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THE GREAT LEADER SICK

Friends Uneasy About Condition of W. J. Bryan.

EXCITEMENT AND SUSPENSE

In Paris Far Greater the Second Day of The Court of Cassation on the Dreyfus Case. The Strain Growing Hourly. A Revolutionist Mob Forming.

Atlanta, Oct. 28.—Friends of W. J. Bryan, who is suffering with typhoid fever, are very anxious today, as his condition is becoming more serious.

Excitement and Suspense in Paris.
Paris, Oct. 28.—The excitement and suspense of Paris is far greater the second day the sitting of the court of cassation, with Dreyfus' fate in the hands of the judges, than was the case yesterday, and the strain is growing hourly. Another revolutionist mob is forming despite the police, who have been reinforced in case of emergency.

BRITISH CABINET MEETING.
Decide that Marchand Must Withdraw Unconditionally. Left to France to Precipitate a Conflict.

London, Oct. 28.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon summarizes the result of the meeting of the British cabinet as follows: "Marchand must withdraw unconditionally. The question of France having access to the Nile not to be discussed. When Marchand withdraws then it can be determined whether questions raised admit of discussion. Every facility will be afforded to assist Marchand's withdrawal. If Marchand refuses to withdraw he will be treated as a foreign visitor, not to be allowed reinforcement, thus leaving it to France to adopt active measures to participate a conflict."

Fifth Cavalry Goes to Porto Rico Next Week.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Arrangements have been made by the quartermaster's department to embark the fifth cavalry from Savannah for Porto Rico next week. The regiment will sail on two transports, with about 400 less than the full number of horses being taken, as that number of animals are now in Porto Rico awaiting the arrival of the regiment. The same transports will bring back the first Kentucky volunteers and first U. S. engineers.

Jubilee Closing.
Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—The fourth day of the jubilee has perfect weather and the crowd fully as great as on former days. The great civic parade is now in progress and marks the close of the celebration.

To Form a French Cabinet.
Paris, Oct. 28.—Dupuy received the support of Ribot, Del Casse and Leygues. It is believed he will officially inform the president this afternoon that he is prepared to form a cabinet.

About Dreyfus Case.
Paris, Oct. 28.—At the court of cassation palace Justice Bard concluded his report on the Dreyfus case, the first part of which was presented yesterday. He asked the court to make every investigation necessary to enlighten them as to the whole truth and evidence.

Three Men Cut to Pieces.
New Rochelle, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Three men were found cut to pieces on the New Haven railroad today beyond identification. There is no clue.

Engine and Boiler Works Burned.
Oswego, Oct. 28.—Tonkin Engine and Boiler works were burned this morning. Loss \$100,000.

William Horseback to Jerusalem.
Jaffa, Oct. 28.—Emperor William started on horseback to Jerusalem today.

"OLD NORTH STATE" NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Federal Judge Purnell decides the Oxford railroad bonds valid, thus reversing the supreme court.

There was a great Democratic rally at Wilson on Wednesday, at which 8,000 people were present.

Senator Pritchard and Gov. Russell cancelled their engagements to speak in Wilmington Saturday. A delegation informed Russell that for him to go would cause trouble.

Raleigh correspondent Messenger: Senator Pritchard while here yesterday did not appear to be in particularly good spirits. He made to several newspaper men the statement that he did not expect any serious trouble in the State at the election, and that he thought the statements sent out were exaggerated.

The N. C. Association of Confederate Veterans met at Raleigh on Wednesday. The annual report of C. B. Denson, secretary, asks larger appropriations for pensions and for the soldiers' home, and appoints John A. Ramsay, F. H. Busbee, W. A. Thorn, W. C. Stronach and C. B. Denson a committee to present this matter to the next legislature.

Intimidation.
Wilmington Star.

Governor Russell, Senator Pritchard and other engineers of the mongrel party of this State, have the gall to assert that "intimidation of voters" is being practiced by Democrats in this State, in the face of the well known fact that the negro voters of the State are victims of the most unrelenting and fearful intimidation by people of their own race, in which they are encouraged by Russell, Pritchard and other machine managers of their composite party.

