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GRANT FILED THE CHARGES

Congressman From This District in Hot Water.

MRS. REED OFFERED BRIBE

Grant Admits That He Lodged the Secret Accusations Against Postmistress at Biltmore and Did Not Give Her Chance of Defense.

Asheville, Oct. 21.—The fact that Mrs. Fannie J. Reed, a widow, was removed as postmistress at Biltmore as a result of an affidavit filed with the department at Washington, to the effect that Mrs. Reed had attempted to bribe Congressman Grant, has created great interest hereabouts, and today politically the talk has to do with the matter. The knowledge that Mrs. Reed's removal was due to this affidavit was obtained by a member of the North Carolina congressional delegation, who visited the department. This Congressman said that he was not at liberty to say who had suggested the affidavit, but that such an affidavit was on file; that this was the cause of Mrs. Reed's removal.

GRANT OWNS UP. The publication of this fact and the further fact that Mrs. Reed was given no opportunity to refute the charge created much talk, and today Congressman Grant comes to the bat and says that he made the affidavit; that Mrs. Reid did attempt to bribe him; that very shortly he will make a full statement relative to the matter.

Mrs. Reid says that she did not. Mr. Grant says that "Mrs. Reed not only tried to bribe me in the presence of my wife and daughter in my home to retain her in office, but she wrote a letter over her own signature to State Chairman S. B. Adams, offering to bribe him." Mr. Grant further says relative to the alleged bribing incident that "she then placed her hands on my daughter's shoulders and offered to bribe her to have her retained in office. I and my wife and daughter made affidavits to these facts and I filed these."

Mr. Grant does not say, however, why he failed to acquaint Mrs. Reed with these alleged facts and why she has never to this day been acquainted with the reason for her removal.

When seen today Mrs. Reed reiterated her statement of yesterday that she had never thought of offering Mr. Grant a bribe; that if any element or suggestion of bribery entered into any conversation she had with him it was due wholly to requests made of her for money. And as there is a Federal statute bearing upon that subject it is noteworthy that Mrs. Reed asserts that it was after his election that the Congressman spoke to her about her failure to assist in defraying his campaign expenses, and when he let it be known that all the officeholders had to come across Mrs. REED'S DENIAL.

The extent of her offering, she again declares, was simply to let the Congressman know that she was at all times willing to do her part and whatever was customary. As for the letter to Judge Adams, to which Grant now alludes, she did not write this. She had appealed to C. B. Moore and other friends for advise in these political matters and when there came a letter from headquarters asking her to purchase more stock in The Industrial News she referred the matter to Moore, who dictated a letter to her daughter. She was present at the time and is confident there was no offer of bribery, but the letter simply stated that she had already paid \$25 for stock in the party paper and she did not feel it to be her duty to make another purchase of stock unless she was to continue to hold a party office or, as it seemed she might not continue to hold the office. The exact wording of the letter she could not recall. She had al-

THAT LETTER TO S. B. ADAMS

Fails to Confirm Charges of Congressman Grant.

DID NOT TRY BRIBE.

Grant's Charge That Mrs. Reed Tried to Bribe State Chairman Adams Falls Through.

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 21.—State Chairman Spencer B. Adams was seen by this correspondent at a late hour tonight and when asked for an interview relative to the charge made by Congressman Grant that the former postmistress at Biltmore had attempted to bribe him, said: "Mrs. Reed wrote me a letter some time ago in which she said that if she was assured that she would be allowed to retain the office at Biltmore she would contribute to the Daily News. I replied to this at once, informing her that the matter of the appointment at Biltmore was entirely in the hands of Congressman Grant and since that time I have heard nothing further in regard to the matter. Since the election of Republican Congressmen in this State I have invariably sent all communications relative to the appointment of postmasters in their respective districts to them and I sent this letter to Congressman Grant and suppose he now has it. This," he said, "was the contents of the letter, as I now recollect, though it has been some time and I did not charge my memory expressly with its contents. "I have never seen Mrs. Reed in my life and as far as I remember this was the only letter I ever received from her. "As the matter has reached the point it has, I hope that in justice to all parties Congressman Grant will publish Mrs. Reed's letter to me as well as my reply to same."

General Curtailment. Charlotte, N. C., Oct. 23.—Next Monday some of the largest mills in the Piedmont section of the Carolinas will inaugurate one or two weeks' curtailment and will likely continue the curtailment for some time. Several mills have already adopted this course. This is a feeling among manufacturers that, curtailment having been sanctioned by the American Cotton Manufacturers, can be done without injuring their standing and that it is a business-like course. The movement is gaining strength as it progresses.

ways dealt liberally with the party, she thought, but Grant had more than once twitted her for not giving more money to the party managers. Once she took her receipts for money given for party purposes to Logan, Grant's chairman, and asked him if he did not think she had been liberal enough in her contributions. Logan admitted that she had but added, she says, that "You have given your money to the wrong people."

THE AFFAIR WITH MISS GRANT. Mrs. Reed enters a specific denial to Grant's charge that "She then placed her hands on my daughter's shoulders and offered to bribe her to have herself retained in-office," and says she never thought of putting her hands on anybody and merely remarked to Miss Grant, who was in the room, that she would appreciate her help, speaking to Miss Grant, she says, just as she would to her own sister. There would have been no reason, she points out to have "bribed" the female members of Grants family.

In view of the fact that there are many of the Reed connection Republicans and Democrats in this county the charges made by Grant and the situation created as a result is interesting in its every aspect.

It is said tonight by Mrs. Reed's friends that the fact in the present controversy will be laid before President Taft.

