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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Lots of Democrats are crying for office, but some of them may have to take Castoria instead.

If the Government wants to wipe out the postal deficit it might try the parcels post as a remedy.

It may be that Bryan has made no special reputation as a dancer, yet at times he is a good side-stepper.

Mr. Bryan's last running mate has admitted that the uniting of the Democratic party is a grave problem.

It will take a portion of that pent-up "surplus" to pay for recapturing the convicts they are allowing to escape.

Viewed from a distance it looks like that shooting affair in Halifax was the result of the Halifax brand of politics.

The Democratic Senators were supposed to favor the postal savings bank bill, yet all but one voted against the bill.

Greensboro is still on the sick list. One physician alone wrote sixty-two whiskey prescriptions last month for parties in that town.

Under Democratic good government in North Carolina the mocking-bird has no time to sing, as he is kept busy dodging stray bullets.

Raleigh is trying to decide whether she wants the Democratic State Convention this summer or whether to wait for John Robinson's circus.

While in Peru Mr. Bryan was presented with a gold medal. Wonder if that is any sign that Bryan will come back with a golden idea?

Wonder if the failure of many Democratic officials to enforce the laws in this State is due to the fact that it is campaign year.

A certain shoe advertiser uses the picture of a donkey with a placard on his back: "My skin is warranted." The Democratic party had better get that mule for their mascot.

Peary is having a hard time in trying to convince Congress that he discovered the North Pole. He may yet have to send Congress to Copenhagen.

If there was a law to make Democratic politicians stand on their platform they would be more careful about making rash promises during the campaigns.

After getting the million dollars it will be a shame if they don't recommend oil as a remedy for the hookworm.

If "The Girl From Rectors" was any worse than some of the fifth printed in certain papers in this State is probably well that the show was not put on in Raleigh.

If the Federal Government doesn't succeed in crushing the Sugar Trust the fault will be with the jury and not with the Government officials.

Mr. Bryan's paper says the Democratic party is not necessarily a whiskey party. No, not necessarily, and as a matter of fact, the donkey machine is wet or dry, according to which side it thinks will win out.

An exchange of Democratic persuasion says that when their officials are at fault they call them to bar. And that is probably the trouble—some of them have been to the bar too often.

A correspondent to a Democratic paper in this State says there is a crying demand for more courts and more judges in North Carolina. Yes, it is easy to understand that kind of crying, and office is the only thing that will relieve the pain.

The Hickory correspondent of the News and Observer says there are only five candidates for the Democratic nomination for Judgeship in that Judicial District. Well, don't worry. There will be more before the convention is held.

Some of the Democratic papers are predicting that their party will carry every Congressional District in this State this fall. Those papers are doomed to disappointment, for the Republicans will not submit to a fraudulent count this fall.

THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKERS.

Much Disorder on First Day of General Strike.

Philadelphia, March 5.—Disorder in many parts of the city marked the first day of Philadelphia's great sympathetic walk-out of organized labor to back up the fight of the trolley-men against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. Nearly every section of the city had its tale to tell of cars attacked, of men assaulted by strikers or sympathizers or of clashes with police when the latter tried to disperse the crowds.

There was a wide difference of opinion to-day as to the extent of the strike. The committee of ten of the Central Labor Union, which is conducting the strike, in a statement made to-night, announced that report show that 70,000 union men are out and that the walk-out has affected 30,000 other workers.

STILL AFTER SUGAR TRUST.

A Presentation for Contempt Against the Trust for Failing to Produce Certain Papers.

New York, March 3.—Not satisfied with the millions received in payment of duty evaded by short weights involving the indictment of the company's secretary, Charles R. Heike, and the conviction of minor employes, the United States Government is still fighting hard to crush the American Sugar Refining Company under provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Such action was contemplated when the company was indicted for putting the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company out of business, but the settlement of that suit out of court and the interference of the statute of limitations necessitated another legal attack, and the matter was laid before the Federal grand jury in New York early in January.

Not until to-day, however, did the scope of the inquiry become public when the grand jury handed up a presentment for contempt against the company for the latter's failure to produce certain books and papers in response to subpoena.

