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## EDITORIAL BRIEFS

Democratic excuses seem to be the order of the day.

It looks as though several of the Democratic leaders got their stories mixed.

North Carolina will not prosper as she should until her people learn to vote as they pray.

The Raleigh News and Observer no longer refers to the Greensboro Daily News as "the subsidized News." Why?

An exchange says that blockaders are too active. Probably the Democratic sheriffs are not active enough.

Who was it that said, "All men are liars"? When you trace him down, you'll find that he was a Democratic politician.

If Simmons is a Republican, then the rest of us have been laboring under a delusion, and things are not what they seem.

Some of the Democratic papers say that the tax increase is very gratifying. Well, wait until you hear from the voters next fall!

If they keep on charging up Simmons to the Republicans, it will be up to the Republicans to sue out a permanent injunction.

South Carolina is under the rule of "red-shirt" Democracy, and a prominent citizen of Atlanta says South Carolina is ruled by criminals.

The News and Observer says that ex-Governor Glenn would make a good President. Well, he would have to do better as President than he did as Governor.

As next year is campaign year, Messrs. Bryan and Glenn will probably take a vacation from their preaching tours and help to boil the political pot.

A head-line in Tuesday's News and Observer says: "Dr. Faison returns to national capital with ammunition." Probably some he had left over from the last "red-shirt" campaign.

The great increase in the tax valuation of property may be very gratifying to the Democratic office-holders in the State, but it certainly is not gratifying to the tax-payers.

A Democratic exchange reminds its readers that "Charity covereth a multitude of sin." Does that mean that the Democratic politicians want the people to look on their acts with charity?

Now, there is one thing sure, either Mr. Simmons, Mr. Eller, Mr. Daniel, or Mr. Maxwell, or all of them, are mistaken about that "free lumber" plank in the Democratic platform.

Even the Democratic politicians say now that Kitchin has failed to do anything to curb the trusts in this State, and they might add that the State's Attorney-General has not done any better.

If there were twenty-five Democrats after the place of Corporation Commissioner, wonder how many candidates there will be for all the State offices next summer? Many are predicting that there will be a lively Democratic scramble.

The News and Observer intimates very strongly that Governor Kitchin and Senator Simmons have abused the confidence of the people who voted for them. But, when was a Democratic politician ever known to stand on his platform?

The Democrats have raised the tax valuation of property to pay for the increased salaries and new offices they have been creating, and if there is any surplus they will find a few more patriots to whom they can give more jobs.

Governor Aycock, in announcing his candidacy for the Senate, declared that he stood squarely on the Democratic platform. It will now be in order for Governor Aycock to explain to the people whether he is for a tariff on lumber or for free lumber.

## THE RAINBOW CHASERS

### Democrats are Exceedingly Anxious to Investigate the Other Fellow

### HAVE FOUND NOTHING

However, Their Investigating Will Do No Harm—The Democratic Senatorial Struggle in This State—Simmons Cutting a Sorry Spectacle—Kitchin's Friends Also Worried—Aycock's Handicap—Clark Looking for an Open Trail—Each One May Have Their Own Candidate for Governor.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., July 18, 1911.—When will Congress adjourn is the question that is now uppermost with every one whether in Congress or out of it. It was announced a few days ago that an agreement had been reached between the Democratic and Republican leaders of the Senate to vote on all bills and adjourn by the first of August. This agreed Senate program, however, was objected to by the Democratic leaders of the House.

It seems that they want more time to try to dig up or manufacture campaign thunder for the Presidential election next year.

### Many Nosing Committees.

Probably never before in the history of the Government have there been organized as many nosing and probing committees looking in every department of the Government, and indeed committees organized to run after any suggestion or rainbow, to find something rotten to expose for campaign capital.

These committees are, of course, Democratic committees, and have been appointed by the Democratic House. There must be more than twenty-five or thirty of these committees, all at work hunting for something. It only takes a suggestion or rumor that somebody said that somebody else said or thought that there was something that might be investigated somewhere, and at once a new investigating committee is appointed, armed with clerks, stenographers and lawyers, and away they go campaign rainbow chasing.

