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## An Open Letter to Captain Franklin

Frank R. McNinch Puts Some Pertinent and Poin- ted Questions to One of the Candidates For Mayoralty REFUSES HIS SUPPORT

subordinating all personal ambitions and preferences, being anxious only for the welfare of the grand old Democratic party. Now for the rule, number 8, which is as follows: "That all qualified white Democratic voters in the City of Charlotte who will support the nominees of said primary election are invited to participate in said primary; provided, that no person who voted for Republican candidates for the General Assembly in the general election of 1902 shall be construed to be a Democrat."

## GREAT TEXTILE STRIKE THREATENS

Thousands of Workers At Lowell and Fall River Will Go Out Next Week Unless Demands Are Granted

Lowell, March 25.—Four unions out of the six which have actively taken part in the demand for an increase in wages, held a fully attended and enthusiastic meeting last night and all voted unanimously to instruct their delegates to the textile council to force the issue if the ten per cent increase is not granted before next Monday.

## WILLIAM INVITES OUR NAVY TO KIEL

invitation Will Be Declined for Fear Some Other Power Will Take Umbrage at Acceptance

Washington, March 25.—Emperor William of Germany has invited the Atlantic squadron to visit Kiel during its summer cruise. This court- esy was conveyed in a telegram to Admiral Roosevelt who has not yet replied, but will probably decline. The Emperor arose on publication of the fact that the squadron would be given a run across the Atlantic, possibly to demonstrate its steaming speed and ability to blockade European ports.

re- cept of this scheme was abandoned because it was felt Portugal or some other power might take umbrage. The Emperor and the admiralty of accepting were discussed in cabinet yesterday and there was an absence of sentiment in favor of the scheme. This can be done without offending because of a relinquish- ing of the May cruise across to the coast.

## COURTS CONFLICT.

Governor Aycock Telegraphs News As To Court Dates

Governor Aycock wired The News yesterday evening that the special term of Rockingham county court would conflict with the second week of Mecklenburg Superior court, because of the fact that Judge Long of Statesville, has been selected to hold both courts.

The members of the Charlotte bar had already gotten together and arranged a calendar for the two weeks term that will convene the 6th, of April. It is thought now that the special term of Mecklenburg court will not hold longer than one week.

The special term of Rockingham court is called for the purpose of trying Broadnax, the negro charged with the murder of Mr. Blair, who was one of the most prominent citizens of Rockingham county. Broadnax is now in the penitentiary at Raleigh, having been taken there for safe keeping.

## STABBED WITH A KNIFE.

Little Negro Cuts Young Robert Johnston.

In the city court this morning Vernon Ivey, Jack Cureton and Zeb Ivey, three small colored boys, were brought to court to witness the assault on Robert Johnston, a brother of Frank Johnston, the well known newsboy.

## WHITE WOMAN DRUNK.

Picked Up On the Streets By Officer Black.

Mary Crump, an aged white woman, was picked up by the police this afternoon, on South Tryon street. The unfortunate woman was thoroughly drunk and one hand still held a pint bottle of whiskey.

## MRS. MOLINEUX IS WAITING.

Has Two Months More Before She Can Get Her Divorce.

Sioux Falls, S. D., March 25.—Mrs. Roland B. Molineux has become a familiar figure in Sioux Falls. Following the practice established by her a fortnight after she arrived here, she takes daily walks to the residence portion of the city and is quite frequently seen visiting stores in the business section. She continues to attract considerable attention.

When walking Mrs. Molineux is invariably alone, as has been the case from her first appearance in public. She has been here about two-thirds of the time necessary to establish a residence in the city and State, and in about two months she will be a legal resident of South Dakota, when her divorce suit can be instituted.

## DISASTERS THAT A DAY BRINGS FORTH

Three Are Fatally Scalded By Steam and Water

KILLED WHILE ESCAPING

Washington Policeman Kills His Prisoner and Then He Becomes Violently Insane

TEN MEN ARE DROWNED

Hostile Kurd Tribes Exterminate Each Other—Robbers Kill Express Messenger On Stage-Coach

Tamaqua, Pa., March 25.—By a water bar bursting on a Philadelphia and Reading engine coming down from Frackville late last night, Engineer Lewis Berger and Norbert Rummel and William Rogers were fatally scalded by the escaping steam and water.

Shot Prisoner—Became Insane.

