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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

It would seem that the trusts have many potential candidates on their hands more than they can use.

Will the voters of the State elect another Democratic Legislature that will believe in the Ten Commandments?

To get an office under fair pretenses is just as bad as obtaining it under false pretense from a private individual.

A man's mocking-bird has heard the sound of the pistol quite frequent the past week, unless he has already fed the State.

But haven't the Democratic solons come to a pretty pass when they can't be persuaded to endorse the Ten Commandments?

Col. Ashley Horne refuses to discuss politics. The Colonel has learned here that politics is not among the paying industries.

Baltimore is also threatened with a water famine. But, then, Baltimore has other drinkables to fall back on to raise the water gives out.

How are the people supposed to know what a Democratic platform means when the Democratic politicians who helped to make it give it different interpretations?

If you want a speech made in your community on any subject, you can be accommodated by sending a grapevine telegram to any of the Senatorial candidates.

These cotton mill men who wrote articles last year favoring the Democratic platform, probably wish now that they had not written those articles.

The last Legislature should have had the foresight to pass a law protecting the mocking birds in this State. You know Aycock is on the hustings again.

The News and Observer has worn out several cuts of Bryan and now, if it doesn't use it more sparingly, that paper will have to order a new cut of Woodrow Wilson.

The Democratic politicians in this State are having a regular monkey and parrot time of it, and still, during the next campaign they will call it Democratic "harmony."

Governor Kitchin's case seems to be of a very serious nature and may prove fatal. Senator Lockhart says the Governor has a case of "self-aggrandized, exaggerated ego."

The News and Observer says that the best signs of the times is that waving the bloody shirt does not now make a politician popular. Then Simmons is a goner this time.

A correspondent of the News and Observer says that the Democratic candidates should declare themselves. That isn't so important as it is to find a Democratic politician who will stay "declared."

Senator Simmons says that a report of one of his speeches in the News and Observer was outrageously unfair. Mr. Simmons did not find out that the News and Observer is outrageously unfair until it turned on him.

The Democrats are trying to revise the tariff on cotton goods. Cotton mills are closing down on account of dull trade and the price for cotton is going down. Do you see any connection?

New Jersey, Woodrow Wilson's home State, is a paradise for trusts. If he is such a reformer, why doesn't he take the trust situation in his State by the horns? Shouldn't reforms, as well as charity, begin at home?

John Arbuckle says he would not sign agreement with the sugar manufacturers because he was afraid of the Sherman anti-trust law. What corporation is there in North Carolina that is afraid of the anti-trust law in this State?

A FREE LIST BILL PASSED

Original House Bill was Amended Before it Passed the Senate

WOOL BILL HANGS FIRE

The Bill as Amended by the Senate is Now Hung Up in the House—The Lorimer Investigation is Still Pending

—A Confessed Bribe-Taker on Stand—More Money Needed to Carry the Work of Raising the Main Socialist Would Care For All.

(Special to The Caucasian.)

Washington, D. C., Aug. 1, 1911.—The woolen schedule which passed the House some days ago was amended in the Senate and the House today refused to concur in the amendments that had been attached to the bill when it passed the Senate. The Speaker named a conference committee to reconsider the bill and the Senate conferees will be named tomorrow. The "Farmers' Free List Bill" passed the Senate today, but not until after the original House bill had been amended. The House bill was defeated on a tie vote. The bill was then reconsidered. Senator Kern offered an amendment and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The original bill provided that meat products, flour and cereal products from all countries should be admitted free of tariff duty into the United States. The Kern amendment provides that this free admission shall apply only to meats, flour and cereal products "coming from any foreign country with which the United States has a reciprocal trade agreement and which shall admit from the United States free of duty, cotton, corn, wheat, oats, horses, and hogs."

This amendment will apply only to Canada if the new reciprocity agreement becomes effective between the two countries.

The Lorimer Investigation.

