

SPEAKER WILL IGNORE DETROIT LIQUOR YARN.

Detroit Free Press Says Clark Was Led from Platform, Lights Cut Off.—"Was Fuddled by Liquor."

Washington, Dec. 8.—Speaker Clark is still confined to his home. He may give out a general statement about his trip through the west later, but will not refer to his condition at Detroit.

This is the information given out at his office at the capitol yesterday by his secretary, Wallace Bassford.

Mr. Bassford said that Mr. Clark would ignore the newspaper stories that reported he was forced from the lecture platform at Detroit by the manager of the hall, who turned out the light for that purpose.

The story referred to was contained in the Detroit Free Press of December 3 and follows:

In the middle of a lecture by Speaker Champ Clark of the national house of representatives, after the speaker had shown evidences in his action and words of being under the influence of liquor, the board of directors of the Detroit board of commerce Wednesday night suddenly terminated the address by turning out the lights.

Mr. Clark had been invited to leave the lecture platform by Secretary Byres H. Gitchell of the board, but refused to listen to him. The lights then were turned off and relighted, but the speaker continued in his rambling talk. Finally the lights were again turned off and Mr. Clark was led off the platform.

One-third of the audience of more than 1,000 had left their seats abruptly and walked from the hall before any attempt was made to silence the speaker. Most of those who left were women.

From the first it was apparent that he spoke the less coherent his speech became. His gestures were unsteady and halting. The greater portion of the time his hand drooped palm inward and his chin sunk low on his chest. His voice too broke noticeably after the first 15 minutes and became hoarse growl. The more he spoke the less coherent his speech and thought became.

After Speaker Clark had been taken from the building Mr. Gitchell apologized to those of the audience who remained and stated that any who had purchased special tickets for the lecture could have their dollars refunded at the door.

Speaker Clark came to the Board of Commerce building from his hotel half an hour after he was scheduled to begin his address. The delay was due to Mr. Clark's evident condition, and the committee of Democrats which had been attending him during the day worked to get him into shape for his appearance in the board hall.

When he came to the building Mr. Clark was accompanied by Congressman Frank E. Doremus and Postmaster W. J. Nagel. His condition was apparent to those members of the board who had charge of the lecture but after a conference it was decided to follow the program.

After it had been decided that Mr. Clark was able to go onto the rostrum he was taken upstairs in charge of Mr. Gitchell, Mr. Higginson, Congressman Doremus and Postmaster Nagel. Mr. Higginson assisted him to mount the platform where as he walked to his seat he was greeted with a hearty applause. He bowed very slightly in response.

As Mr. Higginson finished his introduction Speaker Clark rose slowly and walked unsteadily to the front of the platform. Mr. Higginson taking his arm in an intimate sort of

way. Standing with his left hand on the speaker's table and his right hand fumbling his watch chain, Mr. Clark launched deliberately into his speech.

Congressman Doremus was the subject of the speaker's first remarks. In a fairly even voice he paid the Detroit congressman a hearty compliment. * * * But as he attempted to recite examples of repartee he had heard on the floor of the national house his thoughts appeared to waver and the point of the first example dwindled away into a meaningless, incomplete sentence. * * *

Hastily Mr. Gitchell and other members of the men in charge held a conference and it was decided to ask Speaker Clark to stop. Before this could be done fully a third of the audience had left the auditorium. When Mr. Gitchell approached the speaker the latter turned his head to listen, pausing in the midst of a sentence, but immediately turned again to the audience and launched upon another sentence.

From the switchboard in a dressing room at the side of the platform the stage lights were first turned off and then the lights of the auditorium. A moment later they were turned on, but still the speaker proceeded. A second darkening of the house sent the speaker off the platform to the dressing room at the right, where he was met and escorted from the place. * * *

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He says with wheat, corn, all kinds of meat, and every thing that man or beast can eat selling at tip top prices, and tobacco bringing fancy prices, it tickles him almost to death to hear the farmer complaining, and saying he can't stand it much longer, for if the farmer can't stand it, how in the world does he expect other folks to stand it?

Abe says this November snow was not down on his program, but he had plenty of wood and water, and had just been to the mill the week before, but the most of his neighbor farmers had to hitch up old Bob, call the boys, and tackle the snowbank before their wives and babies could get warm, and he wonders how legislation can benefit such a man as that.

We told Abe just to wait until Billy Bryan and a few of our North Carolina great men get a bill through to allow our women folks to vote and then he'd see how such men could be benefited. And we thought Abe was having a fit.

He glared at us, he worked his arms like he was swimming, took his hat off, laid it on the ground and put his foot on it, and after a time he began to say things, but they were mostly in the unknown tongue, as we did not gain much benefit for some time.

At last he struck in with his mother tongue, but we would not dare to print what he said, not all of it.

New York pickpockets, unable to make a living are turning honest. Another ancient profession brought to ruin by the degeneracy of the times.

THAT WE GO FORWARD.

North Carolina is a State that is not standing still. In this age and time it cannot afford to if it would. And the finest signs of the spirit of progress is that there is being shown by the farmers of the State a forward-looking purpose which has in it that expression of determination which will not be gainsaid. The truth is that the North Carolina farmers of this day are making of themselves a force for progress, and if they keep at it this good State will become a better State.

The clearing house for this forward movement of the farmers of the State is to be found in the North Carolina Farmers' Union, and no better has this been shown than in the series of resolutions adopted at the annual meeting of that organization at Greenville some time ago. These resolutions of public interest have to do with matters of the greatest importance to the State, and they deserve the fullest consideration of the people generally.

Consider some of the measures to which the Farmers' Union gives its support: The State-wide legalized primary; the reduction of cotton acreage in 1915 to not exceeding fifty per cent. of the cultivated acreage; extending the anti-jug law by means of county action looking to the final passage of a law which will embrace all the State; the fullest indorsement of the Torrens land title law; strong commendation of the value of "Community Service Week"; that attorneys of public service corporations sever their connection with such corporations before entering upon public office in which they are supposed to represent the people and not private interests; establishment as soon as possible of a State institution for the help of wayward girls; improvement in our taxation system; land segregation between the races; party conventions at such seasons as will permit of the fullest participation of the farmers.

Such measures as these are among the live issues of the day, and that they are being presented and urged by the farmers means that these citizens of North Carolina are forward looking, that their desire is that this State secure for itself the very best that is to be had. For this reason it is timely that the Farmers' Union sets forth to the State the program which it endorses, that it may be fully discussed, and that all classes of the people may be heard as to these matters. Whether one agrees with all of the matters proposed or not, all must agree that it is a sign of progress for the State when there are such resolutions adopted by an organization of farmers, these dealing with the large matters of the future of the State. We go forward indeed in North Carolina when such a spirit is abroad in this State.—News and Observer.

The North Carolina Farmers Union is committed to the plan of encouraging local co-operative enterprises. It believes co-operation should begin at home. At the same time the Union wishes to serve all of the members who live out of reach of such local enterprises. Consequently the State Council last week voted to establish an information bureau on buying and selling, in charge of State Secretary Fairies.—Progressive Farmer.

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YOUNG WIFE KILLS FAITHLESS HUSBAND.

Mrs. Pauline Bond Fires Three Bullets Into Body of Man She Says Taunted Her.

Bristol, Va., Dec. 8.—As a result of having taunted his wife over having found "a handsomer woman," Walker Bond lies dead here today, from a bullet wound inflicted by his infuriated spouse.

In jail here Mrs. Pauline Bond, a pretty, stylishly attired brunette, said "My people the English. My grandfather, Horton, came to Virginia from England. I am shocked at being a jailbird, but I feel that my deed was justified."

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