So far these committees have been greatly disappointed. But no matter what the purpose is that actuates these committees, there is no one objecting to their course, and in the long run it will no doubt do good. If there is any rottenness anywhere it should be found and exposed, and if there is not any, it is a good thing for the investigations to be made to prove that it does not exist.

### The Democratic Senatorial Struggle in This State.

A prominent North Carolina Republican, who was here on yesterday, said that from the best he could learn on reaching Washington that Simmons, in his effort to explain his vote for protection on lumber, had cut as sorry a spectacle here as in North Carolina. One thing is certain, and that is that the leading Democrats here utterly repudiate the position taken by Senator Simmons. His democracy is to-day as much a question as that of Bailey and other monopoly Democrats.

This North Carolina Republican, commenting upon the Democratic Senatorial campaign in North Carolina, said that it now looked as if each one of the four candidates for the Senate would soon have to bring out his own candidate for Governor, and that therefore we are liable to soon have the spectacle of four candidates for Governor as well as four candidates for the Senate, grouped off in running mates.

He said the situation was beginning to warm up in many respects; that already the friends of one candidate for the Senate were charging that another Democratic candidate for the Senate had been forced to run to the Greensboro Daily News for support as an organ, while the friends of that Democratic candidate charged the friends of another Democratic candidate with being in a more pitiable fix in that he was handicapped and cursed with the support of Joseph Daniels and the Raleigh News and Observer, while the other two candidates seemed to be without an organ and more or less at sea.

This Republican also said that the publication of the letter of Senator Lockhart exposing the inconsistency of Governor Kitchin and his betrayal of his pledges on the anti-trust question were causing no little worry among the friends of that candidate for the Senate.

As to Judge Clark, he said that everybody was still speculating as to what he was doing, and how and where he would come out in the race.

## CHARGES AGAINST DR. WILEY.

### Friends of the Pure Food Expert Say That Only Charge Against Him is That He Has Enforced the Law.

Washington, D. C., July 15.—There is great indignation throughout the entire nation as the result of the effort to railroad out of office Dr. H. W. Wiley, the great pure food expert whose offense is that he has fought fraud and insisted on the enforcement of the law.

Telegrams are pouring into the White House protesting against the technical charge that has been brought against Dr. Wiley, and up at the other end of the avenue a committee of Congressmen will investigate the motives of the men back of the Government service.

Representatives Doughton, of the Eighth District, is a member of the Committee on Expenditures in the Agricultural Department that will make the investigation on behalf of Congress. Mr. Doughton is in favor of making a thorough probe into the situation and finding out the motives of those who have gone after the pure food expert.

Dr. Wiley has made the fight to protect the stomach of the nation against the sharp people who adulterated food stuffs and he has been fought at every angle by violators of the law.

The whiskey trust has been vicious in its opposition to him because of his warfare on the adulteration of this product. Dr. Wiley comes nearer earning his salary than any other employe in the entire Government service. He could make many times his present salary in private life, but he has given his valuable life to the public.

## THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARIES.

### Five States in the Union Will Hold Primaries to Elect Delegates to National Conventions—First Elections of the Kind.

(Washington Dispatch to New York Evening Post.)

In five States next spring there will be held Presidential primary elections to choose delegates to the Republican and Democratic National Conventions and to declare the preferences of the voters of both parties for candidates for the Presidency. These Presidential primaries will be the first ever held in the United States, and the delegates to the National Convention selected under them will be the first so chosen. The Presidential primary idea had its origin in Oregon, but has been adopted in North Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska and New Jersey, all of which have Presidential primary laws based on the Oregon law.

North Dakota will be the first State next spring to have a popular vote on candidates for President and Vice-President. Dates for the primary elections in the States that have adopted the so-called Presidential preference law are as follows: North Dakota, March 19; Wisconsin, April 2; Nebraska, April 17; Oregon, April 19; New Jersey, May 28.

