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UNCLE SAM GETS BUSY

Diplomatic Relations With Nicaragua Are Discontinued.

The United States Government Will Hold Personally Responsible Men Who Tortured and Killed Grace and Cannon.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Felipe Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the Nicaraguan legation, was tonight tendered his passports by Secretary of State Knox, thereby severing diplomatic relations of the two countries.

In delivering passports to the Nicaraguan charge d'affaires, Secretary of State Knox informed him by note that the United States would hold personally responsible the men responsible for the torture and execution of the two Americans, Grace and Cannon, who recently were killed in Nicaragua, and that Nicaragua would be held to an observance of the principles of the Washington conference of South American republics in the interest of general peace and harmony.

Prairie Sails Today.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The Prairie will sail from Philadelphia tomorrow or next day for Panama, with from 400 to 700 marines aboard, according to a statement made late today at the Navy Department.

NEW STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

Line Between Boston and Galveston Established.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 1.—A new freight steamship service, between Boston and Galveston, was started today with the sailing of the Clyde Line Steamer Algonquin. The steamer carried a cargo of potatoes, provisions, wire and general freight. She will call at Charleston, S. C., on her way to Galveston, and at Jacksonville on the way back. In the new service weekly sailings will be made.

SUIT AGAINST TOBACCO TRUST.

No Decision Has Been Reached As to Postponement of Argument.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—No decision has yet been reached by Attorney-General Wickensham as to requesting postponement of the hearing of the arguments in the suit against the American Tobacco Company before the Supreme Court of the United States.

The case was postponed by the court until December 13, and Attorney-General Wickensham held a conference today with Frank B. Kellogg, special counsel for the government in the Standard Oil case and former Assistant Attorney-General McReynolds, special counsel for the government in the tobacco case. The effort was to arrange a date which would be agreeable to the government and to the court, but no decision was reached, pending further conference.

New York, Dec. 1.—It was stated on authority this afternoon that the American Tobacco Company will oppose any postponement of the hearing before the Supreme Court set for December 13.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Goldsboro Athletic Association desire to thus publicly acknowledge the splendid public spirit displayed by their fellow citizens of Goldsboro in the liberal patronage bestowed upon the recent Baseball Fair, whereby the association has been enabled to greatly reduce its indebtedness incurred in sustaining last summer's baseball entertainment. And especially are we grateful to the ladies who so generously and enthusiastically championed our cause and made the Fair so attractive and so successful.

THE DIRECTORS.

Goldsboro Athletic Association, December 2, 1909.

Chattanooga in Southern League.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 1.—The deal transferring Little Rock's Southern League franchise to Chattanooga was closed today. The price paid by Chattanooga was \$12,500.

ELKS LODGE OF SORROW.

Interesting and Impressive Exercises Next Sunday Afternoon.

Goldsboro Lodge, No. 139, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, will hold interesting and most impressive public services in the Messenger Opera House next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock—the Memorial Sunday of the order, that is observed with great fervor throughout Elksdom.

These services are always very beautiful and touching, and the local committee have arranged for the observance of the hallowed occasion by the Goldsboro lodge a program of unusual musical and literary attractiveness.

As already announced, the eulogist is to be Hon. Tasker Polk, who will be introduced by Mr. J. Langhorne Barham, of the local bar.

The "Lodge of Sorrow" will be presided over by Mr. Geo. C. Royall, exalted ruler, assisted by the other officers of the lodge in their several capacities.

The following is the program, as arranged:

Professional—Miss Brinson.
Opening Ceremonies—Bro. Geo. C. Royall, Exalted Ruler, and Officers.
"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me."
Schnecker—Double Quartet.
Opening Ode—"Great Ruler of the Universe."

In opening and closing odes the audience is requested to unite in singing.

Prayer—Bro. L. N. Grant, Chaplain.
Solo—Selected—Mrs. Ehrlich Smith.
Introduction of Orator—Bro. J. Langhorne Barham.

Oration—Hon. Tasker Polk, Warrenton, N. C.
Violin Solo—Calvaleria Rusticana—Miss Lucia Privett.

"There is a Land Mine Eye Hath Seen"—Crowninshield—Double Quartet.

