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THE BARNES-ROOSEVELT REVELATIONS.

The damage suit of Barnes versus Roosevelt, which began in Rochester, New York, on Monday of last week has not yet reached a verdict. With the exception of producing a number of papers containing the statement of Roosevelt upon which the charge of libel is made, Roosevelt himself has been the only witness. He was two days giving his direct testimony. It consisted principally in repeating conversations between himself and Barnes at different times and reading letters received from Barnes. He claimed justification for the language upon which he is sued, certain assertions and recommendations on the part of Barnes that favors ought to be shown to representatives of big interests, because they made large contributions to Republican campaign funds, and that party organizations could not be maintained without money. As the offensive part of Roosevelt's statement was that Barnes had been guilty of crooked deals with the big interests and with Charles F. Murphy, the Democratic boss, with a view to controlling elections and legislation, it appears to us that he has about made out his case, so far as Barnes is concerned, and there is not much ground on which the jury can find that Barnes has been damaged. We would not be surprised if the jury finds in favor of Roosevelt.

But had a man as he made Barnes to be during the two days of his direct testimony, during the following two days of his cross-examination he almost convicted himself of being a party to the crimes in most of the shady practices in which Barnes was engaged. The conversations and letters he recited ran all through the years when he was candidate and Governor and through his campaigns and administrations as President. Yet during his last term as President he reappointed Barnes to the Federal office, some collectorship, that he first held under McKinley. Bad man that Barnes was, Roosevelt squinted in all his badness and appointed him to high office. It is made clear that Barnes never kept hid from Roosevelt any of his dealings with the men who furnished the money for the campaigns and his motives for asking favors for them. It was also admitted on the cross-examination that Roosevelt was shown the lists of campaign contributors and the amounts, that each gave. He recognized that famous "Dear Harriman" letter in which he wrote Harriman in reply to the latter's offer to raise a big slush fund with which to carry New York for Roosevelt in 1904, and admitted that he wrote, "We are practical men" and that if he (Harriman) thought it unsafe to call on him during the campaign to discuss legislation in which he was interested, to put the visit off until after the election. That letter has been repudiated by Republican campaigners in past campaigns but it cannot be denied again. This Barnes trial has furnished the country Roosevelt's own admission under oath of the genuineness of that disputed letter. Mr. Roosevelt also admitted on the cross-examination that he knew of the \$3,000,000 campaign fund subscribed mainly by the representatives of big business to under sure his election of 1904.

Since his defeat in the Chicago convention for the Republican nomination in 1912, Roosevelt has been posing as a great reformer. But compare his attitude to corrupt politics, to the men who sought to buy favors with campaign contributions, to the attitude of Woodrow Wilson, when Henry Watterson and Colonel Harvey, two of his closest political friends, during the pre-convention campaign, suggested at a private dinner which afterwards became famous, bringing

in Mr. Ryan, a representative of big business, as a conferee. Woodrow Wilson disgusted Watterson and Harvey by flatly telling them that he would meet no representative of big business and would accept no contribution from such a source. And after his nomination, when it became known to him that his campaign treasurer had accepted a considerable contribution from a personal friend and adviser of his who was connected with the International Harvester trust, he required the money to be returned.

Since he has been President the poorest and richest men have received the same treatment, consideration and courtesies. Big business has learned that it can buy no favors but that it will receive no punishment because it is big, so long as it obeys the laws of the land. And small business knows that it can receive no favors because it is small, but that it can feel sure that it will not be allowed to be crushed or imposed on by its larger rivals. All partnerships between business and the government have been dissolved. The dissolution at first was not at all pleasing to some of the big favorites, and there has been much evidence of studied attempt to curtail business and employment of labor in order to restore the party of the old corrupt practices that Col. Roosevelt has been swearing to at Syracuse to power in 1916. But, in spite of this conspiracy, "The New Freedom" of Woodrow Wilson is taking a deep hold on the country. Honest big business, and honest little business, alike is making honest profits and every man has a fair deal. Before the election of 1916 the country will have become so thoroughly satisfied with and committed to the policies of Woodrow Wilson that a return to the old partnership of big business and government, will be a proposition positively ridiculous.