CARD PLAYING IS GAMBLING

According to a Paper Published at Monroe.

CARD PARTIES NOT NEWS.

Society Women Who Play Cards For Prizes are Setting Example Gambling.

Monroe Enquirer. The Lanchester News, the Charlotte Observer and if memory serves us right, another paper or two have referred to the fact that the small boys are crazy about the pictures of noted baseball players which are sent out in cigarette packages and gamble for them openly by "matching" pictures. A citizen of Monroe calls our attention to the fact that the same conditions exist here and suggests that something ought to be said about it. Well, what ought to be said about it? Take one of these little fellows up, who is flipping his picture cards in the hope of winning and send him home with a report concerning his doings and the chances are that his mammy will be off somewhere playing with cards for a prize or will have a bunch at her home doing just what her boy out on the street was doing—flipping a lot of little old cards over and over, hoping to win. No sir; we are not going to say much about the boy gambling for his picture cards, unless we open up on some other matters, and that might cause talk. You have probably noticed that we have quit telling about the fellow who was caught out in the back lot gambling with cards and was sent to the chain-gang for the offense. Yes, we have quit it. Pardon us for saying that we hope we have, in a measure, a love of justice—just plain common fair play—at least have enough of it for it to gag us to tell about the nigger being caught out in the back lot flipping his greasy cards for a few nickles, about his arrest, his trial in court, his sentence to the chain-gang, because he played with his cards for a very small amount and not tell about how Mrs. Uppinger and a number of her friends got around a table and played with little old cards for a prize, a thing worth a whole lot more than in the few nickles the nigger was sent to the chain-gang for playing his cards for. We are trying to run a newspaper, and playing cards in this town is a thing done so often that it is no longer a matter of news. For that—reason and—others when we get a long article about how Mrs. Topoloff had the whole push at her house, "her beautiful home on Seclusive street," in the way it is written, and "eighty-four or some seven come eleven was played until way after the time to go home and prepare the grub for the old man and the children, about how Miss Snickerfanny served delicious ome and cake in the dining room and Miss Snickerfanny served punch in the hall, about the color scheme, and then about the hostess and some more until you feel like saying, "hold my head somebody while I puke," we say that when an article like that comes into this print shop into the waste basket it goes along with the grape hulls and second-hand tobacco quids. Now don't somebody get it into his head that we are coming out card playing. We are simply telling you that we do not want, will not have reports of your social games of cards in this paper. They are too frequent to resort to as a matter of news—don't want em nohow.

[Printed by request—Editor of The Democrat. The North Pole is playing the part of the innocent bystander. The eminent scientist, Matt Henson, is willing to act as president of the North Pole Commission.

"To do or not to do" constantly coming dependent whether or not you use Dr. Bell's Pore-Thrower. A few doses will stop that cough.

PAPER MILLS INTERESTING

Former Maricott Citizen Takes Trip Through Mills.

SUPPLY ALMOST GONE.

Paper Mills of Maine Now Importing Wood from Canada—Industry Run Day and Night.

The Democrat has received the following description of a Maine paper mill from a former Maricott citizen who now lives in Canton, Me. The largest paper mills in the country are situated in the northern and northern part of Maine. The largest of the mills are The International Paper Co. which furnish the greatest part of the paper used by the daily papers all over the country. The question now worrying the paper manufacturers is how this industry is going to continue at a rate to supply the country with paper unless some new material is found of which this article may be produced, the only amount of material now in use are paper and spruce timber which differ a little from the Southern species of the same name, these timbers are so abundant in the state of Maine are now almost exhausted by their use of being made into paper of the pulp wood as it is called, is being gathered in the eastern Provinces of Canada and shipped by boat around the coast to Portland and Boston, then by freight to the mills of Maine, which for no other reasons are gaining the reputation of making paper as worthless as a lot of the pulp wood is yet cut in the most northern part of the state during the winters and piled upon the banks of the streams until spring, after the ice melts away the wood which is saved into four foot lengths is thrown into the rivers and streams and is carried southward to the mills which in all cases are situated on the banks of a large river where tributaries feed it with pulp wood.

"It is taken out of the water and piled out in the fields where it is used as needed, the next process is to put the wood into a large reservoir which is a solid concrete structure opening up stream just below the falls so that the water pressure may force the logs against the large mill stones which are turning at the end of the run-out and grind the wood to a pulp like corn meal in appearance, it is then pumped out after which some of it is run through a machine which dries it out in slabs, this is stored away for future use in case of cessation of working material, the remaining pulp is pumped to the paper mill where it goes into many large vats to heat and is stored with other ingredients for 48 hours.

It then goes to the machines which are the largest used in any kind of manufacturing, from the time the pulp goes into one end and out the other it has traveled exactly one mile up and down through the hot rollers which press and dry the water out, now it is ready to be shipped by the train load to all parts of the United States and not a little of it goes abroad.

"In this one mill there are about twenty machines running night and day with paper coming from each machine at the rate the average horse trots.

Back Creek Snake "I noticed that you copied in The Landmark an article telling of a man catching a fish," remarked Mr. R. A. Cooper, a local fisherman and hunter. "Up on Back Creek I saw a mountain catfish a mountain trout or a mountain herring. When the snake might hold the trout began jumping and plugging. The snake held on and made for shallow water. I watched my chance and shot at the snake with a small caliber target pistol. The ball struck the fish and the snake was deserted only for a moment to look around to see what was meddling. The second shot killed the snake. The question is, how does a snake kill a fish? Does he inject poison into him? Does he hold him out of water till he dies? How does a snake kill a fish, anyhow?"

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