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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Well, they didn't miss their guess about those big fees very far, after all.

Alabama just couldn't stand it any longer. It was getting too long between drinks.

The only possible solution is for those Wake Democrats to blame it on the Republican party.

The man who laughs last may laugh best, but he also surely irritates the other fellow.

The peach crop may be a failure, but the lemon crop will be sufficient for the demand in November.

Mr. M. L. Shipman, State Commissioner of Labor and Printing, is spending a few days in Raleigh.

The gentleman who used to blame it on hard work at the office for staying out late, now charges it up to Halley's comet.

Several of those twenty candidates for Corporation Commissioner woke up Saturday morning with a Brown taste in the mouth.

Governor Kitchin made nineteen sure enemies. There were twenty applicants for that vacant Corporation Commissionership.

Recent occurrences in Wake County strongly recall the childhood lines: "How dogs delight to bark and bite, For 'tis their nature to."

Now it is Illinois that competes for the dis-honors. Three of her Democratic legislators have been indicted for accepting bribes. Next!

Halley's comet has been appearing for over one thousand years, so astronomers say. Bailey's comet appeared just once—and—busted.

The editor of the News and Observer says he started life as a printer's "devil." Those other fellows say that he is still a "devil" of a printer.

The report that Governor Kitchin is going to order out the State troops when the Democrats hold another meeting at Raleigh, has not yet been confirmed.

The local papers state that the Board of Aldermen have appointed a committee "to investigate the sale of the market house." Now, if they only will let it all.

Durham is planning a rousing Fourth of July celebration. Bet you it won't be a marker to the celebration given by the Wake Democrats on April 30th last.

A Statesville negro was caught selling whiskey in a lonely graveyard at night. Trafficking in one sort of spirits had probably rendered him immune to fear of the other kind.

Editor Gray, of The Wilmington Star, defends from a legal standpoint the pardon of Cooper. We suppose those Tennessee Supreme Court judges will feel properly reprimanded.

The editor of the News and Observer says he hasn't time to engage in a controversy with a Republican newspaper. That is certainly so, and especially in view of his present plight.

"Deacon" Hemphill, of the Times-Dispatch of Richmond, Va., says that he is preaching the "gospel of peace and good-will." The Deacon is badly needed in Wake County, North Carolina, just now.

J. Willie Bailey told a prominent Republican that when he wrote that famous call for a mass meeting "he was thinking of him." Now, won't Mr. Bailey please think of that Republican again?

Before Commissioner Aycock's dead body had been laid in the grave, five Democrats had filed applications for his job. But you did not see this fact mentioned in the columns of The Nuisance and Disturber.

A candidate for office in Alabama dropped dead while canvassing for votes. But the North Carolina Democratic crop is a little too large for such an occurrence to occasion comment, if such should happen here.

The "Democratic Bible" has a headline, "Those whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad." Then, if general, all-around "cussin'" stands for madness, the Wake Democracy is doomed to destruction.

THREE DEMOCRATIC LEGISLATORS INDICTED.

Indictment of Three Democratic Members of the Legislature of Illinois.

Chicago, Ill., May 7.—Indictments against three Democratic members of the Illinois General Assembly—one for bribery and two for perjury—while causing consternation among some politicians is taken by others as a hint for legislators to appear and tell what they know of the methods whereby William Lorimer was sent to the United States Senate.

The grand jury proceeded with the investigation to-day with renewed energy and there were predictions of more indictments. Representative Lee O'Neal Browne, leader of the Democratic wing of the State Assembly, indicted on fifteen counts for bribery, said he would come to Chicago at once and furnish bond.

500 PERSONS DEAD AND MANY INJURED.

Destruction by Earthquake in Costa Rica—Heavy Loss at Cartago.

San Juan del Rio, May 5.—A large part of Cartago, Costa Rica, was destroyed last night by a powerful seismic movement.

It is known that at least 500 persons are dead and many hundreds injured. Scores of buildings were thrown down, among them the Palace of Justice erected by Andrew Carnegie. The wife and child of Dr. Bocanger, the Guatemalan Magistrate to the Central American Arbitration Court, have been killed. Panic reigns, as the earthquake continues.

