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REPUBLICANS YIELD.

Conference at Louisville, Taylor Agrees to Send Troops Home and Regular Sessions of the Legislature Resumed at Frankfort.

Louisville, Feb. 6.—Shortly after midnight, the Republican and Democratic conferences in session at the Galt House came to an agreement, and a document was drawn up for signatures. It is said the agreement is decidedly favorable to the Democrats. Gov. Taylor is to withdraw the troops from state buildings at Frankfort, and send them home. The regular sessions of the legislature at Louisville, Ky., is to be revoked, and the regular sessions of the general assembly are to be resumed at the state capital without molestation. It is believed the understanding arrived at tonight will result in an amicable settlement of the dispute between the two parties in this state and do away with the dual governments now asserting themselves.

THE STIPULATIONS.

Republicans Concede the Main Point and Democrats Make Concessions.

Louisville, Feb. 6.—The conference last night between several representatives of the Republican party and several representatives of the Democratic party resulted in the unanimous signing of an agreement embodying seven specific propositions which insure a speedy settlement of conditions existing at the state capital. The paragraphs, which are designated as suggestions, are in substance as follows: First. That if the general assembly in its next session shall adopt a resolution ratifying their recent action adopting a contest report in favor of Beckham, the contestees, Taylor and John Marshall shall submit without further protest.

Second. That all parties shall unite an effort to bring about such modification of the election law as will provide for a non-partisan election board and insure free and fair elections. This means the repeal of the Goebel law.

Third. That conditions shall remain statu quo until Monday, the general assembly meeting and adjourning from day to day until that time.

Fourth. Nothing shall be done to hinder or prevent a joint session of the general assembly for taking action on ratification of the resolutions.

Fifth. That the state contest board shall meet and adjourn from day to day until Tuesday, without taking action on contests for minor state officers. This postponement is suggested in order that the action of the general assembly on ratification of the resolution may be taken first.

Sixth. That state troops shall be removed from the state capitol at once, although with all necessary precautions for public safety. This matter is to be under the direction of Gen. Lindsay of Frankfort.

Seventh. That Republican officials and officers of the state guard shall have immunity from charges of treason, usurpation, contempt of court or any such offence.

It was learned from a trustworthy source that the election law to replace the Goebel statute would be an ideal one in its equity to all parties concerned. The state of minor state officers, according to the agreement, remains with the state election board.

The agreement was signed by both parties, but is not to be binding unless accepted by Gov. Taylor, who has not yet considered fully the propositions involved. If Beckham becomes governor a new election will be necessary next November. This is under the law requiring a new election if the incumbent dies within the first two years of his term. The election must be held at the next regular state election after his death. The coming election will also be one for president and congressmen.

Republicans Play for Time.

Louisville, Feb. 6.—The action of the Republicans in consenting to a compromise, it is stated, was brought about by the fact that the state courts are against them, likewise the legislature, and the status of the Federal courts on the issue is in doubt. It is therefore the plan of the Republicans to play for time until they determine whether they can get the case into the Federal courts and whether they will have any standing. Ex-Gov.

Bradley has been in Cincinnati for two days investigating the Federal court end of the case, and it was expected by the Republicans that he would file a petition before Judge Taft yesterday. Until they can learn whether or not the Federal courts will entertain a petition for injunction, the Republicans must fight for time and make the best agreement possible. The conference of Republicans with Gov. Taylor to submit to him the agreement made at Louisville with the Democrats was called off at 12 o'clock, but will be resumed tomorrow. The governor wishes to consult with advisers before deciding.

Taylor's Action Means Peace or War.

Frankfort, Feb. 6.—Whether there is to be peace or bloodshed now rests with Gov. Taylor. Everything seems to depend on his signing or refusing to sign the articles of agreement.

Republicans declare that it would be an act of cowardice for the governor to sign the agreement. They say he owes a duty to the people who elected him, and a practical surrender of his office, as proposed, would be a violation of that duty. On the other hand, the agreement having been signed by the Republicans, headed by Marshall, lieutenant governor under Taylor, it is felt that if Taylor refuses to sign he would rob himself and his party of all public sympathy, and, in the event of bloodshed, that any injustice that the cause might have would sink out of sight and Taylor would be, in the eyes of the world, nothing more or less than a cold blooded murderer.

