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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

And Progressive Democrats would be another new brand.

They have reduced the size of ladies' hats but the price remains the same.

The extra session of Congress will meet Tuesday and some predict it will last until "dog days."

When those progressive Democrats try to re-organize within the party something is going to burst.

Dr. Cook talks about "the dogs of the editorial chairs." Dr. Cook is probably fishing for more compliments from the editors.

Tammany doesn't seem to be able to elect a United States Senator in New York, and still will not allow any one else to elect one.

If Justice and Daniels form a new Democratic party probably one of them will run for Governor and the other for the United States Senate.

This war fever seems to be contagious. Since Wilmington couldn't go to the Mexican border, it has decided to declare war on the mosquito.

A writer in the Charlotte Observer says that Senator Bailey preaches free trade and practices protection. But haven't the other Democratic Senators been just as inconsistent?

If Tammany Hall can't have Sheehan elected Senator they might nominate him for President next time. He could be as easily beaten as any one else.

If the Democratic Senatorial contest gets much warmer the mocking-bird will again have to seek the tall timbers.

A New England woman boasts that though she is worth a fortune she has not bought a hat in forty years. That is probably why she still has her fortune.

The Democrats are so anxious to get hold of the money that they have decided the people must give in their taxes a month earlier.

The New York Evening Post wants to know if Mayor Gaynor is a Democrat. Can't tell you, since it has not yet been decided what is a Democrat.

The extra session of Congress will convene Tuesday, but the Democrats will have to rebash their campaign speeches before they can get down to business.

Buffalo Bill, the circus man, wants to go to the United States Senate. If he lands he can engage Jeffries, Davis and Tillman and continue his three ring circus.

A Washington dispatch says that a New Jersey woman has lost her teeth in the mails. She is now in a position to sympathize with the North Carolina anti-trust law.

The Baltimore Sun refers to the leaders of the Democratic machine in that city as political pirates. Political conditions must be almost as bad in Baltimore as they are in North Carolina.

A Boston paper says that "Peerless" Bryan spoke for two hours in that town a few nights ago and during the whole time he never hesitated for a word. That Boston paper probably didn't know that talking is Bryan's long suit.

It must be that Senator Tillman wishes his party to commit suicide. He says he hopes the Democrats will tackle the tariff as whole, not in spots, but adds that every party that has tried to revise the tariff has gotten it in the neck.

Ex-Speaker Justice says that some "evidently belong to the Democratic party in order that they may confuse its counsels and pervert its aims." And in passing it might be said that the class to which he refers now seem to have the party by the neck with a down-hill pull.

INSURGENT DEMOCRATS

Much Interest in Washington Over Movement to Overthrow Simmons and Kitchin.

DEMOCRATIC PIE HUNTERS

Now Camping in Washington Waiting for the Distribution of Pie by the House Committee—Much Dissatisfaction Among the Democratic Leaders Over the Chairmanships of the Various Committees—A Division of Opinion Over Tariff Matters—Mexican Situation a Much Discussed Question in Washington.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., March 29, 1911.—The newly-elected Democratic Congressmen have been arriving here for more than a week, and, indeed, nearly all of them are already on the scene for the extra session. The Senators and the older members of the House are slower in coming. The fight over committee places in the House has kept quite a number of the most prominent Democrats, who feel that they are entitled to committee chairmanships, on the spot continuously.

It is rumored that there is much growing dissatisfaction among leading Democratic members of the House over the unsatisfactory information which they are receiving about their chances for prominent positions. There was a rumor to-day that there might be a fight started in a Democratic caucus to overthrow the report made by the committee on committees of the new Democratic House. It is stated this evening that there will be a Democratic caucus held on Saturday night to pass on what will be done as to the committees, etc.

A Great Rush by Democratic Pie-Hunters.

It is reported that the town is filling up with a small army of hungry Democratic politicians from one end of the country to the other seeking for jobs of various sizes to be given out by the new Democratic House. It is estimated that there are already in town at least twenty applicants for every place.

The Democratic Legislative Program.

There is still much speculation as to what legislative program the Democratic House will adopt. One element is in favor of taking up the revision of the tariff on general lines, and making a fight for political advantage and staying here, if necessary, all summer.

Another element is in favor of taking up the reciprocity measure, with some possible amendments attached thereto, and letting general revision of the tariff go over to their regular session.

Another element is in favor of going into the tariff reform business as to a few important schedules, including cotton, woolen and steel schedules, and letting all others go over to the regular session.