It has been alleged that the American Sugar Refining Company controls 90 per cent of the sugar business in this country and a hint of its intricate relations with various subsidiary corporations is given in the subpoena.

SLEEP LAYS DOWN WITH ALARM

Hands at Navassa Fertilizer Factory, Near Wilmington, Fired Upon While Asleep and Run Away From the County.

Wilmington, N. C., March 7.—News reached the city to-day of a rather serious disturbance between negro laborers at the Navassa Guano Factory, four miles up the river from Wilmington, Saturday night. According to report, during the heavy fertilizer shipping season some thirty or forty laborers had been imported to the factory to handle the business without delay. This was resented by the resident force of laborers, who seem to have something of an aristocracy among themselves, and Saturday night a shanty in which a large number of them were quartered was fired into, several of the strangers being slightly wounded. At the unexpected attack, it is learned, that the negroes imported stood not upon the order of their going and quit the works by the early trains yesterday morning, although promised protection by the factory officials.

A Shooting Scrape at Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, N. C., March 7.—As a result of a quarrel between Willie Swinson and "Cat" Snipes, both young white men of this city, Swinson shot at Snipes four times about 6 o'clock this afternoon, his weapon being a revolver.

Snipes and Swinson were up before the mayor this afternoon, charged with fighting and both were found guilty. After the trial was over Swinson renewed the quarrel with Swinson, calling the latter by name, whereupon Swinson pulled a revolver from his hip-pocket and fired point blank at Snipes four times in rapid succession.

Great Demand for Beer at Rockingham.

Rockingham, N. C., March 7.—The near-beer saloon situation here remains as yet unchanged. The trial before the mayor that was to have taken place to-day was postponed till Monday. But in the meantime, the near-beer saloon is doing the business of the town. To-day closed the second Saturday that it has been in operation, with an even worse result, if anything, than last Saturday. Drunkenness is on the increase.

Fire Destroys 2,400 Bales of Cotton.

Hobart, Okla., March 2.—Fire here this afternoon destroyed the entire stock of the Traders Company, together with 2,400 bales of cotton, wharves and two freight cars. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. The headquarters of the Traders Company are at Fort Worth, Texas.

The Piedmont high school at Lawndale was almost destroyed by fire Monday afternoon. The students all managed to escape without injury.

WHO SHOULD WIN

If Democrats Should Capture the Next Congress it Would Weaken Them in 1912.

DEMOCRATS FEAR TO CONTROL

They Would Preserve a Divided Front and Would Accomplish Nothing in Congress—A Strange Spectacle of Certain Republicans are Willing for Democrats to Control and of Certain Democrats Fearing the Responsibility—The Postal Savings Bank Bill.

Special to the Caucasian:

A very curious and interesting political situation has developed at the National Capital. A week or more ago it began to be suggested in certain quarters that it might not be a bad thing for the Republican party if the Democrats should control the next House of Representatives.

The view expressed was that if the Democrats had the next House that they would not be able to unite on any policy, but would present a divided front and be split to pieces over every question for which the party has claimed to stand, and that that would so thoroughly discredit the Democratic party that there would be no question about complete Republican success in the next campaign, which would result in the reelection of President Taft and a Republican House to support him in carrying out the remainder of the policies set forth in the Republican platform.

Democrats Fear to Control the Next House.

The next political development is a report from certain Democratic quarters that the Democrats are afraid to control the next House for the reason that they admit that they would present a divided front to the country and would weaken whatever chances they might have of electing a President in 1912.

Thus we have the strange spectacle presented of certain Republicans being willing for the Democrats to control the next House and of certain Democrats being afraid to shoulder the responsibility.

Chairman McKinley's Position.

When this situation was called to the attention of Mr. McKinley, the Chairman of the Republican National Congressional Committee, he said that he took no stock in the views expressed by certain Republicans that it would be better for them to lose the next House. He pointed out that his committee was organizing for one of the most vigorous campaigns to elect Republican Congressmen that the country has ever seen. His view is that the people should reelect a Republican Congress to uphold the President's hands and thus enable him to carry out the remainder of the policies for which he declared, and that he believes that the voters will take this means of endorsing the Republican National administration.