The man of colored skin who would dare vote the Democratic ticket, or fail to vote the fusion ticket, would do so at his peril, and at once become the victim of persecution by his own race. His life would be made miserable if he were permitted to live.

We published several days ago an editorial from the Kinston Searchlight, a negro paper, which vehemently denounced every negro who failed to register or to vote the fusion ticket, declaring that they "ought to be driven from the country," and appealing to negro wives to abandon their husbands if they failed to register or to vote the fusion ticket, and to unmarried women to discard and ostracize their sweethearts if they failed to come to the scratch and vote against the Democrats.

Recently a meeting of some negro society in this city passed resolutions, which were published in the negro organ here, substantially endorsing the advice of the negro editor in Kinston, and declaring that they would make it hot for any negro who didn't vote as he was expected to vote.

Talk about intimidation, when it is thus brought right to the homes and the hearths of the negroes by negroes themselves, with the consent and connivance of the white bosses, and every negro who might be disposed to act on his own judgment is given to understand that he would become a social outcast and his life be made a hell, if he was permitted to live at all.

This is the refinement of intimidation, but Dan Russell, Jeter Pritchard & Co. can't see it, and have nothing to say on that line. Before they chirp on "intimidation" they should begin at home and teach their black following what "a free ballot" means.

Sowing Pansy Seed.

During early October is a good time for sowing pansy seed for next spring's supply of plants for bedding out. The reason for fall sowing out of doors is that the plants are not then subjected to the hot, drying influences of the house, which are so likely to bring on red spider and other troubles.

Prepare a bed of very rich, porous loam on a well drained location. Place over it a frame to be filled with forest leaves as a protection to the little plants over winter. After sowing the seed in the bed sift a very light covering of soil over the seed, merely enough to hide them. During the process of germination never allow the bed to dry out, as moisture is essential to perfect germination of any seed.

As severe weather approaches cover the bed with a few inches of litter of some sort, forest leaves being preferable. At the proper time in the spring the seedlings may be pricked out of the soil in the seedbed and transferred to the bed in which they are to bloom.—Woman's Home Companion.

THE PEACE COMMISSION

Certain Spaniards Will Waive Question of Cuban Debt.

SPANISH AS A LAST RESORT

Will Take the Ground Publicly That Her Cuban Debt Will Make Spain Unable to Carry an External Debt, Thus Exciting The European Holders of Her Bonds to Interfere. American Democratic Commissioners May Resign.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Both American and Spanish commissioners refuse to acknowledge the authenticity of the information concerning yesterday's session before the session of a rupture expected or of prolonged negotiations. It is certain that the Spanish will waive the question of Cuban debt.

There is the best authority for saying that the Spanish, as a last resort, will take the ground publicly that her Cuban debt will make Spain unable to carry an external debt, thus exciting European holders of her bonds to interfere. Meanwhile there is some hope that a solution means compensation for the Philippines, which question is the next to be examined. It is certain there will be no decisive action before the American commission.

There is a rumor that the Democratic members of the American commission may resign.

No Settlement of Fashoda Incident.

Paris, Oct. 28.—The Central Newscom pany authorizes the statement that no settlement has been reached between England and France regarding the Fashoda incident.

Independence Hall Rededicated.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—The first on the program of the jubilee today was the rededication of the old Independence Hall in its original form as it was 122 years ago, when used by the government.

Sick Soldiers Arrived.

Boston, Oct. 28.—The hospital ship Bay State with 115 sick soldiers, belonging to the 6th Massachusetts, arrived from Porto Rico today.

This is About Pritchard.

Wilmington Messenger.

He freely condemns and denounces what he calls the "incendiary and inflammatory speeches which have been made by Democratic speakers," but he is silent as to the grave as to the infernal harangues of both white and black radical speakers and the detestable, bitter, insulting writings of the negro press, not only offending the men of the White Race, but offering the most base insinuations and making the most sweeping attacks upon the white women of the State. Pritchard has no condemnation for these cruel, malignant and debauched assaults—these reckless, incendiary appeals, from his own bad set, but they are, it may all be supposed, delightful music to his soul and sweet morsels under his slanderous tongue.