The Senate Committee is still investigating the bribery charges against Senator Lorimer, of Illinois. Charles A. White, one of the confessed bribe takers of the Legislature that elected Lorimer, was on the stand all of today. He stated that he received one thousand dollars for his vote, and also told of the distribution of the general corruption fund for the legislators. White announced that he was a Democrat in National politics but in local matters voted for the "best man."

More Funds for Raising the Maine.

Senator Warren, acting chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, has reported a bill whereby the Secretary of War is authorized to take from an emergency fund extended by the bill to include the harbor of Havana whatever amount he needs to complete the raising of the wrecked battleship Maine. It will probably take \$250,000 to complete the work.

Socialist Would Care for All.

Victor L. Berger, the Socialist Congressman from Milwaukee, has introduced a bill to-day in the House of Representatives to give pensions from \$2 to \$400 to every man and woman over 60 years who has been a citizen of the United States sixteen consecutive years, has not been convicted of a felony and is not in receipt of income from any source averaging \$6 a week for twelve months before the granting of the pension.

It is estimated that the adoption of the bill would cost the Government \$370,000,000 annually.

Mr. Berger has not told the House just how all this pension money could be made available.

Two Big Mills at Greensboro Close Down on Account of Dull Trade.

Greensboro, N. C., July 31.—White Oak and Proximity cotton mills are shut down for two weeks. The existing depression in mill business in the South was given as the reason. The employees seem rather happy over having a two weeks' vacation and are having a good time. While the mills are shut down a number of repairs will be made and the mills will resume work August 14th.

Wanted for Forgery in Durham, is Arrested in Cincinnati.

Clarence, alias "Kid" Morris, was arrested in Cincinnati Monday at the instance of Attorney R. O. Everett, of Durham, N. C., from whom Morris is accused of receiving eight hundred dollars by forgery. Morris is a printer and a magazine publisher. He has agreed to come back without requisition papers and will be sent for immediately.

"REV." D. P. TATE IN TROUBLE.

Former Minister of Western North Carolina Conference Has Been Arrested in Danville on a Voucher of Charges of Fraud.

Danville, Va., July 29.—A telegram received his afternoon from Knoxville, Tenn., states that Rev. D. P. Tate, former prominent Methodist minister, and more recently an insurance, real estate and rental agent of this city, had been arrested on a number of charges of fraud in this city.

The former minister, after securing thousands of dollars by questionable methods, skipped from Danville about two months ago. He had been gone several days before his victims thoroughly awoke to the fact that they had been swindled and notified the police. Since that time Tate has been on the dodge.

The Rev. Tate came to Danville in the fall of 1909. He had formerly been a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and the fact that he still masqueraded as a Methodist minister, gave him a standing and a credit that he would otherwise have had a hard task in securing. He wore his clerical garb here, and was very active in Sunday-school and church work. He experienced little trouble in entering the insurance, real estate and rental business. He passed numerous worthless checks, and appears to have borrowed from any one who would loan him.

Among those who endorsed for him at the banks and who loaned him money are quite a number of his associates in church work here. It is alleged that many of his real estate transactions here were criminal, and that he sold property to which he had no title. The police have five warrants against Tate, two of which are for felonies.

The amount of money secured by Tate is variously estimated at from \$15,000 to \$25,000. It is not known whether he will consent to return to Danville without requisition.

Confederate Veterans' Reunion in Wilmington This Week.

Wilmington, N. C., August 1.—Confederate veterans from all parts of the State are here in large numbers for the reunion which will be held to-morrow and Thursday. Up to 8 o'clock to-night Adjutant L. Leon, of the local camp, had registered 1,200, and several hundred more will arrive on night trains, besides many others will come in to-morrow. Some of the veterans are accompanied by members of their family, so there are over 2,000 visitors here already.

