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TILLMAN McLAURIN.

After a brief period of comparative tranquility the Tillman-McLaurin controversy in South Carolina once more forges to the front. The Democratic Executive Committee of that state, dominated by Tillman and bound to him body and soul, has officially declared its conviction that McLaurin, "from the standpoint of his honesty and self-respect, should tender his unqualified resignation immediately" as a Senator of the United States.

From the standpoint of decency and consistency it would have been better for the leonine Tillman and his brave committee to have refrained from any such expression of opinion. It will be remembered that about a month ago Tillman offered to resign and called upon his adversary to do likewise in order that the people might decide between them. At that time there was no thought of excluding McLaurin from the democratic primaries, for to have done so would have precluded a fair test of the strength of the respective leaders of South Carolina's political factions. McLaurin promptly called Tillman's bluff and sent his resignation to Governor McSwain, who also received that of Tillman. The Governor, however, declined to accept the resignations, and it is probable that both senators were very much relieved at his action, although, as was to be expected, one gentleman indulged in considerable talk and bluster before finally subsiding. This was the status of the case when Tillman and his Democratic State Committee, probably becoming alarmed at the strength which the "new movement" was showing, decided to take upon itself the burden of determining what constitutes a Democrat in the opinions of the people of South Carolina. Tillman and the Democratic Executive Committee have arrogated to themselves the position of custodian and guardian of the political opinions and convictions of their fellow citizens.

In all justice and fairness McLaurin was entitled to have the Democratic constituency of his state decide between him and Tillman. That he has been denied that right simply goes to prove his strength and the desperate straits to which his adversaries have been reduced. Many Democrats in the South today no doubt, are in sympathy with McLaurin. The action of the Executive Committee may have the effect for the present of preventing open aid and comfort being extended to the new movement from inside the regular Democratic ranks, but such an effect will only be temporary, for freedom of thought and speech cannot be stifled in South Carolina by the Tillman machine any more than it can in North Carolina by the notorious, foul methods of the Simmons redshirt machine.

THE NEGRO AND SUFFRAGE.

A few days ago steps were taken under the auspices of the Afro-American League to test the legality of the suffrage section of the Louisiana Constitution. The determination is expressed of carrying the case to the Supreme Court of the United States and settling conclusively the legality of the grandfather clause, which has proven particularly obnoxious in Louisiana. It is to be hoped that nothing will be interposed to prevent the final adjudication of this case. We have no doubt that the so-called "grandfather" clause in the Louisiana and other State Constitutions is in the light of the 15th Amendment unconstitutional, and we feel confident that such will be the interpretation placed upon it by the highest courts of the land. Whether or not, however, that be the result of the litigation, we welcome the opportunity of having the matter conclusively determined.

In this connection it is interesting to note that Senator Daniel, a prominent member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention, has submitted for the consideration of that Convention a plan to limit suffrage and that his plan does not include the "grandfather" provision. His idea is that the right to vote should be made to depend upon educational and property qualifications, of course, retaining the usual poll tax feature. The voter must be able to read and write, although elaborate provisions are made for exemptions from these conditions. If the scheme proposed by Senator Daniel

is adopted by the Convention—and it seems very probable that it will—the result will be to disfranchise some white voters at the same time the bulk of the negro vote is eliminated.

The purpose of all the suffrage amendments adopted of late years in the Southern States is, of course, to eliminate absolutely the negro vote without interfering so far as it can be avoided with the right of the white man to exercise that privilege no matter how illiterate and unworthy he may be. Under the 15th Amendment to the Federal Constitution discriminations in the right of suffrage on account of race, color, etc., are prohibited. Where it appears therefore that the negro has been excluded from the voting privilege while the white man enjoys that right unrestricted it is very strong presumptive evidence at least that the law denying him the right to vote is in conflict with the 15th Amendment. The Virginia plan seeks to avoid this and it must be admitted that on its face is apparent a show of fairness. It remains to be seen, however, whether the exemptions which are to be allowed will not renege in voting favor every white man in the confines of old Virginia, while still further barricading the doors of suffrage to the negro.

