

AMENDMENT MADE BY SUTHERLAND IS OPPOSED BY SOUTH

In Connection With Bill Pro-
viding Direct Election of
Senators by People

SENATOR PERCY
MAKES LONG SPEECH

Refers to Repeated Efforts to
Pass a Force Bill Aimed
at The South

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The South
would prefer the defeat of the resolu-
tion calling for the election of United
States senators by direct vote of the
people to its passage. It amended, as
Senator Sutherland of Utah has suggested,
so as to place control of such
elections in the hands of congress.
So declared Senator Percy of Missis-
sippi in a speech today.

Mr. Percy addressed himself ex-
clusively to the consideration of the
Sutherland amendment. He con-
tended that in the provision of the
constitution giving congress supervi-
sion over the election of senators the
power of control is only formal. It
could extend only to legislatures and
not ordinary voters exercising the
right of franchise in case of popu-
lar election of senators. As it now
stands it is an emergent power to be
used by congress only in case of the
failure of a legislature to act. "Yet,"
said the Mississippi senator, "by the
alchemy of senatorial logic it has been
transmuted into one of the chief bulwarks
of the government."

Vital Control of Electors
The acceptance of the Sutherland
amendment would give the national
government a vital control over the
electors and might be so employed as
to result in the appointment of su-
pervisors of elections which would be
most objectionable, the senator main-
tained. He declared that never ex-
cept during the twenty four years from
1870 to 1894, when election laws
were resorted to to protect the
negro vote in the Southern states had
the national power of supervision been
invoked in the matter of the election
of members of the house of representa-
tives. "And," he added, "never in
all that time was there a day when the
general welfare would not have been
promoted by striking those laws
from the statutes."

Referring to the effort of twenty
years ago to pass the Force bill, Mr.
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RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA TO CAUSE AN EXTRA SESSION

Outlook is That Measure Will Pass House and be Talked to Death in Senate in Which Case President Will at Once Reconvene Congress.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—John Nor-
ris, chairman of the paper committee
of the American Newspaper Publish-
ers' association, will appear tomorrow
before the ways and means commit-
tee of the house of representatives
with facts and figures in support of
the enactment without the change of
a syllable, of the wood pulp and pa-
per provisions of the Canadian recip-
rocity agreement. Mr. Norris de-
clared tonight emphatically that there
was no truth in the published stories
to the effect that these provisions ad-
mitted of doubtful interpretation as
to their meaning. He expressed the
opinion, moreover, that the agreement
inasmuch as it stands would be rat-
ified by the house by at least a two
thirds majority. Mr. Norris said that
his statement to the committee would
show the reciprocal benefits of the
paper clause and insisted that he
would confound the paper makers
who are trying to nullify the treaty
by amendments to the paper clause.

He would show he said, that the
clause as expressed in the treaty fur-
nishes the only method by which free
pulp wood can be supplied to Ameri-
can paper mills and by which the in-
dustry can be protected from diversion
to Canada.
Use "Utmost Efforts"
The degree to which the adminis-
tration will use in behalf of the en-
actment of the treaty its "utmost ef-
forts to bring about changes by con-
current legislation," as promised in
the agreement was made plain today
in reports brought from the white
house by senators who talked with
the president. These reports left lit-
tle room for doubt that should con-
gress adjourn without having ratified
the agreement, the president will
forthwith convene the new congress
in extraordinary session to consider
the matter afresh. The reciprocity
matter has moved into the foremost
place in the legislative purview, and
the president shows every disposition
to keep it there if he can. It is said
upon excellent authority that Mr. Taft
believes the present congress will act
favorably in both houses upon the
agreement and that there will be no
objection to an extra session. Every
indication now forecasts its adoption
by the house by an overwhelming ma-
jority, the only doubt appears to be
whether the senators radically op-
posed to its enactment will be able by
obstructive tactics to prevent its
adoption by the senate. The presi-

dent apparently entertains no such
doubt.

President's Trip
The speeches which Mr. Taft will
deliver on the brief western trip upon
which he enters tomorrow night will
be devoted, it is said, practically en-
tirely to the advocacy of the recip-
rocity agreement. He spent most
of the day at work upon their pre-
paration.

