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A Notable Event in Journalism in the South.

THE NEWS AT FIRST HAND

Less Than a Dozen Papers in the Whole Country Have Leased Wires From the National Capital—Senator Butler Returns From the West and Comments on Mr. Glenn's Testimony in the Evert Case.

By JOHN BOYLE.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Special.—The Morning Post commences with this edition to receive its news service over its own special leased wire. It is an event in the history of Raleigh's favorite paper that deserves more than passing notice.

No other paper in the entire South, from the Rio Grande to the Potomac coast, or from the Atlantic ocean to the Mississippi river, has such wire and news facilities as from this day on the Morning Post will enjoy. It touches the capital of the Old North State in a direct touch with the capital of the nation, and through its foreign and domestic news so excellently supplied by the Laffan News Bureau, news service in touch with the capitals of all the principal European nations and the principal cities of the old and the new world. Under the present arrangement, Pretoria in the Transvaal is no further in a news sense than Charlotte in old Mecklenburg, and New York and Washington; no further than our own State capital building.

In securing a leased wire from Washington, the Post not only enjoys facilities that no other newspaper in the South possesses, but it secures facilities that less than twelve of the largest newspapers in this country possess. Here in Washington such metropolitan papers as the New York Sun, Journal, World, Herald and Tribune, Chicago Tribune and Times-Herald, St. Louis Republic and Globe-Democrat and a few other papers have their special leased wires, but now the Morning Post is on a par with them in its service and feels that it is in good newspaper company. Its service marks a new era in Southern journalism.

Notes From the National Capital.

Congressman Bellamy today succeeded in passing through a bill to authorize Frank Hitch to construct and maintain a bridge across Fishing Creek, within the boundary lines of Edgecombe county. It has already passed the Senate, and only needs the President's signature to become a law. Mr. Bellamy expects that in a few days.

Senator Butler has returned from the west and was in the Senate today. He said that Mr. R. B. Glenn's testimony in the Ewert case in rebuttal had not shown any testimony submitted as to the new charges against Judge Ewert, and that the sub-committee, Senators Spons and Pettus, would submit their adverse report to the full judiciary committee next Monday.

Senator Pritchard is so busy in attendance upon the Clark case, being a member of the committee hearing evidence against the Montana mill-hunt, that he seldom has time to attend upon the Senate.

W. B. Stewart, a letter carrier in the Greensboro postoffice, has been promoted from \$240 to \$260 per annum.

Senator Pritchard has introduced bills in the Senate to pension Isabella H. Woodard and Mary Oates; also a bill to pay Charles W. Johnson \$1,400 for property destroyed during the war; also a bill to correct the military record of T. R. M. Boyd.

Mrs. Beveridge, wife of the senator from Indiana, is reported as seriously ill at Asheville.

Messrs. E. A. Smyth, C. J. Harris, M. L. Randolph and Senator Kyle, a sub-committee of the Industrial Commission, will leave here March 3 to investigate industrial conditions in the South. The sub-committee will hold sessions in Raleigh, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis, and perhaps at other places.

SUCCESSOR TO JACOBINI.

Satelli said to be slated for high ecclesiastical honors.

New York, Feb. 24.—According to advices received from Rome, there is much speculation concerning the successor to the late Cardinal Jacobini, whose death February 1 left vacant the high office of Vicar General to His Holiness. The question is a matter of interest to all Catholics in the United States, for it is said that Cardinal Satelli, formerly delegate apostolic to this country, is a prominent candidate for the office.

Death of Professor McLawry.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 24.—Special.—Prof. John McLawry, of Lee's Business College, this city, died this morning in a hospital here. The deceased was a native of New York and once taught Jay Gould. He came south for his health. The funeral will take place here Sunday from the First Presbyterian Church, to which the deceased belonged.

GRANDFATHER WINTER



MAKE MERRY WHILE YOU MAY—I WON'T LAST LONG.

WEATHERED THE GALE

Perilous Experience of the Transport McPherson

HER PROPELLER BROKEN

Four Hundred Miles Out and at the Mercy of Wind and Waves—Sailors Display Great Bravery—Steadily Sailed and Finally Towed Into Hampton Roads by the Steamer Admiral Sampson.

