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MORE ABOUT THOSE CAMPAIGN PLEDGES.

The Charlotte Observer has admitted that Mr. Simmons and the Democratic State Committee and the Democratic press and the Democratic speakers made solemn pledges on behalf of the party to the effect that they would not attempt to disfranchise any one if they were put in power. But the Charlotte Observer in its attempted reply to our charge that those pledges committed the Democratic party, admitted that the individuals were pledged, but claims that their pledges did not commit the party.

If the position which the Charlotte Observer takes is sound then how can any party organization thefeafter be able to meet any charges or controversies that may arise during the campaign concering which the state convention did not make a declaration in its state platform? If the Charlotte Observer is right then hereafter every state chairman and state committee and all of the party press and party speakers will be stopped from making any declaration on behalf of the party on any question except as to those specifically covered by the platform. If this had been known to be the principles on which the Democratic party was to proceed then that party should have had no standing in the campaign of 1898 on the suffrage question and no speakers should have been heard to deny the charges that it was the intention of the party to adopt a franchise amendment.

Before another campaign is waged in this state it is well to understand clearly this matter, but however that may be the present point that seems to be established by the confessions of the Charlotte Observer is that even if the party was not pledged, as a party, that still Mr. Simmons and the whole Democratic state committee and all the Democratic state newspapers who made the pledge and all the Democratic speakers who made the pledge, including of course Mr. Pou, who not only made the pledge but swore to it, made the solemn pledges and then wantonly broke and violated them. As the Charlotte Observer has already said "this is a very serious matter." Can such men hereafter be trusted?

WHAT CONSTITUTES ANARCHY.

In last Saturday's issue of the Charlotte Observer publishes the text of a sermon delivered by the Rev. C. D. Todd pastor of the First Associate Reform Presbyterian church. The sermon was devoted to the shocking assassination of the President and the thoughts suggested thereby. The minister defines anarchy as follows:

"Lawlessness in all its forms is both criminal and sinful. Every man who violates law, every man who by word or deed encourages the violation of law, is to that extent an anarchist. No man can be a bad citizen and a good Christian, for Christ by precept and example taught subjection to civil authority. So did his apostles."

The Charlotte Observer publishes this sermon and this definition of anarchy with approval. Now if the minister is right and the Charlotte Observer is right when they say that lawlessness in all of its forms is most criminal and sinful and that every man who is guilty of such lawlessness, and that every man who by word or deed, encourages the violation of law is to that extent an anarchist, then it should now brand the red shirt outfit from Mr. F. M. Simmons down to his last red shirted, blood-thirsty heelers as anarchists And if this is correct then is not North Carolina today in the hands of a machine of "Reds?" There is no question about their definition fitting Mr. Simmons and his bloody red shirt machine.

In this same issue the Charlotte Observer publishes the speech delivered by Senator Dollivar at the McKinley memorial services at Chicago in which speech the Senator is quoted as saying "that every lawless act, whether it results in bloodshed or not, is an encouragement to anarchists. If Senator Dollivar is right, and the Charlotte Observer publishes his speech with approval, then was not every lawless act committed by the Simmons red shirt machine in the last campaign an encouragement (to say the least) to the anarchists?

The first issue of the Iredell Republican has made its appearance, and is upon our desk. It is a neat newsy eight page six column paper and is edited by Mr. Roscoe Mitchell.

WHAT IS TREASON?

Since the assassination of the President much has been said in certain newspapers about the assassin being guilty of treason. These newspapers seem not to understand the form of our government much more clearly than do the anarchist themselves.

In a monarchy where the people do not rule but where a King or Czar is not only the head of the government, but represents all law and government, there an attack upon the person of the ruler is treason against government. These anarchists have been bred in such an atmosphere; therefore no doubt the assassin who struck down the President supposed that in killing the Chief Magistrate of this great government that he was striking at the heart of the government as if he had struck down the Czar of Russia and therefore he no doubt had treason in his heart. But the fact is that under our former government he is not guilty of treason against the government.

In a republic like ours the will of the people is the government and our officers, whether great or small, are simply the servants of the people to execute their will as expressed at the ballot box; therefore an attack upon the life of one of our officers is simply an attack upon the life of an individual citizen who happens at the time to be the agent or servant of the people. Therefore treason against this government is not the striking down of one of our servants but it is aiming a fatal blow at the life of the government which can be done by preverting or defeating or overturning the will of the people. Therefore, the man who conspires or attempts to over-turn the will of the people either by ballot box stuffing or fraudulent returns or any other method that either deprives the people of expressing their will or falsifying it after it is expressed are the real traitors against our government. The anarchist can never destroy this government for they have not yet learned how to direct the fatal blow at it. One perjured ballot box stuffer is more dangerous to the life of this republic than the act of any assassin who is simply directed against the life of an individual, however great or small.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR SCHLEY.

