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EDITORIAL BRIEFS

The Government in South Carolina should erect a reform school for its politicians.

Champ Clark says he is ready for the opening of Congress. But what has he got to get ready

Governor Kitchin does not seem to be making much headway running for the Senate on his "individuality."

It may be that the Democrats have "busted" some of the trusts, but if so, it was pulling them for campaign funds.

Why is it that the Raleigh News and Observer no longer refers to the Greensboro Daily News as the "Subsidized News"?

The Raleigh News and Observer no longer refers to the Greensboro Daily News as the "subsidized news." There is a reason.

Unless conditions soon change in South Carolina, it might not be a bad idea to send some of our missionaries to the Palmetto State.

The football season ends to-day, but wonder if the Democratic politicians will note the fact and stop kicking the public schools.

This promises to be a hard winter but the most of the Democratic politicians have feathered their nests so they won't feel the pinch.

Italy was early in getting its Thanksgiving turkey, but there are already signs that she will have trouble in digesting that piece of dark meat called Tripoli.

Champ Clark says the Democrats are in perfect harmony, still Mr. Bryan continues to severely criticize Clark. What is Democratic harmony anyway?

The Baltimore Sun asks why not omit party names. Well, if they were to do that in the South the Democratic party would soon be out of business.

Mr. Bryan is quoted as saying a man can make a million dollars honestly. We are a little curious to know if Mr. Bryan has made that much on the Commoner?

The Supreme Court of South Dakota has ruled that rich wives must pay their divorced husbands alimony. South Dakota is destined to be the popular home of the worthless husband.

The Democratic officials have not enforced the antitrust law, they have not enforced the prohibition law and, in fact, what law have they enforced except that you shall pay increased taxes?

The United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue reports that illicit distilling is on the increase in North Carolina. And this in the face of the fact that all the Democratic sheriffs are required to help enforce the law.

Attorney-General Wickersham continues to prosecute the trusts, but some of the Democratic politicians are not satisfied because the trust magnates are not made to wear the ball and chain. Still it will be remembered that when Judson Harmon was Attorney-General not a single trust was prosecuted.

We notice that a number of the North Carolina Democratic papers have begun to advocate Governor Harmon for President. These papers, no doubt, approve of Governor Kitchin's anti-trust policy, and want a man in the White House who will do no more to enforce the Sherman anti-trust law than the Governor has done to enforce the anti-trust law in North Carolina.

Missouri has a Republican Governor, and he seems to know how to enforce the anti-trust law of that State, equally as well as the Republican President at Washington knows how to enforce the national Sherman anti-trust law.

MANY DEAD AND WOUNDED.

Reports State That Five Hundred Were Killed and Wounded Sunday Battle Between Italians and Turks.

Italians and Turks fought an important battle near Tripoli Sunday, with the result that the Italians drove the Arabs out of the oasis and entered the Italian front.

A cable dispatch from Rome Monday says:

"The Italians found 500 dead and wounded in houses in the Oasis after yesterday's battle at Henni, according to special news telegrams received here. There were also seventy-two dead found at other places scattered about the oasis.

"The Italians also captured 300 Turkish and Arab prisoners, including several Turkish officers. The battle was very severe, especially in the vicinity of Henni, where a series of bayonet encounters occurred.

"General Caneva's plan of battle was carried out to the letter and the Italian troops are now in possession of Henni and Fort Meesri."

MR. BARRETT MAKES STATEMENT.

The President of the Farmers' Union Says That Cotton is Being Held.

President Charles S. Barrett, of the National Farmers' Union, gave out a statement in Atlanta, Ga., Saturday relative to the advances from New York that banking interests had agreed to finance a cotton movement to the extent of \$50,000,000. He said:

"I know personally and esteem several of the gentlemen participating in the conference which, it is said, looks to the placing of \$50,000,000 in the South to promote the holding of cotton until it reaches a figure that represents its value to the world. But I am appraised of the plan which must necessarily affect several hundred thousand farmers only by newspaper reports and not in the intricate details essential to so tremendous a movement. It would therefore be unjust to all concerned to express a definite opinion in advance of full information."

Mr. Barrett stated that reports show that cotton is being held and will be held. He said he was just in receipt of a letter from C. E. Howard, Secretary of the Southern Cotton Buyers' Association, saying "farmers are now holding a greater amount of cotton than ever before."

REBELS ENTER NANKING

A Fierce Battle Fought in and Around the Chinese Capital

Revolutionist Behead Prisoners and Engage in Other Forms of Barbarity—Hearts Cut Out of Victims Which They Roasted and Ate—Nearly Four Thousand Killed—Missionary Women Seek Safety.

Cable dispatches from China announce that fierce fighting continues at Nanking near Shanghai, and that the rebels have captured Tachinmen gate and hold all the defenses in that part of the city. The Imperial troops captured Han-yang, though the rebels expect to recapture the town.

