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A REINCARNATION OF "ADAM BEDE"

George Eliot's Hero on the Political Stage.

HE'S A VERY SPICY RAD

Genially Invites Democrats to Make Teddy's Election Unanimous. Does This Dazzling Republican Optimist. Teddy's Right to Keep Silent Questioned.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The House for an hour today was entertained by a speech by J. Adam Bede, a Republican member from Minnesota, who made his maiden effort and won his spurs. His remarks were replete with wit and humor as well as serious thought.

Mr. Bede began by saying that if the Democrats would agree to stop abusing Mr. Cleveland he would agree to have the Republicans stop abusing Mr. Bryan, saying both are working in the interest of the Republican party.

Mr. Roosevelt, he declared, will be triumphantly elected President, and he triumphantly invited the Democrats to make it unanimous. The only opposition to Mr. Roosevelt, he said, was a little bunch of Populists down in Wall Street.

Mr. Schuyler (N. Y.) questioned Mr. Bede as to how he proposed uniting the two races. Mr. Bede replied that he had not referred in any way to the race question.

Mr. Thayer (Mass.) extended Mr. Bede a cordial invitation to join the "Progressive Democratic party." "Whom are you going to nominate?" rejoined Mr. Bede, amid Republican laughter.

Mr. Richardson (Alabama) reviewing conditions in the South, said: "Let us alone," adding that that they would work out the race problem to the strength and glory of the American Union.

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DON'T IT JAR-R YOU

You Cottonless Ones Watching it R-ripping To'd 17 Cents.

New York, Jan. 28.—July cotton sold at 16 cents a pound on the New York Exchange today. A few years ago the price ranged between 6 and 8 cents.

It was not until well after noon that the excitement reached its height. Around 16.15 for May spot orders were reached and the whole list made a wild jump, with July going from 16.25 to 16.40 without an intermediate sale.

Mr. Tillman contended that there is a difference between nominations and treaties. Mr. Cullom extended the President as the head of one branch of the government has rights which pertain to his office exclusively.

Mr. Aldrich suggested that the resolution should be so amended as not to include papers covering present negotiations which may now be on for the satisfaction of Colombia, and Mr. Gorman replied that he had not before heard that there were such negotiations in progress.

Mr. Gorman said that Mr. Cullom should not be so sensitive about the President. That official could take care of himself and no Senator should refuse to give his assent to a request for the fullest possible information on a question so important.

Mr. Spooner replied to Mr. Gorman. The resolution, he said, was understood to be fruit of the "collective civilization of the Democratic side of the Senate." He did not adopt the suggestion of Mr. Cullom that there was an ulterior motive in its introduction.

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Mr. Spooner said the speech quoted by Mr. Bacon had been made when he first entered the Senate, but that he had been able to discover but one inconsistency between the two speeches.

NERVE OF SATAN

Self-Poisoned, Wright Was Lighting a Cigar When He Fell.

London, Jan. 28.—"Suicide" was the verdict passed by the coroner's jury today in the closing chapter of the tragedy of Whitaker Wright. His death was caused by yodification in consequence of poisoning by cyanide of potassium.

After Wright had taken the poison, holding a glass in his hand and still sipping its contents he said to one of his friends: "Waters, give me another cigar."

The doctor who was called into attend Wright said he had not detected any small or slight indicating poison, but the official analyst, Dr. Freyberger, who conducted the post mortem examination, testified that from every organ of the body exuded the peculiarly penetrating smell of Prussic acid.

TRAGEDY IN BURKE

Three Men Killed in Affray in South Mountain Section.

Hillsboro, N. C., Jan. 28.—Mr. James Webb, one of the most prominent business men of Hillsboro and this section, died this afternoon after an illness with pulmonary trouble for some time.

VAST LOSS BY FIRE

Progresso Loses Two Millions Within a Few Hours.

Mexico City, Jan. 28.—A great fire at Progresso, the chief port of Yucatan, has destroyed an entire square of business houses and other buildings, including the market. The loss is conservatively put at \$2,000,000.

BRITISH COTTON GROWERS ENCOURAGED.

London, England, Jan. 28.—The Duke of Marlborough, under Secretary for the Colonies, received a deputation of the British Cotton Growers' Association at the Colonial Office today. The deputation was much encouraged by the government's attitude, the Duke expressed sympathy of the government with the movement to secure an adequate supply of British grown cotton.

THE CECIL RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Jan. 28.—Dr. Venable, who is chairman of the committee which will make the appointments for the Cecil Rhodes Scholarships, is arranging to call a meeting of the committee at an early date for the purpose of adjusting finally the conditions under which these appointments are to be made.

At a meeting of the session of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church Rev. W. T. D. Moss, of Pictore, Nova Scotia, was called to the pastorate of the church. Mr. Moss has not yet given official notice as to whether he will accept the call.

CONVICTS ESCAPE NEAR KINSTON.

Kinston, N. C., Jan. 28.—Three colored convicts escaped from the stocks near this city. They were in for eighteen months each, several months of which have been served.

FILED RINGS ON THEIR LEGS--DESCRIPTION OF THE NEGROES.

