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FAIR OFFICIALS ON TRIAL: CHARGED WITH ALLOWING BAD SHOWS AND GAMBLING

The State Calls Forty Witnesses, But Only About Half of Were Actually put Upon The Stand—To give Testimony.

The Igorrotes, "Thelma," "The Gay Young Women of Coney Island" And Gambling all Described in Detail.

The trial of the Mecklenburg Fair officials, charged with allowing gambling and indecent shows at the last fair, began yesterday afternoon at 2:30. About forty witnesses were called by the state, and about half that many for the defense. There was not much trouble in selecting that jury, the defense and state taking advantage of only one challenge each. The jury as constituted is composed of the following: R. I. Dorton, J. A. Hoover, W. R. Long, N. V. Porter, A. M. Rea, J. R. Hutchison, J. R. McCall, W. H. Patterson, B. E. Culp and O. B. Robinson.

Mr. Clarkson is assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. F. M. Shannonhouse and F. M. Simmons. The defense is represented by Messrs. F. I. Osborne, W. C. Maxwell, T. C. Guthrie and T. L. Kirkpatrick.

When the case was called yesterday afternoon, the solicitor made a motion that the two bills of indictment, one against the fair association officials and one against Messrs. W. S. Orr and C. M. Creswell as individuals be joined, but this was objected to on the part of the defense on the ground that there were two counts, one for gambling and one for conducting a disorderly house, and that the defenses were different.

Judge Moore ruled that the two bills could not be merged, and the trial was begun on the bill against the officials, and the secretary and manager.

The Testimony.

Mr. D. B. Sparnes was the first witness examined this morning.

He said:

"I went to the fair with my wife, my son-in-law and his wife. I saw Bennett, my son-in-law, lose $16. A man was calling out thant anybody could get in the game. The man offered to give another chance if you did not win—or your money back.

"Bennett won, but did not get any money. I did not see any chance for Bennett to win. The game was a kind of dice game. I heard the man explain the game, but do not exactly understand how it was done.

"I noticed this place as I went in with my wife. I stayed there about two hours. I am not positive about the day, but I think it was Thursday.

Cross Examination.

The witness said that Bennett won one time, or rather the crowd said he did, but there was no money passed. Said he did not know anything about the game being broken up.

Mr. Joe A. Michael testified:

"I went in the 'Thelma' show. I saw a woman lying on a cot dressed in tights. She was lying sideways. The tights were just like the tights I have seen in other shows in town. One could see the shape of her limbs through the tights."

Mr. W. B. Caldwell said:

"I live in the country, in Charlotte township. I was at the fair on Wednesday evening. I paid 30 cents to get in. I had five children there, but they did not go with me.

"The first thing that attracted my attention was a gambling device. I did not stop to investigate it, but I saw some money changing hands; but I don't know how the game was operated. I saw quite a number of other devices, tables with money on it, and several others.

"The two I paid most attention to were, a game with a table which had checks on it, black and red, and a man had some pins like those in a bowling alley. The man would put them in a box and shake them, and then say, "The red is mine, the black is yours," or the other way around. It looked to me as if the man won most of the time. The most I saw won by any one in the crowd was $1. It cost 25 cents to play the game.

"The next game which attracted my attention was a game called the 'Zigler Wigler,' where one would put a marble in a hole and bet on where it would drop."

Nothing new was brought out on cross examination.

Mr. Matthews Yandle testified:

"I went to the fair on Wednesday with my wife. Saw a wheel of fortune in operation. It was just like all the other wheels I have seen at other fairs.

"I saw Thelma. I heard the man say come up and see 'Thelma.' I took a peep. It did not cost me anything to see the show. I saw her form.

"I saw the Coney Island Widows. The spieler on the outside did not say anything about the clothes they wore."

Mr. W. H. Hardis was the next witness for the state. He said:

"I was at the fair last fall, and saw Mr. Hunnicutt there (Mr. Hunnicutt is the witness who testified as to losing $40). Mr. Hunnicutt told me he had lost all the money he had: He mentioned Chief W. S. Orr, and I went with him to find the chief. Mr. Orr told us he was busy, and to see Mr. C. M. Creswell. We did so and I afterwards heard that Mr. Hunnicutt had gotten some of his money back."

The witness said he had had a talk with Mr. Hunnicutt, and told him he was mistaken as to the man who got his money back. Mr. Hunnicutt having testified that it was Mr. W. S. Orr.

