

It is now reported that a truce exists between Blackburn and Rollins, the leaders of the two warring factions of the Republican party in this State.

The cause of the trouble between the two factions was the control of the Federal offices in this State. Each wanted all the Federal offices. It was a squabble entirely and exclusively over offices. The Blackburn faction accused (openly and publicly through their organ, the Tar Heel) the Rollins faction of using their control of the Republican party in this State only for the purpose of getting the Federal offices.

It was a cat and dog fight over spoils, and the accusations of both factions were no doubt true. Each faction was doubtless guilty of what was alleged by the other. No principle was at issue or involved, nothing but "pie" was at stake.

The truce that is said to have been made between Rollins and Blackburn gives the latter control of the patronage in his own Congressional district and the appointment of the marshal of the Western District. It is said Rollins is to succeed Holton as district attorney. When he does, the spectacle will be presented of his holding that lucrative office, his father being postmaster at Asheville, his father-in-law being U. S. Circuit judge and nearly every kinsman holding a federal office!

And yet such a party is calling on Democrats to desert their old party and join it!

LAST July Robert K. Dargan, of Darlington, South Carolina, committed suicide when the oil company, of which he was president, had failed on account of his speculations. Not long after his death it was reported (and many persons believed the report) that he was not dead, but that a wax figure was buried instead. His life was heavily insured and the companies carrying his risk refused to pay unless they were allowed to exhume the supposed corpse and see that it really was Dargan. This permission was for some time refused, but finally the permission of the family was given, and, on last Friday, the grave was opened and Dargan's dead body was there sure enough. If the grave had not been opened many persons would always have believed that Dargan had not died.

The State executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League will meet at Raleigh next month and confer as to the time for holding a State convention, and for the more rigid enforcement of our prohibition laws. The prohibition forces are determined that no backward step shall be taken by the next legislature, and an active campaign will be made this year by them. Our sheriffs and other county officers have not been enforcing our prohibition laws as they should have done, and the prohibitionists will try to have officers elected this year who will enforce the laws against the whiskey traffic.

We are pleased to learn from the News and Observer that the secretary of the State Agricultural Society says that no gambling or immoral exhibitions will be permitted at the next State Fair. It would be well for the president and secretary of the Society to publish an official card making a pledge to that effect. The respectable and decent people of the State are determined not to encourage by their presence any fair that again permits such scenes as were so glaringly flaunted in their faces at our last State Fair.

It is said that quite a number of rural free delivery routes in this State will be discontinued because they are not sufficiently patronized. We hope that no such backward step will be taken. The free delivery mails are a great convenience to the people living near them, and their number should be increased instead of decreased.

Bloody Revolution in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Jan. 16.—General Alfaro occupied Quito, the capital, at 3 p. m., Thursday. A junta of notable persons met in the government palace here at 4 p. m. today and formed a new government. Vice President Baquerize Moreno assumed the executive power, establishing the capital here and appointing a new Ministry.

Rioting followed. The people during the afternoon attacked the prisons, liberated the political prisoners and afterwards captured the police barracks, where the rioters obtained possession of a number of rifles and some cannon. Rifle shots later were heard in all parts of the city and the rioters became so bold that they attacked a battalion of artillery. Many persons were killed or wounded on both sides during the fighting.

The new ministry, however, only lasted one hour. The people rejected the administration of Baquerize Moreno and proclaimed as President General Eloy Alfaro, the former President of Ecuador, and leader of the revolution, and in his absence Dr. Emilio Arcevalo assumed the civil and military authority.

A great panic prevailed here during the evening and in the midst of the disorder General Leonidas Plaza, minister of Ecuador to the United States, who arrived here Jan. 18, assumed chief command of the army in its operations against the rebels, escaped from the city and embarked on board the Chilean steamer Leona, which leaves here tomorrow for Panama.

Later in the evening order was restored. Two hundred persons were killed or wounded in the fighting here.

Will be Guided by the United States.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The apparent hesitation in France's decision relative to Venezuela appears to be prompted by the desire not to begin active measures without first taking the advice of the authorities at Washington. For this purpose Ambassador Jusserand has been fully instructed regarding his government's point of view which he is laying before the American government. The officials here agree that France's action is somewhat hampered owing to Venezuela's peculiar situation, the foreign claims upon the customs being regarded as placing a blockade almost out of the question. It is admitted that preparations are going on for reinforcing the French squadron, but the object of this step is still undefined. This much is regarded as certain—France's next move will depend on the result of M. Jusserand's conferences at Washington. The semi-official Temps suggests that "the best means to adopt would be for the United States to assume financial control of Venezuela, thus assuring America and other nations the reparation and satisfaction due them."

