

THE SENATORIAL BACK-SLAPPER IN WHITE HOUSE

Some of His Idiosyncrasies --How he Behaved in St. Louis -- His Slapping the Backs of the Dignified Senators.

Representative Williams on the Canadian Reciprocity Treaty--The Interior Department and its Land Frauds.

(Special to The News.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 30.—North Carolina Congressmen, when they read in the Washington papers of the cold snap handed out to us by the Weather Bureau will be pleased to learn at the same time that they need not come back to the windy hill until Tuesday, as the House voted to adjourn over until noon on that day.

Mr. Williams, the Democratic leader, opposed the motion to adjourn, declaring that the Republicans in forcing adjournments for three days at a time were unwisely wasting time and money. He declared that the House was afraid of the Senate and the Senate was afraid of the House, and both were afraid of the President.

He pointed out to the Ways and Means Committee that as they were already appointed, they could take up the bill granting reciprocity to Canada, which is of vastly more importance than reciprocity with Cuba.

This drew from Mr. Payne, of New York, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee the unequivocal statement that he had not the slightest intention of considering the bill for reciprocity with Canada, and that he certainly should not report it to the House.

It is expected that Speaker Cannon will announce a part of the committee assignments on Tuesday, and that some work may be undertaken in the House, but it is by no means certain that this will be the program. The Senate and the House are pulling further apart even than when adjournment of the 57th Congress was had last March, and this state of affairs is likely to result in some delay in the transaction of public business.

set before them by the man who is asking their votes to send him back to occupy as their chosen chief the Presidential dwelling, our "White House," which as President by accident he has done so much to desecrate?

It is possible that the French reciprocity treaty may occupy the attention of the Senate in January. Three times has this treaty been before the Senate with strong backing from the West and three times Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island in behalf of the jewelry manufacturers of that State has brought about its defeat.

Secretary Hitchcock of the Interior Department has decided that it is not for the "best interests of the country," otherwise the Republican party to have the attention of Congress directed to his department in the matter of the establishment of a government cement plant out in Arizona at this time, and so he has arranged, to the fair with the cement manufacturers and we shall not hear anything in Congress about the \$3,000,000 dam for Arizona.

The Secretary has about all the publicity that he desires for his department in the matter of public land frauds at present, and so it is expected that the plant which the government is putting up at a cost of \$100,000 to manufacture cement will be turned over to some manufacturer.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC BURNED IN BROOKLYN. The Largest Theatre in the City, and an Historic Building--The Loss is \$300,000, Covered by Insurance. Built in 1860.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 30.—The historic Academy of Music, the largest theatre in Brooklyn, was completely consumed by a fire which is believed to have been caused by an explosion in the building. For a time the flames threatened the adjoining property, and when the roof fell in a part of it struck a liquor saloon adjoining, but fortunately no one was hurt.

The loss is estimated at \$300,000, and fully covered by insurance. The fire started in the scenery on the stage of the theatre, where men were preparing for a testimonial dinner to State Senator McCarren to be given there tonight. Within a half hour after the discovery of the fire the entire building was a roaring furnace, and the firemen were bending all their efforts to saving the surrounding property. The Academy, which was an antiquated building constructed in 1860 of brick and stone and wood, offered no resistance to the flames. It is located in the heart of the financial district.

SHOT FOR FIVE CENTS. A Restaurant--Keeper Shoots a Railroad Guard in Chicago for a Debt of Five Cents.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Nov. 30.—Because he was short five cents in settling for his breakfast, Marcus Sheehan, a guard on the South Side Elevated road, was shot and killed early yesterday by James Berganus, proprietor of a State street restaurant. Having only 15 cents in his pockets Sheehan ordered a meal which he thought called for that amount of money. When he came to pay for the meal, however, he was told by Berganus that he owed 20 cents.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN COTTON MARKET TODAY.

March Cotton Goes To Eleven Forty-Five--Bullish Advances From Southern Stock Markets--Small Crop Talk Continues.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 30.—There was great activity and excitement in the cotton market this morning and prices on active months reached new high records for the season. The market had opened at an easy decline of one to ten points, easy on heavy liquidation and bear pressure following a sharp break in Liverpool, but almost immediately rallied by active covering and good supporting orders from bull leaders.