These divisions of sentiment represents several more or less important groups. In addition, there are individual sentiments, more or less different from these positions, from a large number of representatives. At this writing it is not possible to forecast just what policies will be adopted.

The Mexican Situation.

There is much discussion in the hotel lobbies and around the capitol over the more or less critical situation as to the future government of Mexico. The Democrats generally declare that they are in favor of investigating conditions and to challenge the right of the Government in sending down troops and threatening intervention.

Some Democrats charge that Wall Street is behind the sending of troops into the Mexican borders. There are others who charge that still another element of Wall Street is behind the rebels in Mexico. There is, of course, always talk that Japan or some foreign country was also interfering in the situation which caused our Government to take such prompt and vigorous action.

It is proper to state, however, that the general sentiment of the most conservative and best informed members of all parties is that the President has acted with due consideration and with just cause, and will be vindicated when all the facts are known by the Democratic House as well as by the Republican Senate.

The Democratic Insurgent Movement in North Carolina.

No little interest has been developed here by the information that there is being organized by somebody what is called a "progressive" (Continued on Page 5.)

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 Carpathag 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.)

Locke Craig Also Gets Jealous.

"Another Democratic politician, who has been a standing candidate for every office in sight and out of sight, and who is reported now to be especially hungry for again try his chances for Governor of the State—Mr. Locke Craig, of Asheville,—has also become jealous of the leadership of Mr. Daniels and Mr. Simmons. As the campaign has progressed, it is noticeable that he has tried each day to deal in more dirt and personal abuse, in order to attract attention to himself and to get, if possible, in the class of those two low grade hybrids, Simmons and Daniels. For some days he contented himself by repeating, parrot-like, the base and slanderous charges and the low abuse which those two men had originated, but within the last few days, judging from the reports of the newspapers, he has tried, like Mr. Overman, to out-herod Herod.

"He is reported in the Democratic press not only to have repeated all of the false and lying charges about 'Butler and Bonds,' but to have gone even a step further and denounced me as being not a citizen of the State, but as an outsider, who dared to come in and dictate to the people, and also as having referred to me as not a North Carolina citizen but as a cheap common Washington lobbyist.

Mr. Craig as a Hired Lobbyist.

"To this young, small-sized, itching politician I want to say, that it comes with extremely poor grace from him to refer to me, or to anybody else, as a cheap hired lobbyist even if the charge were true. Within the last few weeks, the newspapers have published the account of a suit which this man Craig has instituted against certain people, attempting to recover a fee which he claims they offered to pay him for lobbying in Washington last winter and spring. The defense, I understand, will be that they did offer to pay Mr. Craig a lobbying fee, but that he turned out to be so worthless, even as a lobbyist, that he did not earn the fee promised. The suit is for a fee for lobbying during the fight over the tariff bill in Congress.

"While Mr. Locke Craig was in Washington as a self-confessed hired lobbyist (and who is now suing for the fee which it is said he did not earn), I was also there, and if I did any lobbying it was for the benefit of the people of my State, and I did it without charge of any kind to any one. More than one person from North Carolina, who were interested in schedules in that bill that affected the welfare of the people of North Carolina, came to my office for consultation and advice and help. Every one who came from the State interested in any schedule that protected the capital or labor of North Carolina, got the benefit of my advice and assistance free of charge. (Loud applause.)

Butler Has Always Given His Assistance to His Fellow-Citizens Free of Charge.

"Fellow-citizens, since this question has been raised, I want to take this opportunity to say that no North Carolinian, either while I was in the Senate or since, has ever appealed to me to help him in the State or in any matter in Washington or elsewhere, that I have not freely given him my time, advice and assistance, and done so without the charge of a single cent. When I am in my office in Washington, hardly a week passes—often a day does not pass—that some one from the State does not write me or come in person and appeal to me to help about some matter in the interest of the State or the people.

"One will want a free rural delivery route established. Another will want a site in his town selected for a public building. Another will want a bank in his town made a Government depository. Indeed, requests of every conceivable kind come to me day after day and week after week. I have responded to all of these requests where the cause seemed to me just and proper. I have been tendered a fee in hundreds of such cases, but never yet have I accepted a dollar for such services.