ALABAMA'S VOTE.

Local Option Candidate Won Over Prohibitionist—Twelve Thousand Majority.

Montgomery, Ala., May 3.—Returns received to-day from sixty-seven counties show that Emmet O'Neal, local optionist, was nominated for Governor in the Democratic primary held in this State yesterday by a majority of 12,000 over his opponent, H. S. D. Mallory. Mallory ran on a State-wide prohibition platform.

Explosion Shook Earth for Miles.

Ottawa, Ont., May 8.—An explosion which wrecked the plant of the General Explosives Company of Canada, a mile from Hull, Que., and four miles from this city, killed at least fifteen persons and injured fifty others this afternoon.

The force of the explosion was terrifying. The country for miles around was laid to waste and many small dwellings in the city of Hull, on the side nearest the scene of the explosion, was flattened to the ground.

New England Peace Congress Meets.

Hartford, Conn., May 9.—The New England Arbitration and Peace Congress began its first session here to-day. The Congress was called to order in the hall of the House of Representatives. Dean Henry Wade Rogers of Yale law school presided and addresses were made by Mr. Rogers and by Benjamin F. Trueblood of the American Peace Society. The delegate body was large and enthusiastic. Official recognition of the importance of the gathering was given to-night when letters were read from President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, Ambassador James Bryce, William Jennings Bryan, and Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor.

Battleship Maine to be Raised.

Washington, D. C., May 4.—After twelve years the ill-fated battleship Maine is to be removed from the Havana harbor and the bodies, which went down with the vessel, will be interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington. A bill providing for such removal and burial which has passed the House was to-day passed by the Senate.

Get Increase in Wages.

New York, May 5.—Approximately six thousand trainmen and conductors employed on the lines of the New York Central Railroad east of Buffalo will receive wage increases averaging 30 per cent by a decision rendered to-day by arbiters in the controversy between the railroads and its employes. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, and the Delaware and Hudson Railroad and their employes are likewise bound by the ruling which, broadly speaking, takes the recent Baltimore and Ohio settlement as a basis.

The Schedule Fixed to-day is Retrospective and the men will receive back pay from April 1st. It is estimated that the increase will mean an additional expenditure by the Central of \$2,000,000 a year.

John H. Converse Dies Suddenly.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 3.—John H. Converse, of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, one of the most prominent Presbyterian laymen in the United States, died suddenly of heart trouble at his home here to-day.

ALL HARMONIOUS

President Taft Secures the Passage of the Railroad Bill.

NOW FOR POSTAL BANK

Cleveland County Convention for Progress and Victory—Favor Reorganizing State Committee and Putting Men at Its Head Who Will Fight for Victory at the Polls—Ninth District Would Go Republican With an Aggressive Man as State Chairman—Conditions in the Fourth District.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., May 10, 1910.—The Senate adjourned yesterday out of respect to the late King Edward of England and passed a resolution of sympathy and respect to be forwarded to the widowed Queen and to the new King, George V. The late King was much admired in America, but there is a general feeling of uncertainty as the new King, because so little is known of him, not only here, but even in his own country.

Taft Gets Harmony in Congress.

When President Taft returned from his recent trip he found both Houses of Congress much divided over the pending railroad rate bill. With rare diplomacy the President has gotten the factions together and gotten a compromise agreement on certain amendments and secured assurances from all sides that the bill would speedily be passed. He had the satisfaction of seeing the bill pass the House this afternoon by a vote of 200 to 126.

The President has not had the same luck on pushing the postal savings bank bill, though he is still hopeful that that bill will also become a law before this Congress adjourns.

He called the members of the House Committee on Post-office and Post Roads to the White House to-night, and it is reported, he told them plainly they must pass the Postal Savings Bank Bill or he would hold them responsible, as they had not reported the measure from the committee.

Uncle Joe's Seventy-Fourth Birthday.