Fort Monroe, Va., Feb. 24.—The transport McPherson, towed by the steamer Admiral Sampson, passed in the capes at daybreak and anchored off Fort Monroe quarantine station. She brings troops from Cuba.

The transport had a thrilling experience. During the heavy storm of Monday, while 440 miles at sea, she broke her propeller shaft and drifted helplessly for many hours almost to the coast of Bermuda. Assistance was asked of a little Italian steamer, but her captain was afraid the big transport would swamp him. Excellent discipline prevailed. Contemplating any emergency, rations were immediately cut down to all of the 168 people aboard.

Much personal bravery was shown. When it appeared that the broken shaft must snap the rudder unless secured, the entire crew volunteered for the dangerous duty. The four men selected performed the task successfully, and the ship, then manageable, was put under sail power. Wednesday a severe storm arose, which drove her further out of her course. Thursday night a Ward Line steamer, for three hours, but the transport was making headway under sail. Yesterday morning, however, she accepted the Admiral Sampson's assistance. The difficult work of securing the tow-line was accomplished by throwing it overboard attached to a life buoy.

In the midst of the storm Major Hutchins, in charge of the ship, was thrown violently against the superstructure and severely injured.

GENERAL WRIGHT ACCEPTS.

He Makes the Fourth Member of the Philippines Commission.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Gen. Luke Wright arrived in the city this morning and called upon the President at 1 o'clock, as arranged. A conference lasting half an hour or more was the result, during the course of which the President tested the feelings of the new appointee upon his views of a Philippine policy before offering him a

place on the commission. That they were satisfactory and in accord with the wishes of the administration is evidenced by the result. General Wright saying that he had been tendered the post and had accepted it. The commission, as it now stands, is composed of Gen. Luke Wright of Tennessee, Prof. Dean C. Worcester of Michigan, Judge Taft of Ohio, and Prof. Bernard Moses of California. General Wright is an expansion Democrat.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—R. M. Fureman, Editor Morning Post: Keeping abreast of the progress in the South, the Washington Bureau sends greeting to its parent, The Morning Post, North Carolina's youngest and most vigorous exponent of the new era of progressive journalism, over the first leased wire ever run into the South Atlantic States from the nation's capital. W. P. WHITTAKER.

LOST IN NEW YORK.

A School Superintendent Missing and His Friends Fear Foul Play.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 24.—Superintendent Powell of public schools in this city is missing, and his friends fear foul play. He has not been heard from since his sudden departure January 23, and his friends who went to New York to search for him have no trace of him since February 13, when he dined at the University Club in New York with his cousin, William E. Evans, of the Brooklyn Eagle. So general is the belief that further search would be fruitless that the State board of education will probably appoint his successor in a few days. Mr. Powell served in the legislature for two terms and was elected to his present office four years ago.

PLANS WORKING WELL.

Details for Consolidation of Seaboard System Working Satisfactorily.

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—President John Skelton Williams, Vice-President and General Manager St. John and General Counsel Legh R. Watts of the Seaboard Air Line system were in Baltimore today on business connected with the Greater Seaboard System, which will include the Seaboard Air Line, Florida Central & Peninsular, Georgia & Alabama and other railroads in the South. Messrs. Williams and Watts attended a conference of the members of the managing committee, and later Mr. Williams said, in answer to a query, that the work of perfecting the details of the consolidated company was progressing favorably and that there was no doubt that the plan would be carried out as now intended.

ROAD TO LADYSMITH

Boers Have Big Guns in the Way of Buller.

ADVANCE IS DIFFICULT

Heavy Shelling on Both Sides Near Colenso All Day, Thursday—Infantry Battle Begins at Noon and Continues Until Dark—Boer Camping Ground Shows Evidence of Hasty Departure—British Losses on the 22d.

Colenso Camp, Feb. 24.—1:50 p. m.—The Colenso Township Railway station on the south side of Tugela, Fort Wylie and the country extending about two miles to the north, have been occupied by the British. The British are meeting strong opposition to a further advance, the Boers having at least three guns in position on the high hills directly in front of the English.