Gen. Collier, in command of the troops said this afternoon that it would be an act of damned cowardice on Taylor's part to sign the agreement.

Ex-Congressman Hendricks, member of the Democratic steering committee, in an interview this evening, said he believed that Taylor would sign the agreement. "But suppose he don't?" asked the correspondent. "Well, then," was the reply, "we have simply got to fight and meet force with force."

Democratic legislators are all dodging arrest, fearing the Republicans may catch them and force their attendance at the session of the legislature in London. Most of the Democrats have crossed into Ohio to make certain that they won't be caught.

Ought to Be "Ethiopian."

Durham Herald. The Caucasian, Butler's paper, is to be published as a daily and will be the recognized organ of the opponents of the amendment. If the editor-in-chief has half an eye to the eternal fitness of things, he will change the name before the first issue.

Don't Give Up the Ship.

Somewhat more than 50 years ago it happened to me to meet at the house of a mutual friend a daughter of the late Major Benjamin Russell, for many years editor of the Boston Centinel. She was a bright, interesting woman and a brilliant raconteur, and she told me a number of anecdotes of her father, who was a strongly individualized and notable character for a good many years. Among them was the following:

The battle between the Chesapeake and the Shannon took place just off the Massachusetts coast, and a sailor in some way got ashore and hurried to Boston with the news. It was in the night, and he went straight to the Centinel office, where he found Major Russell, to whom he told the story, including the death of Lawrence.

"What were his last words?" said the major.

"Don't know," said the man.

"Didn't he say, 'Don't give up the ship?'"

"Don't know," said the man.

"Oh, he did!" said the major. "I'll make him say it." And he did—so much for history.—Hartford Courant.

A Dangerous Precedent.

A paragraph in a Nebraska paper is to the effect that a well known man in that state has been "convicted of personating a lawyer." If a man can be sent to jail on such a charge, many members of the Rochester bar are not safe.—Rochester Post-Express.

Germany's highest bridge is over the Wupperthal at Mungstern, near Remscheid, back of Elberfeld. It is 360 feet high and 1,630 feet long, the central arch having a span of 530 feet. The only higher bridge in Europe is the Garabit viaduct, 405 feet high, in southern France.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Mr. James Walker, a prominent citizen of Wilmington, has donated to the city \$25,000 for the erection of a hospital.

Three negroes held up S. D. Moody on the Pembroke road Monday, three and a half miles from Newbern. They pulled him from his buggy and took \$64 from him.

Mr. E. B. Roberts, of Newbern, the last Democratic employe retained by Collector Duncan in the revenue service in his district, died at Raleigh Sunday of Bright's disease.

At Lumberton Tuesday Sheriff G. B. McLeod's horse ran away with him and his father, A. H. McLeod. Both of the sheriff's arms are broken and his father is dangerously injured.

The Progressive Farmer says editorially that the amendment of the constitutional amendment, making it stand or fall as a whole, is in response to a just and rapidly growing popular demand.

Mr. J. Z. Green, editor of Our Home, the Populist paper of Union county, in an editorial declares himself for the amendment, provided that it is amended so there is no doubt if part of it is declared unconstitutional all of it will be void.

Wilmington Star, Feb. 6: Spirits turpentine went to 54 cents in price yesterday and it is predicted that the end is not yet. Crude sold yesterday at \$2 per barrel for hard and \$3.25 per barrel for dip—an advance of 25 cents over last week's quotations.

Greenville Reflector; Mr. John Leggett, who lived a few miles north of Greenville, was found dead in bed Saturday morning. He appeared to be in his usual health upon retiring the night before, but when Mrs. Leggett awoke that morning she discovered that her husband was dead.

Laurinburg Times: Ida May Fields, a seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gilchrist, accidentally caught fire Tuesday morning last, and before her clothes could be extinguished she had burned almost to death. A physician was summoned, but found, on reaching the home, that medical treatment would be of no avail. She died on the same day late in the afternoon.

In the court room at Statesville, Tuesday, Oscar Sams stabbed himself in the breast and fell at his seat, just after being sentenced to 12 months on the road for an assault with a deadly weapon. He made a wound about an inch deep. Sams was finally committed to jail, but it is probable that after full deliberation his sentence may be remitted upon payment of costs. Public sympathy is with the unfortunate man.