There was an interesting occurrence in the House of Representatives on last Friday, being the Speaker's seventy-fourth birthday. Representative Champ Clark, the minority leader, arose and interrupted the regular proceedings of the House, and made a very graceful speech in recognition of the event, which was fittingly replied to by the Speaker, as follows:

"Mr. Speaker," he said, "I want to make a few remarks. "Seventy-four years ago to-day," he said, "a man child was born near Guilford Court House, in North Carolina, a spot made famous by American valor and sanctified by American blood shed in the cause of human liberty. The humble Quaker parents of that child had no idea of the high career for which he was destined. You have passed the Scriptural allotment of three-score years and ten, yet your strength has not abated, and we one and all wish for you many happy returns of the day."

Expresses His Thanks.

"I thank the gentleman from Missouri," said the Speaker, "for the kindly reference to the seventy-fourth anniversary of the birth of the present Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"I feel that when, as you have done, you have halted the business of the House to remember my seventy-fourth birthday, which is away beyond the average of life to man, that you do it in the kindness of your hearts, and that, however much you may be mistaken as to my capacity, you would not do it unless you recognized that I walk in the light of my best judgment as you walk in the light of your best judgment. I thank you."

Cleveland County for Progress and Victory.

A prominent Republican from Cleveland County, who was here on yesterday, said that the Republicans of his county held their county convention to elect delegates to the Congressional Convention on last Saturday, and that he found the people solidly in favor of re-organizing the State Committee and putting at its head men who were in favor of heading the party toward victory instead of running it as a close pie-counter cooperation.

He said they wanted a chairman who would work in harmony with Congressman Morehead to elect a Congressman in their District, and that everybody knew if the present machine bosses stayed at the head of the party that they would have an up-hill fight to elect a Republican Congressman in the Ninth District. On the other hand, he said, there is a general feeling that if they had for State Chairman a man who wanted to elect Congressmen and who had the capacity to lead the party that the Ninth District would be certain to elect a Republican Congressman this year.

The Fourth Congressional District

A prominent Republican from the

Fourth Congressional District, who

was here to-day, said that he hoped that the State Committee when it met would call an early State Convention. He further said that if the State Convention put men at the head of the State organization who would work in harmony with Congressman Morehead, that then they could get some one of their strong men in that District to agree to run for Congress, because then they would have more than a fighting chance to win; but he said if the State Convention was controlled by the pie-counter bosses, that then, so far as he was concerned, he was willing for them to nominate another little postmaster for Congress in the Fourth District, because every one would know that there would be no chance to win with the old crowd in charge.

GENERAL NEWS.

Over one thousand Chinese soldiers were killed by rebels in Lamas, western China.

Owing to the need of money, Italy at last proposes to tax church buildings, the value of which run into millions of dollars.

Atlanta had a musical carnival that broke all records for financial receipts. The world's greatest singers were present.

Many fights and small battles in Turkey indicate a movement to restore Abdul Hamid, who was deposed as Sultan a year ago.

Col. W. T. Brock, the Assistant Adjutant of South Carolina, has been suspended from office under charges of having misused State funds.

Four men were killed and several severely injured by the explosion of a steam valve on the United States Navy tug Cape Charles at Philadelphia.

P. F. Byrnes, for years the head of New York City police, died on Sunday last. He was perhaps the most famous criminal catcher in the country.

After forty-six years of service C. B. North, of Sellingsgrove, Pa., retires as cashier of local bank, the longest period known in this country for the same service.

Nord-Alexis, for years dictator of Haiti, and a cruel and despotic ruler of that country for years, died recently over ninety years old. He was a full-blooded negro.

The four negroes charged with having held up a street car and killing the conductor at Atlanta, also seriously wounding the motorman, have confessed. A speedy trial is expected.

An insane elephant having run amuck at a circus in Ohio, was captured and put to death by chains placed around its neck, being pulled by two of its mates. It was valued at \$15,000. It injured a number of people before being caught.

An Austrian army officer sent over one hundred packages to as many of his fellow officers containing a deadly poison, but labeled as medicine. One took it and died. He confessed, stating that it was his intention to thus pave the way to his rapid promotion.