LADY BURNED TO DEATH

Was Returning Home With Escort From Church Sunday Afternoon

Miss Maggie Suggs, of Greene County, Meets a Tragic Death—Escort Made Vain Effort to Extinguish the Flames.

Kinston, N. C., July 31.—Yesterday afternoon, while returning from church in a buggy with Mr. J. B. Carris, Miss Maggie Suggs, of Greene County, sustained burns which proved fatal.

They had been attending a Sunday-school convention at Hull's Cross-Roads Church, in Institute Township, and had started home, when suddenly the young lady's dress was discovered to be on fire. She jumped from the buggy and ran through the woods in a panic, and thus fanned the flames into a fearful blaze.

Her companion ran after and overtook her, and made heroic efforts to subdue the flames, sustaining burns on his hands, which will probably mark him for life, but when the flames were quenched the young lady's body was so horribly burned that there was no hope of recovery. She was hurried home, where she died at 3 o'clock this morning.

Miss Suggs was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Suggs, of Jason, Greene County.

The origin of the fire is shrouded in mystery.

Mr. Garris, the young lady's companion, does not smoke and had not used a match for any purpose. It is supposed that while they were in the church some one had occupied the buggy while smoking, and in this way set fire to some hay under the buggy seat, which smoldered until fanned into flames by the motion of the buggy and thus set fire to the young lady's dress, resulting in her death, as stated above.

Democratic Party Still at Sea.

Durham Herald.] Yet after all of this talk no one seems to know where the party in the State stands.

TRUSTS TO REORGANIZE

Standard Oil and American Tobacco Companies to Have New Line Up

THEY WILL "RE-CREATE"

The Standard's Plan Provides That Stock in Thirty-Five Subsidiary Companies Shall be Distributed Among Stockholders of the Parent Company—Plans Will Be Perfectly Executed About December 1—American Tobacco Company Will Recreate Out of Elements Now Composing It.

New York, July 31.—Announcement was made by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey to-day in a communication to its stockholders of the way it intends to re-organize to meet the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law.

The plan provides that stock in about thirty-five subsidiary companies shall be distributed ratably among the stockholders in the parent company. Dissolution would be about December 1st.

The detailed plan showing what pro rata shares in the subsidiary company the Standard Oil stockholders may expect under the re-organization will be made known later.

Tobacco Trust to Re-Crete.

New York, July 27.—Steps toward "re-creating" the American Tobacco Company out of the elements now composing it, in harmony with the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States were taken to-day, when announcement was made of the formation of protective committees by holders of the 6 per cent bonds, the 4 per cent bonds and the preferred stock.

The chairman of the 6 per cent bond-holders' committee is Alexander J. Hemphill, president of the Guaranty Trust Company. His associates include Albert H. Wiggin, president of the Chase National Bank and De Witt Cuyler, of Philadelphia. The committee's notice refers to the desire of the American Tobacco Company to comply with the order of the Supreme Court and urges united action on the part of the bond-holders.

Similar representations are made by the committee for the 4 per cent bonds, of which Charles H. Sebin, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company, is chairman, and the preferred stockholders' committee, of which J. N. Wallace, president of the Central Trust Company, is chairman. The three committees join in requesting that certificates of bonds and stocks be deposited not later than August 28th next.

Lawyers representing the committees to-day expressed the opinion that harmony on the part of the security holders will accelerate the dissolution and re-organization of the Tobacco Company in the manner prescribed by the United States Supreme Court. It is understood that the protective committees were not formed until assurances were received that their efforts would not interfere with the United States Circuit Court, to which the work of re-organizing the American Tobacco Company had been delegated by the higher tribunal.

Ensign Young Located in New York and Taken to Morganton.