A NEW STAGE OF THE WAR BEGINNING.

The war news is getting interesting again. Months ago Lord Kitchener announced that the war would really begin May 1st. And last week it was given out that there are now 750,000 British soldiers in France and as many more drilling in England. This announcement was taken to mean that the allies were about ready to begin an offensive movement against the German western battle line. But the news of the last few days indicate that the Germans are not going to let the allies choose the time for the trial of strength in the West. On account of the thawing of the snow in Russia and the Carpathian mountains there will be a cessation of fighting on account of the miry condition of the ground for a while in the east. This gives the Germans a chance to move a large part of the Eastern army to the West. It is said a half million have already been transferred. Germany's fine railroad system makes it easy to move troops from one battle field to another, and this advantage they have often used to check the Russians on one side and the French and British on the other. Whether the new British army will be thrown into action to meet this rush of the Germans and carry out their plan to push the Germans out of Belgium and France at this time, or only use enough to hold their trenches until Germany has to make another transfer to hold back the Russians, is yet to be determined. We are of the opinion that the latter course will be taken. We do not believe that England will make the big drive, until conditions are favorable for Russia to put forth a supreme effort in the East. But enough of the new army will have to be used to keep the Germans from breaking through to the coast, and there is going to be some severe fighting within the next few days. It will possibly surpass any that has taken place since the beginning of the war.

The news is going to be very interesting from this time on. Maud to John—Did you know "The American Girls" are at Grand Thursday night? Let's go, its a big show, eleven people.

News and Views.

Ex-Congressman John Faison committed suicide at his home at Faison on Wednesday of last week, by shooting himself. Bad health is given as the cause. He retired from Congress March 4th.

The wave of hot weather which we have been experiencing has been extremely severe in the Western States. In Chicago and Detroit there have been many prostrations, and one death in Chicago. All April records for high temperatures have been broken.

The German cruiser which came into Newport News three days after the Eitel interned has given notice that it will also intern. The Captain talked as big as the other one did about going out, but he could not work up much excitement. People thought from the first that he was bluffing.

It is reported that the German fleet of battle ships is now cruising in the North Sea looking for the British fleet. Some excitement prevailed for several days, as it seemed likely that a great naval battle was at last to be fought. But little credence is now given to this report. It would not be difficult to find the British fleet if the Germans really wish to find it.

Declaimers' Contest.

There will be a declaimers' contest in the Athenaeum Literary society hall at the college Thursday night. The contestants and their subjects are as follows: Coyte Hunter—"Duty of Literary Men to America." William Nicholson—"Regulus to the Carthageneans." Elliot Stuart—"The Choosing of a Life's Work." Russell Sigman—"Spartagus, to Gladiators of Capua."

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Generally fair weather throughout the country except for some thunder storms and scattered showers was predicted today by the Weather Bureau for the week beginning Wednesday. The hot spell over the East will be broken by Saturday or Sunday.

Special Notices

ONE CENT A WORD EACH INSERTION.

WANTED—A live responsible man to represent us in Newton and adjoining territory, in selling monuments and all kinds of cemetery work. We have a good proposition for the right man. Address with references. Owen Bros. Marble & Granite Co., Greenwood, S. C. 10

and feelings. We were told that we had travelled over the roughest road in Burke county.

We have no unusual experience to report about our homeward trip, but we want it understood that no one had any desire to come back over the famous \$500 road. A. Q. I.

The Rhyne Dry Goods Business and Storehouse Sold to Hickory Parties.

Last Saturday Rhyne Brothers sold their stock of dry goods, and store building adjoining the Enterprise office to Mr. A. A. Whitener and Mr. Julius Abernethy, jr. of Hickory. Mr. Abernethy gets the stock of goods for \$3000 and Mr. Whitener the building for \$5000. Both get good bargains, as the goods would inventory at about \$6000 and the building could not be put up now for less than \$7000. But the Messrs. Rhyne have for some time been desirous of retiring from the dry goods business, as they stated in several special sales advertisements last year. They will continue the hardware business and both will give their attention in the future exclusively to that business.

