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Lilley Says Electric Co. Put Up Funds For the Election Of Members

Reiterates That Company Maintained Lobby in Wash., and Contributed Funds Campaign.

Also Charges That Certain Newspapers Were Subsidized—Special Committee Investigating The Charges.

Washington, March 12.—The special committee, appointed by the speaker, to investigate charges made by Representative Lilley, that undue efforts had been made by the Electric Boat Company to influence legislation regarding its sitings.

At the opening of the sessions Mr. Lilley addressed the committee, saying he desired to correct the impression that had been created by the report of the committee on rules to the effect that he had charged that members of congress had been bribed.

Mr. Lilley then read his prepared statement. In his statement Mr. Lilley insisted that certain officers of the Electric Boat Company be called and that the witnesses he had named to the committee are nearly all officers, attorneys, agents or representatives of the company.

He asked if the committee still adhered to its determination not to permit him to call witnesses to present their testimony under the examination of his attorneys. His request was denied, when Chairman Boutell said members of the committee were not there as prosecutors nor would Mr. Lilley be permitted to assume the part of prosecutor. Witnesses would be called as the necessity for their presence developed.

Mr. Lilley then was sworn under oath and he proposed that for several years prior to the investigation the Holland company and its successor, the Electric Boat company, organized a lobby for the purpose of influencing legislative appropriations in favor of submarine boats, built by that company.

He requested the statements previously made and declared that a "thorough investigation by an impartial committee will show that large sums of money have been by the Electric Boat company. Its officers and agents, contributed to the campaign funds of members of congress who favored the Electric Boat company monopoly of submarine construction; also that large sums of money have been used to defeat members of the naval committee who did not favor the Electric Boat company.

He also charged that it can be shown upon investigation that certain representatives of leading newspapers have been subsidized and paid by the Electric Boat company for favorable newspaper articles and reports in behalf of said companies.

He reaffirmed that he had not intended to cast any reflection upon the official conduct of the navy committee of the house.

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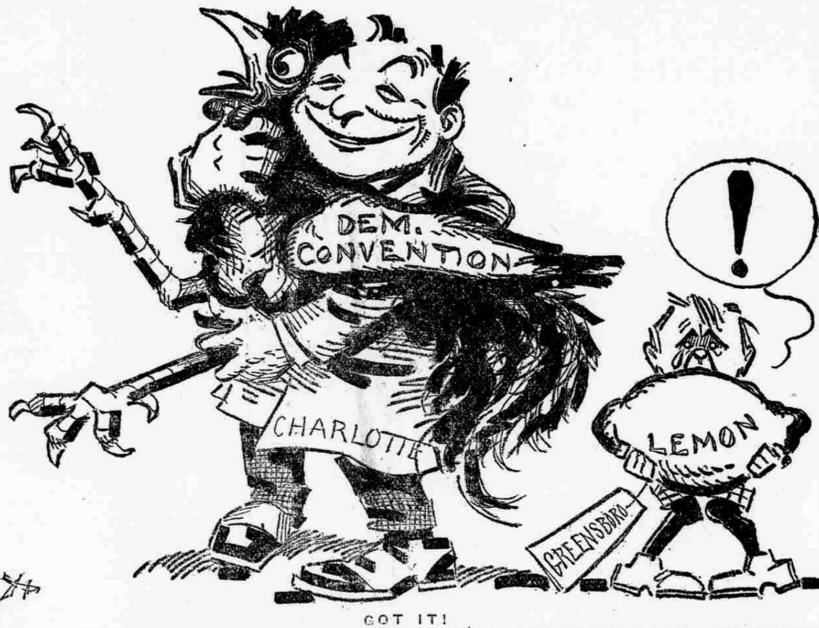
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Charlotte Gets the Democratic Convention And the Date is Set For Wednesday June the 24th.

To Increase Pensions To Widow's of Soldiers

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The senate has passed the house bill to increase the pensions of widows and minor children of soldiers and sailors in the civil war, the war with Mexico and the various Indian wars.

Hitchcock on Trial. By Associated Press. New York, March 12.—The jury to try Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, was completed today. Assistant District Attorney Garvan outlined the case of the prosecution in a brief address to the jury and Mrs. Mary von Hagen, mother of one of the girl complainants, testified.

Hook & Rogers the Winners. A wire from Greenville, N. C., says that Hook & Rogers, the well-known firm of local architects, have been selected as the architects of the Eastern North Carolina Training School, with Mr. Simpson, of Newbern, as associate architect. This honor is won over nine competitors of prominence in the profession. The building is to cost \$100,000 and will be a very handsome structure.

