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TAYLOR HIT HARD.

Judge Taft Refuses to Interfere in His Behalf and He Rushes to State Court. Taft's Decision Leaves Taylor Without Support As It Leaves Election Board Free To Put Democrats in Minor State Offices.

Frankfort, Feb. 14.—Both sides in the Kentucky political fight got into the state courts today. Taylor appealed today to the circuit court for an injunction to prevent Beckham from attempting to exercise the functions of governor, and Gen. Castleman from attempting to discharge the duties of adjutant general.

Just after the papers were filed Judge Taft, in the United States circuit court at Cincinnati, handed down a decision refusing to interfere in the action begun in the case of minor state officials on the ground that the Federal court had no jurisdiction. This is the hardest blow Taylor has yet received, as it means the substitution of Democrats for minor Republican officials and cutting off of his supplies.

The suit of Democrats was to restrain Taylor from acting as governor. Taylor's suit was filed in Louisville and the Democrats' suit here.

A committee of Democratic legislators arrived here today and began an investigation with a view of reporting to their colleagues in Louisville whether it is safe for them to resume sittings at the state house. The committee spent most of the day at the Capital Hotel, where a big crowd had assembled awaiting news of Judge Taft's decision. When it was received a tremendous shout went up which fairly shook the building. As the news spread there was more rejoicing and shouting in the streets.

After this demonstration a committee of Democratic legislators sent for the custodian of public buildings and asked him if he could assure them that the same conditions would prevail in the city Monday as today. He said he would consult Taylor, and returned with the assurance that things would be precisely the same. After this the committee thought Frankfort was safe and said they would probably report favorably to that effect. They left for Louisville tonight.

All the members of the court of appeals arrived today and are likely to resume their sittings Monday.

Taylor made no effort this afternoon to avoid the service of notice in the suit brought by the Democrats. The injunction granted by Judge Cantrell, restraining him from interfering with the legislature, and a summons in a suit for fifty thousand dollars damages, were served on him. The last named suit is brought by Lon Walker, who nailed the original notice of injunction proceedings on Taylor's door and was arrested.

VESSELS ASHORE.

Two on the Coast That May Never Be Floated Again.

Norfolk, Feb. 13.—The three masted schooner C. A. White went ashore in a fog on this coast this morning and will probably never be gotten off. Capt. Connor and his crew, who, when the schooner struck, refused to abandon her, were eventually forced to do so and are safe at False Cape life-saving station.

The British steamer Aristo, which went ashore at Ocracoke, floated today and wreckers tried to tow her to Norfolk. When a storm arose she was again blown ashore. There is now faint hope of saving her.

ACROSS THE MODDER.

Gen. French Forces a Passage and Occupies the Hills.

London, Feb. 14.—Lord Roberts, in a dispatch to the war office dated Dekil's Drift, Feb. 14, reports that Gen. French, with three brigades of cavalry, artillery and mounted infantry, marched from Dekil's Drift yesterday morning to a point on Modder river, 25 miles distant, and forced a passage at Klip Drift and occupied the hills north of the river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers.

Meantime Lieut. Col. Gordon, with a brigade, seized Rondevaal Drift, four miles west, together with a second drift, and captured two Boer laagers.

Lord Roberts says French's performance was brilliant, in view of the fact that intense heat prevailed, and a blinding sandstorm raged during the latter part of the day. He says French met but little opposition and that his losses were small.

Notice to the Voters of Jones County.

At a meeting of the Democratic executive committee, of Jones county, held at Trenton on Feb. 10th, it was decided to hold the primaries in the various precincts in said county on March 17th, at 2 p. m. and the county convention at Trenton, on Saturday, March 24th, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The purpose of these primary meetings is to select precinct committees in the different precincts and also to elect delegates to the county convention to be held at Trenton on March 24th.

The object of which convention is to elect delegate for the senatorial, congressional and State conventions.

The chairman of the different precinct committees are requested to meet at Trenton on March 24th, at 11 a. m., for transaction of such business as may come before them. All white people, regardless of past party affiliations, who desire to co-operate for the promotion of good government, are cordially invited to attend these primary meetings and also the county convention.

Chairmen of the precinct committees are requested to post notices in their precincts of the times and places of their precinct meetings and also the county convention.

By order of the Democratic executive committee of Jones county. This 14th Feb., 1900.