No such attempts to fire the wicked nature of the negroes as have been made in this State since the dark, damning days of Canby bayonets, and accused reconstruction. No such wicked, cruel, base, devilish talk has been heard on the stump in North Carolina as has been during the present campaign from the throats and black hearts of barbarians and traitors of the white race. Killing the whites has been the theme of inspiration, hanging or burning negroes who voted with the whites has smitten the air and yet no white radical has opened his lips in censure. You would suppose from Jeter Pritchard's way of putting it that the white men of the State were inciting their fellows to a war, when in fact nothing but the marvelous forbearance and inbred conservatism of the white men have prevented a war of races weeks ago in Wilmington.

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Spanish Commissioners Retire.

Madrid, Oct. 28.—The Spanish peace commissioners will retire from Paris to Madrid, protesting in legal form because of the refusal of the Americans to accept the proposition submitted in behalf of Spain. The Sagasta ministry will then resign.

FEDERAL BAYONETS.

Report That Senator Pritchard Insists on The President Sending Troops to Intimidate White Men of North Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., Oct. 26.—Editor Furman, of The Morning Post, was interviewed tonight and said he had advised that Senator Pritchard went from here yesterday direct to Washington and saw President McKinley and Chairman Babcock of the Republican congressional committee, that he renewed and amplified his previous statements as to the status of affairs in North Carolina, and renewed his suggestions that troops be sent here to preserve the peace. He said a race war was imminent and that there were indications that six prominent Republicans were marked for slaughter at Wilmington, as indicated by the "Big 6" displayed in the papers; that Chadbourne's second letter was written through fear, either with a pistol at the head of the writer or with threats of assassination; that the Democrats were ready to commit all kinds of crimes in order to carry the election, and that in their supreme effort to control affairs, any kind of crime would be considered justifiable; that in the event of the necessity of using troops, it was impracticable to use the North Carolina troops, as all of those in the State are affiliated with the party against which they would have to be used; that he believed the Republicans would gain a congressman if their votes were cast and counted; and that as the fusionists controlled the ballot boxes, the efforts of the Democrats were to prevent the vote being cast.

Leading members of the Republican congressional committee presented to the president the importance of protecting the congressional elections in North Carolina and the president is considering the advisability of sending troops here.

It is further said that if the Democratic plan of campaign continues until near the election, the president will send troops to the State.

Republican leaders are aroused, and will spare no effort to help Pritchard carry the State for fusion.

About Registration.

The State chairmen of all the parties have construed the election law as to registration that there shall be five days for registration—on 6th, 5th, 4th and 3d Saturdays before the election from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; on 2d Saturday before the election books to be open from 9 to 12 m. for registration, except in incorporated towns, where they will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. The right to challenge in incorporated towns will continue until the registration books are closed at 9 p. m.

The registrars will please govern themselves according to the above. The people in each precinct should see to it that the law is properly carried out.

Every white man should register and vote the white ticket.

Cotton Market.

The New York cotton market opened this morning for November 5.10 and closed 5.10. January opened 5.40, closed 5.40. Spot cotton at Kinston, 4.80. Fifty bales were sold on the Kinston market today.

TO ENLIST THE NATIVES

Alger to Recommend Enlisting the Cubans and Spaniards

FOR GARRISON DUTY IN CUBA

At First It Is Not Proposed to Accept Whole Regiment Organizations, But to Take Individuals With Great Care. The Native Regiments Will Be Organized Later.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Secretary Alger has decided to recommend the enlisting of Cubans and Spaniards now in Cuba into the United States army to do garrison duty. It is not proposed at first to accept whole regiment organizations either of Spaniards or Cubans but to take the men individually with great care. Native regiments will be organized later.

McKinley Gives Thanks.

Washington, Oct. 28.—President McKinley has issued a thanksgiving proclamation, naming Thursday, November 24th. He refers to the war and abundant harvests.

Points to Consider.

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