There was heavy shelling on both sides all day Thursday. The British infantry advanced at midday, but met a heavy fire from the Boer trenchments. From the heights the Laffan correspondent saw the Boers clambering up the side of a kopje where the British infantry were stationed with a view of enveloping them. An infantry battle ensued which continued until dark, and even then it did not cease. Though the night was pitch-dark, the fighting was maintained until 10 o'clock and volleying was intermittently kept up all night. The battle continues today. The British artillery is now shelling Grobler's Kloof, while the infantry is fighting in the foothills.

An examination of the former camping ground of the Boers shows that the burghers must have made a hasty flight. Flags, traveling bags, food and ammunition were found scattered about in all directions. Shelters were discovered out on the hillsides with bedsteads still there. A number of sporting and explosive soft-nosed split bullets were also found. An electric plant and dynamo with apparatus for a searchlight were among the things left behind by the Boers. The engine bore the name of a firm of builders at Ipswich, England.

A number of new Boer trenches were also discovered. These were extensive, were well placed and had bomb-proof shelters, but were untenable when the British occupied Hlangwane Hill.

London, Feb. 24.—The War Office received today from General Buller a

list of casualties resulting from the fighting of February 22 as follows: Killed—Lieutenant The Hon. R. Cathcart (son of Lord Cathcart) of the rifle brigade; Lieutenants Coe and Parker of the Lancashire regiment. Wounded—fourteen officers, including Major General Wynne and Colonel Harris of the East Surreys. General Buller concludes: "Owing to the continuous fighting, it is impossible at present to give the number of men killed or wounded."

A special dispatch from Arundel, under date of Friday, February 23, says: "The Boers have formed a strong force seven miles west of here. General Clements has kept up a searching fire on their kopjes. We expect to take their position before sunset."

The naval estimates for 1900-1901 were issued yesterday. The total net is £27,522,000, which is an increase of £288,100 over the estimates for 1899-1900. About one-half of the increase is due to an addition of 1,240 men. The additional expenditure in connection with the war, which affects the present financial year, is more than £1,000,000. There were 25,712 men in the naval reserves December 31.

Boers Report a British Repulse.

Pretoria, Feb. 24.—A dispatch from the Boer head quarters at Ladysmith states that the British crossed the Tugela February 22 and made an attack on the Ermeloos Middelburg commandos. But, after heavy fighting, according to this dispatch, the British were compelled to retreat. They renewed the attack the next morning, but were again driven back with heavy loss.

Reported Escape of Cronje.

Berlin, Feb. 24.—There are reports from Brussels that news has been received at Boer headquarters there to the effect that General Cronje has forced his way through the British lines near Paardeberg.

CHOICE OF THE EAST

Wayne Gives Aycock an Enthusiastic Send-Off.

DESERVES RICH REWARD

He Has Served the Democratic Party Year After Year, Giving Freely of His Time and Means—With Kingly Eloquence and Powerful Argument He Has Championed the Cause of Good Government.

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 24.—Special.—The Democratic county convention of Wayne today adopted the following resolutions with enthusiastic unanimity:

"Resolved by the Democrats of Wayne county, in convention assembled, that the delegates to the State Convention be and they are hereby instructed to present the name of Charles B. Aycock as a candidate for Governor, and to use all honorable efforts to secure his nomination.

"Mr. Aycock is a native of Wayne county and has lived among us for forty years, and no man has a higher character or a more honorable record, public or private. He is one of the ablest and most eloquent speakers in North Carolina, and is at his best in joint debate. His party service has been valuable and unselfish. Before he was twenty-one years of age he canvassed his county in the interest of the Democratic ticket, and from that time until 1888 he canvassed Wayne and the adjoining counties. In 1888, as district elector, he canvassed the Third Congressional district, Wayne county being then in that district, and in that campaign made more than fifty speeches. In 1890 he made many speeches in different parts of the State. In 1892, as an elector for the State at large, he canvassed the State; and in 1894, 1896 and 1898 he put his services at the command of the State Democratic executive committee and spoke where the committee sent him, his speeches in behalf of good government and the success of the Democratic party arousing great enthusiasm and inspiring the people to the greatest effort in behalf of the success of the party. During all this time he has not been a candidate except as elector, and has given liberally to the party of his time and money.

