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SOUTHERN POLICY OF THE PRESIDENT

Actions Do Not Conform to Blast of Trumpets

DIXIE LAND IS IGNORED

The Big Diplomatic Plums Have Been Awarded and Not a Man From the South Has Been Honored—This Section Without Foreign Representation—The Taft-Whitewash Having Sealed on Ballinger, Congress Will Now Proceed to Do the Job Over—Ridiculous Position of Taft.

By THOMAS J. PENCE.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Reference is frequently made in the newspapers to Mr. Taft's "Southern policy," for the purpose of making it appear that the present executive is doing more than any of his predecessors in the Republican party for the so-called "winning of the South." The enthusiasts on this subject, who invariably turn up at the White House, as candidates for some office, are not pleased with the President's selections for the diplomatic and consular service, which have been announced from day to day since Congress convened.

Most of the big diplomatic plums at the disposal of the President have been awarded, and not a man from the South has been honored. No Republican President has ignored Southern Republicans to such an extent. And instead of recognizing the wing of his party in the South, he has given emphasis to his new favorite Green-boro speech by removing the only remaining minister from the Southern States in a cabinet when he took possession of the White House. A reference is made to Richmond Pearson, whose removal as minister to Turkey was the President's first official act. There are forty-four men in the diplomatic corps with rank of ambassador and minister. Of these has filled nearly all these positions during the eleven States of the South. Only three, Louisiana, West Virginia and North Carolina, are represented in either list.

It is apparent that the representatives of this nation in foreign countries are not representatives of the people of the nation. The appointments are all political. What the eleven States of the South are ignored, the Democratic States of the Southern States of the South are ignored. Eight of the new ambassadors are chosen from New York, four from Illinois, three from California and five from the District of Columbia. Two of these are natives of Pennsylvania, which State has two additional representatives in the diplomatic service. There are three each from Massachusetts and Michigan.

There is a suspicion here in Washington, and especially among the friends of Gifford Pinchot, that the charges against the Secretary of the Interior, Gifford Pinchot, are a cut and dried affair, and that it is ordered for the purpose of again whitewashing the Secretary of the Interior, the charges against Pinchot are a cut and dried affair, and that it is ordered for the purpose of again whitewashing the Secretary of the Interior.

President Taft has said to White House callers during the past few days that he is neither an insurgent or a regular, and that he prefers to be called a Republican without any qualification. That is a very Taft-like statement, and it is considered that it was made by one who has been both for and against tariff revision, and has sided with both Ballinger and Pinchot.

ENTIRE FAMILY HAD MADE SUICIDE PACT

Claims Made by Police in Snead Case

MORE DOCUMENTS FOUND

The Alleged Pact is Said to Be Revealed by Letters Signed by Ocey Snead, Her Husband, Mrs. Martin (Her Mother) and Her Two Aunts—Gruesome Phraseology in the Indictments Against the Wardlaw Sister—The Two Sisters Re-committed to the Tombs.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 24.—Gruesome phraseology in the indictments against the Wardlaw sisters, charged with murder of Ocey Snead, was made public today in the arraignment of Mrs. Caroline Martin, the victim's mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt, in the Tombs police court, where they were re-committed to the Tombs for thirty days, pending extradition to New Jersey.

In the indictments against both it is charged that they did "take the said Ocey Snead with both their hands, and cast, throw and push said Ocey Snead into a certain bath tub where there was a great quantity of water, and by means of which said Ocey Snead was choked, suffocated and drowned."

Another count charges that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Snead did incite, procure, abet, counsel, hire and command Virginia Wardlaw to do and possibly murder upon the body of Ocey Snead. As heretofore told, the grand jury, as an additional precaution, charges all three with aiding and abetting the victim's suicide.

Further complications in the case were developed today with the discovery of additional documents. They were found by the Brooklyn police in the search for evidence in connection with the case. They were found by the Brooklyn police in the search for evidence in connection with the case.

Dr. Cook Dropped.  
Medical Taken by the Board Governors of the Explorers' Club.

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 24.—The board of directors of the Explorers' Club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the list of members and on the public.

