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# SIMMONS AGAIN MADE STATE CHAIRMAN No Prospect of Early Set-Sinking of the Knight

At Meeting of Democratic Executive Committee

### LAST NIGHT IN RALEIGH

Chairman Simmons Reviewed the Work Done by the Party Under His Direction in the Past Five Campaigns-Hon. R. B. Glenn, Democratic Nominee for Governor, Called on the Party to Carry the State by a Big Majority, and He Said That Democratic Prospects Had Created Great Enthusiasm - Members of the Central Committee Chosen-Mr. A. J. Field Again Made Secretary-A Resolution for Joint Debates With Republicans Was Adopted, as Was a Resolution for an Optional Primary Plan for Election of County Officers-The Formation of Campaign Clubs Encouraged.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., July 26.-At the meeting of the State Democratic Executive committee held here tonight the following were present: W. G. Lamb, Williamston; W. B. Rodman, Washington; W. T. Cross, Gatesville; H. T. Greenleaf, Elizabeth City: E. L. Travis, Ha!ifax; S. A. Woodard, Wilson; J. H. Exum, Jr., Rocky Mount; Dr. P. J. Ma. politics, the Chairman said: con, Warrenton; James A. Bryan, New Bern; W. S. Chadwick, Beaufort; H. A. Grady, Clinton; J. R. Young, Raleigh; E. S. Abell, Smithfield; J. C. Drewry, Raleigh; J. J. Nelson, Greensboro; B. S. Royster, Oxford; W. H. Bernard, Wilmington; J. B. Underwood, Fayetteville; O. L. Clark, Clarkton; D. E. McIver, Sanford; R. N. Hackett, Wilkesboro; L. E. Heilig, Salisbury; J. R. Lewellyn, Dobson; R. R. Ray, McAdensville; W. E. Moore, Webster; J. C. Mills, Rutherfordton; E. H. House, Marion.

The following held proxies: F. B. Arendell, T. B. Womack, J. H. Pou, J. S. Carr. P. M. Pearsall.

W. G. Lamb nominated F. M. Simmons for chairman and he was re-elected by acclamation. He was heartily applauded and was called on to speak. His speech was a review of his five campaigns as chairman. He complimented Chairmen James H. Pou and Clement Manly as chairmen in 1894 and 1896, and said no living men could have conducted those campaigns more ably, adroitly and energetically. The mention of the names of Pou and Manly brought liberal applause.

On motion of J. R. Young, Chairman Simmons was given leave to select a secretary of the committee. A resolution was adopted allowing

each Congressional district to choose four members of central committee, and Chairman Simmons to choose five members, as the advisory committee. The following were named by dis-

First-E. F. Lamb, B. B. Winborne, S. C. Bragaw, R. R. Cotten. Second-T. W. Mason, I. E. Green, H.

A. Gilliam, J. W. Grainger. Third-C. E. Foy, F. W. Hargett, T. C. Whitaker, Nathan O'Berry.

Fourth-F. S. Spruill, H. A. London, B. H. Bunn, E. C. Beddingfield. Fifth-J. S. Carr, A. H. Eller, A. W. Haywood, A. M. Scales. Sixth-E. J. Hale, C. G. Lyon, A. W.

McLean, H. L. Godwin. seventh-M. L. John, George Warburton, R. L. Stevens, William Ham-

Eighth-J. R. McLelland, Paul B. Means, R. A. Doughton, Edmund Jones. Ninth-R. J. Bower, J. H. Weddington, H. F. Schenck, I. T. Avery. Tenth-M. L. Shipman, Solomon Gal-

lert, W. T. Crawford, Marcus Erwin. Duncan McIver called for a speech by Robert B. Glenn, who was present by special request for a conference with the committee. Glenn was applauded most heartily. He spoke very briefly, saying that he was present to hear the committee devise ways and means for carrying, the state and aiding in carrying the nation. He said he intended to in every county once, and twice if necessary. He had just returned from the north and in conversations with both Democrats and Republicans found there! ting it in the fore front of this great the states best moral, industrial and ed-

ucational interests.

candidates of both parties, and instructing Chairman Simmons to correspond with the Republican chairman regarding such general discussions.

H. A. Grady called on Francis D. Winston, nominee for Lieutenant Governor to speak. Winston did so and said Isaac M. Meekins, Republican for that office, had challenged him to a joint discussion, but that he had referer this matter to the committee.

J. H. Pou offered a resolution couraging the formation of campaign clubs and putting them under the supervision and direction of the state committee, as was done in 1898.

Chairman Simmons spoke in support of the resolution which was adopted. There are to be great numbers of these clubs, it was stated.