T. C. WHITAKER, Chairman.
THOS. D. WARREN, Secretary.

Great Scott!

Charlotte News.

According to a New York dispatch, Mr. Walter E. Scott, who is at the Everett house, says he "has come East to organize workingmen against the re-nomination and election of Bryan for president. There are 1,500,000 voters in this country who are behind a movement to put a third ticket in the field or to force the Democratic party to nominate a ticket and adopt a platform that will suit us," he said. "Has your organization suggested a ticket?" "How would Gen. Nelson A. Miles for president and Richard Olney for vice president do?" he inquired.

"Scott said Gen. Miles told him in San Francisco that the Republicans kept him from the Philippines because they feared he might become a presidential possibility, but that he would accept a Democratic sound money nomination."

This is the most amusing political freak since Joe Willett's Van Wyck boom. Great Scott, are we to be saddled with Gen. Miles? Miles is a good soldier, but he has a position now that takes all his time and egotism to fill. It would be a pity to disturb this fin-desiecle "Fuss and Feathers," as they used to call Gen. Winfield Scott.

Reply Envelopes and Cards.

Postmaster Gen. Smith has sent to Senator Wolcott, chairman of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, a bill authorizing the postoffice department to issue reply envelopes and postal cards upon which postage need not be paid until they are received by the party to whom they are addressed. At present reply envelopes and postal cards sent out by merchants and others have to be prepaid, and as 90 per cent. of them are not returned, considerable expense is entailed for postage that is not used. Under the new bill the postoffice department would issue an official envelope and card to persons, firms, and corporations desiring the same, and the postage due when returned by mail would be paid at the postoffice where they are received.

Cotton Market.

The following is the New York market at 12 o'clock:
New York, Feb. 15.—March, 8.55; May, 8.53; June, 8.55; August, 8.46; October, 7.65.

STATE NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

Mrs. Polly Frederick, an aged lady, died of smallpox two and a half miles from Guilford College station a few days ago.

Burglars, Tuesday night, broke open the iron safe of Knox & Brown, at Davidson, and obtained \$400. Checks in the safe were left untouched.

The Methodists of the western North Carolina conference have decided to purchase Rutherford college and conduct a college of high grade there.

Wednesday morning, at Princeton, Mr. Jos. Perry, Jr., was engaged in a friendly wrestle with a friend in John Worrall's saloon, when he was thrown, and falling out the door, his neck struck the door sill and was broken.

Durham county probably has the youngest bride in the State. She is barely 13 years old and her name is Mrs. Percy Crabtree, nee Mangum. The ceremony that made her a wife was performed Sunday night.

A dispatch, Feb. 13, from Marion says: A freight train on the Southern railway ran into a slide near Terrell this morning, killing one negro, a brakeman, and the fireman, and seriously injuring Engineer Woodbury. Three cars, the tender and the engine were almost demolished.

Robert D. Whitley, 82 years of age, once prominent in politics in Mecklenburg and the western part of the State, died at 6 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home in Mecklenburg county. He represented Mecklenburg in the legislature several times, and was one of the oldest and most prominent Masons in the State. He leaves a wife and six children.

A special from Greensboro says that Charles Hummel shot his son Ess, near Wilkeson's distillery, Wednesday afternoon and gave himself up to the sheriff. The son was drinking and attacked the father, who was remonstrating with him against going to the distillery. Hummel says he shot his son in self-defense. Two shots were fired, both taking effect. The wounds are dangerous. The young man is about 20 years old.

King's Mountain Oracle: On Thursday morning, there rolled into King's Mountain on No. 36, Mr. Holmes Harmon, who, some twenty years or more ago, quietly left for parts unknown, leaving no word behind as to his whereabouts. He comes back to find his children, some of them married and some of them gone to their last resting place. He comes back to find his wife, who had given him up for dead, married to another man.

There was a hearing at Raleigh Tuesday at which a woman and her son were charged with the murder of Solomon Moring, an old negro, the husband and father. They were held without bail. The evidence, which is purely circumstantial, shows that Moring is missing, after threats; efforts had been made to remove blood stains from the floor of the dwelling; that Moring was killed by blows on the head, and his body sunk in a stream, and that a letter, purporting to be from Moring, saying he was in Richmond, was forged.