Twelve Cent. Cotton. New Orleans, Nov. 30.—Futures opened this morning with advance of last week continued in spite of unfavorable Liverpool cables. Late in the morning prices went 7 points higher than those of Saturday and are still on advance. Bullish sentiment was dominating the future of market. Crop estimates were low which was in contrast to last week when disposition was to increase estimates. The lowest estimate is made by John P. Parker, millionaire planter of Monroe, La., who has just returned from a trip through the belt. He said crop would not yield 9,700,000 bales, but prices would go to 12 cents before issuance of bureau report.

BOLL WEEVIL CONVENTION. Big Gathering in New Orleans to Protect Louisiana Against the Pest.

(By Associated Press.) New Orleans, Nov. 30.—Delegates from the parishes of Louisiana gathered here today to take part in the boll weevil convention called by Governor Heard to decide whether or not there was necessity for a special session of the State Legislature to pass laws which will be effective in keeping the boll weevil out of Louisiana. The convention will discuss a plan suggested by Prof. W. C. Stubbs, of Louisiana Experiment Station, to condemn a strip of land along the Western boundary of Louisiana against growing of cotton and establishing strict quarantine against all goods which can carry weevil.

Future Cotton Up 25 Points. Future cotton today took an upward bound of 25 points, March reaching 11.65 at the highest, and closing at 11.62. This is the highwater mark in future cotton for the present season.

PILOT BANKING AND TRUST CO. CLOSED. The Corporation Commission in Raleigh Received Notice This Morning That It Could not Meet the Demands Made Upon it.

(Special to The News.) Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 30.—The corporation commission received notice this morning that the Pilot Banking and Trust Company, of Pilot Mountain, closed its doors Saturday, being unable to meet the demands made on it. Bank Examiner Ellington was sent by a commission to take charge of the bank.

The Means Place Sold. The John Means place, consisting of 129 acres, lying on the Statesville road, about two miles from Charlotte, was today sold at public outcry at the county court house. The property brought \$227.75 per acre and Mr. D. Baxter Henderson was the purchaser. Mr. Henderson did not say what he expected to do with his newly acquired lands.

BRISTOW'S REPORT AND ITS DAMNING REVELATIONS

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Publishes His Full Report -- Fifteen in the Department Found Guilty.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, N. C., Nov. 30.—The following are some of the concrete instances of corruption in the Postal Service, as tabulated by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow: SENATOR DEITRICH INVOLVED.

In 1898 a law was enacted authorizing the Department to make leases for a period not exceeding ten years. On November 2 following the enactment of this law the First Assistant Postmaster-General, in a letter intended as a guide to inspectors when investigating lease cases, stated:

While the Department has authority to execute a lease for a period of ten years, it is not deemed advisable to do so unless it can be demonstrated that a positive advantage to the service will be secured thereby.

Canceling leases.—At Weehawken, N. J., on July 1, 1900, a lease was executed for ten years, at \$500 per annum, including all equipment, heat, light, etc. On July 1, 1902, eight years before the lease expired, it was canceled and a new lease entered into for the same premises and the same equipment at an annual rental of \$800.

At Hastings, Neb., on May 1, 1897, a lease was made for postoffice premises for a period of five years, including light, heat, vault, and equipment, at an annual rental of \$700 per annum. In March, 1901, the lessor was notified that the lease be canceled on June 30, almost a year before it expired.

Shortly after this a proposal was accepted for another building no more desirable, at a rental of \$1,800 per annum. A most vigorous protest was filed against this action of the Department by those interested in the canceled lease. The matter was referred to an inspector for investigation, who, on April 17, 1901, reported as follows:

"Viewed from the standpoint usually assumed by the Postoffice Department in the treatment of lease cases, and eliminating all questions of personal interest, it is unable to conceive what possible representations could have been made to the Department in this case to result in the entertainment and acceptance of the proposition of Mr. Dietrich at the price named (\$1,800 per annum). The proposition is exorbitant, and the location one that if in competition with other propositions offering central locations at two-thirds the price asked could not conscientiously be considered.