Closing Ceremonies—Exalted Ruler and Officers.
Closing Ode—"America."
Benediction—Rev. J. G. H. er Buskirk

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

Cases Thus Far Disposed of at Our Present Term.

The following cases on the criminal docket heard yesterday and up to today at noon have been disposed of:

Ed. Stevens, carrying concealed weapon, not prosed with leave.
Leslie Miller, carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

D. J. Miller, affray, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Leslie Miller, affray, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Sam Shrago, larceny, not prosed with leave.

Walter Williams, assault, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Will Hald, assault with deadly weapon, guilty.

Willis G. Smith, disposing of mortgaged property, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

R. L. McLeod, disorderly conduct, fined \$10 and cost.

Ranzell Britt, carrying concealed weapon, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Ranzell Britt, trespass, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Herbert Hooks, larceny, not guilty.

Bill Eason, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

TAFT AND ROOSEVELT.

A Roosevelt "return from Elba" may strike the imagination favorable, but unless Mr. Taft becomes very reactionary—unless he consorts with Aldrich and Cannon and snubs the insurgents—it is difficult to see how it can crystallize into a nomination in 1912.

The fact should not be lost sight of that an administration controls the Republican delegates of thirteen one-party Southern states very much as Diaz does the votes in Mexico, or any South American administration does the votes cast in its state.

These thirteen Southern states have in a Republican national convention 282 votes. The East, from Delaware to Maine inclusive, cast 252 votes. Here, then, are 534 delegates out of a total of 992. The South and the East can control the convention.

But a third-termist must indeed be stronger than General Grant was in 1880. The unwritten law against a third term has grown with the years of the Republic, and unless Mr. Taft goes bodily over to the reactionaries, it is much too early to assume that he will be turned down by his party convention in 1912.

Affirms Hargis Sentence.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 1.—The Court of Appeals today affirmed the life sentence given Beach Hargis for the murder of his father, former Judge James B. Hargis, the noted feudist of Jackson, Ky.

R. R. STRIKE SERIOUS

Every Line of Industry Hampered and Thousands Are Idle.

Montana Is Most Seriously Affected. Wholesale Grocers Report Nothing Moving in North-west—Idlers.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 1.—Every line of industry in the Twin Cities, Duluth and Superior, and all cities of the Northwest dependent on the movement of supplies is seriously affected by the strike of the railroad switchmen which began at six o'clock last evening.

It is estimated that upwards of 12,000 men are idle tonight on account of the strike order, thousands of freight handlers and teamsters are losing time by reason of the freight blockade in the terminal towns, while a continuance of the strike for several days will throw additional thousands out of work. The railroad yards are filled with stalled freight trains and an attempt to move a few by the aid of the office men drafted as switchmen is making no impression.

The railroad managers' committee announced today that they were bringing to St. Paul new switchmen to take the places of the strikers. To this President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union of North America, said:

"All right, let them come, we will not object."

Business men generally are beginning to feel the result of the strike. The first to be affected were the wholesale grocers and commission houses. Wholesale grocers report that nothing is moving. Commission houses are doing nothing.

Some of the larger commission houses today reduced their working forces.

In Minneapolis the flour mills closed tonight and it is estimated that 3,500 men employed in them are idle.

In South St. Paul, where are located the stockyards, only 300 head of cattle were received today, where usually 1,300 is the daily average.

In the iron range country the small towns will soon be facing a famine unless trains of foodstuffs can be brought in there. At Superior 300 men were laid off in the Great Northern Railway machine shops. The mines will be affected by the stopping of freight traffic.

On the ore docks at Duluth and Superior within forty-eight hours 10,000 men will be out of employment and the general loss on account of no employment for labor and inability to deliver merchandise will run into thousands of dollars.

St. Paul and Minneapolis are distributing points for the entire Northwestern states in all of the cities of which the effect of the stopping of the carrying of freight will be felt.

The most serious effect will be in Montana, particularly in Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls, where the copper mines and smelters are located. In Montana and Eastern Idaho freight traffic is tied up.

The entire town of Butte is dependent on the operation of the mines and smelters. When they stop everything stops. All foodstuffs are imported. Many of the big mining companies run stores. A miner's credit is good there only as long as he works. The smelters in Anaconda employ about 2,500 men. There are also large smelters at Great Falls, employing 5,000 men, who are idle.

