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A SIGNAL FAILURE

Holton Breaks Down Completely in His Halitax Political Prosecution.

THE DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED

The Five Men Charged with Forcing a Resignation as Registrar from the Negro Steptoe Appear Before Justice Montgomery .-- Steptoe the Only Witness for the Prosecution---He Breaks Down on

> Cross Examination and Contradicts Himself---The Defendants on the Stand Positively Deny the

Charge---Republicans Hacked.

I Steptoe then broke down in his evi-

that after his first visit to Raleigh

Claude Kitchin had charged him with

coming here after troops, and he had

said he came to see his daughter. He

days ago he said here that Claude

never spoke to him, was never at his

fax and of the secret meetings of ne-

groes and that he (Steptoe) had attend-

Radeigh as a committee to ask for

peace between the races and so had

Steptoe admitted some very rampant

resolutions had been passed against

the white people and their property,

but declared he voted against them;

that Steptoe said he did not want to

be a pollholder or a registrar and in-

tended to resign. Kitchin made no at-

Saturday night, nor did he know of

anyone going there. He told Judge

Montgomery he had not conducted him

ing and had not determined to sup-

press the negro vote, but had sought

The other defendants all swore they

They were all in Scotland Neck Satur-

Half a dozen witnesses testified to

As soon as this evidence was in

Judge Montgomery said: "The defend-

One of their counsel said as he left the

court room: "that was a water haul."

The following Halifax men came here

M. Pitman, S. W. Morris, J. P. Futrel,

W. E. Whitman, W. F. Currie, T. L.

Emry, F. P. Shields and Dr. W. O. Mc-

The result of the trial has literally

knocked the republican headquarters

people put out of the box. Charles A.

Cook's admission that "it was water

Dr. Person, of Wilson county, is at

the head of the delegation which is

here with a story about dynmiting a

house at Wilson. Dr. Person was in

the lower house of the last legislature

of relations with female convicts.

and better and wiser. R. R. Bellamy.

wreak their vengeance on Will Rob-

Wil Moore, private in Company C.

Second Georgia volunteers, who are

here on furlough awaiting muster out.

injury and to prevent any movement

haul" covers the whole matter.

to prevent a race conflict.

election matters to Steptoe.

ants are discharged.'

Kitchin made him write it.

house in his life.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., November 3.-There was great interest in the hearing in the supreme court room this evening of the charge by the negro republican registrar B. B. Steptoe, of Roseneath precinct, Halifax county, that ex-Congressman "Buck" Kitchin, Claude Kitchin, Dr. A. C. Liverman, John Gray and E. T. Whitehead had gone to his house at night, armed, had broken down his door and entered and made him resign as registrar of elec-

. The defendants all arrived this afternoon, before Judge Montgomery's bench warrant was served on them by the sheriff. Democratic State Chairman Simmons was present with the accused.

F. H. Bussbee and W. A. Dunn appeared as counsel for them, while John W. Graham and Charles A. Cook appeared for Republican State Chairman Holton. The latter was also present, as were all the fusion officials, save the

Graham conducted the prosecution, Busbee the defense.

-With the defendants there came thirteen prominent democrats of Halifax county. As the bench warrant had not been served, the defendants, hastening here voluntarily to present tempt to force him to resign. He themselves, a new warrant was hastily swore he was not at Steptoe's house prepared and Sheriff Jones of this county served it in the court room.

