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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Col. Shemwell to Col. Cooper: "Shake, take a pardon with me."

About time the Democratic politicians were busy with their spring white-washing.

Mr. Bryan has sworn off those dollar dinners along with other things. Wise Mr. Bryan.

The Governor of North Carolina to the Governor of Tennessee: "It's a short time between pardons."

Bryan has acquired a small zoo on his travels. The Democratic donkey will not lack for company now.

If they are going to let the blind tigers flourish, they should at least force them to sell a better article.

Mr. Bryan says the Democrats will enter the campaign with great promise. Sure, promises are their long suit.

May be Governor Patterson pardoned Colonel Cooper because the Tennessee Democracy also needed a leader.

If all those whiskey prescriptions are needed for snake bite, then Charlotte is badly in need of a modern St. Patrick.

Wonder if a North Carolina inventor went to Washington for a patent, would they tip him off to see the "Pie Counter Boss."

New Jersey won't be behind the times. Some of her legislators got drunk and rowdy and she is going to investigate them.

Wouldn't you like to hear Private John Allen's private opinion regarding his being "pinched" for playing a game of poker?

"The State Prison is all right," says a News and Observer head-line. Sure, that's what all those escaped convicts say, too.

If that Mississippi scandal was so rank they wouldn't even let the Democratic newspaper men be present, it must have smelled very high.

That Mississippi woman who said her business was "buying Democratic Senators" evidently found she had made some poor investments.

Volcano item: Latest reports are that Mt. Jeopius is in violent eruption, emitting clouds of Shemwell and molten streams of Cooper.

Those Wilmington officials accused of grafting are advised by the News and Observer to "try the case" themselves. Now what do you think of that?

"Eleven arson cases in one month" is the Old North State's shameful record. No wonder "sleep lays down with alarm" in these good old Democratic days.

Have you seen Bailey's Comet? Wake County will pass through the "tale" of it Saturday, April 30, and the politicians will take a number of observations.

Mr. J. Willie Bailey says he don't like the way the Democrats have been running Wake County. Mr. Bailey will find he has lots of company next November.

That sixteen-page issue of the Greensboro Patriot must have been gotten out to print the announcements of Guilford's abundant crop of Democratic office-seekers.

The Mooresville Enterprise does not think any decent citizen should vote for a candidate who uses liquor. If that is true Democratic faith, there'll be some awful scratching this fall.

The Greensboro correspondent of the Charlotte Observer says the Democratic fight for the Congressional nomination in the Fifth District promises to be the hottest in years. That being the case, the pie is sure to get scorched.

Senator Gore is reported to have said in a recent speech that the Republican party was itself a trust and should be dissolved under the anti-trust laws. If this statement were

true the Republican party would not be in any danger, for the Democratic party has shown complete incapacity to enforce the anti-trust laws in any respect.

## MISSISSIPPI SENATE EXPELS BILBO.

State Senator Who Exposed Bribery in Mississippi is Forced to Resign.

Jackson, Miss., April 14.—In session to-night the State Senate by overwhelming vote demanded the resignation of Senator Bilbo. President Pro Tem Hebron then resigned, and was followed from the chamber by several other Senators, also supporters of Vardaman. By a vote of 28 to 15, only one vote short of the required two-thirds majority, the Senate earlier in the evening failed to pass a resolution to expel Senator Bilbo, who recently charged that he accepted from L. C. Dulaney, a bribe of \$645 in exchange for his promise to change his vote from former Governor James K. Vardaman of Leroy Percy for United States Senator. The acceptance of the money, Bilbo explained, was to obtain evidence of irregularities in connection with the Senatorial election.

The vote on the expulsion resolution was strictly partisan. The resolution as offered by Senator Lefwich, declared that Bilbo be expelled because "he is unworthy of belief."

Is Roosevelt's Popularity Growing Stronger? Washington Times.]

Roosevelt mellowed, grown conservative, and politically more generous. He is the least suspicious! Having emerged from the jungles, he stops upon the borders of civilization and, for the first time in a year, he submits himself to public judgment.