The popular vote in these States for a President and Vice-President will be awaited, naturally, with an unusual degree of interest. Senator Bourne has gone so far as to say that the preference exhibited by these States will determine the candidates to be selected by the National Conventions. No fear is expressed by those who have made the Presidential preference law one of their principles that the forces in control at the National Conventions will refuse to seat delegates from these five States, elected and instructed by popular vote instead of being elected and instructed by State Conventions.

If the expected interest attaches to these Presidential primaries, next year's political campaign will begin in March, before the North Dakota primaries, and will continue without cessation through April and May, while Wisconsin, Nebraska, Oregon and New Jersey are naming their choice of candidates. Of course, the campaign will be in full blast in June all over the country. The Republican National Convention will be held during that month.

## MONTGOMERY VOTES WET.

### Returns Show a Majority of 1,700 for Saloons.

Montgomery, Ala., July 17.—With eight small country beats to hear from, Montgomery County to-day voted by a majority of 1,667. The vote for dispensary was smaller than the vote for prohibition.

Russell County, on the Georgia border opposite Columbus, went wet by a large majority in to-day's election.

### Says Kentucky is for Taft.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—Senator Bradley, of Kentucky, called at the White House to-day to tell President Taft that the Kentucky Republican State Convention would endorse him for the nomination in the 1912 campaign.

## MORE PEACE TREATIES

### Great Britain and Japan Revise and Renew Their Peace Treaty

### England Shows Friendship

### It is Now Practically Certain That Neither England Nor Japan Will Ever Go to War With the United States—The New Treaty Will Likely Facilitate the Extension of the Arbitration Movement—England Pleased With New Treaties.

London, July 14.—The Anglo-Japanese alliance has been modified to exclude the United States from Great Britain's possible enemies, and the life of the alliance has been extended nearly six years by the new version of the treaty which Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and Count Kato, Japanese Ambassador at London, signed yesterday.

The original agreement which was signed August 12, 1905, included eight articles and a preamble. Article two of the original agreement, of special interest to the United States, read: "If by reason of unprovoked attack or aggressive action, wherever arising, on the part of any other power or powers, either contracting party should be involved in war in defense of its territorial rights or special interests mentioned in the preamble of this agreement, the other contracting party will at once come to the assistance of its ally and will conduct the war in common and make peace in mutual agreement with it."

This clause made it possible that in the event of war between the United States and Japan, the arms of Great Britain would be turned against their cousins on this side of the Atlantic. To make impossible such a contingency a revision of the treaty has been urged in high places and an Associated Press dispatch from Tokio on July 11th set forth that Japan, convinced that a war with the United States was beyond belief, readily agreed to such a qualification of the treaty as would make possible a permanent arbitration treaty between England and America.

Although it has not been expected that the revision would be so speedily arranged, the changes made coincide with public expectations and the greatest satisfaction is felt that the distasteful possibility of Great Britain being drawn into a conflict between Japan and the United States no longer exists.

Sir Edward Grey is the recipient of hearty congratulations on the successful and prompt negotiation of the new treaty, which is regarded as likely to facilitate the extension of the arbitration movement to other countries.

## VETERANS OBJECT TO "RED-SHIRTERS."

### Confederate Veterans of South Carolina Refuse to Hold Reunion With the Red-Shirts.

Columbia, S. C., July 18.—The dates for the Confederate Reunion here were changed this afternoon by the local committee in charge to August 22-23 from August 9-10. Nothing is said about the cause in the official statement issued, but the fact is that the veterans did not take kindly to the plan to hold a red-shirt reunion simultaneously with their gathering.

## Train Wrecked on the Southern—Seven Hurt.

Asheville, N. C., July 13.—Five cars heavily loaded with stone, broke loose on a steep grade from a shifting engine this afternoon at Granite Quarry, on the Yadkin branch of the Southern Railway, ran out onto the main line and crashed head-on into passenger train No. 23, bound for Salisbury to Norwood, N. C., severely injured Engineer A. J. Heilig, of Norwood; slightly hurt six passengers and gave the others a bad shaking up. The fireman saved himself by jumping.