Steptoe was the sole witness for the self-so as to prevent negroes from votprosecution. Counsel for that side said other witneses had been subpoenaed, but had failed to appear. Steptoe said he was a school teacher. He is had never been to Steptoe's house. coal black and about 45 years old. He said that last Saturday Claude Kitchin told him that he was sent by a club of 165 white men to say that if there The other defendants all swore they was any trouble on election day or if had never spoken one word about any houses were burned the leaders would be responsible and that Steptoe was one of the leaders; that on the night of that day between 10 and 11 o'clock people came to his house and called him; that his wife asked who was outside and was told nobody to hurt him; that his wife said he was away; that he crawled uncer the house through a hole in the floor; that with a beam the rear door was broken and men came in with a gun, looked for him, found him and that the first man saw was Captain Buck Kitchin; that they made a light and were not disguised; that he called on Captain Kitchin to helphim; that his wife screamed and one man choked her and said if she did not hush, he would kill her; that Captain Kitchin said he had been sent by a club to have Steptoe write hisresignation as registrar; that he said all right and Claude Kitchin told him how to write it; that they swore if he told what happened they would kill him if it took a dozen years to do it; that Claude Kitchin took his resignation; that Captain Kitchin told him "if you don't sign it we will kill you. and if you ever tell I will kill you in self defense." He swore he would not

The cross examination of Steptoe revealed the fact that two weeks ago he came here to ask the governor and State Chairman Holton to send troops to Halifax county; that he did this after a meeting of negroes which had adopted resolutions. He said that up to the time when he and two other negro committeemen came here to ask for protection, no one had interferred with him, and it was two weeks before Claude Kitchin had said if there was trouble the leaders would be held responsible. He did not see Holton, he declared, but did see Augustus M. inson for attempt to outrage Miss Moore, who is in charge of republican | Walker. headquarters during Chairman Holton's absence, and also talked with other republicans. He was asked if he was paying the lawyers for the prosecution and replied, no, that he was is not as badly wounded as first not able to pay them, and that Hofton | thought. It is believed now that he has said he would provide counsel. He a fair chance for recovery. Soldiers came here the second time last Tues- however, express indignation at his day and then saw Holton.

Steptoe was asked if Claude Kitchin on their part Colonel Brown, of the has not told; him last Saturday morn- Second Georgia, wired Captains Renkl ing at Steptoe's school house that ne- and Fry to call in all arms and amcoes had held secret meetings and munition, which was done, and a guard threatened to do injury to white people | was placed over it to see that the men and their property, and that he said | would not get the same again in their he did not vote for the resolutions. possessions.

CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

W. E. Fountain Announces Himself an

Independent Candidate in the Second (Special to The Messenger.)

Tarboro, N. C., November 3.-W. E. Fountain issues the following card: "To the Voters of the Second Congressional District.

"I hereby announce myself a candidate for congress in this district. This course is taken by me in consequence of the failure of Mr. J. B. Lloyd, present populist candidate, to meet the. over-shadowing issue of white supremacy. It was expected of Mr. Lloyd, that he would stand with his race on this vital issue and allow the unification of the white voters to accomplish the defeat of George H. White, the republican negro candidate. Realizing that he had disappointed the expectation of the democrats and populists dence. He said his township had a white majority. He acknowledged alike, in this matter, and appreciating the fact that his candidacy could only tend to bring about the elevation of White, Mr. Lloyd placed in my hands said Captain Kitchin had made him his resignation and requested me to write out his resignation, and yet two call a meeting of the committee to act upon it. For reasons best known to Captain Kitchin was put on the myself, Mr. Lloyd prevented action by stand and swore he never saw Steptoe the committee and thereby obstructed before tonight, so far as he knew, and what the democrats and populists alike were endeavoring to accomplish-the nomination of a man who could unify Claude Kitchin said he saw Steptoe last Saturday morning, spoke of the the white vote of the district. This strained relations of the races in Haliaction on his part can only aid White and make the populists of the district responsible for it. Will you do this? ed these and done all he could to arouse the negroes against the whites, For one, I will not. By this conduct and also that he knew Steptoe, Dave Mr. Lloyd has released us from any ob-Smith and Stuart Hardy, had gone to 1: igation to vote for him. I am assur ed that I will have the hearty support troops for Halifax; that in the secret meetings resolutions against white men | of the democrats of the district and and their property had been passed; therefore, call upon every populist of that the white people wanted to have Anglo Saxon blood to stand by me in this fight against the attempt to have appointed two men, one a preacher, to keep all whites twenty-five yards from a negro represent the good white peothe pells, while negro men voted; that ple of this district in congress. "W. E. FOUNTAIN."