THE CAUCASIAN believes in fairness and justice and will always raise its voice in their behalf. It does not believe that laws should be made for enforcement against some and for others to evade. It is unrelentingly opposed to "loophole" legislation. Every law should be made universal in its application, "equal rights to all; special privileges to none," should be the motto for law-making as well as for law-interpreting. A legitimate regulation of the right of suffrage, conceived in justice and executed in fairness, is undeniably the prerogative of the State. But no State has a right to abridge the privileges of a certain class of its citizens while others who are no better qualified and come equally within the purview of the restrictive legislation are permitted to escape the enforcement of its provisions.

SOME FACTS ATTACKED.

There are times when the truthfulness of a statement causes it to be attacked in a very vigorous manner by those whose interest it is to suppress the actual truth. And so a statement recently made by Walter H. Page, a North Carolinian, who is now editor of "The World's Work" is being attacked by certain people, because these people desire that the minds of other people shall, if possible be diverted from the truth.

Mr. Page says in effect that politicians have done more hurt to the South during the past thirty years than war, poverty, illiteracy, epidemics and tornadoes. This is a sweeping statement, but it is a fact. No matter how desirable it may be to have such a truth suppressed, it defies suppression and stands forth in all its hideous boldness to any one who will open his eyes long enough to see. It only requires a glance at the two last campaigns in this State to illustrate the truth of Mr. Page's statement. Nothing has ever happened in North Carolina that could put her so low and establish for her such a repulsive reputation as these two periods of red-shirtism and scoundrelism. All the teaching and preaching that can be done for a generation will not suffice to kill out the disposition and purpose to commit fraud and rascality that were planted and established by these two campaigns. For this the red-shirt politician is responsible, and in North Carolina today, he is about the lowest of the low in principle, and is only qualified to run things by force or fraud or red-shirtism. One or the other of these must be the regime and there is little choice between them. Neither can offer decent and honest management of public affairs.

Mr. Page placed the preacher right on the same seat with the politicians, and said they "herded" women by the most stagnant waters of theology."

Well, if this is done in the South, it is also done in the North. But this is a portion of a statement we do not care to touch upon. It is too easy to be misqu岸 and misconstrued in these days to permit brief comment on such an utterance. We know there are some preachers who are only miserable time servers, and who preach the gospel just as it is wanted by those who pay for it. There are others who cry aloud and spare not, and tell the living truth. We do not know of any in this section who condemned political fraud and rascality, though there may be some. Some are said to have been chaplains for red-shirt mobs. Silence in the presence of frauds or actively in recalcitancy cannot command the confidence of men—no matter what their character. The only thing left for the time serving preacher is to work as best he may on the sympathies of the women of his charges and their love for faith

in the churches to which they may belong. If this is what Mr. Page calls "herding women by the most stagnant waters of theology," he is telling an immense and indisputable fact.

THE VINDICATION OF SCHLEY.

The Sampson-Schley controversy which has been raging with so much bitterness since the close of the war with Spain, has at last been brought to a head. E. S. Macley, holding an obscure position in the Navy yard at New York, and the author of a naval history of the United States, in use at the Naval Academy has published a volume bringing his naval history down to include the period of the late war. This book teems with abuse of Admiral Schley, calls him by such opprobrious epithets as "catfish," "coward" and "liar," and charges him with having deliberately "turned tail in the face of the enemy." The only approach to the intolerable maliciousness and abuse found in this so-called history is an article written by a man who commanded a battleship at Santiago and who is now a rear admiral.