Charlotte News: Mr. Robert Dixon, a young man of the eastern part of the county, had a lively experience several days ago. He was driving along the upper Steele Creek road, when he was halted by four negroes, who asked him for a match. He stopped to feel in his pocket for the match, when the negroes said: "We don't want a match, but your money." Two of them held the horses head, while the other two put pistols in his face and told him to shell out. They took everything in his pockets, including \$1.75, all the money he had and then told him he could drive on.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the ONLY remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. For sale by the Temple-Marston Drug Co.

BRYAN AT CHAPEL HILL.

Makes a Great Speech at the University, Carrying Conviction to His Hearers. Short Speech on Trusts at Durham.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 14.—Hon. W. J. Bryan made a masterly speech to the students here today. It was a masterly effort and its like has not been heard here during this generation. It was fresh, virile, inspiring. The money question was made plainer than I had ever heard it put before, and it won his audience. In discussing the trust question he enlarged upon the idea that it destroys individual opportunity and blocks the avenues of independent success hitherto open to all young men. Nothing finer has ever been heard here than this arraignment of monopoly, putting emphasis upon its narrowing the opportunity for independent enterprise, and making mighty millionaires of those who controlled the trusts and condemning others to servitude to this new form of oppressive task-masters. If possible his treatment of the imperialistic policy was the climax of his wonderful address. It was enriched by many a "Thus saith the Lord," and was so unanswerable and powerful that it carried conviction to the hearers, all of whom cheered to the echo his eloquent appeals to resist the encroachment of militarism and imperialism.

An admission of 50 cents was charged, and after the address Mr. Bryan made a short and stirring speech on the porch of the hotel to a large gathering. Enough money was received from the lecture to establish a permanent fund, the interest on which will each year buy a medal or some prize to be awarded to the student writing the best essay on the science of government.

At Durham 5,000 people had gathered at the depot to see and hear Bryan during his few minutes stay while en route to Chapel Hill. His remarks aroused very much enthusiasm in that live city. In speaking of the trusts exerting their influence in departments of learning, terrorizing newspapers, Mr. Bryan asserted that even some preachers have been known to mingle Standard oil with the water of life. This assertion was cheered enthusiastically by the immense crowds.

The wealth of a nation does not come from the wealthy, but the toilers. The masses do not want crumbs. They want to sit at a table themselves. They want justice and the right to earn an honest living by the sweat of their brow.

In referring to the Bible illustration of Naboth and his vineyard, Mr. Bryan said that some people seem to think that Naboth was a very bad man not to let the king have his vineyard.

In this contest, said the speaker, we are going to have more than in the campaign of 1896. We are going to have everything that we had then and a few things added besides. We are going on with this great fight. Our slogan will be, "Give the boy a chance." Give the farmer boy a chance. Give the boy in the factory a chance. Give them all a chance. Give this nation a chance to be the light of the world.

Bryan also spoke at Greensboro and Charlotte. He left tonight for South Carolina and will tomorrow speak to the South Carolina legislators.

HARD FIGHTING.

3,000 Filipinos Attack Americans. Fighting Lasted All Night.

Manila, Feb. 15.—Three thousand insurgents with Mauser rifles attacked the Americans at Dausaga. Reinforcements were sent from Albay. The main body of the insurgents then attacked Albay. The Americans took refuge in a convent. The fighting lasted all night. The Filipinos left 71 dead on the field of battle.

Greater Seaboard Becomes a Reality.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 13.—An announcement is made that the agreement of the greater Seaboard Air Line organization is practically the union of all the railroad systems, which have heretofore composed the Seaboard Air Line, the Florida Central and Peninsula, Georgia and Alabama, Raleigh and Gaston and the various railroad corporations controlled thereby.

No More Prize Fighting in New York.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The bill repealing the Horton law passed the assembly today, 92 to 36. This repeals the law allowing prize fighting in licensed clubs.

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and Fever is a bottle of Groves' TASTELSS CHILL TONIC. It is simply iron and quinine in a tasteless form. No cure—no pay. Price, 50c.

GENERAL NEWS.

Matters of Interest Condensed Into Brief Paragraphs.

The wreckers have abandoned hope of saving the Gate City, but they expect to save her cargo.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Green, head of the Theological seminary at Princeton university, is dead, aged 75.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Kentucky to make January 4th, Goebel's birthday, a legal holiday.