"More than once I have been approached by two sets of attorneys from one town where there was a rivalry over the site for a public building, each side offering to employ me as attorney to assist them. In every such case I have looked into the facts. First, which site is most convenient for the Government service, and most convenient for the citizens of the town. When that question was once settled to my satisfaction, then I would offer to help that side and oppose the other. I would not be employed in such a case on a side I thought was not right, and on the side which I thought was right whatever my influence and efforts are worth have always been gladly given, and free of charge. I challenge any man in North Carolina, from mountains to the sea, to point his finger to a single case where I ever lobbied for him or against and charged a fee. And yet this man Craig, this self-confessed lobbyist, who is now suing for a fee that they say he did not deserve, dares to refer to me as a common hired lobbyist. (Loud applause.) I brand the charge as false and denounce the author of it as willfully making a false and base charge. As to the Charge That I Am Not a Citizen of the State.

"The false, cowardly and insidious charge that I am not a citizen of the State, that I am an outsider, and that I am daring to come into the State to dictate to the people how they shall vote, is being circulated, I am informed, quietly by many of the county and township Democratic politicians from one end of the State to the other. Only recently my attention has been called to the fact that the authors of this dirty campaign have stooped low enough to give orders to their local henchmen to industriously and insidiously circulate this story among the voters in their respective precincts.

"Fellow-citizens, what are the facts? I pay more taxes in North Carolina to-day than a single one of the cowardly hounds who are barking behind my back and dare not face me on the stump. I am not a leech on society like many of them are. I am, on the other hand, a wealth-producer. I am helping each year and each month to create a part of the wealth that has made this a great and rich State, and which has made this the greatest and richest country in the world. I am trying, and I am succeeding, in making 'two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.' I raise more cotton, more corn, more peas, more hay, more fruit, more cattle and hogs, and sheep, than any one of the lying dastardly cowards who are slandering me behind my back." (Great applause.)

Why They Want to Crush Butler.

"Fellow-citizens, this vicious and unscrupulous personal attack upon me is nothing new. The Democratic ring is not abusing and lying on me simply because to-day I am associated with the Republican party. They began this attack as soon as I first appeared in public life in North Carolina, and while I was a Democrat, in which party I was born and my ancestor (Continued on page 3.)

A HORRIBLE DISASTER

One Hundred and Fifty Perish in New York Factory Fire.

MANY JUMPED TO DEATH

Panic-Stricken Girls Leap From Eleventh Story to Instant Death—Building Not Provided With Fire Escapes—Elevator Shaft Clogged—Worst Fire in New York Since the Steamship General Slocum Was Burned in 1904.

New York, March 25.—One hundred and fifty souls—nine-tenths of them girls from the East Side—were crushed to death on the pavements, smothered by smoke, or strived crisp this afternoon in the worst fire New York has known since the steamship Slocum was burned to the water's edge off North Brothers Island in 1904.

Nearly all, if not all, of the victims were employed by the Triangle Shirtwaist Company on the eighth, ninth and tenth floors of a ten-story loft building at 23 Washington place, on the western fringe of the downtown wholesale clothing, fur and millinery district. The partners of the firm, Isaac Harris and Max Blanch, escaped unscathed from the office on the tenth floor, carrying with the over an adjoining roof Blanch's two young daughters and a governess. There was not an outside fire escape on the building.

How the fire started will perhaps never be known. A corner on the eighth floor was its point of origin and the three upper floors only were swept. On the ninth floor fifty bodies were found; sixty-three or more persons were crushed to death by jumping and more than thirty clogged the elevator shafts. The loss to property will not exceed \$100,000.

Pedestrians going home through Washington Place to Washington Square at ten minutes to 5 o'clock, were scattered by the whiz of something rushing through the air before them; there was a horrible flop on the pavement and a body flattened on the flags. Wayfarers on the opposite side of the street shaded their eyes against the setting sun and saw the windows of the three upper floors of the building black with girls crowding to the sills. There were no fire-escapes.

"Don't jump! Don't jump!" yelled the crowd. But the girls had no alternative. The pressure of the maddened hundreds behind them and the urging of their own fears were too strong. They began to drop to the sidewalk in a terrible rain of flesh and blood.

Four alarms were rung within fifteen minutes. Before the engines could respond, before the nets could be stretched or the ladders raised, five girls had fallen from the eighth and ninth floors so heavily that they broke through the glass and iron roofs of the sub-cellars and crashed through the very streets into the vaults below. In an hour the fire was out; in half an hour it had done its worst; probably the death list was full in twenty minutes.

Seven hundred hands, 500 of them women, were employed by the shirtwaist company. They sat in rows at their whirring machines, the tables before them piled with flimsy cloth, the floors littered with lint, the air itself full of flying, inflammable dust, an explosion. Operators died in their chairs, their lungs seared by inhaling flame. Others were crowded into the elevator shafts after the cars had made their last trip. Still others were pushed off in the inadequate interior fire-escape.

