

How The Repudiated Bonds Were Issued.

Behind Mr. Butler's campaign for the capture of the next Legislature is believed to be the deep-laid purpose of the New York holders of repudiated bonds of North Carolina to force their payment at this late day. Indeed, a committee of these bond holders has written an insolent letter to the people of North Carolina, threatening that if they are not paid, the State's credit will be attacked and ruined by them and their allies. This letter, written by one Andrews, was replied to by Capt. S. A. Ashe recently, who gives the history of these bonds and shows how the robbers did their work. A full history of the events will be sent any one who will write to Democratic headquarters at Raleigh.

From this narration, it will sufficiently appear that the acts authorizing the issue of these special tax bonds were conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity. They were the fruits of a conspiracy to defraud, the result of bribery and corruption.

In 1866, North Carolina had an orderly and efficient government, complete in every respect, existing under a Constitution that had been in force ever since 1766, long antedating the Federal Constitution. That constitution and government was recognized as lawful and regular by the President of the United States and by the Chief Justice; but in 1867 Congress annulled it, against our protests and against the protests of the President. The continuity of our government was thus broken; but 'honest North Carolina' did not avail herself of that circumstance to avoid her just obligations. She has never ceased to recognize the obligation of her debts she herself had theretofore created.

Congress, having overthrown our constitution and government, established a military government over our people, directing the enrollment as voters of a part of her white population and all of the negro men. These voters elected, under military supervision, delegates to a convention, who framed a constitution, which provided for the election of State officers and members of a Legislature, all male whites and blacks, of age, being alike voters. This constitution was submitted to the limited number of voters the military had enrolled; and at the same time this limited number of voters, under military supervision, elected State officers and members of the Legislature, about 18,000 whites entitled to vote under the Constitution being debarred from suffrage. General Canby called the Legislature together, and appointed W. W. Holden Governor, he having been voted for at the election. Governor Worth, the lawful Governor of the State, being compelled to vacate his office on July 1, 1868, filed a protest, speaking for North Carolina and saying that he did not recognize the validity of the election, as appears below. In the same month the National Democratic party at the North declared that the government set up by Congress in North Carolina (and in other Southern States) was unconstitutional, revolutionary and void; and General Canby's Legislature, having convened, on the 20th day of August, 1868, gave notice to the world that its authority as a lawful body was disputed, by a resolution.

At the election held in November, 1868, the great state of New York sustained, by a majority of ten thousand votes, the doctrine that the Reconstruction government established in North Carolina was revolutionary and a nullity. Certainly, all the 'friends of North Carolina in New York City' held that opinion and so

declared by their votes. Every business man in New York was thus put on notice.

This Reconstruction Legislature soon fell under the dominion of a set of freebooters, their leader being one Littlefield, not a resident of the State, who entered at once on the business of gathering in the spoils. By Littlefield's orders, \$290,000 was paid by Swepson in cash to various members, and to others interested; and a ring was formed who required that ten per cent of all bonds authorized should be paid to them. Twenty-six million dollars of bonds were authorized; but before all had been issued, these securities fell to a few cents on the dollar.

Eventually these matters of corruption were fully investigated, and some honest members of the Legislature, on February 20, 1870, forced through a bill directing the return of all bonds unsold to the State Treasurer; and on March 8, 1870, repealed all acts authorizing the issue of State bonds.

North Carolina has never recognized any obligation to pay these special tax bonds, and, indeed, in 1880, by an amendment to the State Constitution, the General Assembly was expressly forbidden to pay any money on these bonds without first submitting the matter to the people of the State. This amendment was adopted by almost a unanimous vote, the vote being 117,388 for, and only 5,453 against the amendment. The same unanimity still exists. North Carolina will never recognize these bonds as her obligations.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

North Carolina Division—Mrs. F. M. Williams, President.

NEWTON, N. C., Sept. 7, 1910. To the North Carolina Division, U. D. C.:

The appeal comes to us from the United Confederate Veterans to aid them in erecting a Monument to the Women of the Confederacy—a call that should be answered by the hearty co-operation of not only every Chapter, but of every individual daughter in the Old North State.

