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DELEGATIONS FROM MIDDLE WEST WILL BE FOR GORMAN

So Says Ex. Congressman Norton of Ohio--The Politicians are All for him and the People are not Against Him.

Cuban Legislation May go Over into the Holidays--The Extra-Session Farce Displeases his Strenuousness--The Isle of Pines.

(By A. W. Hughes.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The Senate may ratify the Cuban Reciprocity treaty before adjournment for the Christmas holidays but Congress will do nothing else of any importance and no one would be surprised to see even that matter go over into January before it is acted upon by the upper House. The President has told the Republican leaders of that body that he is by no means satisfied with the legislation in which they surrendered to the minority last month, thus leaving him in the position of having called together in extra session for the enactment of special and important legislation a Congress in which the majority of both houses are of the same political party as Mr. Roosevelt and which yet failed to ratify the Cuban treaty.

Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania wants a satisfactory settlement of the affairs of his friends in the Isle of Pines before the ratification of any further treaty with Cuba, and there are others and these things constitute excellent reasons why Republican Senators are not as yet hurrying action on the Cuban treaty. The President has now sent the United States Consul-General at Havana, who has been in this country on his vacation the past month back to his post in hot haste to get the Isle of Pines matters settled. His vacation was taken at just the right time in order for him to be here to aid Congress in arriving at a proper understanding of Cuban affairs and he will return here to continue that work as soon as he finishes his present mission in Havana.

Mr. Roosevelt has heard a great deal from Mr. Penrose in regard to the removal of the consular service from the influence and it is now nominally under the Civil Service, but it still happens that when one of our consuls is wanted here for political purposes he times his vacation or sick leave accordingly.

The call sent yesterday by Hon. James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee for a meeting of the committee at the Sheraton Hotel in this city, Tuesday, January 12th has brought out some expressions as to probable Democratic candidates for Presidential nomination next year.

Mr. Jones is here said today that the delegates to the Middle West that will attend the National Convention that will be held in this city, Tuesday, January 12th unless something unforeseen turns up.

"I know," he said, "this is the feeling in my own State and during a recent campaign in Illinois I found the sentimentality in the direction of the Maryland man. This expression was not obtained solely from the politicians, the people everywhere think well of Mr. Gorman of his ability and statesmanship and they will be well pleased to see him made the standard bearer in 1904."

Rev. Swanson of Virginia and Rev. W. K. Kitchin of North Carolina, were in attendance on the meeting of the independent tobacco manufacturers at the New Willard this afternoon. These gentlemen had been requested to make some remarks to the manufacturers but finding them in executive session which was likely to be somewhat extended both Congressmen sent letters and told them plainly that there was more interested in the farmers than in the manufacturers but that if the manufacturers of their individual or any desired legislation met inimical to the farmers they would support it. The independent manufacturers are at present working for the passage by Congress of what is known as the Oregon bill prohibiting booms, schemes and also on a plea for ousting the trust.

Mr. John F. Jaudstreet of Richmond, is president of the Independent Association.

BAPTIST DELEGATE HAS CLOSE CALL

Mr. J. W. Littleton, of Albemarle, Failed to Cut Off the Gas--He is now ill at the Residence of Mrs. R. M. White on East Avenue.

Mr. J. W. Littleton, of Albemarle, a delegate to the Baptist Convention, has been quite sick at the residence of Mrs. R. M. White on East Avenue today, the result of inhaling gas.

Mr. Littleton went to his room last night after the adjournment of the convention and prepared to retire. Before going to bed, he turned the gas, as he thought, off, but in his efforts to be sure, it is thought he turned the cut-off completely around, thereby allowing the gas to escape.

A servant going to Mr. Littleton's room this morning, found him lying on the floor in an unconscious condition. Besides inhaling the gas, Mr. Littleton was nearly frozen on account of long exposure to the cold.

A physician was immediately summoned and the usual restoratives were applied. The patient responded to the treatment and at 8 o'clock this afternoon it was stated that he is out of danger and able to converse freely.

A News representative called Mrs. White over the telephone this afternoon and learned from her that Mr. Littleton's condition was greatly improved and that he was now able to take nourishment.

The gentleman states that before retiring last night he went to the gas jet to cut the light off. Out of the abundance of caution, he supposed he turned the cut-off back after putting out the light.

Mr. Littleton was in a very precarious condition for a while but by splendid treatment he soon regained consciousness.

Mr. Littleton had a very close call and one he will not forget soon.

QUIET IN SAN DOMINGO.