A Scotch Evening. Miss Julia Alexander will give the last of her travel talks at the Y. W. C. A. tomorrow evening. Her theme will be "A Night in Scotland." There will be Scotch songs by Miss Wade and others, and a Scotch recitation or two, one of them being from "The Lady of the Lake." The evening's entertainment will be Scottish. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. Dobyms Sunday. Rev. Dr. Dobyms, called to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church, will be here Saturday and will preach on both services on that day. He will receive a cordial greeting from the people of that church and they invite all who can to hear this very brilliant preacher. Dr. Dobyms is well known by Dr. Hulsten, of the First Baptist church, who became a fast friend of his in the west, and Dr. Hulsten says he is one of the great preachers of the west.

Motion Was Lost. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 12.—The motion was lost in the house committee on military affairs to report favorably the bill creating the roll to be known as the volunteer retired list and placing thereon, with retired pay, surviving volunteer officers of the army, navy and marines of the civil war.

Big Case in Court. The case of Mr. J. D. Elliott, mayor of Hickory, against the Seaboard Air-Line Railroad Company for \$82,000, was heard in United States circuit court at Richmond, Va., Judge Pritchard, presiding. Mr. Elliott was formerly a railroad contractor.

DULL IN POLICE CIRCLES. Not a Single Case Comes Before the Recorder. This was a dull day in police circles, there being not a single case in the recorder's court.

Dan Scott and Reuben McConnell, two young white men were arrested today for engaging in an affray last night in Seversville. They will be tried before the recorder tomorrow morning.

Mr. W. H. Arday has sold to Mr. J. P. Arday a tract of land in Pineville township, consisting of 101 acres, the consideration being \$665.

The Queen City The Successful Bidder After a Spirited Contest With Greensboro—The Vote Was 49 to 29.

By Associated Press. Charlotte, N. C., March 12.—The secretary of state granted a charter to the Charlotte Baseball Club, incorporated at a capital of \$10,000, by R. C. Carlton, W. R. Wearn and P. M. Cave, for the purpose of maintaining league ball and adequate ball grounds in Charlotte.

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Machine Guns Lay Low Over two Thousand of Strikers In Chile

NEARLY 25,000 MILL EMPLOYEES ARE AFFECTED

By Associated Press. Lowell, Mass., March 12.—Notices announcing a wage reduction of ten per cent were posted in seven of the large cotton factories here.

Nearly 25,000 operatives will be affected by the cut down.

Giocomy Outlook. Manufacturers state that the business outlook is most discouraging and that the situation is without a parallel in many years. The whole cotton manufacturing industry, both in the north and in the south being seriously impaired. It is also stated that a further curtailment of production may become necessary. The corporations where notices were posted comprise practically all of the large manufacturers.

C. F. KING CANNOT BE FOUND. The Boston Financier is Hiding From His Creditors.

For the last few weeks newspapers have made known the financial embarrassment of Mr. C. F. King, a former resident of Charlotte, who has for the last few years been engaged in promoting corporations in the north, but on yesterday the financier's affairs took a serious turn.

Dispatches from Boston say that a warrant has been issued for King, but that so far he has not been located.

The criminal action was begun by creditors when it was alleged that Mr. King was raising money on his property contrary to law.

Consider Reduced Rates. Fort Pierre, S. D., March 12.—The state railroad commission held a special session here today to consider the proposal for reduced freight rates in Western South Dakota.

Oklahoma Postmasters. Oklahoma City, Okla., March 12.—The State Association of First and Second Class Postmasters met in convention here today to discuss matters of mutual interest in relation to their duties. Postmaster White of Lawton, president of the association, presided over the gathering.

Order of K. of C. Initiation. The Knights of Columbus, the great order of the Catholic Church, held an initiatory meeting today, and about 32 new members were taken through the three degrees. A large number of members from several states were here in attendance upon the exercises.

The New Initiates. The following new members were initiated: Edward M. Williams, F. W. R. Moore, John P. Gallagher, Joseph J. Beshere, John M. Hannon, Joseph J. Roberts, I. H. Milligan, J. J. Montague, E. A. Farley, Arthur Mahon, W. P. Woodworth and J. A. Morris, of Charlotte.

Cecil A. Fly, E. J. Lestford, William E. Clark, Jas. H. Cain and J. H. Manley, of Asheville.

Joseph E. Goforth, Francis E. Fleming, John F. Sullivan, Pollard W. Farron, James F. Newcomb, of Belmont.