Mr. Underwood said he desired a resolution adopted creating a general primary plan for nominating county officers. Considerable discussion followed, but finally the resolution offered by J. H. Pou, was adopted, as follows: That this committee will provide optional primary to be adopted by the executive committee of any county desiring to nominate county candidates and members of the legislature by primary; that the chairman be authorized to appoint a sub committee to formulate such a plan and when approved by the chairman said plan shall become part of the plan of organization. When no hope tonight of an immediate settleany county executive committee has already called a primary, such committee may formulate and promulgate this resolution shall not supersede the leaving nothing undone to gain the present plan except in counties adopt-

Chairman Simmons named as such sub-committee J. H. Pou, F. D. Winston and R. H. Hays.

Congressmen Thomas and W. W. Kitchin, and Frank Armfield and W. A. those present at the committee meeting. strikers. The State Board of Elections will meet here next Monday, Wilson G.

Lamb presiding. Senator and State Chairman Simmons says, regarding the National Democratic outlook:

"Everything looks very promising indeed. Parker is taking mightily. That was a great telegram he sent the convention at St. Louis. It will have a heap to do with his election."

"Here and there are some little local fights, for example one in Wake, but all these matters will adjust themselves

Speaking about the state and local

when nominations are made." He does not know of any Populist party in the state at present and said the only remnant was in Sampson county and his information was it was practically disbanded there. There will be no Populist chairman, to succeed Marion Butler. He does not believe there will be any attempt at organization in any county. The Republicans have no footing in the east; in fact, nowhere east of Greensboro, so far as

Insurance Commissioner Young left for Lumberton tonight to aid in prosecuting a man named Roberts for representing an unlicensed Insurance Com-

#### TO SURTAIL PRODUCTION.

Cotton Spinners of Several States Resolve to Limit the Production to 75 Per Cent. of Normal.

Charlotte, N. C., July 26.-A special from Gainesville, S. C., says:

By a vote which was practically unanimous, cotton spinners fram North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi who met here today decded to curtail production 25 per cent, or to a basis of 75 per cent. during the months of August and September. This action was due to the unsettled condition of the cotton goods market and to the poor demand both from home dealers and exporters.

The question of curtailment was the most important matter considered at the meeting which was largely attended especially by South Carolina mil! men. Colonel James L. Orr, president of the Piedmont Manufacturing Company, presided. The special committee appointed at Spartanburg conference to ascertain the extent of curtailment now existing showed the fol-

North Carolina 50 per cent.; South Carolina 261/2; Georgia 25; Alabama 25;

Mississippi 25. After brief discussion the following resolution was adopted, the vote being 2,183,952 spindles for and 106,096 spin- on the negroes, and one of the latter dles against; "that the mills present drew a revolver and fired into the agree that production shall be reduced crowd, hitting Stokes. The police were during the months of August and Sep- close at hand and succeeded in scatall of the machinery 75 per cent. of the difficulty. vantageous to the respective mills, ored strike-breakers that the appear- seized by the Vladivostok squadron. the object being to limit the produc- ance of a negro in the vicinity of the tion to 75 per cent of normal, and they stock yards is almost certain to be the cloth mills in the states of North about to climb upon a street car at the Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Ala- entrance to the stock yards tonight, make a thorough campaign, to speak bama, which are not curtailing to this was dragged to the street by a mob and extent, shall do so for the months of beaten until unconscious. August and September." It was further agreed that the manufacturers would not pay freight beyond New was great enthusiasm at the Demo- York on goods destined to bleacheries cratic prospect in national politics. He and that bills should be paid that or cratic prospect in national politics. He ten days from date of shipment or and that bills should be paid within fore. He pledged his most zealous ef- from date of invoice. A rate schedunion. He pledged his great efforts for mills of any changes in prices. Commission houses will be notified of this tariff sheet. Telegrams were received T. B. Womack offered a resolution indicating a material improvement in mation, 'phone No. 150. W. J. Craig, general joint discussion by the state new higher prices were agreed upon. % questions."

## FIGHT TO END AN OUTRAGE THUS. TAGGART CHOSEN

tlement of Stock Yards Strike

### Commander Rouses **Britons**

#### PLANTS AT WORK

Seven Thousand Non-Union Men Are at Work in the Packing Plants-It is Expected That the Packers Will Soon Get Their Affairs in Such Shape that the Strikers Will be Compelled to Accept the Dictation of the Employers - Disturbances Were Numerous During the Day and Two of Them Ended With Fatal Results.