"We believe his party service and his high character and ability will receive recognition at the hands of the Democrats of the State. He has lived all his life in the east, and is thoroughly familiar with the conditions which have afflicted this section of the State, and can, we believe, present these conditions to the people of the whole State more effectively than any other man who could be nominated at this time. We commend his candidacy not only to the people of the east, but to the people of Western North Carolina, as one who can bring home to them, as no other man can, the necessity for the adoption of the constitutional amendment. We believe that under his leadership the success of the amendment and the perpetuation of good government in North Carolina would be assured."

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PITCHFORK AT WORK

Tillman Gives Morgan a Jab in the Senate.

OLIGARCHY IN HAWAII

The South Carolina Senator Strongly Attacks the Bill to Provide Territorial Government for the Islands—Senator Penrose Gives Notice That He Will Call Up the Quay Case Monday and Proceed With Debate.

Washington, Feb. 24.—When the Senate convened today Mr. Hale of Maine reported the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriation bill and gave notice that at an early date next week he would call it up for consideration.

"At the conclusion of routine business Mr. Penrose of Pennsylvania called attention to the proceedings yesterday with reference to the seating of M. S. Quay of Pennsylvania, and said that he did not desire to proceed with the case today. "I desire to notify the Senate, however," said he, "that on Monday I will call up the resolution, and if no member representing the majority report of the elections committee is ready to speak the minority will proceed with the debate."

Consideration of the Hawaiian government bill was resumed, the pending question being on the amendment of Mr. Platt of Connecticut, providing that the President should appoint the chief justices of the Supreme Court and judges of the Circuit Courts, and that the governor of that territory should appoint the officers, the amendment limiting the tenure of office of appointees to four years.

Mr. Platt in an extended speech supported his amendment, holding that the provisions of the bill were inconsistent with those incorporated in previous territorial enabling acts.

In a vehement speech Mr. Tillman of South Carolina attacked the bill as reported to the Senate, and in passing made a personal arraignment of Senator Morgan for alleged lack of courtesy.

"The oligarchy which exists in Hawaii," declared Mr. Tillman, "and which this bill perpetuates, is powerful and unscrupulous. It is an oligarchy greater than ever existed outside of Russia."

"I sympathize with the Senator from Connecticut in his efforts to secure a properly appointed judiciary for the islands—a judiciary not controlled by the oligarchy which now has its grip on the islands."

Referring to an incident which occurred the other day, in which Mr. Morgan of Alabama declined to yield to Mr. Tillman to reply to a statement made by Mr. Wolcott of Colorado concerning the suppressed vote of South Carolina, Mr. Tillman said: "I have felt indignation at the treatment I received from the Senator (Mr. Morgan). Never in my experience in the Senate have I been treated so discourteously by any member of the Senate."

Mr. Morgan endeavored to interrupt Mr. Tillman, but the latter waved him aside, saying: "I decline to yield to the Senator. He has put himself outside the pale of courtesy and consideration so far as I am concerned." He then explained the circumstances of Mr. Morgan's refusal to permit him to reply to Mr. Wolcott.

"When I arose to explain the situation in South Carolina as it was presented by the Senator from Colorado," said Mr. Tillman, "the Senator from Alabama said: 'No, I cannot permit you to speak now. I'll leave you to fight it out some other time!'"

"It was the first time in my experience that I had ever been refused a hearing in like circumstances. No Republican would have denied me the privilege, because there is no man on that side of the chamber so lacking in courtesy and decency."

Senator Clark of Wyoming interrupted Mr. Tillman to declare that it had become one who suppressed the negro vote in South Carolina to plead the cause of the common people in Hawaii. Mr. Tillman declared with dramatic and sensational effect that the white race should rule in the South, that he had done all in his power to abridge negro suffrage in South Carolina.

Mr. Powers of Vermont, also a Republican, followed in a speech against the bill, largely a legal argument to prove the proposition that if Porto Rico is territory of the United States, then every act regarding it must bear upon it as it would upon the territory of Arizona.

Mr. Broussard of Louisiana opposed the bill, saying that if the contention of the Ways and Means Committee were correct, then suddenly, even as the chameleon changes color, had the reptile been transformed into an eagle.

The bill was further opposed by Mr. Thayer of Massachusetts, who repelled the assertion that the anti-separatists were in any sense traitors. He warmly expressed the opinion that Americans prefer to follow the policy of Rootwell, Hoar and Hale rather than that of Hanna, Quay and Beveridge.

The committee rose at the conclusion of his remarks and at 5:05 the

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