The County Commissioners of a Nebraska county refused to allow Wm. J. Bryan to make a speech in the court-house, on the ground that he was speaking on a factional question on which the county was divided. Mr. Bryan took the refusal good naturedly.

Mrs. Hetty Green, celebrated for years as the richest and shrewdest business woman in the world, will soon retire from active business life and will turn over the handling of her immense fortune, estimated at \$50,000,000, to her daughter, Sylvia, now Mrs. Matthew Astor Wilkes.

Leonard Vice, a young man of New York, has just been released from a Brazilian jail after a confinement of three years. He was for a long time under death sentence for engaging in an expedition to overthrow the Brazilian government. The pleading of his mother aroused this nation to ask for clemency.

Mrs. C. B. Morse, wife of the convicted New York banker, now doing fifteen years in the Atlanta penitentiary, stood at the entrance to Congress and implored members to sign the petition for her husband's pardon. Many did so, a few refusing. The petition already has some hundreds of thousands of signers.

District Attorney Whitman issued more warrants for alleged white slavers, which is based upon the signed confession made after Harry Levenson was questioned by Whitman. Levenson is under bond as a slaver. Levenson told Whitman that the Cleary house of white slavery existed here to furnish girls to resorts throughout the United States.

Just in proportion as a man becomes good, divine, Christ-like, he passes out of the region of theorizing, of system-building, into the region of beneficent activities. It is well to think well; it is divine to act well.—Horace Mann.

KING EDWARD DEAD

Englands Beloved Ruler Victim of an Attack of Pneumonia.

GEORGE THE NEW KING

The Prince of Wales Automatically Became Ruler Upon the Death of His Father—The Body of King Will Probably Lie in State Until May 20th, at Which Time the Funeral Services Will be Held—The Late King Was a Great Friend to America—President Taft and ex-President Roosevelt Send Messages to the New Ruler.

London, May 7.—King Edward VII., who returned to England from a vacation ten days ago in the best of health, died at 11:45 o'clock last night (Friday) in the presence of his family after an illness of less than a week, which was serious hardly more than three days.

The Prince of Wales succeeded to the Crown immediately, according to the laws of the Kingdom, without official ceremony. His first official act was to dispatch to the Lord Mayor the announcement of his father's death, in pursuance of custom.

Pneumonia following bronchitis is believed to have been the cause of death. Some of the King's friends are convinced that worry over the critical political situation which confronted him, with sleepless nights, aggravated, if it did not cause, the fatal illness.

The Late King's Life.

He was born on November 9, 1841, the son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. Educated by private tutors, he later studied at Edinburgh, Oxford and Cambridge. A long period of travel followed, during which he went over Europe and the East. In 1860 he made a triumphal tour through the United States and Canada.

The Prince was married on March 10, 1862, to Princess Alexandra, oldest daughter of the Danish King, Christian IX. Six children were born, two of whom—the Duke of Clarence and Prince Alexander—died. The surviving children are George Frederick and Prince of Wales, who now becomes King; Princess Louise, who was married to the Duke of Fife; Princess Victoria Alexandra and Princess Maud Charlotte, who was married to Prince Carl, of Denmark, now King Haakon VII., of Norway.

Twice before ascending the throne Edward's life was despaired of. In 1871 he was so seriously ill with typhoid fever that for weeks his death was expected.

His coronation, originally set for June 26, 1902, and postponed until August 9th, on account of illness, was a pageant of almost unparalleled splendor.

His reign was a peaceful one after the conclusion of the Boer War, which was in progress when he became King. Several times the King's life has been in danger from anarchists or cranks.

The King was always a great traveler. He always exhibited a marked preference for the society of Americans.

The President Sends Condolences.

Washington, D. C., May 6.—President Taft, upon learning of the death of King Edward, wrote the following message of condolence to Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, which was cable to Buckingham Palace to-night:

"On the sad occasion of the death of King Edward, I offer to Your Majesty and to your son, his illustrious successor, the most profound sympathy of the people and of the Government of the United States, whose hearts go out to their British kinsmen in this their national bereavement. To this, I add the expression to Your Majesty and to the new King of my own personal sympathy, and of my appreciation of those high qualities which made the life of the late King so potent an influence toward peace and justice among the nations."