Chicago, July 26.-Little if any advantage was gained by either side in the stock yards strike, and there is ment of the difficulty. Realizing that

packers that seven thousand new men if carrying contraband of war. were now installed in the different plants at the stock yards. With these new men and with the arrivals that are expected each day, the packers will probably get their affairs in such shape that the strikers will be compelled to seek a peaceable settlement at the die tation of the employers.

Although the receipts of the nvestock of such action. today were smaller compared with receipts on corresponding days under normal conditions, still many cattle, hogs and sheep were left in the pens tonight unsold.

With all the union workmen out on strike with the exception of the packing house teamsters, the only additions today to the ranks of the strikers were about one hundred teams who quit work as individuals, preferring to do order to walk out, and the waitresses in the restaurants at the stock yards controlled by the packing companies. the general belief is that few if any of the seven hundred employed in the packing industry will wait for the injunction of the national officers of the

Union to go on strike. Rumors of renewed efforts to settle the difficulty by arbitration were thick today, but upon investigation they were found to be without foundation. When questioned regarding the situation tonight, President Donnelly, presi-

dent of the organization which precipitated the strike said: "I have no hope of an immediate settlement. The fight is on and the only

pendent plants from killing live stock road above Liao Yang. purchased in the stock yards, where the animals are being handled by non-

packers. Vigilant policemen guarded the entrances to the stock yards all day and night, but despite this precaution, disturbances were numerous and two of them ended with fatal results. While hundred companions, it is said, rushed fleet.

The mob was under the impression that the barber was employed in some of the packing plants.

Mrs. Maybrick Remains in Seclusion. Rouen, France, July 26 .- Mrs. Florfore. He pledged his most zealous et- ule for the month of Aogust was ence Maybrick, and her mother, the scouts have already passed through the state by a majority and aid in putthe state by a majority and aid in put- which the mills were not to sell. A seclusion here and preserve the utmost momentarily. The Russian inhabi. Hospital Company, of Fayetteville, \$50.

#### To the Mountain Resorts.

#### MAKE PROTEST

information at Hand Shows No Excuse for Such an Action-Demands Will be Made on Russia for Compensation to the Ship's Owners, the Owners of the Cargo and an Apology, With an Agreement Preventing a Repetition of Such Action-Russians Have Retired from Tatchekiao to Haicheng-Another British Steamer, the Calchas, Seized by Russians.

London, July 26.-The British government is taking energetic action in the case of the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander by the they have one of the hardest proposi- Vladvostok squadron. Information rerules for such election already ordered. tions to contend with in the history of ceived by the government tends to es-The plan provided for primaries in the packing industry, the packers are tablish, in the official mind, a belief count with the First National Bank of that an outrage has been committed Asheville, the transactions covering upper hand in the struggle with the for which no excuse exists in interna-30,000 union employees who are on tional law. Those aware of the feelstrike. All day long workmen from out- ing of the ministry said tonight that side points were rushed to Chicago. all the members of the cabinet are in and taken to the stock yards under po- accord regarding the principle of the in-Self nominees for electors, were among lice protection to fill the places of the violability of innocent neutral shipping, as well as upon the principle that Tonight it was announced by the neutral ship cannot be destroyed, even

> The demands which will be made upon the Russian government include compensation to the owners of the ship, the money paid out on a majority of and to the owners of the goods on them. The purpose of the prosecution that only the decree of Judge Parker board the Knight Commander, an apology for the action of the Russian cruis-

British ship owners are up in arms over the dangers which shipping is now running and are bombarding the government with representations looking to the thorough protection of their in-

#### Russians Have Retired from Tatche-

St. Petersburg, July 26.-5:05 p. n. -Dispatches received by the war office announce that the Russians have retreated to Haioheng. They decided this rather than wait for an official to withdraw from Tatchekiao Sunday evening. General Searoubaieff, commanding the fourth army corps, who is General Stakelberg's senior, re-The teamsters have become restless and solved to take this step in consequence of the reports of scouts that the Japanese were turning the left flank.

The Japanese forces are believed to include the whole of the armies of Gens, Oku and Nodzu. More than seven divisions of Japanese are engaged. The rear guard acting between Datchapu and Tatchekiao continued until eleven at night, when the Japanese were within sight of the the notes he had signed?" Russian entrenchments. The Russians withdrew in perfect order, favored by the beautiful moonlight. Further details of the fight have not yet been forwarded to the war office.

General Kuropatkin reports that thing we can do now is to stick to the the Japanese columns in the vicinity of Saimatsza, which is believed to be The union organizations recalled the two divisions strong, is marching document issued yesterday prohibiting along the valley of the Taitse, with their members employed in the inde- the obvious aim of cutting the rail-

The evacuation of Tatchekiao was prepared for long ago by the Rusunion help. The Union officials took sians, as military experts have repeatfortified Hai Cheng in view of this contingency.