Apparently, the only change in the man is his physical appearance. His face is deeply bronzed. He has grown a trifle stouter, stockier, and on his hands testify to the strenuous activity of life in the African jungle.

Intellectually, he seems to be the giant he always has been in the eyes of Americans who have approved of the Roosevelt policies as the "new politics" of progress. Possessed of a surplus of self-reliance and courage, he unhesitatingly rushes into prominence with the same zeal that he tramped through the underbrush of the jungle.

His Cairo speech is a remarkable evidence of his daring, and, while it sounds like an impulsive outbreak, it is too resolute in its tone to be regarded, upon careful reading, as merely a hot-tempered, rash utterance. However it is received in the land of the Pharaohs, it is the very sort of speech to advance respect for the former President in America.

Unless there happens a radical change, Roosevelt will return to America a greater man than he was when he departed. His popularity, under a continuance of existing circumstances, will increase, in all probability, and if he decides to make a fight for what have been jocularly called "My Policies," the changes are that, in the sight of the people, he will be viewed as the only man who can insure the success of these policies.

It is being said by the enemies of Roosevelt, that the greatness of the man is being magnified. They are repeating that he is guilty of political hypocrisy and chicanery. They are insisting that the demand is for a "sounder, saner, more conservative course of procedure." But it is not possible that the interests opposing Roosevelt now as they opposed him in office are mistaken in their judgment of public sentiment? Is it not possible that a wide difference of opinion exists as to the definition of a "sounder, saner, more conservative" course?

Aside from the significance of the return of Roosevelt, from the viewpoint of Republican politics, is it not remarkable that he still evokes the interest he does? Where in American history has there lived a man out of office who has retained the regard of the people to such an extent as has Roosevelt, because of his independence and boldness of thought, and his fighting qualities?

At all events, Roosevelt will continue to be a leading figure in national life. As such alone he will command extraordinary attention.

Boisterous Negro Killed at Townsville.

Townsville, N. C., April 18.—Joseph E. Hunt shot and instantly killed Frank Anderson, colored, at Hunt's home Saturday night about 7:30 o'clock. There seems to have been some misunderstanding in regard to wages and accounts at the store of S. R. Adams at Townsville, N. C. Anderson was warned several times not to come on Hunt's plantation, but under the influence of liquor he went to Hunt's house about 7:30 o'clock. Anderson cursing and abusing him, called him out and accused Hunt of causing Adams' issuing a warrant for him.

Joe Hunt is a well-to-do planter, and is very quiet and of a peaceful disposition.

Steel Corporation Plans for Injured Employees.

New York, April 15.—The United States Steel Corporation this afternoon announced the adoption of a plan for the relief of employees injured in its service and families of men killed in work accidents. During temporary disablement single men will receive 36 per cent of their wages and married men 50 per cent, with contingent additional allowance.

## TWO WILL RETIRE

Senators Aldrich and Hale Will Not Stand For Re-election This Fall.

PUSHING FOR REFORMS.

The Railroad Rate Regulation Bill Has the Right-of-Way at the Capital—Roosevelt's Great Ovation Throughout Europe—Why This State Has Not Received Recognition at the Hands of the National Administration—The President Not so Much to Blame as Our So-called Republican Leaders.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., April 20.—The announcement made on yesterday by Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island and Senator Hale of Maine that they would not be candidates for re-election and that they would retire at the end of their present terms on March 4th, next, will not only surprise the whole country, but was indeed a surprise to most of official Washington. There have been for several weeks rumors that the health of these two Senators was bad and that they might not stand for re-election, but these rumors were not considered seriously.

With the retirement of Aldrich and Hale, the Senate will lose not only two of the very strongest men in that body, but two men who, on account of the positions that they hold on committees in the organization of the Senate, have now, and have had, for some time, more influence in that body than any dozen other Senators. Indeed, they are, and have been, the unquestioned leaders of that great legislative body. There is already much speculation as to whom will assume the leadership of the Senate when they are gone.

Taft Pushing for Reform Legislation.