Preacher Arrested for Poisoning.

Gainesville, Ga., Jan. 21.—Rev. J. W. Austin, at one time pastor of the Methodist church at Bellton, near Gainesville, was placed in the county jail here today, having been arrested and brought here from Gwynette county, charged with attempting to poison Hon. Bob Quillian, of Bellton. It is alleged that Rev. Mr. Austin gave Mr. Quillian a medicated apple while at camp meeting at Poplar Springs last summer, Mr. Austin preaching a sermon a few minutes after giving Mr. Quillian the apple which made the latter violently ill.

A few months later Mr. Austin resigned from the North Georgia Methodist Conference and suddenly left Hall county. About the same time the wife of Mr. Quillian left home and has not been seen since in Bellton. Mr. Quillian represented Hall county in the Georgia legislature several years ago. He is one of the best known citizens of Hall county.

Boy Boiled in Vat.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 20.—Ollie Smith, 12 years of age, fell into a steaming vat of mash at a government distillery, seven miles from this city, this afternoon and was literally cooked. He cannot live through the night, physicians say. The boy was feeding cows from a cold vat and, as he watched them eat the boiled corn meal, he leaned against a post, supposed to protect the steaming vat. The post gave away and he fell in, only his head and one shoulder being held above the boiling mass of meal, four feet deep. When pulled out he dashed into a cool mountain stream in the hope of easing the pain. When his clothing was removed most of the skin came with it.

At Winston-Salem Sunday night Henry Kobre, a Russian Jew, was found by his brother lying on the floor of his room, in a pool of blood, and died later. A bullet hole over the left eye told a part of the story and the burglar theory, the police believe, explains the rest. Kobre was in his night clothing and his bed had not been occupied. He is said to have carried usually considerable money on his person, and when found he had been stripped of his valuables.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) Washington, Jan. 18, 1906.

The National Board of Trade, now holding its session in Washington, has gone on record as favoring railway rate legislation. This action is not overwhelmingly important from a political point of view, as members of Congress seldom see and more seldom read the resolutions sent them even by important national conventions. But it shows the insistent demand of the people who suffer most at the hands of the railroads for remedial legislation, and it is an indication that if Congress does not take the message of the President in the spirit it was meant and pass a law that is at least a step in the right direction, the people will take measures to install representatives who will. No one imagines whatever rate bill is passed this session that it will be a very drastic measure. Leaders both in the House and Senate still think that they can dodge the issue with a compromise measure of some sort. But there is one thing that will be demanded by the public and that is that the bill by whatever name it goes, shall be a step morally in the right direction. The ultimate and logical outcome will be some such measure as that of Senator Newlands which will restrict dividends and allow unlimited merging, thus removing railroads from politics, granting their stockholders a fair return on their money and eliminating the political element more effectually even than if the roads were under direct federal control.

The passage of the Payne Pilgrimage tariff bill demonstrates again, if demonstration were necessary, the power of the party whip to hold down a political insurrection. The inclusion of rice in the list of commodities having the benefit of the reduced Dingley rates was a sop to the South that they might have been more esteemed if the Philippines raised rice enough for their own consumption, which they do not, having to import a large percentage annually from Japan. The prospect of free trade after 1909 will not have the slightest effect in allaying the thirst for autonomy in the breast of the average Filipino agitator. "The little brown brother" may or he may not be fit for self government. But he thinks he is and if he has to have outside domination would frankly rather have it from Japan than from this country. As a step in the direction of free trade, the bill was a false alarm that would deceive no legitimate free trader, and as a measure of political expediency, it will do little toward relieving this country of the "freelaud in the Orient" that it will have on its hands for generations to come.

The Panama Canal Commission has at last reached the point of confessing that the canal will in all probability have to be built by contract. This is an admission of the impossibility of digging a canal at long range from Washington. It is a conclusion that would have been accepted as a matter of course had the work been turned over in the first place to the Engineer Corps, and if one can judge from the work that Army engineers have done by contract in the past and the work that the canal commission has not done up to date, the chances are that the digging would have progressed a good deal farther and the cost would not have been so great had the government in the first place utilized its own engineers instead of a highly paid staff of experts with an active press agent who seems to do everything except to get the waters of the Atlantic and the Pacific mixed up in the region of Central America.

