

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.

"Cut it out. It's all Tommy rot." Such is the expression which President Roosevelt is reported to have used at the opening ceremony of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, when Senator Hanna whom he had left his place on the rostrum to greet, called his attention to the fact that one of the officials was delivering an address to the President, and advised him to resume his seat.

To those who have seen Mr. Roosevelt slap some of the venerable members of the Senate in the back with a resounding smack, when he wishes to impress upon them the necessity of doing what he has told them he wishes done, it does not seem at all improbable that the President used the expression with which he is credited, and undoubtedly he would like to "cut out" the document which Senator Culberson of Texas now has in the hands of the public printer, for he regards all such matters as are to be contained in that paper as "Tommy rot."

What does he care for such ancient history as the letters of William H. Seward, Secretary of State in the early 60's, who the Confederate States were seeking to obtain recognition from European Nations? Senator Culberson has taken great care in the document referred to above to emphasize the very great difference between the tone of the correspondence carried on by Secretary Seward with Charles Francis Adams, the United States Minister to Great Britain and the recent correspondence in regard to the recognition of the Republic of Panama. But such "Tommy rot" as that will in no wise disturb Mr. Roosevelt's conscience, for what does he care about precedents no matter by whom they have been set? He is the President of the United States and what is he to do as he pleases whether it be as regards the aiding and abetting of a rebellious State against the mother government, or the issuing of a proclamation, calling upon the people of the United States to assemble on November 24th in their respective places of worship to give thanks to God and then betaking himself in company with his wife and a gay party of friends on a hilarious cross country horseback ride at 10 a. m. on Thanksgiving Day. This, too, while his wife is dead in New York city and his wife to be present at his funeral today. Is this the example that a Christian people should expect to be

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. From 11.17, the lowest point on call December sold up to 11.28, January was advanced from 11.21 to 11.25, March from 11.30 to 11.32 and May from 11.32 to 11.43, these being net gains of 3 to 5 points. The advance was encouraged by relative prominence of New Orleans, and bullish advices from Southern stock markets, together with further small crop talk and rumors of a profitable squeeze in nearby months.

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. Thursday and this belief caused much buying late in the morning. December was 7 points higher than Saturday at 11.26; January was 7 points higher at 11.34; and March 7 higher at 11.30. The volume of trade was immense.

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. "That is all I have," said Sheehan. "I'll give you the other nickel this afternoon."

FELL FIFTY FEET.

Lineman Has a Terrible Tumble in Greensboro.

(Special to The News.) Greensboro, Nov. 30.—F. H. Griffin, of Atlanta, a lineman here for the Bell Telephone Company, unclipped his safety belt while on top of a high telephone pole this morning. Being numb from the cold, he fell to the pavement below, a distance of 50 feet. He struck on his feet, breaking both legs and one arm and sustained other injuries. Griffin is now at the hospital in an unconscious condition and it is feared death may result from the accident.

DEATH OF HIS NIECE.

Mr. Henry Nathan Receives Sad Intelligence This Morning.

Mr. Henry Nathan received this morning a telegram from his brother, Mr. A. A. Nathan, a prominent traveling man of Wilmington, N. C., announcing the death of the latter's daughter, Ruth, which occurred this morning from diphtheria. She was about seven years old and had been sick for only two or three days. The message gave no other particulars.

Wood Case Continues.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 30.—Senate Committee on Military Affairs resumed its hearing in the Woods' case. Major Estes G. Rathbone was the first witness. He called to submit lists of witnesses he desires to have summoned to support certain of his charges filed against General Wood. When the hearing opened Horatio S. Rubens, of New York, formerly member of the Cuban Junta, was waiting to be heard,

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. This policy, however, was not consistently carried out.

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 its expiration. 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, with other propositions offering central locations at two-thirds the price asked could not conscientiously be considered.

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.

KILLING IN FLORIDA.

(By Associated Press.) Madison, Fla., Nov. 30.—About 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon B. F. Smith killed Joe Sapp. They both belong in the Sherry Lake neighborhood. Sapp was killed at Smith's gate. Both are prosperous farmers. Smith is under arrest, but has not yet been brought to jail.

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 cutdown, 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.

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.

A SWEDS KILLED.

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

PROF. HUYCK CRITICALLY III.

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.

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.

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.

This case will be one of the most important the present term of court. In the case of D. N. Cashion and Company against the North Carolina Burial Association, a non suit was declared, the plaintiffs failing to appear and being charged with the costs.

IMPROVEMENTS AT POSTOFFICE.

175 New Boxes To Be Put In—Changes of Carriers' Windows.

Postmaster Smith informs The News that a number of improvements will soon be made at the Charlotte postoffice.

"In the first place," said Mr. Smith, "a few sections of private boxes will be put in. The section will contain over 175 boxes, probably 200. A number of these are already engaged. The present equipment of boxes is altogether inadequate for the demand on the part of Charlotte business men."

"Ever since I have been in charge of the office," continued Postmaster Smith, "I have had to refuse many applications for boxes because of the insufficient number at present. The new boxes will supply the demand for the present at least and will include a number of the larger boxes."

"There is another change that I intend to make," said Mr. Smith. "At present the carriers' windows are so arranged that the carriers having the largest deliveries have adjoining windows and this causes much inconvenience among the patrons, especially on Sunday on account of the large crowds."

"It is my purpose to place one of the windows from which the heaviest delivery is made, on the south side of the office at the Mint street entrance."

Postmaster Smith will have the new arrangements completed within a few weeks.

TO THE FIELDS TOMORROW.

The hunting season in Mecklenburg county begins tomorrow, December 1. The present season will last only forty-one days, or through January 10.

The season in Mecklenburg county promises to be one of the best yet. Birds are reported very plentiful and are said to be fat and juicy, making a dish of rare delicacy.

Today nearly every hunter in Charlotte has been busy getting gun and ammunition in shape and making preparations for the hunting season, and it is certain that many birds, probably thousands, will be killed tomorrow.

The Charlotte hunters expect to get all of the pleasure possible out of the brief season and during the next forty days the bang of the huntsman's gun will be heard on every hand.

Mecklenburg county has one of the shortest hunting seasons of any county in the State and the game is well protected.

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!" He said: 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 drunkards, 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 you somebody 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."

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