That all hopes of a settlement of the strike at present are at an end was indicated by the departure for Washington tonight of Martin A. Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and United States Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill, who endeavored to settle the dispute by arbitration.

Mr. Knapp said he could do nothing but offer his services, and at this time they were not wanted.

MARSDEN BELLAMY PASSES.

Prominent Wilmington Attorney Succumbs to Paralysis.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 1.—Marsden Bellamy, 84, one of Wilmington's most distinguished attorneys, died tonight at eleven o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis several months ago. He had been in a comatose state for three days or longer and while at times he rallied no hope was held out for those who waited so anxiously at his bedside.

A Virginia man thinks his chauffeur tried to murder him. It all depends on whether the Virginia man was crossing the street first.

Dr. John M. Faison For Congress.

To the Democratic Voters of Third North Carolina Congressional District:

I take this method of announcing myself a candidate for Congress subject to the will of the next Democratic Convention of this district.

Should I receive the nomination at your hands, I pledge you an active, intelligent and successful canvass of the entire district upon the vital issues of Democracy as contained in your Convention platform and shall, with pleasure, champion the cause of the people, now burdened with unjust republican high protective tariff taxes and hostile class legislation, which are robbing the people of their honest earnings.

As agriculture is the chief wealth-producing industry of this district, which largely underlies the progress of all other industries and the general financial welfare of the people of most all the States as well, it should be fostered and encouraged, rather than taxed and hindered by National legislation. If chosen your representative such legislation shall receive my closest attention. Belonging to a profession, that keeps in close touch with the people of all classes, which has also given, freely and unselfishly, its best efforts to the State and to the Democratic party, and from Duplin County, the oldest in the district, which has so long and so continuously given such large Democratic majorities to this district, without due recognition, while many other Counties have been and are enjoying the honors of office, I shall thank you for your support and gratefully appreciate your efforts in my behalf.

JOHN M. FAISON.

Faison, N. C., November 30th, 1909.

DR. JOHN M. FAISON FOR CONGRESS.

We, the undersigned Democrats and citizens of Duplin County, knowing the character, ability, fitness and loyal party service of our countryman, Dr. John M. Faison, take great pleasure in presenting his name to the Democratic voters of this Third Congressional District as a worthy, able and most excellent Candidate for Congress, subject to the action of the next Congressional Convention.

Dr. Faison was born in Sampson County, near Faison, in 1862, his family returning to Duplin four years later. He attended school at The Faison Academy and worked on the farm in his early years, graduated at Davidson College, in 1883, and received his Medical Education at the University of Virginia, taking a post graduate course at the New York Polyclinic. Since he has practiced medicine and surgery with skilled success, has been engaged in trucking and farming, and at the same time, taken an active interest in all public affairs about him for the advancement and progress of his county, state and people. In 1892 when populism began he became a leading Democratic voter in this county and section of the state, and since then no man in the county and district has done more arduous and successful work for democracy, giving freely of his time, energy, intellect and means to the success of the party in county, district and state. Dr. Faison has always been "in the thick of the fight"—"in the trenches with the boys"—battling against the enemy without fear or favor and without even the hope of reward. When the State was in the hands of the fusionists in '94 to '98, he was selected a member of the State Executive Committee, of this District in '98, opposed any fusion on the part of Democrats, and took an active and determined part in redeeming the State, District and county, from fusion rule and also in the passage of the Suffrage Amendment in 1900.

Reared an ardent Democrat, Dr. Faison has ever been ready "to defend the faith that is in him" and has "stood guard" in the county and district, willingly and gladly crossing swords with republicans whenever and wherever opportunity presented.

Dr. Faison is a christian gentleman of character and ability, well versed in State and National political issues, a forceful, eloquent speaker and an able, successful, convincing campaigner and debater. Should the nomination come to him he will measure up fully to every obligation, make an active, vigorous, brilliant campaign of the entire District and an able, useful representative of the Democratic people.