If administration senators had any
doubt about the attitude of President
Taft toward the Canadian reciprocity
agreement it was removed when Sen-
ators Crane and Carter returned to
the capitol today from a conference
with the president at the white house.
The message which these senators
brought to their colleagues was that
there must be a vote on the agree-
ment at the present session or con-
gress will be called back in extra ses-
sion almost immediately after ad-
journment on March 4. It is said that
the president made plain his belief
that the country generally favored the
adoption of a reciprocal agreement
with Canada. That the McCall bill
to put the agreement into force will
pass the house with a large majority
and that the senate would enact the
measure if given the opportunity to
vote upon it. The rules of the senate
which permit unamended discussion
of a measure are the principal bar-
riers to a vote in that body. It is
known that Senators Heyburn and
Bailey are bitterly opposed to the
agreement and that the opposition ex-
tends also to most of the progressive
republicans who represent agricul-
tural states. Some of these senators
have hinted that their relations with
the white house have not been suffi-
ciently pleasant of late to cause
them to exert themselves in support
of an administration measure.
Senators Crane and Carter entered
at once upon a campaign designed to
advance the president's program. Al-
ready they have conferred with other
senators who are especially friendly to
the administration and have sought
to enlist their services in a movement
to obviate the necessity of an extra
session.

Will Bear Close Scrutiny.



SOLICITOR ROBERT R. REYNOLDS BEGINS CRUSADE AGAINST VICE IN THE CITY

As Result of Proceedings Instituted by Solicitor Grand Jury Returns Indictments Against Sixty Six Women of The Underworld Charged With Operating or Being Inmates of Disorderly Houses.

As a result of proceedings institut-
ed yesterday by Solicitor Robert R.
Reynolds, the grand jury yesterday
returned indictments against
sixty-six women charged with oper-
ating disorderly houses in the
city of Asheville.
Captives for the arrest of the six-
ty-six defendants were at once placed
in the hands of the county sheriff
special deputies sworn in for the
purpose, immediately began the
rounding up of the inmates of the
disorderly houses of the city.
The long arm of the state law
reached out and descended at one
fell swoop upon the members of the
underworld all over the city. The
residents of mountain street and Eagle
Terrace were the first to be tak-
en, and about six o'clock the first
of a steady stream of carriages be-
gan to line up in front of the county
court house and disgorge their femi-
nine freight. For an hour or more
they kept coming until the court
room was crowded with agitated wo-
men wondering just what had hap-
pened.

Solicitor Reynolds stated that he is
in dead earnest in this crusade
against vice in the city, and that the
next step in the present plan will
be indictment against property own-
ers who have been renting their
houses for immoral purposes. The
latter action will likely create a
greater sensation in Asheville than
the action taken today.

As a great joke than as a serious
matter. Laughter and smiles were
much in evidence, and a continued
chatter of feminine voices filled the
grim room of justice. Scattered here
and there about the room were the
officers who had served the war-
rants acting as guards.
In the office of the solicitor the
telephone for some time was kept
in steady use as frantic efforts were
made to get bondsmen to come to
the rescue. A few there were who
had sufficient cash on their persons
to satisfy the law, and these were
quickly released. The price was fixed
at \$50 cash for the ordinary in-
mate or \$100 in a justified bond,
and \$100 in cash or \$200 in a just-
ified bond for the proprietors of hon-
ored houses. Diamond rings and other
articles of personal jewelry of sufficient
value were placed as security for
some of the prisoners, and for still
others, after some delay, those ap-
peared those who were willing to furnish
justified bonds.
A Merry Throng.
For the most part, however, it was
a waiting game, and the prisoners
sat about the court room gossiping
and puffing at cigarettes the while.
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ENGLISH AMBASSADOR IS OFFERED PRESIDENCY OF PRINCETON SAYS REPORT

Ambassador James Bryce
Refuses to Make Comment
on Current Rumor

BUT IT IS DENIED

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 8.—Formal
tender of the presidency of Princeton
university has been made to James
Bryce, ambassador of Great Britain
to the United States, according to
The Times Star today. It is claimed
that the information came from an
influential alumnus of the eastern
school who is a resident of the city.

DENIAL IN WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The report
that the presidency of Princeton
university has been offered to Am-
bassador James Bryce of Great Britain
was denied today by a member
of the committee of the board of
trustees of the university especially
appointed to choose a new president.
The latter said that the committee
had met several times but had come
to no decision and that Mr. Bryce's
name had not been mentioned at the
meetings.
Ambassador Bryce declined to
comment on the report.