Col. Roosevelt's Tribute of Respect.

Stockholm, May 7.—Former President Roosevelt issued the following to-day:

"I am deeply grieved and know that all Americans will be deeply grieved at the death of his majesty, King Edward VII.

"We feel most profound sympathy for the British people in their loss. We in America keenly appreciate King Edward's personal good will toward us, which he so frequently and so markedly showed, and we are well aware of the devotion felt for him by his subjects throughout the British Empire, while foreign nations have learned to see in the King a ruler whose great abilities, and especially his tact, his judgment and his unflinching kindness of nature rendered him peculiarly fit to work for international peace and justice.

"Let me repeat, that I am sure that all American people feel at this time the deepest and most sincere sympathy for his family and his nation."

Mr. Roosevelt also sent a personal telegram to the Dowager Queen.

TAFT SPEAKS AT PASSAIC.

Declares That He is Entirely Satisfied With the Measure That Will Pass Congress—Reviews Pending Legislation.

Passaic, N. J., May 8.—In a speech in which he showed great feeling, and which was punctuated with applause before the Board of Trade here to-night, President Taft declared his perfect satisfaction with the new Railroad Bill. He declared that the bill would meet with the approval of the nation and be of great and immediate benefit.

The President also took occasion to refer to other bills now pending before Congress, which he declared would soon be enacted into laws: Statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

Postal savings banks. The so-called validating bill of the conservation measures. The publicity of campaign expenditures.

The railroad bill. The President was decidedly very hoarse, having contracted a severe cold. He was accompanied by a physician.

180 MINERS SHUT IN BY EXPLOSION.

It is Believed That They Are All Dead—Two Bodies Recovered.

Birmingham, Ala., May 5.—Forty-five white and 135 negro miners are entombed to-night in No. 3 coal mine at Palos, Ala., as the result of a terrific explosion that occurred to-day. It is believed that all are dead. The mines are owned by the Palos Coal and Coke Company, of Birmingham. Two bodies were found early to-night but it is thought that few can be recovered before morning.

The flames from the explosion shot two hundred feet into the air and the shock was felt for miles. Timbers were hurled several hundred feet from the mouth of the mine. Rocks from the roof caved in and made access difficult. The fan machinery was damaged but air is pumped into the mine to-night in the hope that some of the men are still alive.

ANOTHER MOCKING-BIRD SINGS.

In a Family Row, Edward Brown is Shot to Death by One of His Wife's Brothers.

Asheville, N. C., May 10.—Alleging that Edward Brown, whose sister he married, was shot and instantly killed to-day by Robert Holt. Holt claims that Brown, who is a married man, had improper relations with his sister. Holt was himself badly wounded, and with his brother and father, are now in the Madison County jail pending trial.

Waterway Treaty With Canada.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Secretary of State Knox and British Ambassador Bryce to-day exchanged ratifications of the international waterways treaty which relate to the use of waters on the 3,000 mile boundary between the United States and Canada.

The provisions of the treaty in effect, establishes a new tribunal of arbitration between this country and Canada by which questions of differences arising between them and which concern only the two countries may be settled by their own representatives without resort to outside intervention.

Terrible Death of Mother and Child.

Asheville, N. C., May 6.—News reached here to-day from Murphy of an explosion at the Evans quarry, six miles out, on Louisville and Nashville Railroad, yesterday afternoon, resulting in the instant death of Mrs. Charles Guthrie and an eight-year-old child. Guthrie's house is near the quarry and an over-loaded blast hurled a stone, crashing through the frail house's top. The Guthries had just finished a meal. Guthrie and one child escaped uninjured.

Democrats Refuse Primary.

Jackson, Miss., May 8.—The Democratic State Committee refused to call a primary to which it was proposed to submit the bribery charges against Senator Percy, who was to resign if the primaries went against him.

Fayetteville Chief-of-Police Shot.