The State Department was allowed to hand out a statement this week in the form of a cablegram from Comptroller Colton, saying that the rebellion in Santo Domingo had been crushed. The cablegram contained the incidental remark that the province of Monte Cristi had been in a state of insurrection since 1904. Of course everyone knew there was an insurrection of some sort simmering in Santo Domingo. No Latin-American republic would be without one. But it is the first time that it has been officially recognized or located in Monte Cristi. However, the rebellion is now officially crushed by the State Department and it is to be expected that the crushing will be just about as effective as "breaking the backbone of the rebellion" in the Philippines which it is recalled has been done at irregular intervals since 1898.

The publicity bill for making public the resources and amount of all campaign contributions, which has been introduced in both houses of Congress, has now a regularly authenticated parentage. Hon. Perry Belmont and Hon. W. E. Chandler and a number of other gentlemen who were the sponsors of the bill, assembled in Washington and perfected a permanent organization to further the cause of pure politics. There is to be an address to the American people issued shortly by this body showing how much better the world would be were the amounts and sources of all campaign contributions made public property.

The Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company has purchased considerable property near East Durham, and will begin the erection of a chemical and fertilizer plant that will cost about \$250,000.

Fatal Panic in Church.

Philadelphia, Jan. 21.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "Fire!" brought death to 18 colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others tonight at St. Paul's Baptist church, on the west side of Eighth street between Poplar street and Girard avenue. The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede was probably due to the fact that the church was not crowded. Not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700. The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of the Rev. E. W. Johnson, the pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken people made a desperate rush to leave the church, only to be choked up on the narrow stairway. Those in the rear leaped over the prostrate forms of those who fell, and when the rush was over, 18 lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

Appropriation for Exposition.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Representative Maynard (Va.) introduced a bill today authorizing the government to participate in the Jamestown ter centennial Exposition at Hampton Roads in 1907, and providing an appropriation of \$1,340,000 for government buildings and exhibits. The bill also provides for the coinage by the government of 1,000,000 two dollar silver pieces, the exposition to pay for bullion used. By this means the exposition hopes to realize a profit of about \$800,000 on the difference between the cost of the silver and the circulating value of the coins.

Representative Maynard believes there will be a great demand for two dollar silver pieces, especially coined for the exposition, and bearing scenes typical of Jamestown, as the coin will be of such unusual size that it will be prized as a souvenir.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 18.—Eighteen men are believed to have been killed in a terrific explosion today in one of the mines of the Detroit and Kanawha Coal Company, at Detroit, on Paint Creek, this county, twenty-five miles from here. That more men were not in the mine at the time of the accident was due to the fact that almost all of the day men, consisting of miners, loaders and drivers were eating their dinners on the outside and thus escaped the fate of their comrades.

Burned in Calaboose.

Special to News and Observer.

Salisbury, January 22.—William Russell, a young white man, 25 years of age, set fire to the solitary cell of the calaboose at New London, Stanly county, twenty-four miles from Salisbury, Saturday evening and was so badly burned that he died. Russell was arrested Saturday for disorderly conduct and locked up in the town prison, a miniature affair. In his cell was a quantity of straw and he lighted the pile.

No Need of Corn and Horses.

From the Greensboro Record.

Mr. R. L. Hodgkin, one of Guilford's farmers living in Fentress township, about a mile and a half from Pleasant Garden, has something not often seen—a field of corn standing that was planted last summer a year ago.

The stalks near the ground are somewhat decayed, but the corn itself is as sound as ever. Naturally the question is asked why he left it there. His neighbors say because he did not need it, having an abundance, and that he left it to enrich the field. He could have sold it, of course, but he is not that kind of a man.

It is said of Mr. Hodgkin's mother that at her death she had two horses aged 17 years, on neither of which had there ever been a collar. She had raised them from colts, but having no use for them she never broke them to harness and declined to sell them at any price.

The marriage of King Alfonso, of Spain, and Princess Ena of Battenberg, soon will be officially announced.

Hung to City Scales.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 22.—A mob of 300 men, early Sunday morning, took Ernest Baker, a negro, from the county jail and hanged him from a beam of the city scales near the court house in the centre of the city. Baker attempted, Saturday night, a criminal assault on Miss Mary Gentry, aged 18, whom he knocked down and dragged by the heels into an alley. Her screams attracted neighbors and the negro fled but later was captured by officers. The mob's work was so secretly done that the prisoners in the jail next to Baker did not know of the lynching until morning.

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