Sharkey and Goddard were scheduled to fight six rounds at Philadelphia Tuesday night. Goddard was saved from a knock-out in the fourth round by his second throwing up the sponge.

Bob Fitzsimmons has posted \$5,000 with the sporting editor of the New York Journal as a forfeit to bind another match with Jeffries, and issues an open challenge to meet any fighter in the world.

Early Tuesday morning burglars blew open the safe in the postoffice at Windsor, Isle of Wight county, Va., and secured \$80 in cash and over 1,000 postage stamps. They were chased and fired at, but escaped.

The British steamer Tagus, at Kingston, Ja., from Colon, reports heavy fighting last week around Barranquilla, while the insurgent forces were pressing Cartagena for the purpose of cutting off Bogota from mail communication.

Gale Fortney and Joseph Crickett were killed Tuesday at a crossing at Independence, W. Va., on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, by a fast freight. They became confused, as the trains were moving in both directions, and stepped out of the way of one to be ground to pieces by the other.

Samuel Beale was acquitted in the Isle of Wight, Va., county court of the charge of murdering Patrick McDonald, a white tramp, last April. The trial lasted nearly two weeks. James Brittle, who was indicted with Beale for the crime, was some time ago convicted and sent to the penitentiary for five years.

The lower house of the Mississippi legislature passed the Cox anti-trust law bill Tuesday by an almost unanimous vote, only two members voting in the negative. The bill is very broad and designed to include all classes of corporations between which agreements or mutual understanding regarding prices exist. Civil and criminal penalties are imposed for violation.

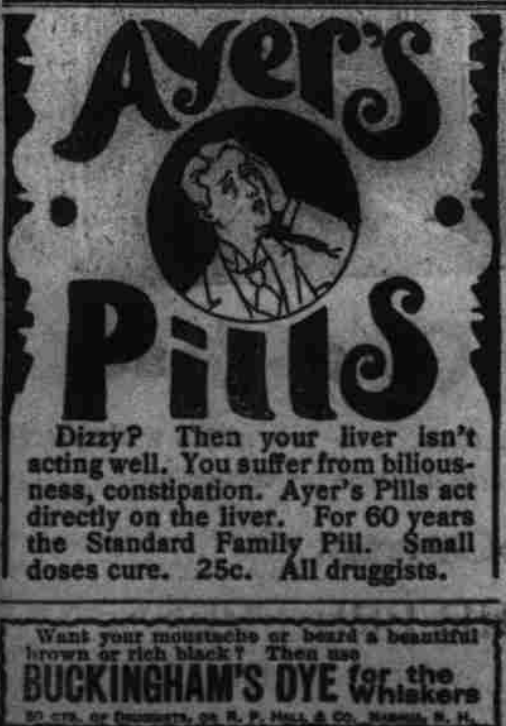
As the result of a dispute over a dividing fence, Benjamin and Samuel Snyder fought Tuesday, near Okonoko, 20 miles east of Cumberland, Md. Samuel is reported to be in a dying condition from a blow struck by Benjamin. They had a hand-to-hand duel with clubs. The men live on adjoining farms, and one claimed the fence stood too far over the line. Ben is still at large.

H. C. Frick sues Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Steel company for a large sum—between \$10,000,000 and \$20,000,000. He claims that Carnegie fraudulently secured the transfer of Frick's stock in the enormously profitable steel business. He says the profits in 1899 were \$21,000,000, and that Carnegie claims he could get \$500,000,000 for the concern on the London market.

A horrible crime was discovered, about seven miles from Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday, when the bodies of Mrs. Rosana Roberts, a widow, aged 76 years, her son, G. T. Roberts, a bachelor, aged 54 years, and Miss Jennie Roberts, an unmarried daughter, aged 51 years, were found murdered at their home. The body of the old lady was found in her bed, her head split open with an axe. The body of the son was found half out of the bed, as if he had attempted to rise; and a shot gun broken in two by the side of the bed, showed that he had attempted to defend himself. The body of the daughter was found under the house, where she had run from her assailants. Evidences showed that she had been followed and struck two heavy blows with an axe, which killed her. The three composed the entire family, which has been wiped out of existence, and were well-to-do and highly respected citizens.

If the reader of this should chance to know of any one who is subject to attacks of bilious colic he can do him no greater favor than to tell him of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. It always gives prompt relief. For sale by J. E. Hood.

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