Raleigh Cor. Messenger, Feb. 5: George Wilson, a white convict, was one of the gang of 53 convicts to leave the penitentiary today to work on the Aberdeen & Rockfish railroad. The other convicts went; Wilson did not go. His convict clothes and shackles were found in the house of a woman of his acquaintance. The police are searching for him. He is from Asheville and was in the First volunteers last year.

Two desperate negro criminals who had been in jail at Raleigh to prevent lynching were taken to Nash county Monday and placed on trial. They are Bob Fortune and John Taylor. They met Robert Hester, white, a tobacco farmer, on the highway near Rocky Mount, asked him to change a dollar, found he had money, robbed him and then, despite his appeals, shot him to death with revolvers. There is no question of their conviction of murder in the first degree.

The elegant home of Mr. De La Croix, who lives near Oxford, was visited by a destructive wind storm Sunday afternoon, uprooting four mammoth oaks in the grove. A large spring house was overturned and carried down a ravine. A barn in which 30 or 40 head of cattle was kept, was unroofed. The chimney to his residence was blown down. Falling on a wing of the house, it completely demolished the billiard room, and the dwelling was otherwise injured by the storm.

Gov. Russell Monday gave an audience to a number of representative citizens of Robeson county, mainly from Red Springs and its vicinity, who urged him to commute the sentence of Reuben Ross, the negro in jail at Lumberton convicted of assaulting Mrs. Ingram, a white woman. The governor has been flooded with letters on this curious and puzzling case. Delegates have called, some to plead, others to argue that the law take its

course. The matter hinges upon the character of Mrs. Ingram, who now lives in Harnett county.

The report of the State labor commissioner regarding cotton mill labor was finished Monday. The average daily wages of skilled men are found to be \$1.10, and of unskilled 66 cents; of skilled women 65 cents and of unskilled 46; of children 31. There has been no material change in wages during the past three years. The number of employes is 14,683 men, 15,811 women, 3,308 children; total 33,757. The increase in the number of men during the past three years is 50 per cent, and the decrease in the number of children at work in the mills is 50 per cent. Both of these are very satisfactory facts. Of the adults 83 per cent. can read and write, and of the children 69 per cent. The hours of labor vary from 10 to 12, but the commissioner says the average is 11½.

DOVER ITEMS.

February 6, 1900.

Mr. W. M. Tyndal went to Newbern yesterday and returned today.

The Goldsboro Lumber Co.'s new store building is about completed, except the painting.

Owing to the wet and cold weather we think the truck farmers are behind with their work.

Quite a number of our citizens attended court at Newbern last week—some witnesses and some jurors.

Mrs. G. A. Smith, of Goldsboro, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Outlaw, returned home Sunday.

Mr. W. M. Tyndal has moved into his new store building, and Mess. Seth and Geo. K. West have opened business in the Seth West store, vacated by Mr. Tyndal.

Mr. Seth West has moved his saw mill from Terrapin into his timber, about three miles from Dover, and expects to begin sawing lumber in a few days. He will then be prepared to supply the local trade with lumber and greatly facilitate his business of manufacturing truck baskets and crates.

In behalf of the family of Mr. Geo. B. Wilson we tender thanks to Prof. E. A. Simkins, of Dover High School, for his public expression of sympathy by suspending school on Monday on account of the death of Mrs. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson had been a zealous co-worker with many other Dover ladies in getting the school established.

DEATH OF MRS. WILSON.

On Sunday night, Feb. 4th, death came, but not as a dreaded monster to her, and took the gentle spirit of Mrs. Sudie L. Wilson, wife of Mr. Geo. B. Wilson, from its suffering mortal frame to rest in the blissful shades of Paradise. To her it was great gain, but to a devoted husband and four small children it was a loss which tongue cannot describe nor pen portray. She was a dear, faithful wife and helpmate, a devoted mother, and sympathizing friend. Just a few minutes before she ceased to breathe she remarked, "raise me up and let me see the light one more time, I'll soon be at rest." "She is not dead, but sleepeth," a sleep from which she will not wake to weep, but to meet the Lord with rejoicing.

SEVEN SPRINGS ITEMS.

February 6, 1900.

Mr. W. E. Cox returned home Monday.

Mr. G. F. Smith went to Snow Hill last week.

Dr. M. W. Parks is in the neighborhood again.

Mrs. Mary Smith is visiting her daughters at Winterville, Pitt county.