#### The Formosa Taken Charge of by Russians.

Stokes, one of the strikers, was shot a prize crew on board. She was capand fatally wounded by one of the ne- tured in the Red sea by one of the groes. Stokes, together with fully a vessels of the Russian volunteer

#### British Steamer Seized by Vladivostok amounting to \$1,000," said Breese. Squadron.

tember 25 per cent. by either running tering the rioters after considerable the British steamer Calchas, bound asked Holton. from Puget sound to Japan. have retime or stopping all of the machinery | The union men and their friends have ceived a telegram from Hong Kong one fourth of the time as may be ad- become so embittered against the col- reporting that the Catchas has been The steamer Catchas, belonging to bought any of the diamonds with mon-

the Alfred Holt fleet, of Liverpool, further varnestly recommend that all followed by violence. A negro barber sailed from Tacoma, Washington, July 9, and was due to arrive at Yakohama Wednesday or Thursday. She carried a great quantity of flour, consigned to Japanese firms, and also had on board much other general freight of the nature usually shipped from Tacomia. She is of 4,279 tons.

#### Japanese Troops Expected at New Chwang.

New Chwang, July 26.-Japanese

the loss of about \$1,250,000 A large es, brooms and shoe polish.

# BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

quantity of cables and wire for the torpedoes and mines intended for the Baltic squadron was destroyed.

The Fighting Near New Chwang. Tien Tsin, July 26 .- It is reported here that the Japanese lost 380 men killed and wounded in the fighting which has taken place outside of New Ohwang, during the last two days. The Russian losses during the engagements are not known. A small detachment of Japanese scouts entered New Chwang last night. About 200 troops arrived there this morning, and more are expected this evening. Crowds of Russian refugees were this morning awaiting trains at Yin Kow,

The Chinese flag is flying over the custom house at New Chwang. It is reported that the Japanese took the Russian position at Tatchekiao last night at the point of the bayonet.

close to New Chwang, to take them

BREESE STILL ON THE STAND Again Under Cross Examination of the District Attorney-The First Night Session.

Charlotte, N. C., July 26 .- William Breese was again under the fire of District Attorney Holton's cross examination in the United States District court today, and was asked a great many questions concerning his acseveral notes and other matters. The witness answered some of the questions directly, but in many instances he stated that he did not remember.

The district attorney handed the witness a number of checks which he had drawn on his account, and asked him to explain for what purpose the money was used. Breese told for what purposes the money he had procured on a few of the checks was used, but he did not remember what went with was to show that the witness did not state the truth when he testified that his overdraft was created in the payers and an agreement that instructions ment of interest on his indebtedness be given which will prevent a repetition to the bank, but the witness would not | tion of Mr. Taggart. Neither of those admit that his original statement was

Breese again went over the Rollins notes and explained why he had signed the name of Major W. W. Rollins (the present postmaster at Asheville) te two notes for \$1,000 each. Major Rollins was out of town, and it was necessary to make payments on two of his notes held by other banks. His relations with Major Rollins were close and intimate, and he did not hesitate to sign the name of the absent man to two notes, which were promptly forwarded to banks holding other paper. Immediately he wrote Major Rollins of his action, and this was confirmed upon the return to Asheville of Rollins, who signed a note to take up the two other notes

at maturity. District Attorney Holton recalled Major Rollins, who reiterated his tesimony of last week, when he charged "Did you ever give Major Breese

authority to sign your name?" asked the district attorney. "I did not." "Did Major Breese write you a let-

"He did not." "Did you ever have any knowledge of the notes to which some one else had signed your name?"

"Under cross examination, Major | mittee were brief and harmonious. Rollins was asked if the two notes he had not signed did not about cover the interest on the genuine notes he had made, and replied that he supposed it

When the bank failed, Major Rollins did not know that there was an outstanding note against him. The conthis step after the packers had pointed edly indicated. The retirement is not dition came to his knowledge when out to them that if such an order was regarded as materially altering the he was sued on the notes, much to his carried out it would be a benefit to the situation. The Russians had strongly surprise, for Breese had signed an agreement guaranteeing to hold him harmless.