The Fall of the Wos Y Gil Government Another Proof of the Incapacity of the African for Self-Government.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 11.—The Clyde line steamer, Cherokee, which arrived today from San Domingo, reports that quiet has prevailed in that country. Order was restored before her arrival there, and she experienced little difficulty in discharging and loading her cargo at all ports. The Cherokee, when she left New York had no clearance papers for several ports then in the hands of insurgents, for which she was bound and it was announced that the Dominican government navy would enforce the blockade on these ports against her. The fall of the Wos Y Gil government ended this situation.

BOOKER WASHINGTON'S SPEECH.

He Says the Main Trouble is Not Getting an Education but Finding a Job.

New York, Dec. 11.—Booker T. Washington, in a speech here before the colored branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, declared that the real problem of the colored parent in the North were not that of getting his son and daughter educated, but of finding a job for them after they receive their diplomas. "If the white boy gets a place in an office and does his duty, he is assured of advancement," said the speaker, "but a black boy had got to work twice as hard to get there. Any man, black or white, who has learned to do something better than his fellows, has solved the problem. In some parts of the country, I fear we are getting the reputation of being willing to part with our votes for a price. We should let the world understand that an individual who offers to buy our votes gives an insult to the race."

FAKE NEWS FROM THE EAST.

Rumor About the Russian Squadron Off Corea Discredited.

(By Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 11.—The dispatch from Tokio yesterday announcing that a Russian squadron of eight ships had arrived off Chemulpo, Corea, to support Russia's opposition to the proposed opening of Yonampoh, on the Yalu river, to the commerce of the world, and that the Russians threatened to land three thousand men and march on Seoul, should Corea disregard their warning, is utterly discredited here. The foreign office has no confirmation of the report and is inclined to class it with other sensational rumors from the far east which later, have been proved to be baseless.

Very Near a Fire.

There came near being a fire at No. 311 West Third street this morning. A log of wood rolled from the fire place and before the flames could be subdued, two large holes were burned in the floor. The house is occupied by Mr. W. G. Ford and family.

SENATOR DANIEL IN BOSTON.

Men of National Reputation Speak at the Annual Banquet of the Merchant's Association.

(By Associated Press.) Boston, Dec. 11.—The opinion of men of national reputation upon important questions of the day were before the business men of Boston at the annual banquet of the Merchants Association. Senator John W. Daniel, of Virginia, spoke on the negro question, Senator Joseph V. Quarles, of Wisconsin, on "Chamberlain's revolution;" while the speech of Governor A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, on "Reciprocity with Canada," was read by Hon. Chas. S. Hamlin, as the governor was obliged to return home owing to the sickness of his aged mother.

Congressman Samuel W. McCall, of Massachusetts, echoed the sentiments of Governor Cummins on reciprocity. The banquet was held at Hotel Somerset and was largely attended. Senator Daniel taking for his subject the "Unities of the Union," and outlined a general way on the harmonious conditions existing between the North and Southern States, referring also to negro education. He said: "That if a cloud did pass in front of the sun at one time, that cloud has now passed away. It seems that the whole country might be mouldering to me the perpetual hour of our people."

Passing to the negro question, Senator Daniel pointed out that although the North and South were united there was one subject on which they are divided, the color question. He said: "You have never seen slavery from the standpoint of some one, having destroyed slavery and abolished it, what are you going to do with the corpse? Yet, the American people have never had a problem to deal with for which their courage and skill were insufficient."

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

The National Civil Service League Holds its Annual Session in Baltimore.

(By Associated Press.) Baltimore, Dec. 11.—The National Civil Service Reform League has begun its 23rd annual meeting in this city and will continue until this evening. The annual report of the council was read by Jas. F. Bonaparte. The report, which is of great interest to the public, is a study of the recent revelations of dishonesty in certain bureaus of the Post-office Department as an illustration of the evils of spoils politics. "Of the 23 public servants," says the report, "indicted for alleged crimes revealed by this investigation not one originally entered the service through a competitive examination. In every instance their selection was due to partisan or personal considerations. Ordinarily a man who enters the service as the result of a competitive examination honestly conducted in accordance with the civil service rules is a man of higher moral standing than a man appointed to office because he has placed a politician under obligations to him. There have been many illustrations of this truth, but none more striking or significant than the revelations of the postal inquiry."

PANAMA POLITICS.

Convention to be Called and Members Elected to House of Representatives.