Among the seven signatures appended to this arraignment are those of Casper Whitney and Anthony Pala, a polar explorer of note, both personal friends of Dr. Cook. The committee is further explicit in its statement that it undertook its investigation only after first appraising Dr. Cook of its purpose, which he approved in person; and that it has ascertained entirely the testimony of Edward Barrill, Dr. Cook's aide, and of Frederick Prinz, his racker, although such testimony was before them—because it wished no cloud of partisan contention, or question of financial interest to dim the integrity of its verdict.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Sallybury, N. C., Dec. 24.—An early termination of the receivership of the Escon Granite Company near here is now looked for. Under the management G. R. Collins, receiver, the company is making money. It is said that Charles J. Harris is interested in a reorganization plan.



A UPELRY PESSIMISTIC VIEW OF THE DAY.

PETITION FILED TO OUST H. C. McNEILL

Incompetency, Insolvency and Negligence in Office is Charged—Charges Are Accompanied by a Large Number of Affidavits From Parties Living in and Around Dunn to Sustain Them—The Respondent Denies the Allegations—Files Affidavit Also.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Lillington, Dec. 24.—There was an unusual case in Harnett Court today before the clerk. The widow of the late W. A. Stewart, a prominent attorney of this county, and who was killed by the Atlantic Coast Line train at Dunn, N. C., last February, filed a petition before the clerk of court to have H. C. McNeill removed from the office of executor to the will of her husband, alleging incompetency and insolvency and negligence in office.

The court asked permission of the counsel to be allowed to reserve its opinion in judgment in the matter until Monday, which was agreed to.

MR. BRYAN MUCH BETTER  
HE LEAVES JACKSONVILLE FOR MIAMI—FROM THERE HE GOES TO CUBA.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 24.—Hon. William J. Bryan, who has been ill for several days at the home of his cousin, ex-Governor William S. Jennings here, left at 4 o'clock for Cuba, and half an hour later went on board the steamer, which sailed immediately for Montombo, on Lake Managua.

SEVEN HAPPY DAYS OUT OF TWO YEARS

Mrs. Stewart Wants Him Removed as Executor  
Yet Brokaw Prefers Wife to Separation

"I Bear Absolutely No Rancor Towards My Wife and if She Will Promise to Be Good I Will Take Her Back in My Arms—All I Want is That She Will Not Accuse Me of Going With Other Women and Stop Calling Me Names."

(By the Associated Press.)  
New York, Dec. 24.—One week of happiness in two years of married life was the best W. Gould Brokaw could get out of his bargain, he testified in court today. And yet he is willing to take his wife back. She, however, seems to prefer separation and \$50,000 a year alimony.

ZELAYA FLEES CAPITAL  
HEAVILY ARMED WITH A BODY-GUARD HE TAKES REFUGE IN CORINTO.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Corinto, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who three days ago relinquished the presidency of Nicaragua to Dr. Jose Madriz—the same day his army met defeat by the revolutionists at Rama—has fled the capital and tonight is in Corinto, surrounded by his body-guard and a few faithful friends.

COTTON MILL MEN OF SOUTH TO MEET

Vital Question of Increasing Prices  
To Confer With Commission Men

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Charlotte, Dec. 24.—A general call, signed by about fifty of the largest cotton mill concerns in the South, was issued today for a meeting to be held on January fourth, in this city, of the cotton manufacturers and of the commission men of the North for the purpose of further discussing the vital problem of increasing prices on manufactured goods.

KILLED WHILE HUNTING  
ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN ENDS LIFE OF BOY—TWO OTHERS WOUNDED.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Asheville, N. C., Dec. 24.—News reached here today from Madison county that Shad Franklin, a twelve year old boy, was killed while out hunting, and that two others were injured by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. Particulars of the tragedy could not be learned tonight other than the fact that Franklin, a relative of Arthur and Andy Franklin, the two men who, six months ago, were killed by the Tweed brothers discharged his gun with fatal result to himself and wounding the two companions. The accident occurred in Shelton, the Laurel section of Madison.