> When you ask for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. There are more cases of Piles being cured by this, than all others combined. R. R. Bellamy.

EUROPEAN WARCLOUD

England Buying Coal in this Country. Activity Among Her Warships in Eastern Waters-To Repair Cruisers at Philadelphia

Philadelphia, November 3.-A morning paper publishes the following: The probably of a war between England and France received fresh impetus here yesterday by the action of England, who purchased a large the good character of the defendants. amount of coal for immediate delivery at her west India naval stations. In response to hurried cablegrams from London, shipbrokers engaged in the West India trade spent the greater Steptoe's case had collapsed. The repart of yesterday searching for tonpublicans were thoroughly hacked. nage suitable to transport the coal from Philadelphia and Newport News to points where it will be most con-Claude Kitchen denied absolutely tellvenient for English craft to fill their ing the correspondent of The Washbunkers. Sailing vessels from 1,500 to ington Post that he had been to Step-2,000 tons carrying capacity are partitoe's house, but said he told him he cally in demand.

had been at Steptoe's school house, the It was reported yesterday that two place to which he went Saturday morn-British warships had been ordered here to undergo slight repairs, which under ordinary circumstances would today with Defedants Kitchins and have been made either at Halifax or others: R. F. Gray, J. E. Bowers, L.

the Bermuda islands. ACTIVITY IN BRITISH NAVY.

Hong Kong, November 3.-Extraordinary activity has prevailed in naval and military circles here during the past few days, but no information on the subject is attainable. It is reported that the British gunboats have been ordered to rendezvous here. At the navy yard here the ordnance departmen is most active and is engaged in mounting siege guns.

Mary Ann Butler at Mount Olive

(Correspondence of The Messenger.) and this year was dismissed from one Mount Olive, N. C., November 3. of the penitentiary farms on account "Mary Ann" Butler arrived here this morning on the 11:40 o'clock train and was met by a small crowd of Reps and Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. Pops and was escorted to E. J. Morton & Sons' hall, where he spoke on Dunn, Harrett county. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer | the outside of the hall in a vacant lot to a grathering of about 150 people, of today. There was a great procession. no word from her husband more the which about seventy-five were Pops Many ladies were on horseback in the day of his absence and about fifty Reps and about twen-Soldiers Guarding the Jail at Augusta ty-five elemocrats. He spoke for over Augusta, Ga., November 3.-The Authree hours, but the longer he spoke the small er grew his crowd, as his talk gusta jail tonight is under guard to was enough to make a well man sick, prevent a repetition of last night's and the sick Pops certainly could not attack by lynchers who wanted to enjoy such speeches as he makes. There we're several Rep-Pop candidates present to hear Butler; but he did all the alking and slandering, as he was more fit for it than most anv

> But Butler is killing time when he comes here to speak, as Wayne county will go democratic by a big majority. The people in Wayne can see the standing of political affairs and every body here wants white government and pure democracy, which every white man in North Carolina should want, and we are going to have it as sure as Tuesday.

Overcome evil with good. Overcome cry for it. It cures croup, bronchitis. lung diseases. R. R. Bellamy.

TO PURCE REGISTRATION BOOK

A Number of Names Improperly on Book of a Wake Precinct Another Cry of Democratic Outrage Heavy White Registration in Raleigh Messenger Bureau

Ralligh, N. C., November 3.

The secretary of state has began the

distribution of the 122d volume of N.