The locomotive of the passenger train was completely demolished, the track torn up for some distance and the stone cars wrecked. One of the peculiarities of the accident was the demolishing of the baggage car next to the engine, leaving the baggage-man unharmed.

## Two North Carolina Soldiers Killed at El Paso, Texas.

El Paso, Texas, July 16.—While asleep on the track of the Texas and Pacific Railroad here, Privates James C. Swann and Frank Riggsbee, Twenty-third United States Infantry, were struck by a freight train this morning. Swann was instantly killed and Riggsbee was badly injured. Both men enlisted in the army from North Carolina.

## GEORGIA SENATOR RESIGNS.

### Says Hoke Smith Should Quit as Governor and Take Up New Work.

Washington, D. C., July 17.—The name of Senator Joseph M. Terrell, of Georgia, was formally stricken from the roll of the Senate to-day. This action followed a telegram from the Georgia Senator to the Vice-President received this morning, in which he said that inasmuch as his successor had been elected by the Georgia Legislature his term of office had expired with the election. This causes the Democrats to lose one vote in the Senate until Governor Hoke Smith qualifies as his successor.

Senator Terrell's telegram read:

"My successor as U. S. Senator was elected by the Legislature of Georgia last Wednesday. It is my opinion that this election terminated my term of office, but to remove all doubt, I sent my resignation last Friday to Governor Smith and mailed you a copy of the same. This resignation is irrevocable and I have so notified Governor Smith. I will be glad for you to instruct the secretary to strike my name from the roll of Senators."

Just when Governor Smith will come to Washington is not known, but it is now up to him to choose between leaving the Democratic party in the Senate short one vote, in a time of what Mr. Terrell said was one of great party gravity, or carrying out the reforms he had planned to execute as Governor.

A resolution will be introduced in the Georgia Legislature requesting Hoke Smith to resign as Governor and to assume his duties as Senator. It is generally believed that Hoke Smith's bitter enemy, ex-Governor Joe Brown, will be elected Governor of Georgia. Smith wants the Senatorship, but does not want to resign as Governor until he accomplishes his program.

## SEVERAL TO SHUT DOWN.

### About Six Thousand Operatives Are Thrown Out of Employment.

Boston, Mass., July 17.—In addition to the many hundreds thrown out of work during the past few weeks nearly 6,000 employes of New England mills have been notified that the factories will be closed during periods ranging from three weeks to an indefinite length. Notices were posted in the Harvard Knitting Mills, at Wakefield, that the annual shutdown will take place August 19th and work will be resumed September 5th. About 1,000 hands are affected by this order. In Olneysville the five plants of the Joslin Manufacturing Company closed for three weeks, due to depression in business. About 1,500 operatives are affected.

More than two thousand persons are thrown out of employment in Bristol by the National India Rubber Company. Unsatisfactory conditions in the rubber business are said to be the cause.

Lack of orders closed the Alice and Millville mills of the Woonsocket Rubber Company, at Woonsocket, R. I., for a month, thereby putting out more than 2,300 people.

## Designer of the Confederate Cross of Honor Passes Away at Advanced Age.

Atlanta, Ga., July 16.—Mrs. Sarah E. Gabbett, known throughout the South as the designer of the Cross of Honor of the Confederacy soldiers of valor, died at her home here early this morning. Mrs. Gabbett was 78 years old and formerly lived in Savannah.

To show the appreciation in which she was held, Mrs. Gabbett several years ago was presented with a large gold cross of honor by the Confederate veterans of Georgia.

## Aeronaut Drops in the Ocean.

Asbury, Park, July 17.—Within ten feet of the high-water mark on the beach near Deal, A. J. Roberts, an aeronaut who started in his dirigible balloon from New York Saturday for Philadelphia, was found unconscious early Sunday. Roberts was forced to pull the rip cord of his gas bag when his gasoline gave out and he found that he was being carried out to sea during the night. He dropped into the ocean half a mile from shore and swam to the beach, he said. His dirigible was swept off shore by the wind.