After examining several other witnesses, who told about the same story, the state rested, and Col. Osbrone asked if the solicitor asked a verdict against Messrs. Creswell and Orr under the evidence.

Mr. Clarkson announced that he would ask for a verdict under the evidence. The defense then after a short conference began putting on evidence.

Up to 10 o'clock the defense had introduced the following witnesses, the most of whom were character witnesses for Messrs. Creswell and Orr: State Senator H. N. Pharr, Representative W. C. Dowd, Rev. J. A. Austin, Dr. C. A. Bland, Dr. J. W. Faison, E. L. Keesler, B. D. Springs, Dr. J. R. Robinson, J. P. Caldwell, and Capt. S. B. Alexander.

Dr. J. R. Robinson said on cross examination that he was a member of the board of directors of the Mecklenburg Fair Association. He said that he was not in the city during the fair, but that the week previous the board had met every night and the fair was discussed. The witness said the association had many applications for space, and that the directors had given instruction that there must not be any but decent shows admitted, and that no gambling was to be allowed.

Mr. W. C. Dowd on cross examination said he had attended the fair, but had not paid especial attention to the wheels of fortune.

Captain Alexander Testifies.

Cajt. S. B. Alexander, president of the Fair Association, was put on the stand.

Captain Alexander said he was the de facto president of the association, and did not own any stock, two shares having been transferred to him to make him elligible to the office. He said he had no active management of the fair, but he presided at the meetings of the board of directors, and aided in making up the premium list.

He said the policy of the association was not to allow any violation of the law in the grounds. The witness said he attended the fair, but only saw one show, and that was the Iggorotes. He saw nothing objectionable in that.

"Did you see anything in the papers about the fair being run wide-open?" asked the solicitor.

This question was objected to by the defense, but the witness answered that he did not remember to have seen any such statement in the papers.

In answer to a question put by the solicitor, Captain Alexander said that if he had seen anything indecent or any gambling he would have stopped it.

The witness said that there was an understanding between the association and the city that there was to be no gambling allowed.

At the conclusion of Captain Alexander's testimony adjourment was taken until 2:30.

The defense has about six other witnesses to examine.

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Yeggmen Make Goodly Haul

Special to The News.

Greenville, S. C., April 21.—At three o'clock this morning yeggmen blew open the safe in Carpenter Brothers' branch drug store and sub postoffice, near the Southern depot, and secured $400 in cash.

No clue to the robbers has been found, but suspicious characters are being shadowed.

The store is located in a thickly settled district. Government agents and local police are investigating the case.

Young Bryan Gave His Family a Bad Scare

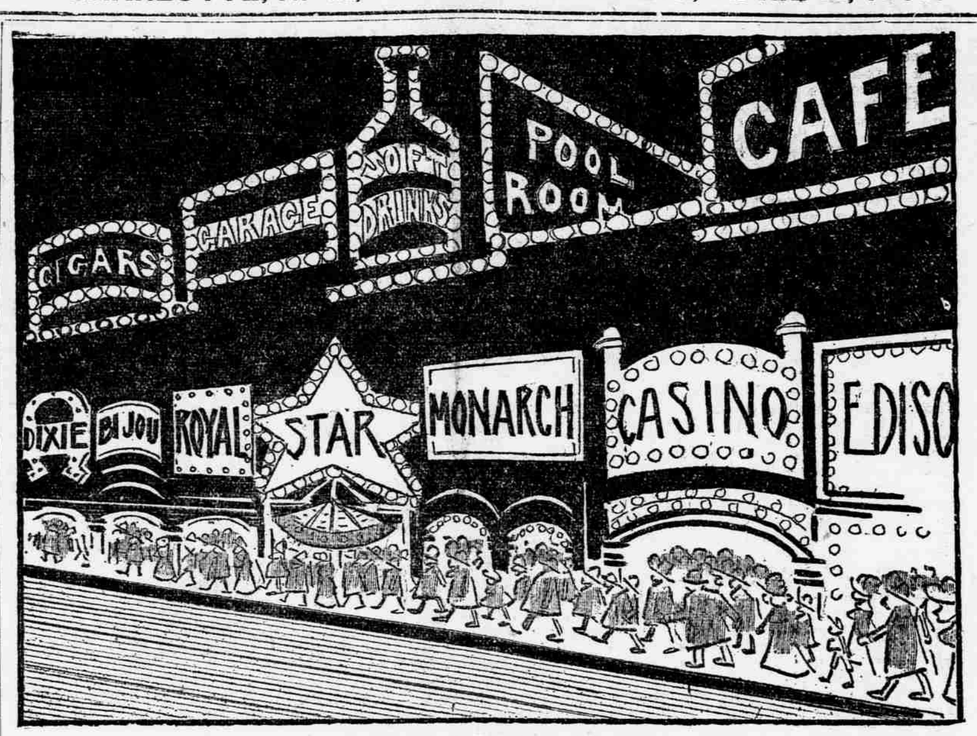
By Associated Press.