The Postal Savings Bank Bill.

The Senate has passed the administration measure for establishing a system of postal savings banks. There was a lively fight in the Senate over the proposition with the Democratic partisans lining up solidly against this great reform measure.

The bill as it passed the Senate, while not in all respects what the friends of postal savings banks wanted, is, however, a very good bill; that it will establish a system that will grow in popularity, and that the beneficial results coming from it will enable succeeding Congresses to amend and perfect the measure so as to make the system an ideal one.

Ex-Senator Platt Passes Away.

New York, March 6.—Thomas Collier Platt, formerly United States Senator from New York, and for many years a national figure in Republican politics, died at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon in the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Abels on West Eleventh Street, from whom he had rented three rooms for the last four years. Mrs. Abels had been his nurse.

Two Indians Blew Out the Gas.

Washington, March 4.—One of the most picturesque chieftains of the Indian race and his nephew, both members of the Chippewa tribe in Minnesota, were found dead in a local hotel to-day, the victims of asphyxiation.

Accustomed to the light from the camp fires of their primitive life and late to that from the candle and lamp it is believed one of the red men blew out the gas which ended their existence and sent them to their "happy hunting ground."

Are Always Disgruntled.

Give the Democrats what they want and then they will find some reason for being disgruntled about it.—Durham Herald.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Dr. C. S. Kerr died Sunday morning at his home at Kerr, Sampson County.

Rev. F. A. Sides, of Albemarle, Stanley County, dropped dead Saturday night.

The Virginia Senate Monday voted down the bill providing for a popular vote on Statewide prohibition.

The Durham Herald says that Congressman Morehead will appoint Mr. J. A. Gilles postmaster at Durham.

Judge Connor has appointed F. D. Koance, of Richmond, and Henry L. McGowan, of Swan Quarter, United States Commissioners.

Twenty-seven arrests were made by the policemen in Winston Saturday night. Eighteen of the offenders were charged with gambling.

Mrs. Harriet Coby, a prominent lady of South Carolina, was burned to death Monday night in the home of her sister, near Bennettsville.

Mr. S. R. Phillips, of Washington, N. C., was held up and robbed by three unknown men Monday night. The robbers secured about \$45 in money.

The little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. Henry Dunnean, who lives near Granite Falls, was shot and killed accidentally Tuesday by a member of the family.

Henry Spivey was not hanged at Elizabethtown in Bladen County Friday, the Governor having granted a further stay of sentence. A thousand or more people had gathered to witness the execution.

Deputy Collectors Poole and Merritt have returned from Castalia, Nash County, where they captured two wagons loaded with a distilling outfit. The men driving the teams made their escape.

Mr. Pinckney Irving, an aged citizen of Beaver Dam cross roads, Lenoir County, was found dead on the side of the road near his home Tuesday morning. Death was supposed to have been from heart failure.

A large blockade distillery was captured near Columbus, Stokes County, by revenue officers last Wednesday. Sam Nantz and a man named Green were arrested at the distillery. This was the fourth distillery captured in Stokes within five days' time.

Rev. Thos. E. Sniley committed suicide near Connorville Indiana a few days ago. Rev. Sniley was a Methodist minister and at one time and had charge of the church at Weaver-ville. After the death of his wife a few years ago, his mind became unbalanced and he was sent to his old home in Indiana.

NEGRO MOBBED IN COURT.

Infuriated Citizens Throw Negro From Second Story Window of Court-House to the Mob Below, Who Finished the Job.

Dallas, Texas, March 8.—From the very grasp of the law, Allen Brooks, an aged negro charged with criminally assaulting a two-year-old white child, was torn by fifteen determined members of an angry mob of 5,000 men to-day and hanged for his crime. Brooks was seized in the court-room where he was to have received the law's judgment, tossed through a window to the main body of the mob which waited like a pack of raving wolves for their prey, in the street below. His broken body was dragged through the streets and he was hanged to the Elks arch high above the heads of the avenging citizens. The mob was led by an old negro.