Ensign Robert S. Young, Jr., of Concord, N. C., who disappeared from his ship, the Torpedo Boat Destroyer Perkins, in New York, recently, arrived at Morganton, accompanied by his father, Dr. Young. He was taken to Broad Oaks Sanitarium. The arrival was very carefully planned and news of Young's presence did not become known generally until several hours after his arrival. The young man claims he does not know when he left the ship, that he was under a mental strain. The Government was notified of his presence in Morganton and the Department has ordered that the young ensign report in Norfolk as soon as he is well enough, where he will be examined by Government physicians and further steps in his case will then be decided upon.

Child Twenty-Eight Months Old Weighs 100 Pounds.

Atlanta, Ga., July 28.—James Adolph Coda, aged two years and four months, weight 100 pounds, created a sensation on the streets of Atlanta to-day as he walked beside his father from a railroad station to a hotel. The giant baby lives at Mt. Airy, Ga. His mother is of medium size, while his father weighs one hundred and sixty pounds. Baby Adolph stands three feet three inches in his socks, and boasts a chest that measures 36 inches. He eats from four to six biscuits at each meal and has a passion for sweets.

DENOUNCED UNDERWOOD BILL.

Massachusetts Representative Declares That if Measure is Enacted Into Law it Will Destroy Cotton Manufacturing Industry in United States.

Washington, D. C., July 31.—Though all of to-day in the House was supposed to be devoted to Republican speeches against the Underwood cotton tariff revision bill, about half the time was taken up by demands for pension legislation and an ineffectual attempt to secure the passage of the Senate amendment to the deficiency appropriation privilege for an extra month's pay for employees of Congress. Abandoning a practice of thirty years' standing, the House voted down the amendment 181 to 25.

Representative Austin, of Tennessee; Utter, of Rhode Island, and Green, of Massachusetts, denounced the Underwood bill, saying that if passed it would utterly destroy the cotton manufacturing industry in the United States. They urged that there be no tariff legislation without a report from the tariff board, and Mr. Austin declared that the Underwood bill had been drawn by a lot of lawyers who knew nothing about the tariff.

CHARGED WITH SEVERAL FORGERIES.

Harry L. Britt, Who Claims Raleigh as His Home, is Held for Court.

Richmond, Va., July 27.—"Yes, I am guilty. I don't know why, though. I must have been crazy," declared Harry L. Britt, aged nineteen, who says his home is in Raleigh, N. C., when he was arraigned in police court this morning on a charge of passing a worthless check for \$165 on a local jeweler and one for \$35 on a clothing firm on Broad Street.

Britt showed a telegram when he was arrested purporting to be from a Raleigh bank stating he had \$1,500 on deposit there.

His case was continued until next week to give his brother time to get here. The police declare similar charges are held against young Britt in North Carolina towns.

Georgia Farmer Kills Wife, Then Commits Suicide.

Gainesville, Ga., July 29.—After shooting three shots at his wife, causing fatal injuries, Addie Green, son of S. W. D. Green, a well-known farmer, committed suicide here this afternoon. The Greens had been separated some time and met to-day to reach an agreement as to who should have possession of their only child.

TROOPS KILL FOURTEEN

Bloody Scenes Enacted at El Oro State of Mexico

Strikers Had Attacked Jail and Freed Prisoners Which Were Being Held There—American Women Hurried From the Scene of Danger.

El Oro, State of Mexico, July 31.—In repelling a mob of striking miners, who to-day freed the prisoners in jail, troops fired into the crowd, killing fourteen and wounding others. The strikers were from La Esperanza mine, which they abandoned this morning. This afternoon the men in the Mexico Mine, an adjoining property, walked out. It is expected a strike will be called there to-morrow. Fearing that they might be the victims of anti-foreign demonstration, many American women were sent out of the camp in a special train to Mexico City. The fears were based on a circular recently issued by the miners, in which Americans were bitterly assailed.

More than 4,000 men of the Mexico and La Esperanza mines are out. They demand higher wages. If these men should be joined by those in El Oro, the number of strikers would number 7,000. One hundred soldiers were sent from Toluca, the State Capital of El Oro this afternoon, and President De La Barra has promised additional protection. It is expected that 1,000 soldiers will be here before morning from the capital.