Mr. Whitener has leased his building to Mr. Abernethy one year and he will continue the dry goods business, we learn at the old stand. We welcome both Mr. Abernethy and Mr. Whitener as property owners in Newton.

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Although British railroads rank fourth among the nations in regard to the mileage, they carry more passengers every year than are carried in any other country.

Rhyne Bros.
 Store will be open
Friday, May 7
 With a Full and Complete Stock of
Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes, Ladies Ready-To-Wear.
 Watch for big ad next week
Abernethy's Cash Store

CLAPP'S
THE BIG BUSY STORE
 FOR DRUGS
 FOR SEEDS
 FOR ICE CREAM
 FOR FOUNTAIN DRINKS
 FOR QUALITY
 FOR SERVICE
 FOR FREE ICE WATER
 A PLACE TO MEET YOUR FRIENDS AND HAVE A CHAT
PHONE 20.

Sanitation and Strength are fully exemplified in



CREX
 GRASS RUGS
 TRADE MARK REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.
 —known the world over for sterling qualities
J. F. HERMAN & SON
 HOUSEFURNISHERS — UNDERTAKERS
 Day Phone 84, Night Phone 125

Mrs. Youngwed—"Well dear, I've found a flat, and the cars go right past the door."
 Youngwed—"Won't the noise of the electrics disturb our rest, my love?"
 Mrs. Youngwed—"Oh, the landlord assured me that I wouldn't mind it after the first two nights, and you know, dear, we can sleep the first two nights at mother's." — Boston Transcript.

Big New York success. A show clean, refined and moral, a show for ladies at Grand Thursday.

The draft created by Austrian 30 1-2 centimeter guns takes parts of thatched roofs from cottages thirty-five feet away and carries them high into the air.

Fresno county, California, produces 94,000,000 pounds, or about 60 per cent of the California raisin crop, and nearly twice the quantity produced in Spain.

CASTORIA
 For Infants and Children.
 The Kind You Have Always Bought
 Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*

GO TO JULIUS HARBISON'S shoe shop in rear N. Y. Cafe and get your shoes repaired. Work guaranteed, 11-tf.

FOR SALE—Five passenger car, in good condition. Apply, Garvin Furniture Co., Newton, N. C. 11-tf.

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE
 And all the other commencement folks will find at our store an extravagant display of commencement goods but not at extravagant prices.
 40-inch voils, lace cloth, rice cloth, batiste, crepe, organdies, choice fine fabrics of every kind, Embroidered net and veil and organdy flouncings.
 Every Commencement Need Supplied Economically
Caldwell-Cochran Company
 "THE LEADING LADIES' STORE"

IRON BEDS SATISFY
 Our talk last week was on Felt Mattresses. This week we call your attention to the satisfying results in our line of
IRON BEDS
 They are strong, look well, are guaranteed and the prices are reasonable. We are selling more of these this year than ever before. New shipment just in—Finish; white, Vernis Mortin and Oxidized, from \$2.50 up—There's a reason for the big increase of sales—Ask us.
Garvin Furniture Co.
 Home Furnishers

We Will Give Five Times The Regular Amount of Booster Coupons
 From Monday, April 19, to Monday, April 26, we shall give five times the regular amount of Booster Coupons for purchases made at our store with cash or for money deposited with us, to be traded out later. Double coupons in settlement of accounts.
 We give fifty Booster coupons to each person presenting a list of three articles, and a 42-piece Dinner Set to the one making the most complete list of articles we sell, as well as thousands of Booster Coupons. Get particulars at our store.
 In order to reward the persons who have made the most complete lists of articles in the Listing Contest, the Booster Journal of Springfield, Ill., will give to each of the best ten, who is not now a Booster, a non-transferrable coupon check for 500,000 Booster Coupons. This must be deposited for yourself in the Booster Club Ballot Box. This check with other Booster coupons you can collect will enable you to win one of the premiums that will be given in the Booster Club.
Who will be the best Booster and win the fourth watch on Monday, May 3
FREEZE DRUG CO.
 COLEY R. YODER CHAS. A. BRADY
 PHONE 37

Maud said to John:
 "We cannot miss a night--a guaranteed attraction."
THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

AT
The Grand
15 and 25 cents

'American Girls'
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