## Democrats Just Won't Keep Their Promises.

Raleigh News and Observer.]

Mr. Simmons failed us in the war against the tariff and Mr. Kitchin failed us in the war against the trusts. And both were committed to eternal warfare against these robbers of the people.

The Democrat who does not fight trusts, subsidies and protection abandons the three chief duties of a Democrat. It is sad to reflect that some leaders forget these duties when called to high places.

## TWENTY DIE IN MINE

### All Meet Death in an Explosion in a Pennsylvania Coal Mine

### RESCUE WAS DIFFICULT

### Was Several Hours Before the Rescuers Could Reach the Scene of the Accident, which Was Mile and a Half From Mouth of the Mine—The State Police Were Called to the Mouth of the Mine to Keep Order.

Dubois, Pa., July 16.—Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion in the shaft of the Cascade Coal & Coke Co. mine at Sykesville, nine miles from here, last night. The explosion occurred at 9:30, but it was after midnight before the extent of the disaster was known. All of the dead but three are foreigners. The explosion was slight, as evidenced by the small damage done in the mine, but the deadly after-damp is responsible for most of the deaths.

Three sets of brothers and a father and son are numbered among the dead. George and John Heck and Nick Pavellek and his 15-year-old son were found by the rescuers locked in each other's arms as though they embraced each other in their dying moments.

None of the bodies were mutilated. Eleven of the men were found near the opening.

The first intimation of the explosion, at the surface, was when the safety door on the fan blew open and the machinery began to run wild. It was surmised there was trouble below, but it was almost midnight when rescuers could enter the mine. It took some time to get to the scene of the accident, a mile and a half from the opening, because the rescuers were obliged to carry oxygen with them.

All but four of the bodies were brought to the foot of the shaft early but were kept there until all were recovered. Four bodies were buried beneath a cave-in in a heading and were not recovered until late to-day.

The State police from Punxsutawney were called to police the vicinity of the shaft and when the bodies were brought out there was little distress or excitement. Neither mine officials nor mine inspectors are able to assign a cause for the explosion, as there are no survivors from which to gain an explanation, but it is the general belief that some of the men drilled into a pocket of gas. The shaft is known as a non-gaseous one and Fireboss John Brown reports he was through the heading where the explosion occurred but an hour before and found no trace of gas.

Six men working in another heading of the mine at the time of the accident knew nothing of the explosion until the compressed air stopped their drills and one man was knocked from his rock drill.

## No New Cases in New York.

New York, July 17.—The cholera situation at Quarantine is reassuring to-night to Dr. Alvah H. Doty, health officer of the port, and assistants. During the last 24 hours there has been one death, but no new cases have been reported and several of the 18 persons in the Swinburne Island Hospital are reported convalescent. Some of those now suffering from the plague are seriously ill, however, and the death list may be swollen within the next few days.

The painstaking task of making bacteriological examinations in the each of the 6,000 persons from the steamer Moltke and upon the Perugia was begun to-day. To-night Dr. Doty issued a statement saying that he regarded the situation as satisfactory.

## Pittsburg Shipping Steel to the Panama Canal.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 15.—Many tons of steel rolled by the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company and turned over to the McClintock-Marshall Construction Company of this city, were shipped from here to-day to the Panama Canal. The shipment, it is said, is practically the first lot of steel sent to the canal that, in a way, forecasts the completion of the waterway.

The steel leaving here to-day comprised finished pieces for the gates.

## Prominent Physician Sent to New York to Fight Cholera.

Mobile, Ala., July 17.—Dr. H. Von Ezzdorf, in charge of the United States Marine Hospital at Mobile, one of the most expert bacteriologists in the Government service, has been ordered to New York for service in connection with the outbreak of cholera there. He is now en route.