The holding of night sessions began tonight, the district attorney concerning himself principally with endeavor-Suez, July 26.—The Peninsula and ing to show that Breese had drawn men, as his judgment may determine; an attack was being made on some col- Oriental Steamship Company's steam- money for the bank at various times ored strike breakers, as they were leav- er Formosa has just arrived here for other purposs than to renew notes ing the stock yards tonight, John flying the Russian naval flag and with There were accounts for about \$2,000 less than five, nor more than seven. "Where did you get that money?"

asked District Attorney Holton. 'From the proceeds of the sale of more than 1,000 bushels of potatoes, "What about the diamonds you

Liverpool, July 26 .- The owners of | bought from an 'Asheville jeweler?' The defendant answered that he had bought rings for friends who had aided when sorrow and death had invaded

the household. Breese depied that he

ey from the bank. The prosecution then offered a number of checks and questioned Breese about them. At 10 p. m. court adjourned, the district attorney saying he had yet a few more questions to ask.

#### Charters by the State.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., July 26.-Charters are granted to the White Morgan Campany, of Greensboro, which will handle leaf tobacco and manufacture it in any form, capital stock \$25,000. St. Lukes' committee was appointed to notify the secrecy as to their future movements. tants of New Chwang have left. Japa. 000, capital stock nearly all held by J. nese flags are flying all over the city. H. Marsh. The Big Lick Cotton Seed Oil Company, of Stanly county, to man-For rates, schedules or any infor- Electric Cable Wire Factory Burned, ufacture oil and fertilizer, capital stock St. Petersburg, July 26 .- Fire today | \$25,000. The Southern Polishing Comwhich was adopted, that it is the sense the condition of the cotton goods mar- General Passenger Agent, Atlantic destroyed the largest electric cable pany, of Asheville, to manufacture of the committee that there should be ket since the Spartanburg conference Coast Line. "No trouble to answer wire factory in St. Petersburg with shoes and other leather articles, brush-

Indiana Man Made Chairman of National Committee

## MANAGEMENT OF CAMPAIGN

There Was Opposition to Taggart and Strong Efforts Were Made to Obtain the Consent of Senator Gorman to Accept the Place or to Defer the Choice of a Chairman Until After the Visit of the Committee to Esopus-The National Committee Authorizes the Appointment of Two Vice Chairmen, an Executive Committee of Not Less Than Five Nor More Than Seven Members and a Finance Committee-Chair. man Taggart Will Soon Make All Committee Appointments and Enter Upon Active Campaign Work.

New York, July 26.—Expectations were fulfilled today when Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, was elected chairman of the Democratic national committee. Endorsed by nearly every, member of the committee, the day after the convention adjourned at St. Louis, it has been known ever since in favor of some other man, or the consent of Senator Gorman to accept the place, could prevent the seleccontingencies arose, and the Indiana man was unanimously chosen to a place for which he long has had aspirations.

Although the vote was unanimous, it was not until after it was actually, in progress that opposition to Mr. Taggart's selection was withdrawn. Beginning with the return of Senator Gorman, former Senator Hill, former Senator Jones and other Democratic leaders from Esopus last evening and lasting up to the moment when the committee was called to order today, the strongest possible effort was made to bring Senator Gorman into the field to arrange a combination that would place some one besides Taggart at the head of the committee. Almost continuous conferences were held, intimation of great financial advantages to the party were made, and many expedients were suggested, even to delaying the election until after the committee's visit to Judge ter or even speak to you concerning | Parker tomorrow, in order to defeat Taggart. But nothing could change the determination of his friends to force an election today and to compel a show of strength. Failing to secure the necessary conditions to "Not until I came here to this | defeat Taggart, the opposition yielded and the proceedings of the com-

> The contest for the other offices created only a slight division, and differences regarding them, which have been somewhat spirited for a few days past, were easily adjusted. The more important action of the committee aside from the selection: of a chairman was that of arranging for a committee or committees to manage the campaign. A proposition submitted by William F. Sheehan, slightly modified upon the suggestion of Senator Bailey, was adopted. As agreed to it is as follows:

> "That the chair be authorized to appoint not to exceed two vice chairthat the chair be authorized to appoint an executive committee of not members; that the chair be authorized to appoint a finance committee of not less than three, nor more than five, members; and if in the judgment of the chair these two committees should be amalgamated into an executive committee, then the executive committee shall be composed of seven members; that if at any time the exigencies of the campaign should, in the judgment of the executive committee and the chairman of the national committee require it, or if it becomes advisable to increase the number, that they may select additional members not more than one from any one state as members of said executive committee; that in conformity with a resolution adopted by the last Democratic national convention, the members of the said executive committee may be selected from outside the membership of the national committee."

Under this resolution Chairman Taggart will select campaign managers. It is taken for granted that he will be the chairman of the executive committee, as that custom is al-

ways followed. After the adjournment of the committee, there were a number of consultations among the leaders, and the names of several men were mentioned as likely to be on the committee or committees, which ever course it is decided to pursue. Among those

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