Chas. F. Bradley, Salisbury. L. L. Cullender, Clover, S. C. F. T. Wise, Greenville.

John A. Lyon, of Anderson. T. R. McDermott, Black Mountain. H. P. Edwards, Sandford.

John McD. Menchan, Fayetteville. A magnificent banquet will be given the visiting and new members tonight at the Selwyn by Charlotte Council, No. 770.

A delicious menu has been prepared, and a splendid program arranged. The music for the occasion will be furnished by Richardson's orchestra, and many toasts will be responded to by the members.

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Report of Terrible Slaughter of Human Life Reaches San Francisco by Steamer From South American City.

Victims Number 2,500, Most of Whom Were Killed—Strikers Literally Mowed Down when Soldiers Opened Fire.

San Francisco, Cal., March 12.—Machine guns, operated by the government forces of Chile, in a great conflict with strikers at the nitrate beds in the city of Iquique, laid 2,500 men low, most of these being killed, according to advices received by a steamer arriving from Chile.

Business at Iquique was paralyzed when the great army of workers went on strike.

One fracas after another occurred, until the soldiers and strikers met in the streets of Iquique and on the outskirts and openly defied each other.

The soldiers opened fire, while they massed and literally mowed down the men.

They had little opportunity to fight back, the assault upon them was so sudden.

This took place on January 19th. A week later the strikers went back to work without an increase in wages.

Not Certain of Date. The story coming from San Francisco of the great conflict between the government forces and strikers at Iquique, evidently is an exaggeration and incorrect as to the date. A dispatch from Valparaiso on December 28, said according to the official statement the recent encounter at Iquique resulted in the killing of 210 men and the wounding of about 50. This is undoubtedly the same occurrence.

Supreme Court Opinions. Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—Opinions delivered by the supreme court in twelve cases on appeal as follows: Smith vs. Lumber Co., Craven, no error.

Adam vs. Joyner, Craven, affirmed. Nelson vs. Atlantic Coast Line Relief department, action dismissed in both appeals.

Wallace vs. Salisbury, Martin, affirmed. St. George vs. Harris, New Hanover, no error.

Jones vs. Hobbs, Duplin, affirmed. Maffitt vs. Hummerland, New Hanover, affirmed.

Ict Co. vs. Southern Railway, Cleveland, new trial both cases. Davis vs. Railroad, Cleveland, new trial.

Hickory Granite Co. vs. Southern Railway, Catawba, reversed.

Pittsburg Slayer to Hang. Pittsburg, Pa., March 12.—This is the day of execution for Morris B. Holmes, in whose case the state pardon board recently declined to interfere. Holmes murdered his sweetheart, Nancy Miller, in an east Pittsburg hotel, March 27th last, by stabbing her seven times with a butcher knife.

To Hear Mr. Gilchrist. There will be a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon of the Laymen's Committee of 100 to hear Mr. P. S. Gilchrist tell of the great convention he recently attended in Washington.

Reward For "White Caps". Governor Glenn offers a reward for the capture of the band of "White Caps" who at Belhaven set upon the company of Greek immigrants employed in the Belhaven Interstate Corporation Plant, beat them unmercifully, causing the death of two, others being seriously wounded.

The governor is advised that the citizens are entering heartily into the work of fixing the outrage on those responsible.

Governor Glenn has ordered the Washington, N. C., military company to be subject to the orders of the sheriff of Beaufort county for the protection of a band of immigrants who were recently located there (Swedes). They were attacked last night and several of them badly beaten up by a party of masked men believed to have been the lawless element. And there was fear that there would be further demonstration tonight.

Gov. Glenn Down for 75 Prohibition Speeches

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 12.—President Heriot Clarkson, of the state Anti-Saloon League, is here perfecting arrangements for the impending campaign on state prohibition, says details are about worked out for the greatest campaign ever waged in North Carolina, to extend to every hook and corner of the state.

Outstanding organization in every precinct and campaign speeches everywhere by the ablest and most eloquent temperance advocates will be the features.

Governor Glenn is already scheduled for 75 or more speeches.

Mr. C. M. Furr is still very sick at his home.

Kansas Populists.

Topeka, Kas., March 12.—The remnant of the once-powerful People's party in Kansas assembled in mass convention in Topeka today to select delegates to represent the state at the People's party national convention to be held in St. Louis next month. Kansas will have 26 delegates at the national convention.

One deed was filed for registration in the office of the clerk of the superior court today.