In aiding in the erection of this monument, we are not erecting a monument to ourselves, for it is a mere handful of the women of the sixties now enlisted under the banner of the U. D. C. It is to the memory of our beloved mothers and grandmothers that this monument is to stand. Great, noble and true as is the life story of the Confederate soldier, it is still with a greater brilliancy that the life of the women of the Confederacy will ever shine forth upon history's page.

Daughters of North Carolina, let us, one and all, rise in our might in answer to this call of the Veterans. Let us second them in their every endeavor. Let us adopt the very good plans which they are suggesting for raising money for this cause, and hasten to do their bidding.

Let each one remember the mother that bore, with patient smiles and uncomplaining lips, the tortures of endless waitings, the denials of all the luxuries to which she was accustomed—aye, even food and raiment—to aid and uphold the men at the front. Women who, with brave hearts, bid fathers, brothers, husbands, sweethearts, go forth and battle for the right, well knowing that many would nevermore return.

Take success as your watchword, and work diligently and untiringly for the Monument to the noble Women of the Confederacy.

FANNIE RANSOM WILLIAMS, Pres. N. C. Div. U. D. C.

'Father,' queried Bob, just home from college, 'yo've worked for me pretty hard nearly all my life, haven't you?'

'Quite right, quite right, son,' mused father, retrospectively.

'Just so,' said Bob. 'Now it is time for you to get busy and work for yourself a bit, eh, dad.'

RUNAWAY MOTOR CAR.

Ennettsville Has Sensational Event But no Damage Done.

Pee Dee Advocate.

After the big rains and storm last Friday evening, the B. & C. railroad sent a special train over its track from here to Kollock to examine the road and see if there were any washouts or obstruction that should be attended to before the passenger train made its regular trip to Kollock that night. Engineer Fry was in the cab, and G. P. Bourdelat, the auditor of the road was aboard the car.

Before the inspecting train returned Mr. Leviner, the section foreman, set out with the road's gasolene motor car and a force of hands to repair the damages to the track. As it was getting dark, and as the motor car was clipping along on a curve two or three miles out of town, Mr. Leviner suddenly spied the train as it came in sight around the curve, just a few hundred feet ahead, running backward.

The lever of the motor car was reversed, and as it slowed up, all the crew jumped off except Mr. Leviner. He heroically stuck to the car, in a desperate effort to turn it back and get it out of the way of the train. He did get it started back, but could not get up speed in time to prevent a collision.

As the train struck the motor car, Mr. Leviner jumped for his life, and let the car go. The train struck it and gave it a powerful shove, and sent it down the track a sky-hootin'. All the power and speed of the gasolene engine had been turned on in the effort to get away from the train, and the motor car proceeded to get away from it at a rate that broke all records. Without any load, with all its power concentrated on the driving gear, and with a down grade toward Crooked creek, it flew over the rails through Isley at a speed that no aeroplane has ever equalled. Across the trestle, and up the hill on this side with a bound, it sailed around the curves into town like a belated comet. Several people saw it, and they say that something red hot about the car made it look like a shooting star.

A wagon load of cotton pickers had just crossed the track at Jennings street, as the car whizzed by the back end of the wagon.

The car ran into the end of a passenger coach, near the depot, and leaped into the air. It fell to the ground a demolished mass.

The passenger coach was only slightly damaged.

The inspection train was stopped after the collision, and afterward come into town at a much more leisurely gait than the motor car.

Mr. Bourdelat and Ernest Adams were in the coach of the inspection train which was backing toward town. When they saw the motor approaching, they attempted to sign the engineer to stop, but he did not see them in time. Mr. Burdelat jumped off the train in the attempt to get it stopped, but he was not hurt.

It is very fortunate that all this should have occurred without any body getting killed or seriously hurt. There were some narrow escapes at different stages of the affair.

Capt. Bogardus Again Hits the Bullseye.

This world-famous rifle shot who holds the championship record of 100 pigeons in 100 consecutive shots is living in Lincoln, Ill. Recently interviewed, he says: 'I suffered a long time with kidney and bladder trouble and used several well known kidney medicines, all of which gave me no relief until I started taking Foley Kidney Pills. Before I used Foley Kidney Pills I had severe backaches and pains in my kidneys with suppression and a cloudy voiding. On arising in the morning I would get dull headaches. Now I have taken three bottles of Foley Kidney Pills and feel 100 per cent better. I am never bothered with my kidneys or bladder and again feel like my own self.' Prince & Blue.

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