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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Monday will probably close the drama of the Legislature.

North Carolina needs more industries and fewer politicians.

Mr. Bryan's long silence is probably the calm before the storm.

The pay stops Saturday, and the Legislature will adjourn very soon thereafter.

If this Legislature is not being by the trusts, then they should take down the sign.

As a matter of fact, did you think that anti-cigarette bill would pass this Legislature?

Champ Clark jumped from his party platform again when he advocated annexing Canada.

Democratic "harmony" in New York reminds one of the Wake County brand before the last primary.

If the Legislature knows just where it is, at this stage of the game, it knows a great deal more than any outsider.

Senator Boyden said Saturday that prohibition is a farce. And still he hasn't been read out of the Democratic party.

The Democratic members of the Legislature forgot their campaign pledges when considering the anti-trust bill this week.

Mr. Koonce would not even go to the trouble to introduce an anti-trust law at this session. He had some experience two years ago.

The authorities in Vienna, Austria, have prohibited hand kissing. Probably the Austrians will now learn the only real way.

Senator Baggett introduced his bill probably thinking his party really wanted to pass an anti-trust law—but now he knows better.

If the trusts haven't a mortgage on the Democratic party in this State, then the party should do something to throw off the suspicion.

The Legislative Committee has investigated the penitentiary management, but said nothing about finding any large surplus on hand.

Speaker Champ Clark should be furnished with a muleomobile. These differ from the other machines, as they work backwards.

The proposed Democratic primary law is intended to make everybody vote the Democratic ticket. But if passed, it may prove a flare-back.

Col. Henry Watterson is still abroad. Probably waiting for the Democrats to revise the tariff so he can bring back a new idea free of duty.

The only reason the Legislature has not created more offices and increased more salaries was due to the fact that they could not find the money.

Senator Baggett's bill to prohibit public drunkenness was killed in the Senate. The idea of public drunkenness under a Democratic prohibition law!

The new Wake Democrats were so anxious for jobs for the faithful that they legislated one man out of a job in order that two other jobs might be created.

Doctor Cook says he lost money on his Arctic explorations. And others have lost money on Dr. Cook to hear him explain how he didn't discover the pole.

A scientist says that poverty will soon be a by-gone dream. Then he certainly doesn't expect the Democrats to ever get full control of our National Government.

In the House one night last week a Democratic member made an impassioned speech favoring the passing of a proposed measure, and then took his seat and voted against the bill. But isn't that just like a Democrat?

DEMOCRATS DEFEAT IT

These Votes Killed Amendment to Elect Senators by direct Vote.

MASSACHUSETTS FARMERS

Oppose the Canadian Reciprocity Measure—Getting What They Voted For, But Now Sorry They Voted the Democratic Ticket—Trying to Get a Vote on All Important Measures and Thus Avoid a Special Session of Congress—Has Agreement Reached?

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28, 1911.—Late this evening there was a report around the Capitol that a tentative agreement had been reached between Democrats, Republicans, insurgent Democrats and regular Democrats, stand-pat Republicans and progressive Republicans to try to avoid an extra session. The rumor was to the effect that every appropriation bill would be passed and a vote would be taken on all of the important contested questions over which there has been filibustering and threats of an extra session, including a provision for a permanent tariff board, the vote on Senator Lorimer's right to a seat in the Senate, and a vote on the President's Canadian reciprocity treaty.

Notice of a Filibuster.

Certain Senators, including Senator Bailey, of Texas, yesterday served notice on the Senate that no appropriation bills would be passed until a vote was taken on whether or not Senator Lorimer was entitled to a seat. It is said that if the Lorimer question goes over to an extra session of Congress, or to the next regular session, that at least 10 or 11 Senators who would now vote for him will not be in the next Senate, and the chances are that their successors might vote the other way.

Therefore, all of the friends of Senator Lorimer are exerting every parliamentary tactic known by filibustering and otherwise to try to force a vote on Lorimer's right to a seat before the end of the present session. It is thought that he would have a majority if the vote is taken now. On the other hand, it should be said that this rumor, while coming from apparently reliable sources, has been strongly and vigorously denied from other sources that should be equally well informed.

Therefore, at this writing, it is not possible to do more than give the rumors for what they are worth.

Democrats Defeat Election of Senators by the People.

To-day a vote was reached in the Senate on the resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of United States Senators by the people. The resolution which requires, under the Constitution, a two-thirds vote to make it effective as a proposed amendment to the Constitution, fell short four votes of receiving that number. A majority of the votes cast in favor of the resolution was by Republicans. The Democratic party, in its National platform, declared in favor of such an amendment to the Constitution, and yet nine Democratic Senators voted against the resolution to-day, thus defeating it. The nine Democratic Senators voting against the resolution are as follows: Bacon, Bankhead, Fletcher, Foster, Johnston, Money, Percy, Taliaferro, and Tillman.