(By Associated Press.) Panama, Dec. 11.—The principal work of a political nature now occupying the attention of the Junta consists in the preparation to call a convention and to proceed with the election of members of the House of Representatives. Efforts are being made to hold a convention February 3, three months after the declaration of the independence of Panama. Several of the Panamanian scouting parties have already left here, and others will leave Panama shortly to watch the movements of the Colombians. No reports have yet been received from parties in the field, and no news tending to confirm the report from David Laguerre, of the landing of Colombian troops at the mouth of the Atrato river. A Panamanian gunboat and a United States gunboat, near the western end of the Isthmus of Panama, for the purpose of giving the people of that district evidence of the fact that the United States forces are co-operating with those of Panama in maintaining the peace on the Isthmus.

CORPORATION DECIDES.

That the Southern Has No Claim Against the Greensboro Company.

(Special to The News.) Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 11.—The Corporation Commission issued a formal order today in the case of the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company vs. the Southern Railway in the demurrage controversy holding that the Southern has no ground for claims made against the Ice and Coal Company. No mention is made of the \$500 per day forfeiture which under the statute applies against the Southern's refusal to obey the former order of commission. One of the commissioners says this will be enforced later as the commission must impress the importance of obedience to their orders.

The Secretary of State charts the Pix Liniment Company of Bisco with \$10,000 capital. H. A. Page, Frank Page, and J. K. Page are among the incorporators.

Two Recitals at St. Marks.

Two organ recitals will be given at St. Mark's Lutheran church this evening and Saturday evening by Minor C. Baldwin, a noted organist. No admission will be charged but a basket collection will be taken. The program will consist of sacred selections for the organ.

THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

It Meets in Washington Today--Senator Hanna Calls the Meeting to Order and is Greeted With Great Applause From Committee.

He Defines the Key-Note of the Campaign as "Success"-- Urges That all Stand Pat on the Record-- P. S. Heath in Evidence.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—Republican National committee began its initial meeting preparatory to the Presidential campaign of 1904 at the Arlington hotel today. The committee, which was called to order by Chairman M. A. Hanna, represented every State and Territory, either by regular member or by proxy, except Hawaii. The principal business to be transacted is the selection of time and place for holding the next Republican National Committee. Neither of these questions was discussed at meeting today. When Senator Hanna called the meeting to order, he was greeted with a round of applause. He expressed briefly his thanks to the committee for the work in the campaign of 1900, saying: "All of interest to Republican party that centers in this meeting can be told in one word and that is 'success' and all that is necessary to bring about that result is to stand pat upon the principles and policies of that party." This statement was greeted with hearty applause. Chairman Hanna explained that all the meetings of the committee would be public except at the meeting tomorrow when balloting for the place to hold the next convention would take place. Wiswell of Milwaukee, is sergeant at arms of the committee. Perry S. Heath, Secretary, then read its call of the meeting stating its purpose. Both Chicago and St. Louis, rival cities for the convention, are maintaining headquarters in the hotel.

Chairman Hanna, in outlining the program of the committee's session, said the committee would go in a body to the White House at 2 o'clock. "To pay our respects to the President of the United States." This he said would close the proceedings for the day. Among communications read was one from the chairman of four congressional districts in Mississippi, asking that the call for a national convention be so worded that the delegates from that State can be elected according to the law, which provides that delegates must be elected at the State conventions instead of by districts. Another communication was received from S. R. Palmer, of Porto Rico representing the American Federal Party.

ROOT TAKES NOTICE.

Says Statement Accredited to Gen. MacArthur Needs No Explanation.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—The statement attributed to Gen. MacArthur as contained in last night's dispatches from Honolulu, in which he is alleged to have predicted war in the immediate future between the United States and Germany, have come to the notice of Secretary Root.

In an interview today Secretary Root said the only information he had on the subject was what he had seen in the papers. He did not regard it as a case calling for action by him inasmuch as the dispatch quoted General MacArthur as saying that the statement in Col. Jones' report to Governor Carter did not correctly represent his views in any particular and utterly misrepresented them in some.

Secretary Root made the assertion that remarks of this character delivered in private conversation would not necessarily shield the officer from the requirement of an explanation. He says General MacArthur's denial carries with it the weight of an explanation. He therefore would take no action in the matter.

Rakes the President.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—When the House convened today Mr. Dismore (Dem., Arkansas) was recognized for one hour. He took occasion to speak of the republic of Panama. Mr. Dismore, referring to the provisions of the Panama canal bill, said: "Here is the law. Did the President obey it? Everybody knows that he made no pretense of obeying the law. Has any excuse been offered why he did not obey it? He has not even vouchsafed to Congress, whose law he had violated, the slightest excuse. Is he above law? Indeed, Mr. Chairman, if this is true we have come upon evil times when the executive power of the government can usurp the authority and cast aside the express wish of Congress in the declared law."

THE OLD NEGRO'S PLEA.