Charles Fowler, Color, black; height, about 5 feet 6 inches; weight, about 140 pounds; aged 25 years; thin face and little bumps; clean shaved; quick walker. Luther McCrimmons, Color, black; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, about 150 pounds; age, about 40 years; prominent white teeth; quick speaker; full eyes, and thin side whiskers. He was polite.

PARKER VS. THE SOUTHERN.

Goldboro, N. C., Jan. 28.—After clearing the civil docket this week the Superior court adjourned this morning until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, when the civil docket will be taken up and the case of H. B. Parker against the Southern Railway will come up for a hearing.

BOYDEN IS MENTIONED, WAS THIS NEY?

Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 28.—The announcement that Hon. Theo. F. Klutz will certainly decline a renomination for Congress has created much interest at Salisbury and in this part of North Carolina. There is much conjecture as to who his successor will be. A number of prominent gentlemen have been mentioned among whom is H. Boy-

REPLY MAY REACH TOKIO ON MONDAY

Japan Still Ready to Rush to War.

Tokio, Japan, Jan. 28.—It is anticipated that the answer of Russia to Japan's latest note will reach Tokio not later than next Monday. Besides the intimation conveyed to Baron Rosen, the Russian Minister at this capital, that an early reply was desired, Minister Kurino at St. Petersburg, called on Foreign Minister Lamsdorff and politely requested a response.

THE NOTE IS PACIFIC

So Declares St. Petersburg. In Japan It is Stated That if it Prove Unsatisfactory the People Cannot be Restrained Much Longer.

Russia's response is eagerly awaited. If it should prove unsatisfactory to Japan, an immediate declaration of war seems unavoidable. The Japanese feel that the entire responsibility for the outcome rests with Russia. Some doubt is expressed that Russia properly appreciates the determination and temper of the Japanese people and it seems incredible that Baron Rosen has failed to correctly inform the government at St. Petersburg of the situation.

CRUM'S CURIOUS SITUATION.

Secretary Shaw Answers Tillman's Resolution Asking Information.

Washington, Jan. 28.—In response to Senator Tillman's resolution, adopted by the Senate calling for the record of William D. Crum's appointment and his service as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., Secretary of the Treasury Shaw today sent to President Pro-Tem Frye the following letter: "William D. Crum was appointed collector at the port of Charleston, S. C., March 20, 1903, and a temporary commission issued. Mr. Crum qualified by executing bond for \$50,000, and took oath of office March 30, 1903. Mr. Crum was again appointed December 7, 1903, and has given bond in the sum of \$50,000 and took the oath of office on January 9, 1904. There has been no third appointment, and no fourth appointment. The same information is contained in a letter to Hon. B. R. Tillman, under date of January 8, 1904, which appears in the Congressional Record of January 25, 1904."

OF THE PEABODY FUND.

To the Editor: I wish to endorse your editorial in regard to the Peabody Fund. It was a magnificent thing for the Association of City Superintendents to pass a resolution to urge the transfer of the Peabody support to the country school.

TEXAS CATTLE FEVER LINE DRAWN.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Secretary Wilson has issued the annual quarantine order on account of the splenic or Texas cattle fever. It is effective February 1 and includes California, Oklahoma and Texas and the Southern States. The line in the States of California, Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia, is made practically the same as last year. In Tennessee, Louisiana is placed within the quarantine line and Clay and Cumberland counties are added to the area from which cattle may be shipped on inspection.

REP. JAMES WEBB DEAD.

A Prominent Business Man of Hillsboro is Called to Rest.

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SANTIFICATIONISTS IN CHATHAM.

For the past two weeks the sanctificationists have been holding a meeting day and night near Mr. Pleasant church, in Baldwin township, and nearly fifty persons have joined them. They purpose building a church there, and already an acre of land and over \$100 have been given for that object.

PROMOTIONS ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 28.—James C. Cassell, assistant to the General Manager of the Norfolk and Western Railway has been appointed assistant to the President, G. W. Merrill. Assistant General Superintendent succeeds Mr. Cassell as Assistant General Manager.

CASE AGAINST MRS. POST CONTINUED.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 28.—The case against Mrs. Helen Wilman Post, the mental science healer, charged with using the United States mails for fraudulent purposes, was continued until Monday on account of the death of a granddaughter of Mrs. Post at Sea Breeze, Florida.

BOW BROKEN BY ICE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 28.—Schooner Wilson and Hunting, hence for Norfolk, Va., was held up by ice. The vessel was beached at Eddy stone and patched before returning. She will be hauled out for repairs.

CAP. JOHN HESTER BURIED.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The funeral of Captain John C. Hester, who died on Sunday of acute indigestion at his home, 425 Ninth street northeast, was held yesterday at St. Mark's Episcopal church. The interment was at Rock Creek cemetery in the family lot.

THE SYLPH STRIKES A REEF.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 28.—The yacht Sylph, from Carruban port, bound for this place, struck a reef last night ten miles from here, and was bilged. Captain Berkeley with a party on board landed here safely. Efforts are being made to save the yacht.