Miss Elsie Swinson, of Duplin county, is visiting at Rural Retreat hotel.

Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Loftin, of Beaufort, are guests at the Seven Springs hotel.

Misses Cornelia Dixon and Olivia Cox spent Saturday and Sunday at Col. Whitfield's.

Miss Katie Ivey took Miss Sadie Sutton home Friday, and spent Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Oscar Sutton, who had been visiting her parents at Baldwins, N. Y., returned Saturday.

Bald-headed men can be found anywhere, but Seven Springs can boast of a bald-headed woman.

Services at the Baptist church will be held hereafter on the second Sunday morning and night, instead of on Friday and Sunday afternoon as heretofore.

The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Uzzell fell into the fire a few days ago and was severely burned. Part of its clothes were burned off, and one side of its head burned.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

The British casualties in the Boer war figure up, after the Spion Kop affair, 9,658 men in killed, wounded and missing.

The state department advices from Honolulu, dated Jan. 24, reports 14 new cases of plague and six deaths there since January 17.

Four persons were seriously injured and a hotel wrecked by a natural gas explosion at Rew City, an oil hamlet in Pennsylvania, Saturday night.

A dispatch, Feb. 5, from Norfolk, Va., says: A severe wind and rain storm swept over Dinwiddie, Prince George and Chesterfield counties last night, blowing down factories, residences and barns, breaking windows and uprooting timber and fruit trees.

News from Manila is that Gen. Kobbe's expedition captured and garrisoned nine towns in Luzon, Leyte and Samar. Of the men encountered, 1,000 were armed with rifles and 5,000 with bows and arrows and wooden swords. Of the 75 natives killed 64 were armed with wooden swords, and three were women.

At Petersburg, Va., Thomas Pritchett, while engaged in adjusting some belting, was caught by the shaft. George Simms attempted to rescue him, but was himself caught by the set screw. Before the machinery could be stopped Simms had been killed. His body was horribly mangled. Pritchett had nearly all the clothing torn from his person.

Two hundred Irishmen met in Atlanta Monday night and raised \$450, which they will forward to the treasury of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Washington, with the request that it be sent to the field hospital service of the Boer army. Strong resolutions in support of the Boers and denouncing England's war policy were adopted.

Kilgo and "That Monster."

Asheville Citizen. In reply to a letter to the Rev. Dr. John C. Kilgo, president of Trinity college, Durham, asking for an explanation of his reference to Thomas Jefferson as "That Monster," The Citizen has received the following from Dr. Kilgo:

"My reference to Mr. Jefferson in a recent sermon had nothing to do with his political doctrines, which, so far as I have learned them, are wise, but that Mr. Jefferson was a deist, and established the Virginia university upon that basis, and brought from France the spirit of the Voltaire movement and thus implanted it in America, there is no doubt. And hence in matters of this kind he deserves condemnation, and without fear of men, or concern for consequences, I have no hesitancy in condemning his religious influence. I have no objections whatever to your approving Mr. Jefferson's conduct as it may entirely suit you, but you must understand that the pulpit will not be dominated by a few secular newspapers."

In his Raleigh sermon, criticised by The Citizen, Dr. Kilgo said that the church and the world are "atheistic to the core." He did not say deistic. He then proceeded to say that the wave of "atheism," begun in France by Voltaire and Rousseau, was brought to America by "that Monster Thomas Jefferson." But in his letter he says Jefferson was a deist. Has Dr. Kilgo yet to learn the difference between an atheist and a deist? If a deist is a "monster," what is Dr. Kilgo, who, in an Asheville pulpit, denied the efficacy of the atonement?

The two statements of Dr. Kilgo, that Jefferson was a deist, and that he established the University of Virginia on a deistic basis, are absolutely false. The University of Virginia is now, as when it was opened, on a basis of absolute religious freedom. Students are free to attend religious exercises or stay away. The university employs a chaplain, the protestant denominations having the chaplaincy in rotation.

As to Jefferson's religious belief, he himself said: "I am a Christian." His word as to his belief is certainly as good as that of Dr. Kilgo—possibly a little better in certain portions of South Carolina and among the very many Methodists who do not believe in the supremacy of the cigarette, who are Christians, and not "Dukeists." Jefferson and Kilgo have this in common: Each professed publicly his belief in the Christian religion. At that point they parted company, for Jefferson always acted like a Christian.

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