Washington, March 25.—While attempting to escape William Wheeler, colored, was shot and instantly killed this morning by Policeman Sawyer, who was taking him to the station house. After reporting the matter Sawyer suddenly became violent and several officers were required to subdue him. The doctors pronounced him suffering from temporary insanity.

One Is Killed Outright.

South, Amby, March 25.—Six men were caught in machinery used for storing coal on huge piles last night. Only one escaped. One was killed outright, another had his legs crushed and was horribly cut about the body and died during the night; another had both arms crushed and amputation may be necessary while two others suffered slight injuries.

Robbers Kill Messenger.

Ukiah, March 25.—Highwaymen held up the state between Ukiah and Mendocino City yesterday and shot and killed an armed messenger L. U. Overmyer. The driver whipped up the horses and escaped uninjured. The stage carried heavy treasure.

Coasting Schooner Sinks.

Vineyard Haven, March 25.—The schooner, Mary E. Morse, bound for Port Royal for New York, with a cargo of lumber, sunk off Little Egg Harbor, N. J., yesterday morning, by colliding with the Boston steamer, Parthan, which passed here today and signaled that she had the crew of the schooner aboard. The damage to the Parthan was not serious.

Cape May Resort Burned.

Cape May, March 25.—The Marine Villa Hotel, valued at sixty thousand dollars, was entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. A cottage adjoining was partially destroyed. The damage to the building is about five thousand. Both are owned by Mrs. Jno. M. Rogers of Wilmington, Del.

Ten Men Drowned.

Gijohn, Maine, March 25.—Ten men were drowned by the sinking of a fishing boat off here today.

THAT SALISBURY COUPLE.

They Fooled the Old Folks But Never Left Home.

The police were asked last night to look out for a young man and a girl who left Salisbury on No. 35, presumably for South Carolina, to get married.

The young man was A. L. Lindsay, son of the proprietor of the Central Hotel of Salisbury. The girl was Miss Stewart. When the train arrived here no couple answering the description, was aboard.

The News this afternoon telephoned Salisbury asking if the young couple had been located. The information obtained was to the effect that neither the young lady or the young man had left Salisbury; that both were in the bosom of their respective families and that there was no elopement.

Reliance Launching April 11.

Bristol, March 25.—The cup-defender Reliance will be launched April 11 unless something untoward occurs in the meantime. This date has been set by those in charge of the yacht and there is every reason to believe because of the rapid progress on the yachts construction she will be able to make her maiden dip at that time.

Arrested in Monroe.

Luther Kell, alias Walker, was arrested in Monroe today charged with breaking into the residence of Dr. Mark Herring last Sunday. Officer McCall will return with Kell this evening.

## NEW YORK DETECTIVE ARRIVES.

He Tells of the Stolen Jewelry Found On Claude Ingram.

Mr. Thomas Monohan, a representative of the Detective Bureau of the city of New York, arrived in Charlotte this afternoon. Mr. Monohan comes after Claude Ingram, who is wanted in New York for grand larceny. The property stolen has been repeatedly described in the News columns.

Immediately on his arrival here Chief Irwin went with Mr. Monohan to the county jail. There the New York officer had a talk with Ingram, who said that he was perfectly willing to return to New York without the usual requisition papers.

But, there is a hitch. Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock Ingram will be arraigned in Squire Hilton's court, charged with receiving and concealing stolen goods. This charge will probably be sustained and in this event, the New York officer will have to return without his prisoner.

Mr. Monohan informs a News man that the valuables found on Ingram are the property of Mr. John Burke of New York. At the time they disappeared, Mr. Burke was living at the home of Mrs. Margaret V. Murray, No. 10 East 84th street. Mr. Burke is a rich wholesale liquor dealer.

On January 13th, the day the property was missed, Ingram was hired by Mrs. Murray as a butler. He had access to Mr. Burke's room and suspicion at once fell on him. He was shadowed for some time but disappeared between sunset and Ingram's mother who lives at No. 217 West 35th, street, told the New York officer that her son had gone to Boston. The police were notified but they heard nothing of the negro.

The next heard from Ingram was when he was arrested by Mr. W. S. Orr in Charlotte.

Mr. Monohan informs the News that no reward has been offered by Mr. Burke for the return of his stolen property.

SITUATION UNCHANGED.

Cotton Market Did But Little Today.