This partisan chronicle of history, in an article describing the battle of Santiago, neglected even to mention the fact that there was a man named Schley with the fleet or that such a vessel as the Brooklyn took part in that battle, when it is remembered that the Brooklyn received more damage than all the other vessels of the American fleet put together, it must be admitted that she took some small part in the engagement. It appears that Admiral Sampson revised the proofs of this book of Macley's and that other naval officers of high rank also lent their approval to the vile defamation of Admiral Schley. Indeed, through the whole course of this miserable affair it has been apparent that a conspiracy has existed on the part of officers high in authority in the American Navy to ruin the honor and manhood of the man who was really in command of the American fleet at the battle of Santiago, and who would have been held accountable if that fleet had been destroyed. The conspirators, however, in the production of Macley's book have over-reached themselves. Unwilling to remain longer under the vile accusations and reeking falsehoods of his detractors, Admiral Schley has requested the Secretary of the Navy to appoint a court of inquiry to investigate the charges brought against him. This court has been appointed and consists of Admiral Dewey and Rear Admirals Benham and Kimberly as members, and Capt. Lemly as judge advocate. The splendid records and unimpeachable reputations of the officers named would seem to insure an absolutely fair and unbiased decision.

We rejoice that the end of this abominable business is in sight. It has not done credit to any one connected with it, and it has seriously injured the good name of the American Navy. Perhaps the old time naval officer, given to action rather than words and too gentle and too brave to defame a brother officer, has passed away with the tall wooden spars and clouds of canvas which greased the wooden ships; and in his place a new race of men may tread the quarter decks of the great leviathans which now bid defiance to the waves. That new race may not be made up altogether of snobs, but it seems that a few such frequently come to the surface. Admiral Schley impresses us as belonging to the old order, the order that made the American Navy famous, and we look for his complete vindication.

Referring to the recent action of the Governor in offering rewards for the conviction of those who engage in "lynching parties," the Asheville Gazette very pertinently says:

"When Governor Aycock traveled over this state a year ago extolling the overturning of the Wilmington city government, the 'exciting' of white men and the shooting of negroes he did more to encourage mob law in this than he can now undo if instead of offering \$400 out of the state treasury for the conviction of those who engage in future lynchings he had made this offer \$40,000."

A quene of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and the influence of bad example is not readily overcome by dollars and cents. The jewel consistency will not be particularly brightened by countenancing mob law for political purposes, and then frowning upon it when party exigencies no longer demand a resort to lawlessness and crime.

New Offices and a Postmaster Removed.

Washington, July 29.—H. C. Nance, Jr., has been removed as postmaster at Jackson Creek, Randolph county, and M. N. Morgan appointed.

Pensions granted: Wm. L. Ford, Biltmore, \$8; James Corbett, Windsor, \$10.

The contract for carrying the mail from Sedalia to Whitehead has been awarded to D. L. Sumner.

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Panama, Ill., July 27.—John Russell, a farmer living near Tower Hill, suddenly and mysteriously disappeared 38 years ago, and until today no trace of him ever has been found. The skeleton of a man, found beneath the floor of a house, which was torn down today, has been identified as that of the man who vanished a generation ago.

Several wealthy residents are under arrest for alleged connection with the affair. The circumstances of his disappearance are said to be that he went to Shelbyville and drew \$800 from the bank with which to pay for some land. He was last seen some miles from his home and his horse returned home riderless the following day, from which time no clue was found until today.

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The citizens organized a party to cause their arrest, but the threaters caused their retreat. The rioting was resumed today when the citizens again tried to arrest the threaters, but again they had to give it up. The sheriff has been asked to come at once to the scene.

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Detroit, Mich.—National Educational Association, July 8-12. One fare plus \$2 for the round trip. Tickets good going July 5th, 6th and 7th, limited for return leaving Detroit until July 15, with privilege of extension to September 1 on deposit of ticket with joint agent and payment of 50 cents.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—United Society Christian Endeavor, July 5-10. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 3d to 5th, limited for return leaving Cincinnati until July 14, with privilege of extension to August 31 on deposit of ticket with joint agent and payment of 50 cents.

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