NOT OFFERED ANY ONE
PRINCETON, N.J., Feb. 8.—Investi-
gation here shows that the presi-
dency of the Princeton university
has not been offered to any one and
that an early decision in the matter
is not expected by the university of-
ficials.

BATTLESHIP AS TARGET

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 8.—The bat-
tleship Texas which is to be used as
a target in fleet maneuvers off this
coast, arrived in Hampton Roads to-
day from Charleston, S. C., followed
by the tug Patapsco. The Texas
came later to the Norfolk navy
yard where she will remain for the
present.

SUSTAIN PRESIDENT'S ACTION

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 8.—The
house of representatives of the Neb-
raska legislature voted today to sus-
tain the president in his attitude on
the Canadian reciprocity treaty.

HARROWING STORIES OF DISTRESS COMING DAILY FROM FAMISHED CHINA

American Red Cross Society
Is Raising Supplies For
Sufferers
MANY DESTITUTE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—To carry
out the intent of congress and furnish
a cargo for the transport which has
been authorized to carry supplies from
this country to China, for the relief
of the sufferers from the terrible famine
now prevailing there, the Red Cross
has issued a stirring appeal to the
public for contributions.
The Red Cross is co-operating with
the Seattle commercial club in the
work. Such supplies are earnestly
sought to be forwarded to the Seattle
club, while money contributions
should be sent to the American Red
Cross in this city.
Every incoming mail brings to the
state department harrowing tales of
distress among the unfortunate Chi-
nese. Today the department made
public a report from Consul Gracy at
Nanking enclosing letters from some
of the missionaries in the famine dis-
tricts. Rev. E. C. Lobenstein found
about two thirds of the three hun-
dred thousand people in the country
of Hwai Jiang absolutely destitute and
not more than twenty per cent of
the population could provide for
themselves through the winter and
spring.
In the whole famine district Lobenstein
estimates that at the least 1,000,000
will die of starvation if not
aided. The people are trying to sell
their children, but they scarcely ob-
tain a pittance for them and as soon
as the real cold and wet weather comes
(this letter was dated December 25,
last) the death rate would increase
greatly. Mr. Caldwell, the acting con-
sul at Daluy telegraphs that there
have been 65 cases and 60 deaths
from plague at that port up to date.

WILL OF AUTHORESS FILED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Feb. 8.—The
will of the late Elizabeth Stuart
 Phelps Ward, the authoress, was filed
in the Middlesex probate court today.
It leaves the bulk of the estate, val-
ued at \$95,000 to her two brothers,
Lawrence Phelps, of Atlanta, Ga.,
and Edward J. Phelps, of Chicago.

WICKERSHAM'S LETTER STOLEN FROM OFFICE IS IN EVIDENCE IN COURT

Famous Letter Sold to Mag-
azines For Sugar Trust
Article
EMPLOYE TOOK IT

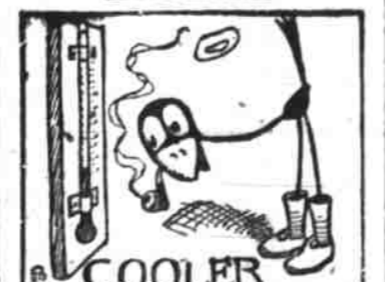
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The famous
"sugar trust" letter of Attorney Gen-
eral Wickersham to District Attorney
Wise, in which Mr. Wickersham
wrote that "Senator Root has sent
me the proof of a petition signed by
Bowers, Milburn and Guthrie, in sup-
port of their contention that the
statute of limitations has run in fa-
vor of Messrs. Parsons, Kimmel and
Harmed," came up in court today for
more publicity.
Thomas H. Riley, once a special
agent for the interstate commerce
commission and later employed by the
United States District here was placed
on trial, charged with filching the
letter from District Attorney Wise's
desk, copying it and selling the copy
to Hampton's magazine during the
absence of Mr. Wise in France.
The defense did not attempt to
deny that the letter and other con-
fidential matter had been copied and
sold to Hampton's magazine and The
Cosmopolitan. Instead it sought to
prove that Riley's affiliations with
the magazines were known to his
employers that he had been given
free access to the books of the Ameri-
can Sugar Refining company in the
district attorney's office and that in
general this matter of giving publici-
ty to the sugar investigation as his
counsel put it, "was known to Riley's
superior and more or less known to
the government."