Thus another Democratic pledge goes to the trash-heap of broken promises, when the Democrats had it within their power to pass the amendment by five majority.

The increasing sentiment in favor of electing Senators by the people has been of remarkable growth. This is the first time in the history of the Senate that such a proposition has ever had a favorable report from a committee, and it is certainly the first time that the proposition could have ever received any substantial support in the Senate. And yet, when the proposition to which the Democratic party has been pledged comes to a vote, a majority of the votes cast in favor of it are the Republican Senators, and it is defeated by the votes of Democratic Senators.

Getting What They Voted For.

A few days ago when the reciprocity treaty was being considered by the Senate Finance Committee, a number of people in different parts of the country appeared before the committee both favoring and opposing the treaty.

When the President of the Farmers' State Grange of Massachusetts was making a statement before the Senate Finance Committee, in opposition to the treaty, he said:

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MARION BUTLER'S RALEIGH SPEECH

Greeted by a Tremendous Audience Where He Exposes and Denounces Simmons, Daniels and Others.

LYING, GOWARDLY SLANDERERS RAN

He Produces Proof Conclusive to Show That He is not Now and Never Has Had Any Connection, Either Directly or Indirectly, With Fraudulent Carpetbag Bonds—He Shows That These Bonds Were Conceived and Engineered by a Conspiracy of Leading Democrats, and That They Looted the State, and Not the Republicans—He Exposed the Miserable Record of Hypocrisy of Simmons, Daniels, Overman and Others—He Proved That Senator Vance Had Denounced Simmons as Being an Unscrupulous Politician and a Man Unworthy of the Confidence of the People of the State—He Showed How Daniels, With Baseless Ingratitude, Had Hounded to His Death a Man Who Had Befriended Him and His Widowed Mother, and Also How He Betrayed and Misrepresented Senator Vance to His Grave—The Speaker Was Given a Warm Welcome When He Entered the Hall, Was Frequently Interrupted by Vociferous Applause, and Was Given an Ovation at the End of His Speech.

(Continued from last week.)

Simmons' Two Bug-a-Boos.

"While the editor of the Raleigh News and Observer was carrying out his part of this conspiracy in a campaign of abuse and slander through the columns of his paper, Senator Simmons takes the lead to assist in the conspiracy on the stump.

"Mr. Simmons, in his first speech, and in each speech thereafter, has definitely stated the Democratic issue and position in this campaign as being confined to two great questions. He says that Republican success would threaten the State with two great evils that would overshadow all other questions, namely:

"(1) The repeal or annulment of the suffrage amendment adopted in 1900.

"(2) The collection from the State of the repudiated fraudulent carpetbag bonds issued by a Republican Legislature.

"Senator Simmons has not dared to go into details as to just how and in what way a Republican Legislature and a Republican Supreme Court could be instrumental in doing either one or both of the things which he charges, even if they desired. He has refrained from going into details because he knows that they can be answered and ridiculed out of existence. He dares not meet me or any other Republican speaker on the stump, for he knows that if we met him in joint discussion that we would challenge and force him to point out to the people how what he says is a threatening danger could ever occur, or force him to shut up and leave the stump.

"Mr. Simmons contents himself with raising these two bug-a-boos and using many strong adjectives in trying to picture a great danger and arouse the fears of the people, and then devotes the remainder of his speech to personal abuse and personal slander.

Simmons Has Run From a Joint Discussion Before.

"This is not the first time that Senator Simmons, knowing the weakness of his cause and the falseness of his so-called arguments, has run from a joint discussion.

"In 1894, just sixteen years ago, when I was chairman of the People's Party State Committee, and Mr. Holton was chairman of the Republican State Committee, and we were conducting the joint campaign, for honest elections and a non-partisan judiciary and other great reforms, which were that year endorsed by the people by a large majority, Mr. Simmons became frightened at the political outlook and bounded into the ring and challenged me for a joint discussion. We met at Grantham's Store, in Wayne County, which was at that time one of the strongest Democratic sections of the county or State. There was a very large gathering of people from far and wide, a majority of them, of course, being Democrats. After that discussion was over, it was the general verdict that Mr. Simmons not only got more than he asked for, but that he looked like thirty cents. (Applause.)

"From that day to this, in every campaign, I have challenged him for a joint discussion, but never have I been able to get him to again face the people on the stump in a joint discussion.