A reporter at Hongkong says: "At Wuchow the revolutionary soldiers are avenging the recent massacre. They have already beheaded sixty prisoners, some of them the sons of aristocrats. Afterward they held an orgy, cutting out the hearts of victims, which they roasted and ate.

"Some of the missionaries from up-river stations have sought refuge at Hongkong."

A dispatch from San Francisco says: "Terrible slaughter has marked the fighting at Tankin, according to a cablegram to-day to the Chinese daily paper. The report says 3,500 regular soldiers and 300 civilian volunteers have been killed."

Ready for a Compromise.

The revolutionary leaders are expressing a desire to negotiate for a compromise and suggesting some slight changes in the government program.

The government is endeavoring to secure the immediate cessation of hostilities at Nanking, where the fall of the city is imminent.

The Democratic party has done this country more real harm than all the trusts, combines, smallpox, yellow fever, hookworms, cyclones and tornadoes that ever afflicted the American people. It's getting time for the people to dissolve it.—Clinton News Dispatch.

THE MESSAGE IS READY

President Taft's Annual Message to Congress is in the Hands of the Printer

ANOTHER DEMOCRATIC ROW

Committee Appointed by the Democratic Congress to Investigate the Steel Trust Has Developed an Ugly Fight Between Themselves—Rockefeller and His Pastor Placed in a Bad Light—A Political Mix-Up—Colonel Roosevelt Will Not Support Any Candidate for President—Mr. Pinchot and the Insurgent Movement—Speculation as to Why Judge Pritchard and E. C. Duncan Should Announce Simultaneously That They Are for Taft.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 28, 1911. (Special to The Caucasian.)

A Republican from the western part of North Carolina, who was here Monday, says that there is no little speculation in Western Carolina as to just why Judge Pritchard has suddenly come out in favor of the re-nomination of President Taft. He says that it has been generally understood for sometime, judging from the way that a number of Judge Pritchard's friends were talking, that he and they were opposed to President Taft.

It is interesting to note that the declaration of Mr. Duncan for President Taft was made about the same time that it became known that Judge Pritchard had come out for him.

A Row in the Steel Trust Investigating Committee.

The committee appointed by the Democratic Congress at the last session, to investigate the steel trust, has developed an ugly fight between the Democratic members of that committee.

When the committee met this fall, it seems that Mr. Stanley, the Democratic Chairman, wanted to proceed with the investigation on certain lines, while Mr. Littleton, Democratic Congressman from New York, opposed continuing the investigating while the steel trust was being prosecuted in the courts under an action brought by the Attorney-General under the Sherman anti-trust law. This brought on sharp words between the Democratic majority members of the committee. One side charged that the other was defending the steel trust, while the other side charged that those who were insisting on investigating the trust now, were doing it to bear the stock market, to help certain stock brokers in New York.

It looks as if the committee will have to stop investigating the steel trust and proceed to investigate each other, who are resting under these serious charges made against each other.

A Charge Against Mr. Rockefeller.

Last week, two Merritt brothers, from Minnesota, appeared before the steel investigating committee and made serious charges against John D. Rockefeller, the head of the Standard Oil Trust. They stated that they were large owners in a big iron ore deposit in Minnesota, which has since been gobbled up by the Standard Oil people and the Steel people.

They say that a certain Baptist preacher, acting as their friend and as a friend of Mr. Rockefeller, came to them several years ago and told them that he could get Mr. Rockefeller to lend them money to develop their property, and that he did get Mr. Rockefeller to lend them more than \$400,000. They testify that, later, Mr. Rockefeller, through this preacher, suddenly called the loan and squeezed them out, taking over that property which is to-day worth over \$7,000,000.

Mr. Rockefeller replies by producing a statement which the Merritt brothers signed at the time of the settlement with Mr. Rockefeller to the effect that they did not blame Mr. Rockefeller for doing anything wrong.

The Merritt brothers answer this by saying that they did sign such a statement, but they did it upon compulsion and at the demand of Mr. Rockefeller and through the hope of saving something. They allege, however, that Mr. Rockefeller was heartless and completely ruined them.

Mr. Rockefeller's preacher is out in another statement denouncing the Merritts; but there comes, at this stage of the proceedings, an interesting statement that Senator Clapp, of Minnesota, was the attorney for the Merritt brothers at the time, and that he intends to go on the stand and tell of the transaction himself. If he

does, this will make most interesting reading.

The President's Message Ready.

It is understood that the President finished his message to Congress to-day, and that it is now in the hands of the printer.

The evening papers all announce that the President will not only uphold the Sherman anti-trust law and stand squarely against any movement to repeal it, but that he will go further and advocate passing supplemental legislation to further strengthen the law.