District Attorney Wise testified
under cross examination that he knew
when he employed Riley that Riley
had furnished information to W. R.
Hearst prior to 1906 which Mr.
Hearst forwarded to the attorney
general and on which proceedings
were started against some railroads
for rebating.
BRYAN NOW SENATOR.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 8.—
The state executive committee today
officially certified the selection of N.
P. Bryan as United States senator to
succeed J. P. Taliferro. The vote
was Blount 19,381; Bryan 19,991.

MEMBERS ELECTION BOARD INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Accused of Conspiring to
Prevent Maryland Ne-
groes From Voting

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 8.—The
federal grand jury brought in indict-
ments today against E. J. Stone and
John W. Miller of the board of elec-
tions of Charles county and John M.
Dulany, a promoter who supplied the
ballots used in Charles county during
the congressional election last Novem-
ber.
It is charged that the members of
the board of supervisors named in the
indictments conspired to deprive, un-
der the color of laws regulating elec-
tions of the state, a large number of
duly qualified and registered voters
of Charles county of their rights to
vote because of their color and it is
further charged that the ballots up-
on which the votes were to be cast at
this election had been previously pre-
pared and distributed with the spe-
cific purpose of placing the name of
James Enos Day, Jr., the democratic
congressional candidate at an advantage
on the ballot over Thos. Parran, the
republican candidate. Dulany is
charged with aiding and abetting in
the alleged conspiracy by agreeing
to print and deliver the official bal-
lots to Miller and Stone with full
knowledge that they were to be used
in the election with the intent to
make it impossible for many negro
voters to vote for candidates of their
choice.



WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Forecast:
North Carolina: clearing and cooler
Thursday; Friday probably fair; light
to moderate variable winds.

ADVERTISING MAN FROM ATLANTA HELD FOR FRAUD

Asheville Marshal Arrests
Man for Fraudulent Use
of Mails

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Feb. 8.—Geo.
Lamance, a representative of the
Burton Advertising agency, of Atlanta,
was arrested here today on the charge
of using the mails to defraud and at
a preliminary hearing held later was
bound over to the federal court of
Georgia to answer to the charge. The
arrest was made on complaint of
county officials from a half dozen
Southern states to the effect that
they had received letters from the
Burton Advertising agency requesting
the names of the registered voters of
their respective counties, for which
the Atlanta concern promised to pay
\$2.50 per thousand. In compliance
with the requests the names were
furnished but payment from the con-
cern was not forthcoming, and recent-
ly the Atlanta post office has been re-
turning to the writers letters ad-
dressed to the agency.
The government showed that Lam-
ance had in his possession lists of
names from Georgia and elsewhere
which he had disposed of for money.

COTTON MANUFACTURERS MEET

RALPH, N. C., Feb. 8.—The
cotton manufacturers' association of
North Carolina, representing a mil-
lion and a half spindles, met here
this morning and tonight. A com-
mittee of the association this after-
noon presented its views to a joint
legislative committee on the matter
of child labor in the mills, declaring
that the present laws were sufficient
and were being observed.
Tonight there was a discussion of
the curtailment of output and the
statement was made that many mills
were now curtailing up to 33 1-3 per-
cent.
FOR GOVERNOR'S MANSION.
MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 8.—
The bill appropriating \$50,000 for
the erection of a governor's mansion
passed the house this afternoon and
now goes to the governor for his sig-
nature.

ATLANTA PLANS A GREAT RECEPTION TO HONOR TAFT

When President Goes there
to Attend Southern Com-
mercial Congress

ATLANTA, Feb. 8.—President Taft
will have a busy time of it when he
comes to Atlanta March 10 next to
attend the annual meeting of the
Southern Commercial congress, ac-
cording to the program mapped out
for him today by the advisory board
of the congress and a committee of
the local chamber of commerce.
The president will be met some
distance from Atlanta by a committee
of citizens and on reaching the city
will be taken directly to the auditori-
um, where the congress will hold its
sessions. From there the president
will be taken in the Capital City club,
where he will be the guest of honor
at a luncheon tendered by the direc-
tors of the chamber of commerce. Im-
mediately after the luncheon Presi-
dent Taft will be escorted to the gov-
ernor's mansion where a reception
will be tendered him and other in-
vited guests by Governor and Mrs.
Brown. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon
Mr. Taft will go to the Piedmont hotel
for an hour's rest following which
he will make a talk to the negroes of
the city at Central Avenue Methodist
church. From there the president will
return to the hotel to rest until 6
p. m., when he will be escorted to
the Piedmont Driving club, where he
will be guest at a dinner to be at-
tended also by foreign ambassadors,
cabinet members, governors and other
speakers before the commercial con-
gress and at the conclusion of his ad-
dress will be escorted to his train and
return immediately to Washington.