"In 1900, when he was chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, I formally challenged him and his party by letter, for a joint discussion in that campaign. He then declined, as he declines now, and then gave false reasons for declining, as he gives false reasons now. I replied to the false reasons given in his letter of declination in that campaign in a letter, in which I said that he not only knew that he could not maintain

his position and answer our arguments on the stump, but that his greatest fear was that a joint discussion would bring out a large concourse of people, many of them Democrats, and that he knew that the honest rank and file of the Democratic party would not long follow his leadership if once they knew the record and the facts.

"He remembered that joint discussion in Grantham's Township in 1894, the result of which was that township and county went against the Democratic party.

As to the Repeal or Annulment of the Suffrage Amendment.

"When Mr. Simmons charges that if a Republican Legislature and a Republican Supreme Court is elected, that the suffrage amendment will be repealed by the Legislature or decided unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court, he knows that he is making a charge that is absolutely without foundation and impossible of accomplishment. He knows that if there was ever any chance for the constitutional amendment to be declared void, it was during the first eight years after the adoption of that amendment, during which time the grandfather clause was in operation, and that if the amendment was unconstitutional it would be on account of that grandfather provision. He knows that to-day the eight years is past, and that now the suffrage amendment applies to both races alike.

"He knows, and everybody in the State knows, that if the Republican party, or any member of the Republican party, had ever desired or intended to attack the constitutionality of that amendment in the courts, that it would have been done during those eight years. He knows that to-day, and from now on, the only chance to ever change that constitutional amendment, no matter what Legislature or what court might desire to change it, would be by submitting the question to the vote of the people of the State through a constitutional amendment.

"Mr. Simmons knows, as the people of the State know, that since the adoption of that suffrage amendment that the Republican party in North Carolina has gained over fifty thousand recruits from the Democratic party, and that these recruits will continue to come as long as Mr. Simmons and his party machine can no longer frighten the people with the cry of 'negro domination.' Therefore, he knows that the Republican party will not to-day, even if it could, give to Mr. Simmons an opportunity to again raise the race cry as the overshadowing issue in order to prevent the people from considering and voting on the great live economic issues of to-day, the discussion and consideration of which are each year taking thousands and thousands of intelligent patriotic voters out of the Democratic party and lining them up solidly in the Republican party.

As to the Collection of the Carpet-Bag Bonds.

"Mr. Simmons knows, and the people of the State know, that the Constitution of North Carolina, by Section 6 Article I, expressly prohibits the collection of any tax to be applied, directly or indirectly, upon their payment. He knows that under the Constitution there would be no more power in a Republican Legislature to pay the carpet-bag bonds than there would be in a Democratic Legislature to pay the bonds of the Southern Confederacy.

"In order to try to give some plausibility to this false and baseless charge, manufactured to try to frighten the people, he has ventured to

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WITH THE LAWMAKERS

Committee Turns Down Baggett Anti-Trust Bill.

TORRENS BILL IS KILLED

Legislators Kill the Bill After Intimating That They Would Pass It—Baggett Gets His Bill Back on Calendar, but Can't Get a Vote on It—Bill for Free Text-Books for Sampson County—Very Few Important Matters Yet Acted On.

The Senate Thursday voted to increase the expense allowance of superior Court judges from \$250 to \$750 in addition to the \$3,250 salaries and also to increase the salaries of the Supreme Court Justices to \$4,000 instead of \$3,500.

The bill to extend State aid to the Daughters of the Confederacy was reported unfavorably.

The bill to amend the pension law of North Carolina increasing the pensions from \$450,000 to \$704,000 annually was taken up as a special order and after a debate lasting nearly two hours the bill passed second reading without a dissenting vote.

At a night session a bill to establish a free ferry across Cape Fear River at Wilmington, and to regulate the catching of clams in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties was passed and went to the House.

The House Committee on Penal Institutions decided to report favorably the bill to appropriate \$5,000 for the establishment of a reformatory and training school for negroes to be located near Charlotte.

Senator Hobgood's bill for a State primary law for both political parties was reported without prejudice from the Senate Committee on Election Laws.

The committee reported favorably on the bills to make the pay of the Supreme Court reporter \$1,500 and the Supreme Court Justices, \$4,500. The revenue bill was considered at some length. An effort to increase the tax on cigarette dealers failed. Confederate soldiers are allowed to peddle eye-glasses. The tax on piano agents was reduced from \$100 to \$50.

The Democrats of the joint committees on congressional appointments decided to transfer Catawba County from the ninth to eighth district and Wilkes from the eighth to the seventh. Hoke County was placed in the seventh and Avery County in the ninth. There was a heated discussion over the changes.

House—Friday.

The following bills were introduced:

Dowd: To consolidate the Departments of Agriculture and the A. & M. College.