Pathetic Incident in Court Before Judge Neal.

One of the most touching incidents that has ever been witnessed here occurred before Judge W. H. Neal in court this week.

Ben Du Bose, an old white headed negro was found guilty by the court of stealing corn. The old fellow was sentenced to twelve months at hard work. His lawyer plead in vain the old man's age and the Judge stated the sentence must stand. Then Du Bose arose and hobbling before the Judge's seat he said "Will your honor please let me say a word?"

"I'm an old man and ain't got much longer to stay here, and Judge, it would jist kill me to work on dem roads hard all day long. Judge, I got hurt purty bad not long ago an my ole head ain't been right since an I ain't got no nothin' since it happened. Judge, now please Judge jist let me be hired out--do anything you want to wid me, I ain't got nothin' to say about that, but Judge it would sure kill me to work on dem roads, I jes couldn't stand it."

The old fellow's plea touched not only Judge Neal but the entire court and many eyes were damp when the white headed old fellow sat down.

Judge Neal changed the old man's sentence so that he could be hired out by the county commissioners at some kind of labor which would suit his case.

STONEWALL CHAPTER.

U. D. G. Elect Officers Tomorrow-- Lee and Jackson's Birthday Celebration.

Tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock the U. D. G. will hold their regular monthly meeting in the Veterans' Hall in the Wilkinson building. At this meeting the annual election of officers will take place.

The Daughters will also hear the reports of each officer of the Chapter for the year, showing the work accomplished by the organization during the past year.

The various committees of the Chapter will also make their annual reports. It is understood that these reports will be among the best ever submitted to the Chapter which is now in a most flourishing condition and accomplishing great good.

Another important matter that will come before the Chapter tomorrow will be the perfecting of arrangements for a proper celebration of Lee and Jackson's Birthday, which is observed in North Carolina and other States as a holiday, January 16 being the day so observed. It may be that a public meeting will be held in honor of these heroes of the Confederacy.

A DIAMOND BURNED.

Baptist Delegate Had Bad Luck This Morning.

Miss Alma McDonald, of Greensboro, one of the delegates to the Baptist Convention, had the misfortune to drop her diamond ring in the fire this morning.

Miss McDonald is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cretchfield in Dilworth. She was standing before the grate this morning when her ring, a handsome one, slipped from her finger into the fire.

The ring was afterwards found but the set could not be found.

A prominent jeweler this morning informed a News representative that fire would completely destroy a diamond. This is a fact that few, possibly, are aware of.

26 SENT TO ROADS.

Sheriff Wallace Dispatches 13 Convicts to Each Camp.

Sheriff N. W. Wallace states today that he has sent out two squads of convicts to the convict camps of the county as result of the term of court which closed yesterday.

The convicts were divided into two squads of thirteen each, and were sent to the county convict camp to serve out their terms on the county roads.

The county commissioners have made ample provision for keeping the convicts comfortable during the winter months and as a result the road work is little interfered with by the severe weather.

SUBSCRIBES \$10,000.

Mr. O. A. Robbins Takes This Amount in New Hotel.

Mr. O. A. Robbins today subscribed \$10,000 to the stock of the Gresham Hotel Company, Charlotte's coming \$200,000 hotel. This is one of the largest single subscriptions that has been made up to this time.

Dr. E. C. Register, one of the promoters of the new hotel, tells The News today that the new hotel is now almost assured. Our people are subscribing liberally and it is expected that the entire block of stock, \$200,000, will soon be taken.

THE COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS MADE A MOST FAVORABLE REPORT

Over \$25,000 was Raised During the Year for This Work --\$30,000 is Wanted the Coming Year--Dr. Skinner Writes a Letter of Regret

The devotional exercises of the morning session of the Baptist Convention were conducted by Rev. Josiah Crudup, of Washington, N. C.

At 10 o'clock President Marsh called the convention to order.

Dr. Walter Calley, of Chicago, representing the Baptist Young People's Union, was recognized.

Three ministers who have recently come to North Carolina were welcomed. They are Rev. C. M. Rock, of Clinton, Rev. Wade Bostick, of Montgomery and Rev. J. C. Massee, of Raleigh.

On motion of Rev. Livingston Johnson, a committee was appointed on the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

This committee consists of the following: B. Craig, B. W. Spillman, R. D. Carroll, G. P. Harrill, W. H. Reddish, Hon. H. A. Foushee and Rev. W. C. Tyree were appointed a committee to have the Trustees of the Ministerial Relief Board incorporated by the next legislature, and to have some amendments made to the constitution.

Rev. W. T. Reeves, of Raleigh, spoke from the standpoint of the younger members of the convention and urged the great importance of renewed efforts in the line of continued growth and expansion.