HOUSE BURNED AT NEBO

NEBO, Feb. 7.—The dwelling
house of Mr. Charles Hemphill of this
village was totally destroyed by fire
Monday morning. Nothing was saved.
The loss was partly covered by in-
surance. Mrs. Hemphill was badly
burned. Mr. Hemphill was away at
the time of the fire.

HOUSE FOR SECOND TIME STRIKES OUT OBJECTIONAL WORD

Era of Good Feeling Among
Representatives Causes
Compliment to South

WAR OF REBELLION
IS AGAIN CHANGED

Also Changes Regulations Re-
garding Claims Before The
Court of Claims

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Having
succeeded last week in striking the
word "war of the rebellion" from
one section of the Moon bill for the
codification of the laws relating to the
judiciary, and substituting the words
"civil war", southern members of the
house of representatives amplified
that work today by striking out the
objectionable word "rebellion" in sev-
eral other chapters and changing the
language either to "civil war" or "to
the forces and government of the
Confederate states", as proper read-
ing of the measure required.

The southern members also as-
sisted Representative Butler of Penn-
sylvania in securing an amendment
to the bill by striking out the provi-
sion that voluntary residence of any
such person in any place where, at
any time during such residence, the
rebel force or organization held sway
shall be prima facie evidence that
such person did give aid and com-
fort to said rebellion and to the per-
sons engaged therein.

Regarding Rules of Evidence.
This provision occurred in the
chapters relating to the rules of evi-
dence before the court of claims.
These rules require that any person
prosecuting a claim proving out of
the Civil war shall prove their loyalty
to the union and that they gave no
aid or comfort to the Confederate
forces.
Mr. Butler said that there were
many Quaker families and others
who resided in southeastern Penn-
sylvania at the time when the Con-
federate forces maintained head-
quarters near Gettysburg. They objected
to the language in the law which
made it appear that they were dis-
loyal to the union simply because
their places of residence came within
the war zone.

Representative Ollie James of Ken-
tucky, seconded Mr. Butler's amend-
ment in a five minute speech which
called out applause. On an eye and
nay the amendment was adopted 185
to 55. The house also adopted after
a spirited fight an amendment offered
by Mr. Bartlett of Georgia removing
the bar of the statute of limitations
from claims made against the gov-
ernment for reimbursement for prop-
erty taken under the abandoned
property act of 1868. Most of these
claims are for cotton taken by the
government and sold. During the
consideration of this amendment Mr.
Mann, of Illinois, suggested that
the democrats of the house might just
as well bring in an amendment to
the amendment providing for the pay-
ment of the cotton tax amounting to
something like \$68,000,000. Mr. Clark
of Florida, declared that he proposed
to offer such an amendment at the
proper time.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODES TEARING TEN MEN INTO FRAGMENTS IN INSTANT

Many Others Injured and
Railroad Shops Wrecked
by Accident

CAUSE UNKNOWN

SMITHVILLE, Tex., Feb. 8.—Ten
shop employees of the Missouri, Kansas
and Texas railroad were torn to frag-
ments and seven others were injured
today when an engine under repair
exploded in the Smithville yards. Be-
sides the loss of life railroad property
valued at \$20,000 was destroyed.
The dead:
Henry O'Rourke, Charles Gray,
Thurston McNell, E. Pariso, E. W.
Phillips, Harry Clarke, Aaron Har-
lowe Albino Mitchell, Phil Hubbard
(negro), Henry Stoglin (negro).
The injured:
C. H. Knapp, Wm. Bailey, Eugene
Revilla, Harry Bank, Ben Hodges, E.
A. Walker, J. A. Delap, G. F. Det-
singer, Geo. Behrens.
The locomotive had just been run
from the repair shop to be tested
when the explosion occurred.
O'Rourke, machinist, at the time was
attacking a safety valve when the ex-
plosion occurred. Two other loco-
motives standing on nearby tracks
were wrecked and the round house
was partially demolished.
With the bursting of the boiler, a
rain of fragments of the engine and
portions of human bodies fell for
several hundred yards. Pieces of flesh
and clothing were driven into the
shattered walls of the round house.