Trouble began early. The rurales had arrested a few of the strikers and the idle men determined to set them free. Arming themselves with pieces of gold ore and stones, they started up the one street of the town toward the jail, throwing stones as they went at such buildings as offended their sight. They shouted their defiance at the rurales, who fired shots. Before the mob fled, however, it had succeeded in freeing the prisoners.

Shutters were closed throughout the town and foreigners re-doubled their activity to get women out of danger.

ALMOST WATER FAMINE

About 150 Cotton Mills Closed Down Monday for Want of Power

HELD PRAYERS FOR RAIN

Southern Power Company Unable to Furnish Power to Mills on Account of Low Water in the Catawba River—It is Estimated That 70,000 Mill Operatives Are Now Out of Employment—Hope to Resume Work in a Few Days.

Charlotte, N. C., July 31.—As a climax to the unprecedented drought this section is experiencing, one hundred and fifty-two cotton mills shut down to-day because the water in Catawba River is so low the Southern Power Company cannot supply the plants with power. It is estimated that 70,000 operatives are thrown out of employment. It is expected that work will be resumed in a few days.

It has been many weeks since rain of any consequence has fallen, and local weather bureau records show now a deficiency of 50 per cent in precipitation for this section. Creeks which have not gone dry in forty-five years are mud-holes, and distress among the rural population dependent upon the water of wells is great. Crops in this immediate section are burning up in the fields and many farmers in this and adjoining counties, despairing of a corn crop, have chopped down the young corn and are using it for feed, while the hot winds are playing havoc with cotton.

Cities and towns to the north and west of Charlotte are facing the ordeal of a water famine that this city is now experiencing. At Greensboro, Salisbury, Concord, Spencer, Monroe, Wadesboro and other places the water supply problem has reached a low stage and measures of economy are being rigidly enforced. The situation in Charlotte has not improved materially, though the authorities are working night and day on the problem. Feeling that the distress of the people is not being relieved as promptly as was hoped by means of tank trains from the river at Mount Holly, the offers of water from Gastonia, Shelby and Lincolnton were to-day accepted and tank trains brought in to-night fifty thousand gallons from each place. This is being pumped into the city mains direct by means of fire engines, and an additional steamer borrowed from Columbia, S. C., will augment the local fire apparatus in this work to-morrow. It is hoped by Wednesday to secure an economic service through the mains. It has been cut off since early Friday.

Special prayer services for rain were held in churches throughout the section yesterday. There was a brief shower this afternoon and rain is falling lightly to-night, with atmospheric conditions that promise relief.

One Democratic County Appeals for Federal Aid.

"Murphy, N. C., July 6.—Citizens are circulating petitions and writing letters to United States Marshal Logan urging him to appoint for Cherokee County a deputy marshal. It is safely estimated there are at least twenty illicit distilleries in operation in this county, and it is claimed by old citizens that blockading in Cherokee is as bad as twenty years ago."

Where are the State and county officials who helped to bring about prohibition, one of the objects of which was to get rid of the revenue office? Zeb Vance used to say smart things about the revenue officers and refer to them as revenue doodlers and red-legged grass-hoppers, and his sneers aroused a feeling among his followers in the State against this class of government employes, and this dislike culminated in prohibition, which it was thought would put these officers out of employment and force them to leave the State. But now we have a single county appealing for the appointment of a deputy marshal to cope with a condition that is described as being as bad as twenty years ago. With twenty illicit distilleries in one county, do you think the need for Revenue officers has passed? And if these officials were withdrawn and prohibition turned over to public sentiment, what you suppose would be the consequence in a very short time.—Albemarle Chronicle.

Was Only Intended to Fool Voters.

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When the party declared for free lumber it evidently did not mean to be taken seriously, and perhaps it was the same way about that anti-trust plan in the platform.