New York, March 25.—C. W. Lee & Co. say: There is no change in the situation. The way people hold on to their line. And, there is not enough cotton coming into the market to make them change their attitude on the outlook. For instance, interior stocks lost 14,000 bales in three days as compared with 1,000 bales last year. Houston tomorrow gets 1,000 bales against 3,000 last year. This is getting to be serious. Shorts can't get cotton to deliver in New York on any such movement. We have got to have more cotton to stop an advance in short covering in May. Today there were factors against advance. One of them was probable strike in Lowell. It now looks as though the strike would take place on Monday. This may and may not prove serious. Its a disturbing factor none the less, when cotton is 10 cents a pound.

Then we had fine weather for the second consecutive day. The sun will dry up the roads and bring out what cotton there is left. For a while this should make an easy market. Then a question of ability of May people to hold. This long interest in May is very different thing than the abortive attempt to corner January. That was in behalf of an erratic speculator who has never aroused confidence in his ability to meet an emergency. But this May crowd has got yet to be tried. Facts are with them they have long May and short July and August. This is right position to make trouble.

For this reason, we are cautious about selling cotton and would go slow on both sides.

Thornwell Meetings.

The meetings at Westminster increase in interest every day. Dr. Thornwell preaches both morning and evening. Morning 10:30, evening 8 p. m. The song service commences at 7:45 p. m. under the direction of Mr. Dorrice. A strong body of singers assist in this service which adds very much to its effectiveness. Dr. Thornwell preached last night on the sin of "Unbelief," and was attentively listened to by a large congregation.

## RIVER AT MEMPHIS FALLS ONE FOOT

Rise Continues Below Vicksburg and Crest Will Probably Pass Helena By Friday or Saturday

Washington, March 25.—A special river bulletin issued today, says: The river at Memphis has now fallen one foot below the maximum stage of 40.1 feet, but continues to rise below.

At Vicksburg this morning it was 51.4 feet, at New Orleans 20.1 feet, a rise of .01, at each place since Tuesday morning. The river continues to rise slowly at both places and the crest will probably pass Helena Friday or Saturday.

## The Irish Land Bill is Introduced

WHISKEY USED IN ELECTION.

Evidence of Bribery Given At the Gudge-Moody Hearing At Asheville.

Asheville, N. C., March 25.—The special night session in the Gudge-Moody election contest hearing was not only enlivened by a war of words on the part of the attorneys, but some sensational testimony was given by J. R. Cole, of Black Mountain.

Cole, after admitting that he did not want to answer questions for fear he had received instructions from Republican managers to use whiskey in behalf of the Republican Congressional candidate, He said the Chairman, C. B. Moore, of the Congressional committee, had been advised by Postmaster Rollins, of Asheville, to send \$75 to Black Mountain to be used in the purchase of votes under the direction of Charles Boone, Boone, according to Cole's evidence, was to give him \$25, keep \$25 himself, and give the remainder to one of the judges of election. Cole also stated with some reluctance that Chairman Moore had given him an order on John O'Donnell for two gallons of whiskey to be used in the Republican caucus.

THE VOTE TWO YEARS AGO.

The Total Vote Was 2092 and Brown's Majority Was 120.

As the fight for the mayoralty grows warmer, figures of recent city elections grow more interesting.

In the Brown and Brevard campaign two years ago the vote in the different wards was as follows:

Ward 1.—Brevard 280; Brown 378. Ward 2.—Brevard 200; Brown 207. Ward 3.—Brevard 254; Brown 184. Ward 4.—Brevard 252; Brown, 327.

The total Brevard vote in the four wards of the city was 986; the Brown vote 1106. Mr. Brown's majority was 120.

Ex-President Steyn Recovering.

Geneva, March 25.—Former President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, who was seriously ill at a village of Clarens for some time is improving.

## TILLMAN RAKES 'EM FORE AND AFT

South Carolina Senator is Greeted With Hisses and Cheers When Addressing Detroit Audience

Detroit, Mich., March 25.—Senator Ben. R. Tillman of South Carolina was greeted with alternate storms of cheers and hisses when he delivered an impassioned address on the race problem last night at the Light Guard armory, the audience being evidently divided between upholders of his ideas and strenuous opponents of them. He said the North demanded majority rule and with a sneer added that there were 235,000 more negroes than white people in South Carolina. "It will mean that more blood will flow than was shed in the civil war if you persist in trying to subject us to the domination of the blacks," he said.