BIG CUT IN WAGES IN NEW ENGLAND COTTON MILLS.

Sixty-Four Thousand Operatives Have Had Their Pay Reduced--New Schedule Adopted All Over Rhode Island--Operatives Agree To It.

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Nov. 30.—The wages of about 32,000 cotton textile operatives were reduced today. Today's addition brings the total number in New England who have had their pay cut down this fall to about 64,000, and the cut which takes effect in New Bedford next Monday will swell the total to about 75,000, and complete the general reduction in the Southern and New England cotton mills.

The outdrown, in the majority of factories, averages ten per cent. Today, practically every cotton mill in Rhode Island, where there were 2,200,000 spindles, adopted a new schedule. In that rate nearly 20,000 operatives are affected, and the new order of things a loss of fully \$20,000 weekly in wages.

The cut affects also operatives in the mills in Massachusetts and Connecticut controlled by Rhode Island capital and employing about 7,000 additional hands. The reports from the mill district indicate that the new schedules were received without any protest on the part of the operatives.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS MAKE SHARP REPRISAL.

The European Socialists Are Tired of the Attitude of the United States and Make Rejoinder About Our Lynching Customs.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 30.—A manifesto published here by the International Socialists' Bureau, calls attention to the lynchings in America, says a Herald dispatch from Paris. The supposed document is instigated by certain European in radical and philanthropic movements with regard to the United States as a reprisal for protests of the latter against race outrages in Europe.

The manifesto protests against "these abominable acts which are committed daily in the United States" and calls upon the working classes to unite without distinction of race or color against capitalistic tyranny. It is signed by Socialists representing twenty-four countries.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MOTT.

Took Place in Statesville Today--She Died at Salisbury.

(Special to The News.) Statesville, Nov. 30.—The funeral of Mrs. Eunna Mott took place in Statesville today. A large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to the cemetery.

DEATH OF MR. STONEBANKS.

Well Known Citizen of Charlotte Expires Suddenly.

Mr. C. H. Stonebanks, one of the best known saloon men of Charlotte, died very suddenly at his home to the West of the city shortly after 4 o'clock this morning.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the residence, Dr. C. Barron, of Tryon Street Baptist church, and Rev. C. C. Leman, of St. Peter's Episcopal church, will conduct the service. The interment will be in Elmwood.

Mr. Stonebanks had been a resident of Charlotte for several years. At the time of his death he was one of the owners of the Buford saloon. The deceased was born at College Point, Long Island, in 1858. A greater part of his life was spent in and near New York. His health failed him several years ago and in order to improve his condition he took a voyage around the world.

Coming back to this country he married and lived for years in Raleigh. He moved to Charlotte four years ago and since residing here, he made many friends. He was of a quiet disposition and was a man of splendid integrity.

He survived by a wife and four small children, who have the sympathy of Charlotte.

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES.

\$30,000 Damage Suit For Death of Yardmaster Jackson.

In the Superior Court this afternoon the \$30,000 damage suit case of Sallie E. Jackson, administratrix of Wm. Jackson, deceased, was called and trial begun.

Wm. Jackson, a yard conductor of the Southern railway here, was killed on July 15, 1902 near this city. The plaintiff claiming that the deceased was thrown from the engine by an obstruction on the track due to the negligence of the defendant. The plaintiff is represented by Burwell and Casner and the railroad, the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta, by Capt. Geo. F. Bason.

DR. MONTGOMERY AGAIN ASSAILS THE WHISKEY TRAFFIC

In the Presence of a Very Large Congregation Last Night he Preached the Second Sermon on the Saloon and the City.

He Recites the Words of an Eccentric Saloon-Keeper at Fayetteville to Show What the Man Who Sells Whiskey Thinks of his Business.

At the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church last night Rev. J. Knox Montgomery continued the discussion of the problem of the Saloon and the City, taking as his text Isaiah 5:23, "Woe unto them which justify the wicked for reward!"

God's woe is pronounced upon the liquor traffic again and again in his word. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him!" "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine!" "Woe unto him that buildeth a town with blood and stablisheth a city by iniquity!"