The Schley Court of Inquiry is still in progress with more or less interesting developments each day. The victories so far have all been on the side of Admiral Schley. When his persecutors and the champions of Admiral Sampson attempted to bring witnesses before the Court simply for the purpose of asking their opinions as to the Santiago battle, Admiral Schley objected on the ground that the court was not assembled to hear partisan opinions but to secure the facts, and that it was the province of the court to form an opinion after having gathered all the facts. The position taken by Admiral Schley in this matter was not only clearly right from a common sense point of view, but besides he sustained it with an unbroken line of precedence in similar courts of inquiry. Admiral Dewey and the other officers of the court promptly decided this important point in Admiral Schley's favor. The further developments of this important investigation will be keenly watched by the American people.

ARE THERE ANARCHISTS IN N. C.

We have recently noticed many editorial declarations from certain organs of the Simmons red shirt machine to the effect that there are no anarchists in North Carolina. We trust that this is true, but if it is true, what has become of all of the red shirt anarchists that were parading the state recently with anarchistic red shirts on their bodies and murderous Winchester rifles on their shoulders defying law and order and boasting that they would carry North Carolina by force and fraud if necessary? It is possible that they have all left the state; if they have, the state is to be congratulated unless they have reformed and become law abiding citizens once more.

We are glad to see the statement that the first five cadets in the order of merit in the fourth class at West Point for the year ending June last, according to The Official Register just published, were: Chas. R. Pettis, of Mississippi; Robert P. Howell, of North Carolina; Robert M. Campbell, of Maryland; Henry H. Roberts, of Mississippi, and Robert C. Richardson, Jr, of South Carolina. The class contains 164 members and and the distinction won by the five boys entitles them to be placed on the Army Register. It is noticeable that all of these boys are from the South, and we are pleased to see that one of them is from North Carolina. In this connection we also remember with pleasure that young Howell's brother before him also lead his class.

If mob rule is not anarchy then does not mob rule and all lawlessness and violence incite and encourage anarchists?

COURT OF INQUIRY.

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purpose to have it act.

While Commander Schroeder was giving his testimony Judge Wilson counsel for Admiral Schley sought to have him make a comparison of the distance of the fleet from the shore under Admiral Schley with the distance under Admiral Sampson after the officer arrived and took command, but the Judge Advocate objected and Mr. Wilson withdrew the question, saying however, that they did so temporarily and that he would raise the point at a later stage in the investigation.

The Brooklyn's Loop.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The part played by the battleship Texas in the naval battle off Santiago, July 3rd, 1898, in which the Spanish fleet under Admiral Cervera was sunk, was the basis of the greater part of today's proceedings.

Of the four witnesses examined during the day, three had been officers on board the Texas, during the battle and two of them were new witnesses. These were Commander George C. Hellner, who was navigator on the Texas, and Commander Alexander B. Bates, who was the chief engineer on that battleship. Commander Harber, executive officer and the chief surviving officer of the ship since the death of Captain Philip, was re-called. The fourth witness was Commander Seaton Schroeder, executive officer on the Massachusetts, and now Governor of the Island of Guam.

The testimony several times during the day was somewhat exciting, and it was especially so when Commander Heilner described the battle and the part the Texas had taken in it. He said that when the Brooklyn made its loop at the beginning of the battle it had passed a distance not to exceed 100 or 150 yards, and that at the command of Captain Philip the Texas had been brought to a dead stop.

Engineer Bates testified that the starboard engines had been stopped, and said he thought this also had happened to the port engines. Commander Heilner expressed the opinion that three miles had been lost by this manoeuvre, and the fact that part of the machinery was deranged. He said he considered that the Texas was in greater danger when the Brooklyn crossed her bow than at any other time during the battle.

The day closed with an animated controversy between counsel as to the policy of bringing Admiral Sampson's name into the trial.

JUDGE WILSON DIES SUDDENLY.

Leading Counsel for Admiral Schley Expires at His Hotel—Court Adjourns.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Judge Jeremiah M. Wilson, Admiral Schley's chief counsel, expired suddenly this forenoon at the Shoreham Hotel, where he has been recently residing. The cause of death as announced by the physicians was oedemia of the lungs, with heart failure, following chronic bright's disease.

The Schley court of inquiry at the navy yard had just been opened this morning when the news of Judge Wilson's death was received by telephone message from the Shoreham Hotel. A. B. Claxton, formerly a machinist on the Texas during the Santiago campaign, was on the witness stand. He had only had an opportunity to be sworn, to state his name, the fact that he was aboard the Texas, and that he was now out of the service, when an orderly brought the message to Mr. Rayner, who then arose and addressed the court.