C. supreme court reports. Ex-Congressman "Buck" Kitchin arrived here early this morning, to answer the charge brought against him by B. B. Steptoe, a negro registrar of Halifax. Captain Kitchin says he was never at Steptoe's house and that the entire chargi made by Steptoe against him and of her democrats, including Claude Kitchin, Dr. Liverman and others, is false. The case will be heard at chambers this afternoon. A num-

ber of prominent lawyers volunteered their services to Captain Kitchin. A delegation of fusionists from Wlison arrived loday, loaded with another campaign story. They came to see the governor, and the republican and populist state chairman. They say that a house was dynamited night before last at Wilsen, and of course add that democrats ded it. "How do they know democrats d'd it?" was asked Populist Secretary Afer, who replied "because of course nebody else would have done Such is fusion evidence and fus-

The fusion registrars of election at the outside last precinct of Raleigh township were before Judge Walter Clark of the supreme court today, fo show cause why they should not allow the registration book to be revised and purged of the names of a number of persons, soile dead and some ineligible. They were present with the book and with Loge Harris, their counsel. He asked until tomorrow afternoon and said he would give the which it was agreed should be dropped. It is said 30 are dead, and that in all 125 are in dispute. Harris said a number would be agreed on as proper to

Major Charles L. Davis, Tenth Inon duty as ficting adjutant general. The electric cars will not run at night for about a fortnight, in order that new mechinery may be installed at the power-house.

negroes are registered in this townboom here. Republicans who have never before voted it will do so this

is, also one at Clarksville. The employes of the agricultural department appear to all be in the field has no sort of idea how little work it is now doing. To use his words "it is doing nothing.'

Governor Russell has returned here. will not put ap any ticket in New Han- | been seen. Even after the

Populist State Chairman Thompson went to Roxboro today. He is in the field a good deal, and the fusionists count him the of their star speakers. Neither he hor Republican Chairman Holton seems to be in good spirits.

William E. Allen, of Goldsboro, is here and sal's the democrats will elect a senator for the district composed of Wayne, Dupin and Pender. He thinks Pender will go for fusion by 50 to

Governor Russell's special counsel. John W. Graham, T. M. Argo and C. A. Cook weth again in conference today John D. Hardy, of Boston, is appointed by Judge Purnell permanent receiver of the Durham Waterworks

the Second Pregiment were yesterday shipped to Fort Monroe, Most of them are in very bad condition. The condemned tents were all sold. One man bought 115 for \$100. The axes Brazil and afterward traveled from and picks were bought by a railway place to place. He returned to Amer-

builder. The supervisor of education of Mitchell county has sent in his report for this year to the state superintendent of public instruction. All the reports are now in for the first time.

Quartermister Sergeant John N. Harrell of the First regiment is dangerously sick with typhoid fever at Senator Tillman spoke at Sanford

A cough is not like a fever. It does

not have to run a certain course. Cure

it quickly and effectually with One

Minute Couch Cure, the best remedy

for all ages and for the most severe

cases. We pecommend it because it's good. R. R. Bellamy.

Wreck of an Unknown Vessel

New York November 3. The board

of underwriters are seeking to identify an unknown vessel and her cargo reported by their agent at Beaufort. N. C., to be ashore at Cape Lookout light since Actober 16th. The bottom is about 160 to 165 feet long and yellow metaled. All the upper works are the 8th day of November comes next gone. She is loaded with lumber of letter is about 21/2 to 3 tinches long and to what has become of the vessel's crew | senator said he had been in commun- other ompany on the Pacific coast.

AFTERSEVENYEARS

Ex-Bank President Mars Returns to the Scene of His Disgraciand Ruin.