With it all, hardly a loud word was spoken, not a shot was fired and above the dull murmurings of the mob could be heard the aged negro's trembling shrieks for mercy. After Brooks was hanged for nearly three hours, Dallas was in the hands of the mob. The jail was stormed and death was threatened to three other negroes held on charges of murder. They had been spirited away, however, and after searching for them in vain, the mob dispersed.

Clarence Caudle Arrested for Kidnapping Young Girl.

Greensboro, N. C., March 7.—Deputy Sheriff Flynn, of Forsyth County, arrived here at 1 o'clock to-day from Kernersville, and carried back to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Winfree, of Kernersville, their fifteen-year-old daughter, Florence, who had been in custody of the chief-of-police here since early this morning.

Clarence Caudle, a young messenger for the Southern Express Company, on the run between Greensboro and Wilkesboro, was arrested in Wilkesboro to-day and will be taken to Kernersville on the return train this afternoon, charged with kidnapping the girl.

It is now thought that there will be a sure enough wedding in Kernersville when Caudle gets there to-night. The girl's people are highly respectable residents of Kernersville, her father being a merchant there.

POSTAL BANK BILL

Passed the Senate on Last Saturday by a Decisive Vote.

OPPOSED BY DEMOCRATS

Of the Seventy-Two Votes Cast, Fifty Were in Favor of the Bill and Twenty-Two Against—All the Negative Votes Were Cast by Democrats—Depositors Will Get 2 Per Cent Interest—All Money Order Offices Will Be Permitted to Receive Deposits—Government Will Make One-Quarter Per Cent for Handling—Such a Law Will Bring Large Sums of Money Out of Hiding.

Washington, March 5.—Dividing practically upon party lines, the Senate at the close of the third session of the legislative day of March 5th, to-day passed the administration postal savings bank bill.

Of the 72 votes cast, 50 were in favor of the bill and 22 against. All the negative votes were cast by Democrats. Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, was the only Democrat who voted for the bill. As it goes to the House, the bill authorizes the various money order post-offices to accept sums of one dollar or more from depositors, and to deposit these sums in the local banks, where the money is to remain unless withdrawn by the President in case of war or other exigency. In case of this withdrawal the funds are to be invested in government securities, but with the proviso that such securities shall not draw less than 2 1/2 per cent interest. The control of the funds is vested in a board of trustees, composed of the Postmaster-General, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

Two Per Cent Interest.

The aggregate balance allowed to any depositor is \$500 and no person is permitted to deposit more than \$100 in any one month. The government is required to pay 2 per cent interest and must exact not less than 2 1/2 per cent from the banks, the extra quarter of 1 per cent being required for the payment of expenses and losses.

It is calculated that such a law would bring much money out of hiding and result in a fund ranging all the way from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.

Had Rather Go to Penitentiary Than Live With His Wife.

About the only interesting case on the docket and one with a human-interest side and withal amusing had to do with a charge against a citizen of Madison for abandonment and failure to support his wife. The defendant went into court unrepresented by counsel; the wife made her statement under oath; the defendant when asked by the court if he had any evidence in rebuttal; any witnesses, replied no; neither did he care to go on the stand; that he guessed what had been testified to was about the fact. Judge Justice, however, directed an attorney to represent the man, but his efforts to induce the defendant to put up any defense was a complete failure. The defendant was told that the judge might send him to the chain-gang, but this prospective dire punishment failed to even impress the alleged wife-deserter. In an effort to arouse interest in his unresponsive client, the attorney went at him with a hot shot; in effect that the judge might send the defendant to the penitentiary for a term of five years; that abandonment and failure to provide support was a mighty serious thing. At this the defendant manifested a bit of interest but of a different sort from what might have been expected. His face sort of brightened and in reply he said something to this effect: "Well, by gad, I'd rather go to the penitentiary for five years than to have to live with that woman."

That was a clincher and all effort at defense was abandoned. The man was, of course, convicted, but Judge Justice tempered punishment with mercy; he neither sent the man to the penitentiary nor back to live with the wife. Provision was made that the man pay unto his wife every month a stipulated sum and that they be allowed to live apart.—Asheville News-Gazette.

Doctor Shoots Merchant.