Think He Was Killed.  
Belhaven, N. C., Dec. 24.—Thomas Ebbart, colored, died as the result of a difficulty with some parties near Crosswell. An examination will be made into the affair.

WEALTHY WOMAN GIVEN FREEDOM

Had Been Confined in Sanitarium

HABEAS CORPUS HEARING

The Sensational Case of Mrs. Irene Farmer, of Savannah, Georgia, Heard Before Judge Biggs—Is Declared by Jury to Be Perfectly Sane—Alleged That Money Matters Was Behind the Cruel Treatment—Release Ordered.

By ANDREW JOYNER.  
Greensboro, Dec. 24.—Sitting in Chambers at Durham yesterday afternoon, Judge J. Crawford Biggs heard argument in the habeas corpus proceedings of Mrs. Cora Irene Farmer, a wealthy Georgia woman, who claims that relatives have confined her and further that she is being illegally held at Telair Sanitarium in this city.

The writ was issued by Judge Ferguson on Monday to be returned to Judge Biggs yesterday. During the hearing yesterday Mrs. Farmer, on several occasions, is said to have made remarks of a nature which would be considered as insane by her husband, who was present. The estate of the woman, on which there is a large incumberance, which it is alleged was caused by her husband, is now in the hands of a trust company, and it is one of the allegations that money matters are behind the legal confinement.

Judge Biggs, when apprised of the verdict last night, immediately ordered by telephone her immediate release, he having previously heard the merits of the case at his sitting in Chambers on Thursday in Durham.

Her legal guardians, the Savannah Trust Company, did not oppose the petition. Mrs. Farmer's husband, who also appeared, but the jury was so evidently impressed with the strength of her story that they only required a minute to decide.

SPENCER SHOPS CLOSE  
Employees Leave to Spend the Christmas Holidays.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Spencer, N. C., Dec. 24.—The big shops of the Southern Railway Company located at Spencer closed tonight for the Christmas holidays and hundreds of the employees with their families left at once for a visit to their old homes in this and various other States. Some went to Oklahoma, some to Pennsylvania, New York and other places for the festive season. Only an emergency force of men will remain on duty Saturday and Sunday. The employees received their Christmas pay check this week, the pay roll being one of the largest for two years or more.

STREET VENDERS KEEP ON SELLING

They are Arrested and Sent to Jail

ARE RELEASED ON BOND

Judge Sykes Withholds His Judgment—The Trouble Has Grown Embarrassing—Passing—A Counsel for the Two Young Men Have Instituted Suits Against the City of Durham in the Sum of \$3,500—The Funeral of Mrs. Nancy Lynn.

(Special to News and Observer.)  
Durham, Dec. 24.—The defendants in the growingly heated controversy between the city and the street fruit merchants, Fran O'Brien and A. K. Lutterloh, this morning were found guilty of selling in violation of the city ordinance and Judge Sykes is withholding judgment. In the meantime the attorneys have instituted suit in the sum of \$3,500.

The trouble has grown to be embarrassing. Yesterday when the two young men were arrested, they went to jail for a short time, but they refused to accept the money and declared that the stopping of their sales would mean the ruin of their trade.

Still, the attorneys for the defendants take the view of the Democrats, that those protected by the ordinance do not sell nearly for the price that they could afford to get if they were free to sell.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 conducted by Rev. J. W. Lyman. The burial will follow in the country about seven miles in the country. She was a member of the church more than 40 years and died at the age of 58. She leaves a number of relatives here, among them being Capt. C. W. Lynn, of Durham.

Attorneys Bramham & Brawley say this suit is just the entering wedge. They mean to go to the bottom. Today, when the street merchants stopped selling and turned over the goods, the lawyers offered them to the Associated Charities, but that organization could not handle them. The preachers could not use the same. Eiks had the same difficulty. Finally W. A. Erwin took a few loads and Y. E. Smith another to give to West and East Durham poor.

The suit which is for the recovery of a large sum of money alleged to be due the school fund by the defendants, will continue fully two months, most (Continued on Page Five.)