The railroad rate regulation bill has the right-of-way at both ends of the Capitol. Some amendments have been made in both Houses that it is thought will strengthen the measure, and there is now prospect of its passing both Houses in the near future. The President is showing that he meant what he said in his speech before the meeting of the Republican clubs on last week, when he demanded of Congress legislation at this session to carry out the campaign pledges of the party.

There was an effort a few evenings ago by a Senator who is not a member of the Committee on Post-offices and Post Roads to get the nomination of Stencil as postmaster at Smithfield confirmed, but the effort failed. It is understood that those who objected contend that there should be an investigation of the charges of alleged bribery.

Roosevelt's Great Ovation in Europe.

The movements, the sayings, of Roosevelt and the great ovation which has been given him every day since he landed in Italy, is one of the chief topics of interest and comment at the national capital. The demonstrations that were made on yesterday and the day before in Austria and Hungary are said to be a greater tribute than Europe has ever before paid even any crowned head of any country on earth.

A member of Congress, in discussing the matter, on yesterday, said that he considered the ovations that were given Roosevelt by the masses of the people in every European country to be an evidence of not only their admiration for the President, but also an evidence of the deep and growing spirit among the people of every country in Europe in favor of a Republican form of government. He said that he believed that Roosevelt's trip through Europe would sow the seeds of liberty that would before long cause many thrones to topple over. He further said that he believed that the crowned heads of Europe realized this danger, but that they dared not show this feeling or fail to entertain Roosevelt in royal style for fear that it would cause comment among the masses of their subjects, and add fuel to the fire.

Another Congressman, commenting upon the matter, summed up the situation by saying that there was no question about Roosevelt being the greatest citizen not only of this country, but of the world. There has also been much comment here over the speech made by Congressman Poindexter of the State of Washington in New York a few nights ago. The Congressman squarely declared that he was in favor, and he believed that the country was in favor, of re-electing Roosevelt President.

Why the State Has Suffered.

A prominent Republican from the State, who was here on last Saturday, called attention to the fact that North Carolina had not received a single foreign appointment, and that the one foreign appointment—Minister to Greece—which the State held in the former administration, was even now lost to the State. He pointed out other Southern States that have been recognized with im-

portant appointments outside of the local offices in their States.

He said that unquestionably North Carolina was entitled to recognition if any Southern States was, and that indeed it was entitled to great recognition even if no other Southern State was, because it had given the President the large vote and was the most promising State to go Republican and give its electoral vote to the next Republican candidate for President.

He said that the South ought to be represented in the Cabinet, and that that Cabinet member ought to come from North Carolina; that the State ought to have an Ambassador or one or more foreign Ministers, and besides, that the State should be recognized in many other ways, but that it had absolutely nothing.

Continuing, he said: "I do not think the President is to blame for this so much as our so-called State Republican leaders." He said that so far as he knew, or anybody else knew, that the State organization had made no effort to secure such appointments for the State.

He said that the State should be properly rewarded in recognition of what it had already done, but, on the other hand, if it was properly recognized, it would help carry the State Republican, and, therefore, it seemed to him that the State organization has been grossly derelict in its duty.

Lightning Bolt Kills Boy and Seriously Shocks Companion.

Salisbury, N. C., April 17.—A fierce rain and electrical storm with fatal results, passed over Salisbury and vicinity last night about 9 o'clock. For a time the city was in darkness and the street cars were out of commission. A party of five boys were fishing near the old Achenback place on Grant's Creek, about two miles from the city and were sitting around a fire which they had built when the storm broke upon them. A fierce bolt of lightning struck in the midst of the party, and Charlie, the 16-year-old son of Mr. J. J. Correll, who lives on West Franklin Street, was instantly killed; Floyd Bost, also about 16 years old, and a son of Mr. E. J. Bost, a neighbor of the Correll family, was injured so badly that it was at first thought he too was dead, and he is still in a critical condition, while Kerr Ritchie, a young son of Mr. Luther Ritchie, also of this city, was painfully burned on one side.

BIG WAGE INCREASE.

United States Steel Corporation Advances Wages of 225,000 Men.