New ork, April 21.—Hon. William J. Bryan's grandson, little Bryan Leavitt, gave the democratic leader a bad scare today. Mr. Bryan had gone to the pier to meet the steamer upon which Mrs. Bryan, her daughter, Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Leavitt's two children were returning from Europe.

Mr. Bryan was one of the first on board. He found Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Leavitt awaiting him on the upper deck, but little Bryan was nowhere to be seen. Finally his mother found him hidden under a berth in her stateroom. When drawn out from his hiding place little Bryan threw himself into his grandfather's arms and the big crowd which had gathered on the dock watched the meeting with enthusiastic appreciation.

Mr. Bryan left them at the hotel and went to Trenton, N. J.

—The very high fence on South Tryon street has been painted on one side.



CHARLOTTE'S "GREAT WHITE WAY" (Broadway Had Better Look to Her Laurels.)

Black Hands In Lincoln

Photographer at Dinner Receives a Threatening Letter, and Applies to United States Commission for Protection.

Mr. R. B. Poteat, a photographer, of Denver, Lincoln county, today made an affidavit before United States Commissioner J. W. Cobb that certain parties in Denver had written him threatening letters signed "Black Hand."

Commissioner Cobb has referred the matter to United States District Attorney Holton, and is awaiting his action.

Mr. Poteat makes the following affidavit and gives a copy of the letter alleged to have been received:

The Affidavit.

R. B. Poteat being duly sworn, says that on Monday night; the 6th day of April, 1908, he and his wife were eating supper at his home in the town of Denver, Lincoln county, said state; that while so engaged his wife saw John Shelton at their window, and remarked to him to come in; that he did not do so but threw the enclosed letter into the room, and left. He further swears that one Mcintosh, John Shelton and many others are implicated. That by reason of the receipt of said letter he and his family were compelled to leave the town, leaving all their possessions in the house. Affiant further swears that he was conducting a legitimate protograph business in Denver and knows of no reosen why the threat should be sent to him. That "B. H." signifies Black Hand.

(Signed) R. B. POTEAT.

Sworn to before me April 10, 1908.

J. W. COBB,
United States Commissioner.

Copy of Letter.

Bob Poteat a certain party has told me to drop you a note to tell you the quickest way to get out of Denver is too slow. We will allow give you until Sunday to get away from here and if not gone by then you will have to take the consequences.

The bearer has to carry this note and if you say any thing about him we will get you very soon. B.H.

Work of D. A. R. Congress.

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—At today's session of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, consideration was given to routine business before the congress delegates devoted their time to discussing reports of the officers.

President Castro Issues Decree.

By Associated Press.

Caracas, Venezuela (via Willemstad, Curacoa), April 21.—President Castro has issued the following decree: "The port of La Guaira will be closed for fifteen days pending the report of the sanitary board because there has been three deaths and twelve cases of unknown tubercular fever."

Shot by Officer Died as Result

Special to The News.

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 21.—James Tilley, Jr., who was shot on Saturday night by Chief of Police Pardue, of Kernersville, died at 5 o'clock this morning.

Tilley, who is a young man, was approaching the officer with a shot gun for the purpose of forcing Chief Pardue to release his (Tilley's) father and brother who were under arrest, the son being charged with disturbing a religious service and the father for attempting to intimidate the officer.

The coroner is holding an inquest over the remains of the dead man this afternoon. One of the three shots fired went through Tilley's lungs, one in the neck and the third in the arm.

The impression prevails that Chief Pardue will be discharged upon the plea that he shot Tilley in self-defense.

Vaudeville For The Vets.

Entertainment at The Academy Promises to Tax The Seating Capacity of The Academy of Music.

Tramp, tramp, tramp the boys are marching.