WRECKER OF KEYSTONE BANK

Suddenly Appears in Philadelphia and Strenders to His Bondsmen. For Over Seven Years a Wander and Fugitive from Justice. He Travels Over the Whole World Seeking a Livelihood at Any Kind of Labor ... Twenty Housand Dollars

Spent in a Vain Search fe Him- Cause of His Return

Philadelphia, November 315-Gideon Marsh, the fugitive presidents of the now defunct Keystone Nation bank, returned to the city today after an absence of seven years and a salf and surrendered himself to Bondsman W. H. Wanamaker. Late this afternoon Mr. Wanamaker accompanied Marsh

to the office of United States District

Attorney Beck and the latter at once turned the fugitive bank president over to the custody of the United States marshal who placed him in jail to await a hearing tomorrow morning. The closing of the doors of the Keystone National bank on March 20, 1891, caused a profound sensation, A run had been made on the bank a few months prior to that date, but the crisis was tided over and the public was taken by surprise when the fatture became known. Subsequent investigation showed that the bank had been democrats today a list of the names practically looted and that there was little left for depositors and other creditors. City Treasurer John Bardsley had loaned to the bank several hundred thousand dollars of the city funds and on these loans he had been drawing interest for his own individual profit. Bardsley was arrested and his fantry U. S.A., is designated as chief trial resulted in a sentence of fifteen mustering officer for this state. He is years' imprisonment in the eastern penitentiary, several years of which he

don by the state board of pardons. President Marsh and Cashier Charles Lawrence were placed under arrest on May 4., 1891. Both secured bondsmen No less than 750 more whites than and were released. Marsh induced W. H. Wanamaker, brother of ex-Postship. The democratic ticket will get a master General John Wanamaker, to enter bail for him, which he did in the amount of \$20,000. On May 21st, the day set for a final hearing Lawrence appeared but Marsh had fled. The bail A water gauge was yesterday placed | furnished for his appearance was forin the Roan ke river at Weldon. There feited and the entire amount of \$20,-000 was paid to the clerk of the United States district court by Wm. H. Wanamaker. Since that date, it is said Mr. Wanamaker has spent \$20,000 more to electioneering. Today only a young apprehend Marsh and bring him to lady stenographer was present for trial. Lawrence was convicted and duty. A former employe of this de- sentenced to seven years' imprisonpartment says that the general public | ment, which he served less the commutation for good behavior.

served. He was finally granted a par-

Marsh managed to elude the officers of the law who, searched the entire country for him. Detectives were even He says positively the republicans there had come reports that he had States authorities had abandoned their search it was kept up by Marsh's bondsman. Not until yesterday did his bondsman get an inkling of his whereabouts. Then a telegram Wanamaker's office stated the Marsh was at the Hotel Waldorf Astoria, was at the Hotel Waldorf New York city, and would surrender to him in Philadelphia today. Wanamaker, who was in Bosten, was immediately advised and he ity for New York at once.

It is understood that the fugitive and his bondsman met in New York last night and an agreement was there reached for Marsh to come to Philadelphia today and surrender to the au-

Marsh, in talking to friends who call shal's office before he was been to prison, said that in the more than sev-en years of his absence he has roamworked for a living at anything he two friends, who owed that amount to of Washington, where he said he had earned money at any kind of labor he could get. He said he often longed to come back to Philadelphia, but was deterred through a desire to project his children from scandal. He fellathat to return would revive a state affairs that would be a scandal to his family. Mrs. Marsh, by the way, obtdined a divorce from the fugitive about a year ago on the ground of desertion, she making affidavit that she had received

The news of March's return when it became generally known late in the day became almost the sole topic of conversation on the streets, at the ho- | patio; will be at Neuvitas under the tels and clubs and in fact in all circles. | comn of General H. L. Carpenter. Not the least interesting part of the discussion was the reference to the effect tht the sudden appearance of the bank president would have on political circles. The name of the fugitive was frequently mentioned in the utterances of speakers at political mass meetings in the present furiously exciting campaign and Marsh has particularly been the subject of heated controlersy between United States Senator Penrose and John Wanamaker.