New York, April 14.—Substantial increases in wages by the Subsidiary Companies of the U. S. Steel Corporation will soon be announced to become effective May 1st, it was officially stated. The proposed increase will apply to a large majority of the corporations, 225,000 employees, and in round figures will increase the pay-rolls of the Steel Corporation by about \$9,000,000 annually.

Conductors Get Increase.

Roanoke, Va., April 14.—An announcement was made to-day that a new wage scale has been agreed upon between the Norfolk and Western Railway and members of the Order of Railway Conductors representing the conductors employed by the road by which the employees get an increase of about 6 per cent in pay.

Yardmen Also Get Raise.

Roanoke, Va., April 16.—The trainmen and yardman employed by the Norfolk and Western Railway were to-day granted an increase of 6 per cent in pay. The new wage schedule was arranged at conferences held between the management of the road and representatives of the employees.

NOW THEY ARE SORRY FOR HISSING.

Woman Suffrage Association Regrets Incident—Formal Letter to Taft.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—Disclaiming responsibility for the hissing of the President of the United States in connection with his address of greeting to them last night when he freely stated his sentiments on the subject of woman suffrage, the National American Woman Suffrage Association to-day officially expressed its regret to President Taft that "any one present," either member of our organization or outsider, should have interrupted your address by an expression of personal feeling. The expression of regret over the episode was conveyed to the President in a letter of the board of officers of the organization, which received the unanimous approval of the suffrage convention and which accompanied a resolution adopted without a dissenting vote by the convention as soon as it was called to order to-day.

Lumber Plant Burned.

Wake Forest, April 14.—Fire to-night completely destroyed the planing mill of Mr. Moses Fort. The loss is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000, and there was no insurance. The fire was supposed to have started from a spark from the engine, which caught the shavings. The \$10,000 electric plant of the town adjoins the mill and only the superiority of the building saved it.

## CRIMES INCREASE

Eleven Cases of Arson Reported in This State During Past Month.

MURDERED HIS WIFE.

Desperate Negro Killed After Stabbing Officer—Sentenced to Fifteen Years for Attempted Criminal Assault—Henry Coker Stabbed During a Drinking Carousal—Leader of a Lawless Gang Arrested at Wilson—Other Crimes in the State.

La Grange, N. C., April 19.—In a drinking row, Henry Coker was seriously stabbed in the abdomen by John Faircloth. Both men are white. Faircloth is being held awaiting the results of Coker's injury.

Fifteen Years for Criminal Assault.

Wadesboro, N. C., April 19.—Manuel Patterson was to-day sentenced to fifteen years in the State Prison for attempted criminal assault on two young white women. He has been a fugitive from justice three years and narrowly escaped lynching.

Lawlessness in Lucama.

Wilson, N. C., April 19.—Lawrence Lamm, a leader of a gang who defied arrest for numerous acts of lawlessness, was fined on one charge and bound over to court on another by the Recorder here to-day. Lamm had sworn never to be arrested.

Eleven Arson Cases in a Month.

From March 10th to April 10th, Capt. W. A. Scott, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, reported eleven arson cases in which the defendant was either convicted or bound over to the next term of the criminal court. Of these cases two were preachers, one white and one colored.

Charged With Wife Murder.

Charged with inflicting injuries upon his wife the first day of this year that caused her death Saturday night, A. C. Carter was arrested at Salisbury by Sheriff McKenzie, and is held for the crime. After an inquest held by Coroner E. Rose Dorsett, he was sent to jail without bond to await trial at the May term of Rowan superior court.

Desperate Negro Killed.

Salisbury, N. C., April 14.—In a desperate struggle tonight Special Officer A. C. Ataway shot and killed Jack Johnson, colored, of Asheville, N. C., after Johnson had stabbed the officer.

Ataway had the negro under arrest when the prisoner drew a knife and plunged it into the officer's side. Several wounds were inflicted by the negro before Ataway shot him. Ataway is seriously but not, it is thought, fatally wounded.

FIGHT DEADLY BATTLE.

Two Georgia Farmers Shot Dead and One is Dying—Result of a Family Feud.

Lyons, Ga., April 17.—Two dead, one dying and probably one or two slightly wounded are the results of a Saturday afternoon battle in a family feud of long standing, which took place late this afternoon in Emanuel County.