But here we have another woe pronounced upon those connected with this traffic. "Woe unto them which justify the wicked for reward!" God looks after the man who drinks and says, "Woe unto you!" He looks after the man who sells and says, "Woe unto you!" But he is thorough in this business and so does not fall to look after those who grant another the permission to sell and says, "Woe unto you!"

That the saloon business is wicked needs no proof, but I will let one of the craft tell us just how wicked it is. These are the words of an eccentric saloon keeper of Fayetteville, some years ago used in an advertisement of his business. "Friends! Having opened in Fayetteville several years ago a commodious shop for the sale of liquid fire, I embrace this opportunity to inform you that I have commenced the business of making drunks, paupers and beggars for the sober, industrious and respectable portion of the community to support. I shall deal in family spirits which will excite men to deeds of riot, robbery and blood, and by so doing diminish the comfort, augment the number of children orphaned and mendicants. I will cause mothers to forget their offspring, and cruelty to take the place of love. I will sometimes even corrupt the ministers of religion, obstruct the progress of the gospel, defile the purity of the church, and cause temporal, spiritual and eternal death. If any one should be so impertinent as to ask me why I have the audacity to bring such accumulated misery upon a comparatively happy people, my honest reply is, money, the spirit trade is lucrative, and some professing Christians give it their cheerful countenance. I have a license, and if I do not bring these evils upon my society else will. I have purchased from the town council the right to demolish the character, destroy the health, shorten the lives and ruin the souls of those who choose to honor me with their patronage. I pledge myself to do all I have herein promised. Those who wish any of the evils specified brought upon themselves or their friends are requested to meet me at my bar where I will, for a few cents, furnish them with the certain means of so doing."

This is what I call blood curdling honesty. That he did not overstate what he could and would do to his patrons the output of 240,000 saloons in America bear abundant testimony. You will remember that the Supreme Court has said that "there is no inherent right in a citizen to sell liquor by retail." That it further said "No legislation can bargain away the health or public morals." Yet eighteen men in our city are engaged in this wicked business and have been justified in so doing for a reward of \$18,000. Last Monday morning three men were in the Recorder's Court for retailing liquor. They had not paid \$1,000 each, and were not justified in doing business. Eighteen saloons had been doing a retail business all last week, but not a man from them was in the Recorder's Court last Monday. Why? They had

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FATAL AFFRAY IN ASHEVILLE

L. Bunk Finlay of Marion Shot by a Man Named Lee -- A Woman Also Shot--Finlay's Mother and Wife Sent for at Once.

(Special to The News.) Marion, N. C., Nov. 30.—A telegram came yesterday from Asheville stating that L. Bunk Finlay, of this place, had been seriously shot and telling his wife and mother to come.

Another message this morning says the shooting was done by a man named Lee and Bunk cannot live till night. A woman was also shot by Lee.

Full Particulars. Asheville, Nov. 30.—Yesterday Bob Lee, son of Ex-Sheriff Lee, in an altercation in the tenderloin district, shot J. W. Finlay, a groceryman of Marion, N. C., four times. The fourth shot missing Finlay and striking Ida Smithers, leaning out of a window a hundred yards away. Both will die. After the shooting Lee struck Brank, a friend of Finlay's, on the head with a stick and Brank gave Lee two slashes with a knife, but not serious. Lee surrendered at once to the sheriff.

A Swede Killed. At the office of Supt. H. Baker of the Southern, The News was informed today that Henry Karitz, a Swedish barber was instantly killed in Danville yesterday afternoon.

The man was under the influence of whiskey and after being repeatedly warned, he walked in front of a moving engine and his body was cut in pieces.

Prof. Huyck Critically Ill. A telegram received today from Troy, N. Y., states that the condition of Prof. D. T. Huyck, the well known organist at Tryon Street Methodist church, was critical. Prof. Huyck left Charlotte some time ago for Troy, his old home.

Barren Class Reception. The Barren Class of Trinity Methodist church will give a reception on Tuesday night of next week. The entire membership and regular attendants of the church will be invited.

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