In a speech a few weeks ago, Senator Penrose intimated that John Wanamaker, prior to the failure of the Keystone bank, had knowledge of He a various dimensions, most of it marked over-issue of the bank's stock and based from the report of the board of with the letter "S" on the end. The knowledge of a demand by President const. Sion which recently had a conletter is about 2½ to 3 tinches long and Marsh on City Treasurer Bandsley for sultate of on the subject with Naval your coughs and colds with One Min- appears to have been cut by some fool an additional deposit of city funds. ute Cough Cure. It is so good children or instrument made for the purpose. He, Penrose, said it was to the interor instrument made for the purpose. He, Penrose, said it was to the inter-that are two companies willing. The lumber is believed to be Florida or est of Wanamaker that Marsh should to un take the work at their own pneumonia, grippe and all throat and, Georgia pine; It is also a question as not come back to Philadelphia. The risk, Free a Swedish company and the

lications with Marsh and that the lat-

soon come back and tell all about the looting of the bank. On to tober 14th, a few nights after he steen of Senator Penrose, accusing wanamaker of having inside of the Keystone bank aflatter delivered a speech at my of Music. He denied the Benator Penrose's statements and it is d upon him to hasten the return Marsh, if the senator in any rin do so. In the course of his nothing that will please me-

so much as Mr. Marsh's return, and I the opening again of every paper of the bank to public in as I did years ago. If my bring this man, doubtless more, filed against than sinning, into court in he will tell the truth I will utmost endeavor in securing all the eniency possible in his sen-tence. It after he has finished it I will eniency possible in his senaid he in re-establishing himself and family in life I publish this to the world hoping he will see it, wherever he is, and by it to it that I have friends who rose M MAndrews, whatever money is neede who pay expenses of Marsh's as they seem to know where One of them claims to have recent correspondence with

What Marsh was asked today what induct tim to return, he answered: "Mr. Yasamaker's speech at the Acad-Music. I read it in the news-Yes, it certainly did cause me to con back.

ENCLE SAM'S LEDGER

The Resurer's Report for the Last Fiscal Year

Wast agton, Nov. 3.-The treasurer. of this United States, Hon. Ellis H. Robert thas submitted to the secretary of the treasury the annual report on the gransactions and condition of the the sury for the past fiscal year, The Barbordinary revenues of the governmes were \$405,321,335, an increase of \$55% 1630, over those of the previous ear, while the net ordinary expendi were \$443,368,582, an increase \$77,594,423. The resulting deficient af \$38,047,247 exceeds that of the pt. Seding year by \$19,994,793.

Un the close of the fiscal year the increas nof the expenditures on acthe war with Spain was \$43,-041,732 the war department and \$24,-262,438 if the navy department. For four forths-July, August, September and Gother 1898—the expenditures of #department were \$107,520,368, being 1613,131 greater than for the same tonths in 1897. For the same month this year the navy department experies \$27,459,577, which was \$16.+ 014,928 pre than it spent in the like period 1 1897. Up to October 31st the war, to Spain added to the disbursethese two departments the 64,932,228. sum

mation prevents the body from itself of waste matter. De Itle Early Risers will remove the to the and cure Sick Headache, Billia ress, Inactive Liver and clear oplexion, Small, sugar coat-d, e or cause nausea. R. R. Bel-

der for Military Occupation of

First

Warthagton, November 3.-Secretary Alger way issued the first order looking to military occupation of Cuba by the Enited States troops. The opder w sissued only after very careful consideration of the report of the milfirers now in Cuba and of the Heck loard and other exert commiswhich have been in the field. der looks to the occupation of has to begin with; namely, Neuvitast all Peurto Principe, but the ocupan salwill be extended as rapidly as mish evacuation proceeds. The order exects the movement to begin at once wit according to the calculations of the department, it will scarcely be fore to wember 22nd Headquarters of the 1 corps which have been created furpose of beginning the occu-

To St Wreckage on Spanish Sunken Warships.

Way regton, November 3.-Secretary Long. in this afternoon that the governmi a would take no further steps to ra the rest of the Spanish warships stroyed by Admiral Schley's The coast of Santiago, but that the diartment would receive proposifirm a cared to undertake the work. He a del that this determination was Const Cor Hobson. It is understood