"I have to announce," he said, "the sad intelligence of the death of Judge Wilson. I saw him at 8 o'clock this morning and left him at 10. He was then slightly indisposed. He died at the Shoreham Hotel a few minutes ago. The news has just been confirmed. His death is a great shock to us, and we are unable to proceed further with the case today. We would therefore ask the court, as a favor to us, and out of respect to the memory of Judge Wilson, that an adjournment be taked today."

Admiral Dewey at once declared the court adjourned for the day.

Mr. Rayner said that he would like to have the court adjourn also on the day of the funeral, and that will be arranged later. The court will resume its sittings tomorrow.

The jury in the case of Czolgosz, the murderer of the President, was on Tuesday last, convicted of murder in the first degree. The verdict was reached without delay, and the whole trial conducted in a decent and orderly manner. The outcome of the trial makes it certain that the assassin will die in the electric chair.

Judge Robinson has denied the application of the Sheriff of Beaufort county for a Mandamus to compel the Corporation Commission to assess railroad property for taxation at its true value. We do not know at present the grounds for the judges refusal, but will enter into a discussion of the matter hereafter

FOUND GUILTY.

Jury Declares Czolgosz Guilty and Sentence Will be Pronounced Thursday.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 24.—Leon F. Czolgosz, alias Fred Nieman, was found guilty today of murder in the first degree by a jury in Part III of the Supreme Court, in having on the sixth day of September shot President William McKinley, the wounds inflicted afterwards resulting in the death of the President.

The wheels of justice moved swiftly. The trial of the assassin consumed eight hours and twenty-six minutes and covered a period of only two days. Practicaly all of this time was occupied by the prosecution presenting a case so clear, so conclusive, that even had the prisoner entered a plea of insanity it is doubtful if the jury would have returned a verdict different from the one rendered today.

The announcement made this afternoon by attorneys for Czolgosz that the eminent alienists summoned by the Erie County Bar Association and by the district attorney to examine Czolgosz and to determine his exact mental condition had declared him to be perfectly sane, destroyed the only stage of a defense that Judges Lewis and Titus could have put together.

Before adjournment Justice White announced that he would pronounce sentence upon the defendant on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The prisoner was taken at once through the tunnel, under Delaware Avenue, back to the jail. To all appearances he was in no way affected by the result of the trial.

BOERS ACTIVE AGAIN.

British Had Many Men Killed, Wounded and Captured.

London, Sept. 19.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, from Pretoria, dated September 18th, announces that the Boers, September 17th, ambushed three companies of mounted infantry, with three guns, commanded by Major Gough, in the vicinity of Scheeper's Nek. After severe fighting the British were overpowered and lost three guns, the sights and breech locks of which were first destroyed. Two officers and fourteen men were killed and five officers and 25 men were wounded. Five officers and 150 men were made prisoners.

Major Gough, who escaped during the night, reports that the Boers numbered a thousand men and were commanded by General Botha.

General French reports that Commandant Smuts, in order to break through a cordon, rushed on a squadron of the Seventeenth lancers at Eland's river port, killing three officers and twenty men and wounding one officer and thirty men. The Boers, who were dressed in khaki and who were mistaken for British troops, lost heavily.

The Pope addressed the Catholic bishops Sunday and declared that the late President McKinley was a victim of the excessive freedom granted to the people of the United States. He urged that it was the duty of society to oppose the spread of Socialism, Free Masonry, Judaism and Anarchism.

A RAGING, ROARING FLOOD

Washed down a telegraph line which Chas. C. Ellis, of Lisbon, Ia., had to repair. "Standing waist deep in the icy water," he writes, "gave me a terrible cold and cough. It grew worse daily. Finally the best doctors in Oakland, Neb, Sioux City and Omaha said I had consumption and could not live. Then I began using Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles." Positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. Trial bottles free. Price 50c and $1.

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What more could an anarchist's heart desire than to have a red shirt campaign conducted by fraud, force and violence.

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What is the difference between a lawless blood-thirsty Red Shirt and an anarchist?

Davidson College.

The 65th session of Davidson College begins on Sept. 5 th, with the prospect of a largely increased attendance. Dr. James M. Douglas, of South Carolina, has been elected to the Chair of Physics to take the place of Dr. Smith, the recently elected President, and Mr. John A. Brewin, of Boston, Mass, has been appointed Gymnasium Director. The Shearer Biblical Hall is now being roofed in, and will soon be completed, and a new and handsome dormitory is being planned for the next session.