS SEEN MISS STONE

Gargiulo Says She Leaves For Salonica the 26th.

(By the Associated Press.)

Constantinople, Feb. 25.—A. A. Gargiulo, the first dragoon of the American Legation here today telegraphed the following message from Strumitza, Macedonia, where Miss Ellen M. Stone and her companion, Mme. Tsilka, arrived February 23, after their release by the brigands who had held them in captivity: "Have seen Miss Stone. Will leave with the ladies for Salonica, February 26th."

Released on Turkish Territory.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Secretary Hay has been informed by the Turkish Legation that Miss Stone has been released on Turkish territory. Mr. Leishman has not yet confirmed the press reports on this subject. The Board of Foreign Missions at Boston has telegraphed Secretary Hay an expression of thanks for the efforts of the State Department which have resulted in Miss Stone's release.

HELEN GOULD AT STATE NORMAL

An Informal Reception and Luncheon. Departure For New York.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 25.—Miss Helen Gould and party spent the afternoon at the State Normal and Industrial College. She met the student body and a number of citizens in the college chapel and made a most favorable impression. She and members of her party were tendered informal reception and luncheon. They left at 10:40 tonight on their return to New York.

Helen Gould Leaves For New York.

(By the Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., Feb. 25.—Miss Helen Gould and party left today for New York.

Death of an Aged and Good Woman.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Franklinton, N. C., Feb. 25.—Mrs. Susan McGhee died early this morning. Had she lived until the 8th day of April she would have been 100 years old. She was one of the few people who live to such a ripe old age. She was from early childhood a communicant of the M. E. church, and has lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral services will be conducted from the residence of her son Mr. J. Y. McGhee, on Wednesday evening at 3 o'clock. Her remains will be interred in the family burial grounds, three miles west of Franklinton. The family have the sympathy of our entire community. Rev. J. H. Shore, assisted by Rev. J. B. Harrell, of the Baptist church, will conduct the services.

Boer Delegates Arrive.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 25.—Among the passengers who arrived today on board the steamer Rotterdam from Rotterdam and Boulogne, were Messrs. Wolmarans and Wessels, Boer delegates and Dr. De Bruyn, Secretary of the Boer Embassy. The party will remain in this city for a few days and then proceed to Baltimore and Washington.

Escapes of Three Convicts.

(By the Associated Press.)

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 25.—Information reached here today of the escape from a stockade at Doive, Ala., of three white convicts, one of whom is said to be Frank Edwin, alias Randolph, the partner of Frank Duncan, who recently broke jail in Birmingham. The other two missing are J. H. Johnson and Henry Watkins.

Business Part of Thurber Burned.

(By the Associated Press.)

Thurber, Texas, Feb. 25.—The business portion of this city was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is about \$100,000, partially covered by insurance.