Duplin County, the oldest county in this district, has had but little recognition for its long-time, large Democratic majorities and is justly entitled to this nomination, especially when other counties of this district—Craven, Jones, Carters, Onslow and Wayne—have been for years and now are so signally honored with state and national offices. Other things being equal the other counties of this district should justly share, as it is only fair and democratic, in the honors and emoluments of office.

Dr. Faison's profession has so freely and constantly given its best efforts to the State and Democratic party and has been always such a power for Democratic government, that it richly deserves such recognition from the party.

As a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee for years, as member of The North Carolina Jamestown Centennial Exposition Commission, and as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Duplin County, Dr. Faison has always "made good", displaying wise judgment, good common sense and excellent discretion. As the Standard Bearer of the Democracy of this District he will make a brilliant campaign and an able representative, and will reflect honor upon his state and district. Duplin Democrats, who know him best, will present his name to the coming Convention and trust that their County and their candidate will justly receive the nomination for their long, faithful and active services to their party.

November 30th, 1909. (Signed)

J. R. Quinn, G. M. Houston, Robert James, D. J. Williams, James G. Kenan, G. B. D. Parker, W. F. Murphy, B. R. Graham, M. D., W. D. Brice, T. Q. Hall, J. S. Williams, A. L. McGowan, N. F. Register, D. B. Williams, W. J. Boney, J. O. Carr, L. P. Alderman, Jos. Rouse, W. A. Fussell, R. L. Carr, M. D., W. F. Pickett, Jno. F. Croom, W. R. Tucker, A. D. Johnson, Andrew J. Pickett, W. A. Thompson, T. B. Peirce, H. S. Boyette, G. G. Best, W. L. Hill, E. J. Hill, Henry Dell, L. P. Best, S. O. Middleton, S. S. Bostic, L. H. Sanderson, L. Smith, B. F. Williams, Wm. J. Grady, H. D. Grady, Walter J. Smith, R. D. Komegay, John W. Waters, A. H. Whitfield, D. C. Thigpen, R. N. Cole, Furney Jones, G. W. Woodson, Wilson Beavers, E. F. Hicks, Frank Hurst, W. R. Blackmore, John Hardy, J. A. Shine, Thos. Perrett, W. Scott Lottin, B. F. Pearsall, G. W. Kennedy, M. D., J. A. Ferrell, M. D., P. L. Komegay, Scott Stanford, J. J. Bowden, Jno. H. Carter, J. M. Williams, M. D., G. M. Long, C. S. Hines, O. P. Middleton, J. A. Powell, L. Middleton, D. W. Hobbs, F. G. Westbrook, J. H. Fonvielle, J. L. Lane, M. D., H. S. Thomas, R. J. Williams, D. S. Boney, G. W. Carroll, Buckner Davis, Lucian Bradshaw, G. W. Boney, and many others.

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FACING KNOWN

State Library Congress to Wrestle with Sherman Law Changes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 2.—At almost any angle from which it may be viewed, the coming session of Congress, less than a week away, will be one of the most important ever known. Angling awkwardly for relief, the big combinations of capital have forced to the front the question of what to do with the Sherman anti-trust law. That long-disregarded statute is beginning to draw like a halter. Naturally the big corporations want relief.

The question what to do with that statute will be uppermost, no matter what the Supreme Court may decide in the tobacco trust case. Should the court allow the tobacco combination to escape, that would not help the Standard Oil or electrical combinations. They present differences of fact and practice sufficient to sharply differentiate the nicotine monopoly.

The leaders of organized labor are just as anxious to be relieved from the operation of the law as the combinations of capital.

While the control over labor organizations and industrial combinations seems fairly satisfactory to the ultimate consumer, the control over the railroads of the country is not as good as it might be. President Taft senses that fact, wherefore, he is endeavoring to interest Congress in his plan for taking some of the functions away from the Interstate Commerce Commission and creating a court, the sole duty of which shall be to decide questions of transportation law.

He wants the commission to confine itself sharply to the question of the reasonableness of rates, leaving the finding of facts to the investigating forces of the Departments of Commerce and Labor and Justice, so that all prosecutions can be placed in the hands of the Attorney General and his assistants, which seems a reasonable thing to have done.