The dead are: A. S. Collins, a well-to-do farmer, and his son Willis Collins, both of whom died during the progress of the fight. Marion Lewis is so badly wounded that he is expected to die at any moment.

The battle was between the family of Collins and the family of Lewis, and was the outcome of a dispute over a public road crossing.

Both States Object.

Richmond, Va., April 17.—The report of Special Master Littlefield, who has had charge of adjudication of the debt due Virginia by West Virginia, owing to her leaving the parent State in 1861, is objected to by both States, different claims being protested on both sides.

Cyclone in Georgia Town.

Manchester, Ga., April 16.—The town of Woodland, nine miles south of Manchester, on the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad, experienced a destructive cyclone this afternoon, practically every house in the town being more or less seriously damaged. A number of stores were almost completely wrecked, as were several residences and big trees were uprooted throughout the town. A number of persons were reported seriously injured.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Samuel L. Clements (Mark Twain), the veteran author, is critically ill at his home in New York City.

A child six years old saved the Southern Pacific Flyer from dashing around a curve into a burning bridge at Ramos, La., by flagging the train.

The Philadelphia street carmen's strike, which threatened to assume national proportions, is finally settled by the men winning every point asked.

Irwin Hanckett, a fourteen-year-old white boy, has been sentenced to death for murder of a thirteen-year-old girl, following rape, at Deland, Fla.

Gen. Kitchiner, commander of the British army, in an interview, states that the question of a food supply in time of war is a deciding factor in favor of peace.

Midshipman Wood, of the U. S. Naval Academy, who was injured in a football game last fall, and who has been hovering between life and death ever since, died on Friday last.

Angry because Colonel Roosevelt on his recent visit to Rome attended a meeting of the American Methodist Church, the Pope has refused to appoint any Americans as Cardinals.

Fearful earthquakes have swept Costa Rica, in Central America, involving the loss of millions of dollars. Thirty heavy shocks were felt in three hours. There is no report of loss of life.

A mob of two thousand men took George Williams, a negro accused of shooting a police officer at Meriden, Miss., and hung him to a telegraph pole, and then shooting him. The troops were called out to prevent further trouble.

Fourteen men were instantly killed and another fatally injured by the premature explosion of a heavy charge of dynamite at a construction camp on the Texaco Extension of the Santa Fe Railroad in Texas.

Ten persons were killed Friday in the wrecking of a Northern Pacific freight train west of Spokane. Several of the injured and all of the dead were tramps, about twenty of whom boarded the train at Pasco. The wreck was caused by a derailment of the train.

Driven by a strong wind, a fire that started in the county jail at Hyde Park, Va., on Monday, spread until the jail, court house, town hall, Congregational Church, one store and thirteen residences or tenements had been laid in ashes. Twenty families are homeless.

The city of Manchester, across the river from Richmond, Va., was formally and finally absorbed by the latter municipality on Friday last, the judge of the Corporation Court of Manchester signing an order declaring the consolidation election of April 4th to be legal and in effect.

Internal Revenue Agent Surber at Atlanta, Ga., has reported to Commissioner Cabell that three men who were arrested charged with the assassination of Deputy Collector W. A. Anderson had confessed. Anderson was killed in a moonshine raid in Walker County, Ala., several days ago.

Three men have been arrested and are being held on suspicion of being members of a gang of four yegmen who held up the Victor Banking Company, at McKees Rocks, killing Cashier Ignatz Schwartz, Bookkeeper Samuel Friedman and seriously injuring Robert King, who attempted to stop the robbers. The suspects give the names of William Brown, James Brown, and Faldatto Zengrell.

Mayor Gaynor Seriously Charged.

Democratic Presidential Possibility Involved in Money Scandal. Mayor Gaynor, of New York City, who has been prominently mentioned for the Democratic nomination for President, has been charged with authorizing the payment of an illegal fee of \$48,000 to the private lawyer of Chas. F. Murphy, the Tammany leader. Mayor Gaynor was elected on the Tammany ticket, but has posed as being independent. The payment was made the day after the Mayor was inaugurated.