"The boys" are the ones who did the marching and the fighting in '61-'65. Tonight a remnant of them, helped by the Children of the Confederacy, and under the guidance and inspiration of Mrs. J. L. Sexton and Mrs. E. C. Register, will give a show at the Academy of Music for the benefit of Mecklenburg Camp, Confederate Veterans. The show is to be high class vaudeville. Hundreds of tickets have been sold and the audience, in size, promises to be of the standing-room-only kind.

The souvenir programs are handsome. They are to be sold for 5 cents a copy, the money to go toward the benefit fund. Without giving the program away The News is at liberty to tell this much: There are three main divisions—"The Lawn Party;" "Leaves From the Cabbage Patch;" "Camp Scenes"—under which all the stunts which go to make up a fine, funny and facetious program are classed.

Taking leading part in this lawn party are Messrs. Keesler, Overcash, Baxtresser, Archie Galloway, Parks, Mrs. Frank Jones, Misses Babbington and Hazel Brown. Other parts will be taken by Mesdames Bryant, Darricott and Sexton; Misses Torrance, Dixon, Nathan, Robinson, Ray, McCausland, Andrews, Rowland, Rigler, Nail, Andrews, Brown, Erwin, Nash, Elliott and Robinson; Messrs. Bell, Butt, Culpepper, Fletcher, Hunter, Kirby, Philpot, Smith, Norman, Sexton and Watson.

Accompanist, Miss Lula Brown. Time:—Any old time. Place:—Any old place.

The biggest "leaves from the cabbage patch" will be: Miss Belle Hall (Mrs. Wiggs) Mrs. Bennett; Misses Ruth Porter, Matilda Overcash, Eloise King; Messrs. Galloway, Willie Dodenhoff, Harry Allison, Ollie Asbury, Blackburn Moore.

Neighbors children: Edith Overcash, Helen Porter, Adelaide Davis, Sarah Roark, Lucile Wommac, Lee Hunter, Joe Simmons.

The special features of "camp scenes" will be: "The Night Before the Battle," "Tenting Tonight," "Cavaliers Glee" and "Old Time Confederates"—male choruses.

Special numbers will be given by the Williams brothers, T. H. Asbury, Miss Ruth Porter, Miss Eloise King, Mr. Baxtresser, R. W. Powers, Miss Margaret Erwin, Billy Kincaid, (who with "David" his big "Presbyterian dog," as a little girl calls him, is a local Buster and Tige) and others.

A flag drill will be "evolved" by Misses Allison, Overcash, Bomar, Overcash, Kendrick, Brown, Wilmoth, Boyer, McCausland, Ross, Nail, Watt, Wilson, Rowland, Bilbie and Young, and a dance given by Misses Brunson, Bryan and Pettus—the three graces.

Junius Smith will recite 'A'll's Quiet Along the Potomac." The Dresser Orchestra—each one an artist—will furnish "Happyland" music.

The whole thing will round up with Dixie—the Confederate doxology.

Forty Bodies Now Recovered

By Associated Press.

Melbourne, Australia, April 21.—Forty-two bodies have been taken out of the wreckage caused by a collision on April 19 of the two trains at Braibrook Junction, about eight miles from Melbourne. It is believed that several others are still buried under the debris. The number of injured is placed at eighty-eight.

Last Day of Convention

Sorority Girls Conclude Program of Sixth Annual Convention, With an Elaborate Banquet This Evening.

The sixth annual convention of the Kappa Delta Sorority which opened here yesterday morning will close tonight, and tomorrow morning the young ladies will leave for their far-away homes. The last thing on the program will be the banquet at the Selwyn hotel at 9:30 o'clock. This promises to be the most elaborate feature of the convention. Manager E. B. Moore, of the Selwyn, has made great preparations for it and with 50 or more pretty college girls seated around the banquet table it will be, no doubt, a brilliant affair. Miss Ellen Gibson, of Concord, a member of the Charlotte and Concord Alumnae chapter, will preside as toastmistress. Responses will be made by all the delegates.

This morning's session was called to order at 10 o'clock. It was a business session and all matters which were proposed and tabled at yesterday afternoon's session, were disposed of. This session lasted until 1 o'clock, when the young ladies repaired to the dining hill for luncheon. The session was called to order immediately after luncheon, at 2 o'clock, and did not adjourn until six. This was the most important busines sesion of the convention. Officers were elected and the place of holding the next convention decided upon. The delegates also made reports of the chapters they represented.