Greensville, N. C., March 7.—This morning at Ballard's Cross Roads, Pitt County, Dr. J. H. Hudson, shot Mr. Jed Elks, a merchant.

The men had been at outs for some time. Five shots were fired, one of which struck Mr. Elks in the side. He is not seriously wounded.

Dr. Hudson surrendered to the officers and was brought to Greensville and turned over the sheriff and arraigned. Bond was given.

Roscoe Parish, a young negro, was arrested in Durham yesterday charged with assaulting the 13-year-old daughter of Pegram Davis.

SAYS CITY OFFICIALS VILIPEND OATS.

Ministers of Burlington Make Serious Charges Against Officials of That Town—Hearing Next Monday Night.

Burlington, N. C., March 3.—An investigation by the city council of the charges made and published over the signatures of eight of the ministers of Burlington in the local papers yesterday that the mayor and the police officers were not living up to their oaths of office in the matter of law-enforcement, was ordered at 7:30 this evening. The charges, as published, are:

"We, the ministers of Burlington, have learned with disappointment, through observation and common report, the open violation of the laws of our town and the common decency, such as drunkenness on the streets, street fights and other disorderly conduct, especially on the Sabbath, indicating the unlawful sale of liquor.

"We, therefore, express our disappointment at the failure of the mayor and police officers to enforce the law and urge them to a more diligent discharge of their duties in compliance with their oaths of office. We assure them of our moral support and call upon all citizens of Burlington to co-operate with them in the proper enforcement of the law."

A hearing will be given both sides Monday night.

LAWLESSNESS STALKS ABROAD.

Mayor and Other Citizens of Fayetteville Receive "Black Hand" Letters—Dwellings Burned.

Fayetteville, N. C., March 7.—As a result of threatening "black-hand" letters recently received by Mayor V. C. Bullard, members of the police force, and other citizens of this city and several incendiary fires occurring here lately, Joe James, a one-armed restaurant keeper, and Bert McArthur, both negroes, were to-day arrested, charged with writing "black-hand" letters.

C. H. Maess and Irving Maynor, his negro driver, were locked up on the charge of burning Maess' store here on January 31st. The arrests were made at the instance of Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott, who arrived here to-day to investigate incendiary fires.

One of those receiving incendiary letters was Ed. Brown, colored witness against James, charged with selling whiskey in a case now pending and who was lately burned out three times.

The Maess store was burned twice within a month. Deputy Commissioner Scott thinks the second fire was to retrieve the first loss.

For the last few days this community has been laboring under suppressed excitement owing to rumors of "black-hand" letters, coupled with numerous incendiary fires and almost nightly burglaries.

One Millionaire Carves Up Another for Destroying His Home.

Kansas City, Mo., March 6.—Finding Jere F. Lillis, a millionaire local banker, in his home when he arrived unexpectedly at an early hour to-day, John P. Cudahy, a wealthy packer and son of Michael Cudahy, the Chicago millionaire, is alleged to have committed an assault upon the man which led to his arrest on a charge of disturbing the peace. He was released on \$100 bond.

Lillis is in St. Mary's hospital. His condition is said to be critical. Cuts said to have been inflicted with a knife are on his face, legs, and one arm.

Eloping Daughter Arrested.

Fayetteville, N. C., March 5.—Anne Atkinson, the eighteen-year-old daughter of A. J. Atkinson, from near Burgaw, who eloped with J. B. Holland January 28th, the latter being now imprisoned in Raeford, was yesterday arrested at McColl, S. C. and later brought here, where she is now confined in the police station, awaiting the coming of her relatives. Holland, who was formerly connected with a carnival company, was arrested at Raeford Tuesday, but had traced them there, and tramped to McColl.

Serious Clash Between Races in Florida.

Tampa, Fla., March 6.—A serious clash between the races is threatened at Palmetto, a small town forty miles south of Tampa, as a result of the killing of two prominent white men this afternoon by negroes. The last message to-night from the scene of the crimes states that two hundred whites with bloodhounds are pursuing several negroes, and if they are caught, summary punishment will be meted out.

Big Fire at Henderson.