"You butchered the Indians and shut out the Chinamen, but had it been known by the soldiers who surrendered with Lee that it was your devious intent to set up the negro over the white man we would have fought you till now."

Upon the senator's reference to some of Sherman's army as burners, chicken thieves and carpetbaggers, his Northern audience broke out into such violent hissing that the speech was interrupted and some of the more timid ones in the audience feared trouble.

Murderess Uses Headache Powders.

Olive Hill, March 25.—Mrs. Mary Ferguson has been arrested here charged with trying to murder Mrs. Katherine Wilson, wife of Postmaster Wilson, by giving her poison, claiming it was headache powder. Mrs. Wilson is not expected to live. Mrs. Ferguson has been living with the Wilson's several months.

Thieves Make Wholesale Raid.

Chicago, March 25.—Thieves drove off a wagon loaded with fifty-seven cases of merchandise from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy freight depot last night, valued at five thousand dollars. No trace of the wagon or merchandise was found up to late last night.

Presents From the Pope.

Rome, March 25.—The Pope says he intends to send a copy of his political encyclical to the different rulers, including Roosevelt, to whom it will be a return for his literary work presented to Governor Taft in the President's name.

To Take Charge Wednesday.

Mr. R. W. Smith, Charlotte's new postmaster, has received his commission and will take charge of the office next Wednesday. Mr. E. M. Bell, the new assistant postmaster, will also take up his new work on the date mentioned.

Great Importance Attached to Measure as England's Compromise With Ireland For Home Rule

GERMAN SCORES AMERICANS

Declares That the So-called American Energy is Mere Fiction and That Americans Waste a Great Deal of Time

London, March 25.—The offences which it is alleged Sir Hector MacDonald, the South African hero committed, and for which a trial by court martial has been ordered at Colombo, Ceylon, are only hinted at. It is understood they are mostly of an intimate and personal nature, and not punishable under the criminal law of Ceylon.

Enormous interest is felt in the proposed Irish land bill, which is in effect the Government's compromise with the Irish for the demand for home rule, was attested today. When the bill was introduced in the House of Commons the house was crowded to the doors, some claiming seats at midnight. Chief Secretary for Ireland Wyndham, said cash was necessary for carrying out the purpose of the bill, but this is provided for in a subsidiary free grant of twelve million pounds, to be raised by additions to the sinking fund, the interest for which will be paid by the treasury.

Yankee Energy, Mere Fiction.

Berlin, March 25.—Otto Vongottberg, a prominent German publicist, contributes to the current issue of a leading monthly, an article on American characteristics. The article which is far from complimentary, says "American smartness is mere fiction, which credulous old worlds swallow. The American energy is all wasted on trivialities instead of being reserved for efforts where it is really needed. American hustling is an instance of more haste and less speed. Nowhere is so much time wasted as in America, no workers are so nominally slow as they. Heavy Germans are actually quicker, smarter and better workers."

FIRST CHURCH SERVICES.

The Meetings Growing in Interest Daily.

The protracted services at the First Presbyterian church are being largely attended and interest is growing day by day. Dr. Howerton's subject at this evening's service will be "Vows."

The noon-day prayer-meetings held in the parlors of the church every day at 12 o'clock, are decidedly interesting and the attendance at these meetings is very large, considering the time they are held—the busiest part of the day.

These meetings will continue through next week. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The session of the church will meet for the reception of members every evening directly after the congregations is dismissed. There will also be a meeting of the session Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Tribes Bent On Annihilation.

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Word was received here today of a terrible battle between Mertins and Shinanz, hostile tribes of the Kurds on the Turko-Persian Frontier. A thousand corpses, the dispatch states, were counted on the field after the battle was over. The battle was the result of a mutual oath by the tribes to destroy each other.

## QUARREL ON OVER NEGRO DELEGATES

Big Row in the Ranks of the National Council of Women, Which Meets at New Orleans Tomorrow

New Orleans, March 25.—Delegates to the National Council of Women, which will meet here tomorrow, are having a big row over the admission of negro delegates. The quarrel may disrupt the organization.

Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, of Detroit, Michigan, National Treasurer, arrived yesterday. She said: "Colored delegates are to be seated if the organization to which they are affiliated are in good standing and have paid their dues."

New Orleans clubs are unwilling to affiliate with the national body if the colored delegates are recognized.