The Banquet.

Richardson's orchestra will furnish the music and the color scheme will be white and green, carried out in roses and carnations. The program follows:

Toast Mistress,—Miss Helen Gibson.

Welcome—
"Your sweet praises all to win
We've decked us out tonight."
—Miss Marguerite Springs

Response—
"Here's my hand
———With my heart in it."
—Phi Psi Chapter

The aKppa Delta Sorority—
"And she who would this toast deny,
Down among the dead men let her lie."
—Lameda Chapter

Our New Chapters—
"The rose is fairest when 'tis budding new" —Sigma Chapter.

Grand Chapter and Head—
"There's a divinity that shapes our end" —Kappa Alpha Chapter

Night Riders (of the Goat)
"We rise in glory—tho' we sink in Pride" —Omiron Chapter

Westward Ho!
"Westward the Star of Empire takes it way" —Alpha Chapter

Kappa Delta as an Inspiration to School Girls—
"A burning and a shining light."
—Phi Delta Chapter

Our Alma Maters—
"You of all names the sweetest and the best" —Theta Chapter

Our Absent members—A tribute to Iota—
"Fickle Fortune has deceived me,
She promised much and performed but ill" —Gamma Chapter

Our Chaperone—

Our Chaperone—
"The ae best fellow e'er was born."
—Pho Omega Phi Chapter

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson—
"The chief perfection of this lovely dame
Would make a volume of enticing lines" —eta Chapter

Charlotte—
"A pleasanter spot you never spied"
—Delta Chapter

Trouble of Longshore & Co.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 21.—It was announced on the floor of the cotton exchange today that Longshore & Co., members of the exchange, failed to have ready their clearing sheet and check today, as required by the rules of the exchange. The firm's headquarters are at New Orleans.

THE SENATE GIVES OVER MORE TIME TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR

AFTER WRAPPING PAPER CO.

Investigation to Be Started Into Conduct of Several Large Concerns.

By Associated Press.

New York, April 21.—It became known that the federal grand jury is about to begin an investigation of several of the largest concerns manufacturing Manila wrapping paper in this state.

The purpose of the inquiry is to ascertain whether or not the manufacturers are conducting their business under an agreement in restraint of the trade and in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

This investigation is believed to have no connection with the government's inquiry into the affairs of the so-called paper trust, and it is understood, does not involve those companies which make a speciality of manufacturing of print paper.

NEGRO MAN HURT.

"Nancy Jane," the Steam Roller, Bumps Up Against a Workman, and Skins His Knee.

A negro man, working for the Atlantic Bitulithic Paving Company, was hurt this morning by being struck by "Nancy Jane," the steam roller. The wounded man was carried to the North Carolina Medical College, where his wound was dressed. The injury was not serious.

The Dust.

The dust, the dust, the horrible dust. We can't help ourselves, endure it we must.

Newspapers of County Petition Congress

By Associated Press.

New York, April 21.—The following address was adopted at the annual meeting of the Associated Press today:

"Representatives of 774 daily newspapers gathered at annual meeting of the Associated Press, respectfully ask the president and congress to grant immediate relief from the exactions of combinations of paper makers, in September, 1907, and again in November, 1907. Attention of the authorities was directed to the excessive prices then demanded by the paper combination. Immediately upon the assembling of congress, 20 or more bills aiming to correst these conditions and to put paper and pulp on the free list were introduced and referred to the ways and means committee.

Persistent effort to obtain a hearing have been refused. Dilatory tactics have been employed to prolong the present conditions and to carry over to another session of congress every proposition designed for relief. All the newspapers here represented protest against the delay.

"Attention is also directed to the false reports of news print paper prices which were recently furnished to congress by director of the census bureau. Newspapers here represented use approximately 80 per cent of news print paper consumed in the United States. We denounce the quotations as submitted to congress as misleading and unworthy of credence.

"A reiteration of the accuracy of these figures of the directors after error had been called to public attention tends to shake public confidence and respect for statistics thus compiled."

Miss Marguerite Clark Is Ill at The Selwyn

Miss Marguerite Clark, the attractive little actress who appeared as De Wolf Hopper's leading woman in "Happyland" at the Academy of Music last night, was unable to leave Charlotte with the rest of the company this morning on account of illness. She is at the Selwyn hotel under the care of physicians. A member of the company remained with her here. Miss Clark's illness will be learned of with genuine regret by the hundreds of admirers she made in last night's performance and all wish her a speedy convalesence.