It is also claimed that the President will squarely urge the passage of a law requiring every concern that does interstate commerce business of any kind to become incorporated under Federal laws, so that the Government can prescribe the terms on which a concern can do interstate business, and thus prevent many violations of law that are now occurring and which can only be reached by prosecuting such concerns through the Sherman anti-trust law after many years of wrong-doing.

Of course, the President's message will also ask Congress to pass legislation for the opening of the Panama Canal, arranging tolls for shipping, etc.

Also, that the whole Alaskan question will be fully reviewed.

Also, that the question of the conservation of natural resources will be comprehensively treated; together with the many other questions which the President has discussed in his many speeches on his sixty-day trip through the West.

Report of the Tariff Board.

It is stated, however, that the President has not included the report of the tariff board in this message, but that he will announce to Congress that he will, at an early date, send in two special messages; one giving the report of the board as to how the cotton schedule should be revised, and another as to how the wool schedule should be revised, with a statement that these shall be followed by other messages on the tariff on steel and many other of the most important articles of commerce and necessities of life.

A Political Mix-Up.

A few days ago, former President Roosevelt announced again that he would not be a candidate for President before the next Republican National Convention, and earnestly appealed to everybody who was his real friend to stop discussing his possible candidacy. Mr. Roosevelt further added, in a significant way, that he had not promised his support to President Taft, and that President Taft knew that he had refused to do so, and besides, that he would not support any candidate for the nomination.

This announcement on the part of the former President, followed as it was last night by a speech by Mr. Pinchot in New York at a banquet, in which he declared that since former President Roosevelt would not permit his name to be considered that he was squarely in favor of the nomination of Senator La Follette, has caused a great deal of political gossip here to-day. It is thought that this means that all of the friends and followers of Mr. Pinchot, including ex-Secretary Garfield, will now line up in a vigorous campaign for the insurgent candidate.

In this connection, it is also announced by the Progressive Republican League managers that Senator La Follette will soon start on an extended Western trip, covering about the same country that President Taft has just covered in his speech-making tour.

There is no disguising the fact that these developments have put many wise and experienced politicians to speculating.

One prominent old line Republican remarked to-day, that no matter how this La Follette movement panned out, that it looked now like Roosevelt would certainly loom up for the nomination in 1916.

Gave Convicts Permission to "Take Christmas."

Statesville Landmark.]

In Chatham Superior Court the other day Judge Cooke sentenced two negroes to work at the County Home, and ordered that they be allowed a week's vacation at Christmas. The judge, who is an old-timer, said that the watermelon season and Christmas appealed most to colored people and so he gave the convicts permission to "take Christmas."

Objected to Woman Jurors.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Sarah Costello, defendant in a suit involving five hundred thousand dollars, instructed her attorney yesterday, to excuse from the jury box two women, and accept a jury composed entirely of men.

Mrs. Costello said she didn't want women sitting on her case.

TOBACCO AND WHISKEY

Internal Revenue Receipts Last Year Broke All Records

NORTH CAROLINA'S TOBACCO

This State Leads in the Manufacture of Both Chewing and Smoking Tobacco—Seven Million Gallons More of Whiskey Made Last Year Than in the Previous Banner Year—Illicit Distilling Continues to Increase in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Virginia—The Opium Evil Increases.

The annual report of Royal E. Cabell, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, given out in Washington Monday, makes several startling declarations.

The report says that the smoking of opium is a widespread vice in this country and opium "joints" exist in every city of considerable size.

The internal revenue receipts last year were \$322,526,299, the greatest in the history of the Government.

Corporations making returns under the new corporation tax law numbered 270,203 with an aggregate capital of \$67,836,430,519. The aggregate net income to the stockholders was \$3,360,250,642.

The year's production of distilled spirits amounted to 175,402,395 gallons, nearly 7,000,000 gallons more than in the previous banner year, 1907. The production of beer, ale, etc., amounted to 63,216,851 barrels, nearly 4,000,000 barrels more than in the previous record year 1910.

The amount of liquor held in bonded warehouses for ripening now reaches the enormous total of 249,279,346 gallons.

Speaking of illicit distilling, the Commissioner says the practice has increased steadily, especially in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia.

The double system of taxing oleomargarine is corrupting grocers and gross frauds are being perpetrated on the butter-buying public.

To remedy the oleomargarine situation, Mr. Cabell suggests that fraud would be wiped out if a single standard of taxation for the colored and uncolored product be established, and if the manufacturers be required to put their products in small sealed packages instead of selling it in bulk. North Carolina Leads in Manufacture of Tobacco.

Commissioner Cabell's report ranks North Carolina first in the manufacture of both chewing and smoking tobacco. The first six States are: North Carolina, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia and New Jersey. The production of North Carolina was 89,430,948. The States next in line had approximately forty-seven, forty-four and Virginia and New Jersey both twenty-nine million pounds.