In such a horrible stream did the bodies overthrow from the windows that the fire nets, stretched by the first companies to arrive, were soon gorged beyond capacity. Twelve bodies weighed one net to the bursting point, but the bodies kept on thumping to the pavement through meshes that could no longer support them.

"Jimmie" Lehan, a traffic squad policeman, dashed up eight flights of stairs when the fire was at its height, braced his shoulders against a barred door and burst it in. He found a score of girls mad with fright. He ordered them down the smoked-filled stairways but they balked. He used his club and beat them down to safety. Not one of the number perished.

Big Steamship Line to Operate Between New Orleans and Brazil.

New Orleans, La., May 27.—Brazil has tentatively agreed to co-operate with New Orleans and other Mississippi Valley cities in establishing a \$3,000,000 steamship line between this port and Brazil. The South American government will send a representative to this city to investigate the feasibility of the project.

N. Y. STATE CAPITOL BURNED

Three Wings of the Building Destroyed Including Library—Loss More Than \$7,000,000—No Insurance on the Building or Records—Legislature May Take Indefinite Recess.

Albany, N. Y., March 25.—Fire swept the \$24,000,000 State Capitol building early to-day destroying the three wings, containing the Senate, assembly and State Libraries with their records, doing damage estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000 and probably causing the death of night-watchman Samuel Abbott, who is missing.

The fire started at 2.30 a. m. in a room on the third floor, and was swept by a high wind across intervening courts to the old wings.

At 8 o'clock the fire was still burning in the west wing but the firemen had it under control. The Legislature may take an indefinite recess.

TORNADO DOES DAMAGE

Two Men Killed and Twenty Injured in Alabama—Storm Does Much Damage in Pennsylvania—Blizzard at Washington, Pa.

Monroeville, Ala., March 27.—Two men were killed and 20 persons were injured by a tornado which swept through this part of the State yesterday evening. At Jones' Mill, Stephen Byrd and Alexander McCroy, farmers, were killed and 15 persons more or less seriously hurt. Several buildings were blown down and a number of persons injured at Excel. At Manisto, Ala., Dr. E. M. Harper and Miss Alice Lambert were badly hurt.

Blizzard Sweeps Washington, Pa.

Washington, Pa., March 27.—A blizzard swept Washington County to-day and to-night and the thermometer dropped 30 degrees in eight hours. Sixty oil derricks at McDonald were leveled, causing a loss of \$25,000. Oil operators announce that the wrecked structures will be replaced with steel ones. At Waynesburg tombstones were picked up by the wind and carried from a cemetery into a road some distance away.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—A severe electrical storm, accompanied by a high wind which at times blew with cyclonic force, swept over the Northern section of this city shortly after 6 o'clock to-night leaving destruction and death in its wake.

The police station at Tacony was demolished. The evening squad of policemen were preparing to leave for their beats when the roof of the building was blown off and every window broken by a sudden burst of wind. Many houses in this section were unroofed or completely demolished.

In the manufacturing district of Kensington several factories were destroyed, while numerous buildings lost their roofs.

THREE STOCK BROKERS ARRESTED.

Placed in Jail on Charge of Using the Mails to Sell Worthless Oil Stock.

New York, March 27.—In a raid today on the stock brokerage offices in Fifth Avenue occupied by Wisner & Company and the Standard Securities Company, post-office inspectors charged that irregularities amounting to more than \$2,000,000 had been brought to light. Transactions in excess of \$10,000,000 throughout the country are credited to the two concerns in the last few years.

A United States Commissioner held Archie Wisner in \$7,000 bail for the Federal grand jury; Emmett S. Wisner in \$5,000 bail, and Grover S. Trumbull in \$1,500.

They were committed to the Tombs. The charge is using the mails to defraud by selling worthless stocks.

The specific charge is that the Wisners through mail correspondence represented to stock purchasers that the California Diamond Oil Company was actively at work when as a matter of fact, according to the charge, the company was dormant and had lost title in 1908 to the property it was claimed to be operating.

Twenty-two Plow Manufacturing Companies Merge.

Moline, Ill., March 27.—A merger of 22 plow manufacturing companies into one corporation with a capitalization of \$50,000,000, was announced to-day at the offices of Deere & Co. The name of the consolidation will be Deere & Company, and its headquarters will be in Moline.

The concerns which comprise the new company have factories in several States and Canada and the scope of the industry will be extended to include the manufacture of all kinds of implements.

A feature of the consolidated industry will be that employees will have an opportunity to acquire stock.