—Messrs. David Ovens and Willard T. Corwith, the scretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, were out this morning soliciting members to the club.

Mr. Harold C. Dwelleh as returned from a trip to Savannah, Ga.

Fishermen Were Rescued

By Associated Press.

New York, April 21.—The steam yacht, Columbia, belonging to J. Harvey Ladew, arrived from Florida with three fishermen on board rescued from their sinking boat in a gale off of Charleston, S. C.

The three men sailed from Charleston in the fishing smack, Star, April 17th. Next day they were caught in a gale in which the smack lost her mast and most of her sails. When the derelict was sighted at sea she was running so high that the Columbia could not lower her boats. The yacht approached the Star so near that the ropes could be thrown to the three fishermen who were then hauled on board the Columbia.

Ladew and his party were not on board the yacht.

Senator Warner Makes Able Speech in Which he Expresses Belief Members of 25th. Infantry Shot Up Town.

Thinks Argument Contrarywise is Too Much of Tax on Credulity — Publicity Bill Reported — Alleged "Paper Trust Up."

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Senator Warner, of Missouri, addressed the senate on the Brownsville affair. He said he had served in the same command with negro troops in 1861-65 and had no prejudice against the negro soldiers, adding:

"I am not prepared to cry out against the negroes as soldiers, because I believe members of the 25th infantry disgraced the uniform and stained the honorable record of their race as soldiers."

He said it was to be regretted that a "studious and systematic effort has been made to arouse the race feeling of the negroes of the country against the president because of his action with reference to those companies.

"Those who thus work to arouse the race issue have taken upon themselves a heavy responsibility, for their action must necessarily serve to increase the race prejudice which now exists to such an unfortunate extent."

Senator Warner said it was incredible to him that "Any intelligent man, white or black, should have the hardihood to charge that the president, in issuing an order discharging these soldiers, was influenced against them by reason of their color."

He had endeavored, he said, to weigh the evidence with the view of doing evenhanded justice, adding:

"I am driven to the conclusion that the members of those companies, whose identity has not been shown, made a midnight assault on the sleeping and helpless citizens of Brownsville."

He pointed to the concurrence by Major Penrose with the view of the citizens committee of Brownsville as to the guilt of the negro soldiers.

He said: "To have these soldiers in the service, with the stain of that crime resting on them, would have been criminal. No community in which they might be stationed would feel secure. Instead of being regarded as a protection they would be feared as a menace."

Continuing the senator said:

"In connection with the change of opinion on the part of the officers, there is one fact which, in my judgment, had influence—if not a controlling influence—on them. That fact is the ordering of a court martial to try Maj Penrose and Capt Macklin on charge of neglect of duty in reference to the Brownsville affray."

While there was a special motive for the negroes to shoot up the town there was, he insisted, the absence of a motive on the part of any one else to do it.

The people whose houses were shot up were people, he said, whose attitude towards the soldiers was known to be hostile. He declared there was a direct evidence showing that the shooting was done by the soldiers.

The senator said that the contention that the saloon keepers, in order to get rid of the colored soldiers shot into the homes of friends with a reckless regard for their lives, while being careful of the lives of the soldiers was too great a tax on one's credulity. The claim that the citizens of Brownsville did the shooting, he said for the purpose of getting rid of the negro soldiers, finds no reasonable support in the evidence.

He concluded by declaring that three bullets in the Yurria house pointed conclusively to the point from which they were fired, being over the second porch of the barracks occupied by company B.

Acreage Reduction Urged.

The house adopted Speaker Cannon's resolution, authorizing an appointment of the committee to investigate the so-called paper trust and the general subject of wood pulp and the manufacture of printing paper.

Publicity Bill Reported.

The McCall bill requiring a publicity of the campaign contributions was reported favorable to the house by the committee on election of the president, vice-president and representatives.

President Will Sign Bill.

As a result of the opinion rendered to the president by Attorney General Bonaparte at the cabinet meeting, it is believed that the president will sign the employers' liability bill.

Price of Paper Discussed.

In explatnation of the resolution Representative Dalzell said it was a matter of public notority that there has been a large increase in the price of paper. Never, he declared, has there been such an agitation as has been aroused by the newspapers the last few weeks. It was, he said, capable of mathematical demonstration

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