Mr. Dowd claimed that much work was duplicated by the College and the Agricultural Department. That it would not require as large force and some work could be done cheaper. He said the bill was favored by Mr. Alexander, President of the Farmers' Union in this State.

Wooten: To provide for intermediate sentence for persons convicted of crime.

Quickel: To apportion the members of the House from the various counties of the State.

The report was received by the clerk. The counties of Guilford, Wake and Mecklenburg were given three members each.

Roberts: To divide the State into ten Congressional districts.

A Message From the Governor.

A message was received from Governor Kitchen recommending the creation of a commission to visit San Francisco, and look out for the State in connection with the Panama Canal Exposition.

The 60-hour labor bill was discussed at the night session in the Senate, but no vote was taken on account of absent Senators who desired to be heard on the measure.

In the Senate.

The Torren's land title bill was given another hearing in the Senate and was again postponed to a later day.

S. B. 1161, by Mr. Bassett: To provide a uniform law as to bills of lading. Committee on Judiciary.

S. B. 1178, by Mr. Hobgood: To create two additional judicial districts. Committee on Judiciary.

The bill to establish North Carolina school for feeble-minded. Passed with an amendment.

Senator Hobgood introduced a bill creating two new judicial districts and asked that it be placed on the calendar.

\$250,000 Bond Issue.

The Senate bill for a \$500,000 (Continued on Page 3.)

SENATE SEATS LORDER.

Vote Taken Yesterday Afternoon—Simmons Voted for Lorimer and Overman Against Him.

A special telegram to The Caucasian last night says: The United States Senate this afternoon voted to seat Senator Lorimer. Simmons voted to seat the Illinois Senator, and Overman voted against seating him. Charges had been preferred against Lorimer, charging that he had secured his election by bribery. This case had been before the Senate all the session and had been hotly contested.

McCUMBER ON CANADIAN BILL.

Farmers Who Voted Democratic Ticket Voted for Cheaper Prices for Their Products.

Responsibility for the conditions with which they are now confronted was charged in part to the farmers themselves by Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, in his speech against the McCall bill in the U. S. Senate Saturday, which bill puts into form for enactment into law the provisions of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

Holding that the ratification of the agreement would spell disaster for the agricultural interest, Mr. McCumber referred to the sectionalism that developed in the tariff situation, and the desire of one part of the country to have its own products protected while those of another part should be made to compete with the free goods brought in from abroad. "Under these conditions," he said, "they allowed protection on food products and thereby increased the cost of living. Out of this turmoil a new political creed was born, and the hero of each locality was he who cried 'Protection on everything that we produce and free trade on everything the rest of the country produces.' This is Fossism of the present day."

The President, said Mr. McCumber, should not be censured for his advocacy of the reciprocity agreement. The farmers had shown by their votes last fall that they had not wanted to return the representatives who defended their interests in the tariff legislation, and that meant that the farmers did not care whether they were protected or not.

EIGHT INDIANS KILLED IN BATTLE.

Nevada Police Officers Fight Running Battle With Shoshone Indians Suspected of Murdering Four Ranchers—One Policeman Killed.

Reno, Nev., Feb. 27.—In a terrific running battle between a band of Shoshone Indians who were being pursued by a squad of State police officers because they were believed to have murdered four stockmen recently, eight of the Indians and Ed Hoffe, a member of the police force, were shot and killed yesterday at Kelly Creek, Humboldt County, 25 miles north of Golconda. The battle raged for three hours and only ended when four bucks, two squaws, two children and one officer were killed and one young squaw and three children were captured.

When Captain J. P. Donnelly and his force of police officers approached, the Indians started their regular war dance and then opened the fight. Some of them were wounded in a running skirmish which extended over a mile. The remaining Indians hid in the brush and continued to fight.

The police had been in pursuit of the band of twelve Indians for several days, believing that they were the murderers of four stockmen, whose bodies were found about ten days ago in a desolate canyon on the eastern slopes of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

ORGANIZING TO FIGHT MURPHY.

Large Fund Being Raised to Depose Tammany Chief.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Maurice Minton, hailed by the faithful as the real boss and father of the insurgent movement, to-day announced that \$200,000 had been collected to defray the expenses of preliminary organization in a fight to oust Charles F. Murphy from the leadership of New York County.

He declared to-day that he did not believe that Sheehan would ever withdraw from the fight and that his purpose of holding on when he knows there is no chance of victory is to insure the election of a Republican Senator next year.

"Sheehan is wanted in Washington," said Minton, "as an agent of the interests, not only in the Senate, but in the departments. The men who are backing him know that he cannot be elected, but if they can't have him they would rather have a Republican than any Democrat who can be elected."