Henderson, March 7.—Fire of unknown origin, which was discovered after midnight, practically destroyed the entire plants of the Henderson Manufacturing Company, the Corbit Buckner Company, and the Carolina Baggins Company, entailing a loss of \$70,000.

Later.—The Henderson Manufacturing Company claim they suffered no loss.

THREE SHOT DOWN

Messrs. E. L. Travis, Paul Kitchin and C. W. Dunn, All Wounded by E. E. Powell, Sr.

DUNN'S WOUNDS FATAL

Shooting occurred on Main Street at Scotland Neck Friday Afternoon—Powell was Brought to Raleigh Sunday Afternoon for Safe Keeping—He Says He Does Not Remember Shooting Either of the Men—Was Angry With Mr. Travis Because He Had Failed to Answer a Letter.

Scotland Neck, March 4.—About 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, on Main street, near Woodard's stable and chief of police of Scotland Neck, C. W. Dunn; Representative A. Paul Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, and Senator E. L. Travis, of Halifax, were all shot by E. E. Powell, Sr.

From the best information obtainable, it seems that Powell asked Travis why he did not reply to a letter.

Travis replied that some time having elapsed since receiving the letter he did not remember its contents.

Kitchin placed his hand on Powell and requested him "not to get excited," whereupon Powell drew a revolver and shot Kitchin and Travis in quick succession.

Officer Dunn then started toward Powell and while turning, was shot somewhere in his left side, near the back.

Powell went to his store, a short distance away, got a short-gun and then went to his home.

Messrs. Kitchin and Travis are not considered seriously wounded. Officer Dunn's condition is more serious, but not necessarily fatal.

It is said that Powell, who is about 70 years old, says he will kill any one attempting to arrest him.

Mrs. Powell is an invalid, confined in bed, while her husband has barricaded himself in the same house.

The parties wounded are prominent and well known throughout the State. Drs. Clark, Smith and Wimberly are attending the wounded. Dr. Ferguson, of Halifax, came down and took Mr. Travis home.

Later.—Powell has surrendered and arrangements are made to take him to Halifax tonight.

The Mysterious Letter.

Scotland Neck, March 7.—Congressman Claude Kitchin after talking to Senator Travis on the subject makes the following statement with regard to the mysterious letter Powell is alleged to have written to Mr. Travis and to which he claimed the Senator had not accorded him the courtesy of a reply.

"Two years ago Powell's son engaged in a deadly affray for which he was bound over to Superior Court. Powell wrote Senator Travis with a view to retaining him as counsel, and Travis having been employed on the other side, did not answer the letter. Travis does not now recall the letter to which Powell claims he did not reply."

Dunn's Wound Proves Fatal.

Chief of Police Dunn died Monday afternoon. Pneumonia set in Saturday and he sank gradually until the end. Sunday when it was certain that Dunn would die the Sheriff of Halifax thought it advisable to move Powell from the County and the Sheriff and Clerk of Court left Sunday for Raleigh and placed Powell in the Penitentiary late Sunday afternoon.

Powell says he does not remember shooting either of the men. Some think Powell was insane at the time of the shooting, but parties in Scotland Neck say that Powell had never before shown any signs of insanity.

Sixty-Five Meet Death in a Snow Slide.

Vancouver, B. C., March 5.—Of the sixty-two Canadian Pacific trainmen, trackmen and laborers buried by an avalanche in Rogers pass on the summit of the Selkirk range of the Rocky Mountains early this morning all are probably dead. Twenty-five white men and thirty-seven Japanese are thought to have perished.

Trainman Killed and Fifteen Passengers Hurt in Wreck.

Monteruma, Ga., March 6.—In a head-on collision early to-day between passenger train No. 13, northbound, and freight train No. 43, southbound, on the Central of Georgia Railway, four miles above this place, Will McGee, a negro express place, was instantly killed and fifteen passenger were painfully hurt.

West Virginia Two-Cent Law Declared Unconstitutional.

Charleston, W. Va., March 8.—The West Virginia two-cent fare law is constitutional as applied to the coal and coke railroad, according to the decision of the State Supreme Court of Appeals here to-day.