Rev. C. F. Murchison, of Penelope, spoke for Piedmont North Carolina. He showed a circle including a radius of 100 miles of Charlotte. This circle contains 325 cotton mills. This only gives an idea of the industrial importance of this section. He emphasized the great importance of the work among the operatives in these mills. He stated that in this section work among the country people had been neglected, and urged that more attention be given to this work. The best workers in our city churches come from the country, and for this reason more attention should be given to this work.

Rev. R. D. Haymore, of Mt. Airy, made a statement in behalf of his church and asked a contribution.

Rev. W. A. Therrell, of Asheville, gave it as his opinion that the work of the denomination could be greatly enlarged by developing the individual members.

Mr. W. A. Graham, of Lincoln county, said he had been connected with the work of this board for a number of years. He thought the work among the country churches should not be neglected. We should go forward in our work now because our people have more money, and are able to give much more than formerly.

Short speeches were made by Rev. J. W. Lynch, of Wake Forest and layman J. Howard, of Greensboro.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The following report from the committee on Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist convention was submitted: The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention sustains the same relation to the work of the churches of North Carolina as that sustained by our Foreign and Home Mission Boards. We rejoice in the continued prosperity of the board. We commend its wisdom in the purchase of the building now occupied by it.

A letter from Dr. Thos. E. Skinner was read regretting his inability to be present. Dr. Skinner has also tendered his resignation as president of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College and Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, was elected to fill his unexpired term.

STATE MISSIONS.

The committee on State Missions made the following report: The Baptist of North Carolina are to be congratulated and God is to be praised for the response our churches have made to the call of our board for an advance in contribution for State Mission work. Last year \$25,000 were asked for. The report of our secretary shows that something over this amount has been raised during the past convention year. But while our contributions have increased the demands upon the board have also increased. New fields are being opened and the board is unable to meet many of the urgent appeals for aid that are coming to it.

In view of these facts the committee recommends that the convention undertake to raise during the next year \$30,000 for the mission work, and may the success already achieved under God be but an earnest of what we shall do.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. MORGAN, Chairman.

This report was discussed at length by Secretary Livingston Johnson giving a history of the work done by his board, and the many churches it had assisted in establishing, including the First Baptist church, Twelfth Street, and Pritchard Memorial churches of this city. Secretary Johnson urged that at least \$30,000 be raised for State Missions next year.

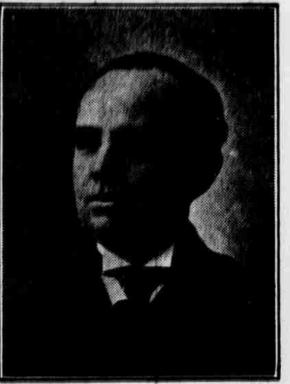
Rev. F. M. Jordan gave his experience as a servant of this board, in establishing the churches at Winston, Lenoir, Lenoir, Lenoir, Lenoir, Statesville and other places. Mr. Jordan stated that he had preached the gospel 53 years, had witnessed the conversion of over 7,000 people, and had baptized over 5,000 people. He had baptized people in every river of any size in North Carolina. He stated that he had preached in the old church at the foot of Hog Back mountain, now the Tok-away Company had built a lake there and the site of the old church was now about 40 feet under water, the only fine we Baptists were ever drowned out.

The convention was next addressed by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney, of Hickory, another of the older members of the convention, who drew a striking contrast between this convention and the work it is doing and one he attended here twenty-five years ago. He referred especially to the great growth of Baptists throughout the country districts of the State.

Dr. J. D. Bufham commended the committee for recommending larger contributions and expanded work. He stated that the Master's command to preach the gospel everywhere must be obeyed. Blucher's command "Forward brethren" must be our battle cry.



DR. THOMAS SKINNER.



REV. W. L. POTENT.

The Bible work of our churches is committed to our Sunday School Board. This work is being well cared for.

The periodical and general literature issued by our board is the best for our churches. We commend our periodical literature.

The field department is doing good service. Respectfully submitted, B. CRAIG, Chairman.

Rev. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, called attention to the fact that this Board was now publishing Bibles and other religious books in addition to Sunday school papers and helps. He outlined the establishment of this work and its

COLOMBIAN ARMY LANDS.

Rumor of a Small Army of Colombians Having Landed on Colombia Soil.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 11.—Secretary Moody has received cablegrams from Rear Admiral Glass, saying the body of Colombian troops has landed on Colombian territory with the view of marching overland to the Isthmus. Rear Admiral Glass has been unable to confirm the report.