Then there is the question of reorganizing the Navy Department so as to get the full benefit that might be made to accrue if the \$125,000,000 a year appropriated for the navy were wisely laid out. It of which goes to make up the sum of things that will make the coming session important, aye, very important.

BIG CHANCE FOR FRAUD.

This Is the Point Being Made by the Government.

New York, Dec. 1.—The fruitful opportunity for fraud in the haste and bustle of the enormous business done daily on the Williamsburg docks of the American Sugar Refining Company was what the government sought to bring out today in its prosecution of the six former employees of the company now on trial, charged with defrauding the government by under-weights.

David Fragner, a customs inspector, and once an assistant weigher, testified that a busy time two trucks a minute passed over a single set of scales, or eight to the minute on the four sets in use there for every hour of the day. Each truck weighed half a ton and each half ton the government will contend was weighed thirteen pounds short, by the secret manipulations of government employees, who, it is charged, were paid cash by the sugar company for the evasion of customs duties. If the game ran properly the government stood to lose dues on 5,880 pounds of sugar every hour.

At this steady flood of trucking rolled across the scales the checker who stood next the weigher was too busy for Fragner to watch him. John J. Longhran, a checker, was asked if all the entries to which he certified represented weights he had seen the weigher find.

"Not all," he admitted. "Sometimes I had to be away."

Three cross-examiners were unable to shake the testimony of Andrew J. Mallen, the clerk who swore that James F. Bendernagel, formerly cashier for the sugar company, paid cash in his office to customs employees in uniform.



Al. G. Fields at Messenger Opera House December 3.

CAN FIX LICENSE TAX

The Law Making Power of City Alderman is Far Reaching.

State Supreme Court Declares Charlotte Did Not Impose Prohibitive Tax on Near-Beer Saloons When It Levied \$1,000.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 1.—The Supreme Court sustains the Mecklenburg Superior Court in holding that the \$1,000 tax imposed by the City of Charlotte in the case of the State vs. Dannenberg, on near-beer saloons, is valid, thus setting at rest the prohibition forces of the State, whose leaders had declared if the power of cities and towns to impose such license tax on these places was not sustained there must be another legislative campaign that would assure to towns the power to absolutely control such places.

The court's opinion, written by Justice Brown, who holds the Charlotte ordinance is not ultra vires, and not discriminatory, since it applies to all persons alike who would operate such places, that it is not prohibitive, or rather, that the court can only take under consideration the question of reasonableness in view of the showing of expense for police and other cost of maintaining order at these places. The court declares the presumption of reasonableness is not overcome by the contentions of the defendant. The court holds, furthermore, that no violation of the fourteenth amendment to the Federal constitution, the ordinance being well within the police power of state and municipality.

STARTLING SUICIDE

Greensboro Society Belle Puts Pistol Ball Through Heart.

After Being Kindly Remonstrated With by Relative Young Woman Went to Her Room, Where Awful Deed Followed.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 2.—Without any previous intimation and with no earthly motive other than a slight remonstrance from a member of her family about extravagant indulgences, Ethel Norman, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman, of Pomona, passed her mother in the hall at 5:40 o'clock yesterday evening went directly to her room and thirty minutes later pressed a revolver to her bosom and fired, the bullet passing through the centre of her heart and death resulting instantly, the terror-stricken mother rushing into the room just in time to see her youngest and devoted daughter breathe her last.

Why the young lady, who was just budding into womanhood, should be prompted to such a rash act is beyond the comprehension of her closest relations and most intimate friends. Surrounded at all times by ardent admirers, overwhelmed with devoted attention by every member of her family and society, in the very glory of youth and the charms which attach to a young woman graced with the culture of refinement and the best society, it is hard to attribute any cause for such a tragedy other than that in a moment of terrible despondency brought about by the slight but kindly remonstrance, the young woman became for the moment deranged and fired the death-dealing bullet into her heart without a full realization of its awful consequences to the aged parents and devoted relatives and friends.

NOTICE.

Having this day qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Wayne County, North Carolina, as administrator of the estate of George W. Brogden, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment on or before the 13th day of November, 1910, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This the 13th day of November, 1909.
H. T. DAVIS,
Administrator of George W. Brogden, deceased, Goldsboro, N. C.