Fayetteville, N. C., May 6.—While arresting a burglar who had entered the grocery store of W. G. Clark last night, Chief-of-Police J. McD. Monaghan, of this city, was shot through the arm and painfully wounded. The burglar was Will McMillan, a negro telegraph linesman.

Largest Wood-Working Plant in the State Destroyed by Fire.

Ramseur, May 4.—The plant of the Ramsey Furniture Company was almost entirely destroyed by a fire which started in the dry kiln this afternoon, entailing a loss of over \$80,000. The insurance was \$25,000.

Hester's Cotton Station Shows Big Shortage.

New Orleans, La., May 4.—Secretary Hester's New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement issued to-day shows the total for April was 451,403 against 612,201 last year.

HOUSE PASSES BILL

Railroad Bill Passes Without a Dissenting Republican Vote.

PRESIDENT IS GRATIFIED

One of the Chief Measures That Mr. Taft Wished Enacted at the Present Session of Congress—Fourteen Democrats Joined With the Majority in Passing the Measure—Provides for a Commerce Court and for the General Regulation of Railroads and Telephone Companies.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Without a single dissenting Republican vote the House to-day passed the railroad bill, one of the chief measures that President Taft wished enacted at the present session of Congress.

Not only did every Republican place himself on the side of the measure either by his vote or by being paired in its favor, but fourteen Democrats joined the majority to make the total vote in favor of the measure 200 to 126. President Taft to-night said he was deeply gratified over the passage of the measure. He was especially pleased with the commerce court feature which the commerce bill, for he regards this court as probably the most important forward step in the proposed law.

As to the amendments and additional provisions added in the House the President said he did not feel that this was the time to discuss them nor that he was fully enough acquainted with the changes to discuss them. Referring to the clause providing for the physical valuation of railroads, Mr. Taft pointed out that the power practically now rests with the Interstate Commerce Commission and that the difficulty in carrying out such a plan always has been found in the enormous cost of undertaking.

When all the amendments adopted by the House while in committee of the whole had been agreed to, Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, senior Democratic member of the minority on the committee reporting the bill, moved to recommit it to the committee with instructions that it be reported back with the commerce court clause stricken out. This motion was defeated 157 to 176.

The bill makes many changes in the existing law that, if accepted by the Senate, will greatly affect interstate commerce. The court of commerce is created to adjudicate cases on appeal from the Interstate Commerce Commission. It is provided that this court shall be organized by the justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, future appointments to membership on the court to be made by them.

Stock and bond issues of railroads are controlled by the bill. Under this clause a railroad before issuing any additional stock, must obtain an order from the Commission which must, among other things, fix the price at which the securities of the road may be sold. A similar provision is carried in respect to railroads which are organized through the courts. A provision is made that upon the re-organization of railroad through court proceedings stocks and bonds can not be issued for more than a fair value of the property.

The long and short haul clause of the measure provides that a railroad cannot, without first gaining permission, charge more for a short than a long haul over the same line.

The Interstate Commerce Commission also is given authority whenever a new rate is proposed to suspend the taking effect of that rate for a period of four months so that the Commission shall have an opportunity to consider its reasonableness.

As amended, the bill proposes to bring the telephone and telegraph companies under the control of the Interstate Commerce Commission. It provides for the valuation of railroad property as an aid to the Commission in the consideration of railroad rates.

The bill gives the Commission authority over classification regulations and practices of railroads, authority at the present time being limited to rates and matters affecting rates.

Under its terms a railroad company must quote a freight rate accurately upon demand of a shipper. The Commission itself is authorized to establish through routes by combining different railroad systems at its discretion, whereas under the present law it cannot make a new through route if such a route is already established.

Severe penalties are provided against shippers who, through false claims for damages or loss of property, obtain secret rebates.

An earthquake shock whose main disturbance extended from 6:47 p. m. until 7:03 Friday night, and whose vibrations ran north and south was registered on the seismograph at St. Ignace College at Cleveland, O. The college authorities estimate the shock to have occurred at a distance of 4,000 miles.