PIERCE STORM IN WEST.

Rain and Hail Renewed—Many Small Houses Levelled.

Memphis, Tenn., April 15.—With an average of five inches of rainfall as a result of the storm which yesterday and last night swept over Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, another storm broke over these States to-night with renewed fury. Rain fell in torrents, accompanied in many places by hail and the property damage will be heavy. Accompanying this second storm was a wind which at times took on the proportions of a cyclone.

## PARDON OF COOPER

Governor Patterson's Action Meets Resentment Among His Friends.

PRECIPITATES ROW.

Patterson's Action May Cause Carmack Forces and Republicans to Join Hands and Give the Republicans the Next Governor of Tennessee—Colonel Cooper Was Pardoned on Account of Political Friendship—Robin Cooper Now Under Bond Will Hardly Be Tried.

Nashville, Tenn., April 14.—The Supreme Court today handed down a decision, upholding the sentence of 20 years upon the pardon of H. Cooper and granting a new trial to his son, Robin Cooper, accused of killing ex-Senator Carmack in a political row, about eighteen months ago.

While the supreme court was handing down the decision Governor Patterson sat in his office writing a full pardon for H. Cooper, which was at once released when the decision was made public.

The action of the Governor aroused a storm of protest among the Carmack or prohibition element of the Democratic party, and was loudly applauded by the Cooper, or "anti" crowd. It is freely predicted that the action foredooms the Democratic defeat which has long been pending.

Robin Cooper, who is now under \$10,000 bail, will hardly be tried again.

THE MISSISSIPPI SCANDAL.

Percy, Accused of Being Elected by Fraud, Has to Submit Case to the People.

Jackson, Miss., April 16.—After endorsing the suggestion of United Senator Leroy Percy that a primary election be called, in effect to serve as an endorsement or repudiation to the people of his election to Congress the Mississippi Legislature adjourned since the day after probably the most sensational legislative session in the history of the State.

Contrary to expectations and not in keeping with the stormy scenes which marked the contest for the senatorial nomination in succession to the late United States Senator A. J. McLaughlin and the aftermath charges of bribery, culminating in the denunciation by Senator Bilbo, the author of the charges, the closing hours of the assembly were spent in song and jest.

Cyclone in Robeson County Kills One.

Lumberton, N. C., April 18.—A cyclone passing near here yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock did considerable damage in some sections. The house of Mr. William Stone, who lives about three miles northwest of here, was blown to pieces, his mother killed and his wife sustaining very severe injuries and is in the hospital now. Thence it pursued a northeast course, destroying a good deal of timber, till it reached the Powersville settlement, about ten miles northeast of this city, where it destroyed the residence of Mr. Hugh Musselwhite. Mr. Musselwhite and three children were badly injured, but so far, no other accidents have been reported.

Kisses Married Woman.

Spring Hope, N. C., April 19.—R. B. Bottoms, a well-known farmer, was fined \$25.00 for kissing Mrs. Lawrence Langley, a relative. Bottoms is seventy-three years old and Mrs. Langley sixteen. He claimed to be merely showing his affection, but had to pay. A more serious charge was dismissed.

Democrats Carry New York District.

Rochester, N. Y., April 19.—Jas. S. Harris, Democrat, defeated G. W. Aldridge, Republican, for Congress in this district by 6,000 majority. The election was held to fill a vacancy caused by death. The Republican defeat was mainly caused by serious charges being brought against his candidate.

Senator Aldrich Will Retire.

Washington, D. C., April 18.—Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, authorized the announcement to-night that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the Senate and that he will positively retire at the expiration of his present term on March 3, 1911.

Negroes Shot and Killed.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 18.—Jennie Webster, a negro, was shot and killed at her home on Ashe Street last night, and mystery enshrouds the crime. Charles Snipes, a white man nineteen years old, and a son of a prominent butcher here, was arrested to-day on suspicion, and was arrested to-day against him is while the evidence against him is circumstantial, the officers regarded it strong enough to hold him for a hearing before the Recorder to-morrow. Jennie Webster was generally regarded a woman of questionable character.