The report goes into detail by States and collection districts upon the returns from the new corporation tax. The total revenue derived from this source is \$33,511,525. The returns from the corporation tax are set forth in five classes. A table of classes by States shows that 2,592 returns were made for North Carolina. The capital stock is given as \$137,473,319.16, bonded and other indebtedness \$109,907,822.70 and the net income \$11,317,129.20.

WANTED A DEATH PERMIT.

A Kentuckian Said He Was Out of Work and Family Was Starving and Wanted Permit to Kill Family and Himself.

A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., under date of November 25th, says: "I want a permit to kill my family and then commit suicide" was the request made to City Attorney Robinson this morning by John M. McCord, of this city. Before Robinson recovered from his surprise McCord continued: "My wife is ill, without medical attention, my children are starving and our landlord has ordered us out of our home. I can't get work, and I guess we'd all be better off dead."

Robinson turned McCord over to the police, who made an investigation and found his statements correct. The family will be amply cared for and McCord will be given employment, so that the children may have a Thanksgiving dinner like other children.

How would you like to have a wife shipped to you like a bale of dress-goods or a consignment of cheese? Michael White has a highly original story in the December Smart Set, entitled "A Wife Per Invoice," which tells how one man felt.

CHINESE GRAPERS CAUSE HUNGER.

Millions of the People Are Without Food and Raiment.

The people of China have never played so active a role in the administration of State as they are now permitted to do—never since the days when their philosopher Mo-tee preached what might be called agricultural socialism. Why, then, in the name of all the restless ghosts of their ancestors—why this Chinese revolution? What is the meaning of the uprising? What do the Chinese want?

They want more than one thing, and some of their wants are elemental, basic.

In the first place, they are empty of stomach; downright hungry, starved, and they want to eat. The many hundreds millions of Chinese know that they have not squandered their gray lives in idleness. They have always worked in the past; they are willing to work; they do work. So they can not blame themselves. The soil on which they have worked and are working is mostly rich and kind. It is true that during this year and the few years past, great floods and drouth have cursed the land. But then, had the people been permitted to receive something of a fair share of the fruit of their toil, they know,—beasts of burden as most of them are,—that they could have gotten along very nicely without troubling either the yamen or the altars of their gods and ancestors. They are starving to-day, they and their women and children. That is a fact as big and clear as the heaven above and the earth on which they stand.

Now why—why this state of affairs? They have not been so keen and as fiery as some other people in raising the question, it is true. But they have raised it now. They have raised and answered it for some years past,—in fact, since the twenty-five year reign of Kalking, in the dying days of the eighteenth century. And here is the answer: The people are without food and raiment, because in the China of to-day, graft, which is a gentle art in the rest of the world, has added unto itself the rigorous, heartless, systematic exactingness of a science. It has donned the robe of the official, it has turned itself into a tradition; it has exalted itself into a veritable law, walking about in the white light of day, head up and unashamed.—From "The Chinese Revolt: A Survey," by Adachi Kinnosuke, in the American Review of Reviews for December.

SENSATION AT TRIAL

Three Men Arrested for Bribery in the McNamara Case

Detective Claimed That He Saw the Money Passed, Arrested Men and Carried Them Before District Attorney, Where They Were Required to Unload the Money—Only Eight Jurors Selected.

A press dispatch from Los Angeles, Cal., under date of November 28, says:

"The ugly smirch of suspected bribery trailed today across the trial of James B. McNamara for the alleged murder of Charles Hagerty, one of the victims of the Times disaster.

"Tonight the pleased prosecution and the dumbfounded defense took stock of the day's work of Samuel L. Brown, chief investigator for the State, who arrested three men and stacked District Attorney Fredericks' desk with banknotes taken from the arrested men's pockets in Fredericks' presence.

"Bert H. Franklin, former deputy United States marshal, now employed by the McNamara defense as investigator, was released this afternoon under a ten thousand dollar bond, and will appear in court tomorrow to answer the charges of bribery and attempted bribery sworn to by Brown.

"Geo. H. N. Lockwood, unsummoned venireman, and C. E. White, alleged stakeholder, were arrested, with Franklin at liberty, and, according to Fredericks, will appear as witnesses against Franklin.

"Five hundred dollars taken from Lockwood's pockets is declared by the prosecution to have been the first payment of the sum he would receive if he should prevent an adverse verdict in the McNamara case, and the \$3,500 found on White is declared to be the balance to be paid when the jury should be discharged.

The McNamara case has been in court for about eight weeks and only eight jurors have been secured. Members of labor organizations claim that the fight on the McNamaras is a fight against them, and have contributed large sums for the defense.