

RED HOT ROAST FOR TILLMAN

McLaurin Makes a Blistering Reply to the Fellows Who Read Him Out.

DECLINES TO RESIGN

Will Appeal to the Forum of the People

TILLMAN NO DEMOCRAT

The Pitchfork Man Supported Telfer for President in 1896 and Towne for Vice-President in 1900—McLaurin Reviews His Record in the Senate and Discusses Live Political Issues.

Charlotte, S. C., August 6.—Senator McLaurin this evening made public a letter to the State Democratic Executive Committee, reviewing its action in expelling him from the party and defending his record. The letter follows:

Paris Mountain, S. C., August 5th, 1901.
To the Democratic Executive Committee, State of South Carolina.
Gentlemen: The official notice of the action of a majority of your committee of July 25th was received by me on August 1st five days after it had been announced in the newspapers. This published announcement was the first notice I had that any action affecting me was to be taken by your committee. I am now officially informed that the majority of your committee condemn my course in the senate, demands my resignation and undertakes to expel me from the Democratic party. Twenty-two men have attempted to usurp the powers of the 90,000 Democratic voters of South Carolina and as an incident to a meeting called for another purpose have hastily endeavored to do what can be done only by solemn proceedings of impeachment, expressly provided for in the constitution of the United States.

Where Did Tillman Get the Money?

In his doubtful character as prosecuting witness and attorney against me, Senator Tillman is reported as saying before your committee that I have voted with the Republicans "in important matters" and that he has seen me conferring with Republican senators. As I will show by the records he himself frequently voted with the Republicans in important matters. As all other Democratic senators have done from time to time. It is frequently necessary proper and courteous to confer with members of the opposite party, as he knows and as every man of practical sense knows. These expressions of his are attempts to take advantage of credulity and ignorance. I do not think there is a man in South Carolina so ignorant as to be ready deceived by this. He can not put me under suspicion as he has put himself by his own acts. I have not in public office received from a "perhaps" honorable bankruptcy "dishonorable and unexcusable" salary. He and I have drawn the same salaries but I have found it impossible to save a dollar from mine. I have never, however, truckled to corporations with the fawning of a tamed spaniel, made speeches against them, then voted for them, and accepted favors as he has done. I have never been the sole boss and buying agent of a newly created whiskey trust with its rebates of \$600,000 to \$700,000 a year, none of which ever reached the State treasury. I have never had the handling of a State bond refunding scheme with \$28,000 of commissions never yet accounted for or explained.

A year ago Senator Tillman went into North Dakota and made speeches advocating the re-election of a Republican Senator—Mr. Pettigrew. Senator Tillman and this senator were prominent in preventing by filibustering tactics a vote on the subsidy bill. The newspaper reported that Mr. Hill, head of the Northern Pacific lobby against the subsidy bill, gave Senator Tillman's friend and associate a "tin" which paid him \$450,000 in the stock market. Birds of a feather, gentlemen of the committee, always flock together.

Tillman not a Democrat

Has Senator Tillman, prosecuting attorney against my democracy, ever failed to abuse Democrats and Democracy? Do you know that in the last two Democratic national conventions he has supported the nomination of Republicans? In 1896 he favored Senator Telfer for President, an old-line Republican and one of the bitterest foes of the South in reconstruction days. He himself appeared before the convention as a competitor of W. J. Bryan, and been ignominiously snuffed under. In 1900 he was for Towne, also a Republican, for Vice-President. Is he the man to be a Democratic arbiter and judge of what is Democracy in South Carolina?

Give the Young Men a Chance

In the Senate I have labored, as the records will show, to broaden the prosperity of the country, to promote the interests of my own people, to spread civilization to our young men, to stimulate enterprise. His whole political course and methods have been to

whether or not I have been a faithful senator and a consistent Democrat. Why should you attempt to prevent them?

It is no cause for wonder that Senator Tillman should seek to make political assassins of you to avoid open and fair fight. He has climbed to power by venomous abuse of many of the best men in the State who opposed him, for which he has always cavalierly shirked personal responsibility, and on the political lives and fortunes of those who befriended him while he needed friends. Norris, Tindal and Donaldson, men representing earnest purpose and the interests of the farmers of the State and therefore strong, were used by him to promote his own interests and then thrust aside. Irby, Shell and Farley died of his treachery to them and to the people. I am now in his way and he incites you to attempt to strangle me, and at the same time to destroy a white, primary to his advocacy of which he owed much of the best of his early following. Party principles are fixed and to the principles of the Democratic party I have been uniformly faithful. Party policies are determined from time to time by party elections and conventions, and no man nor body of men has the power to say between those elections what policies shall be the tests of party loyalty. Senator Tillman is assuming the prerogatives of supreme boss and dictator to say who shall or shall not be regarded as a Democrat next year. I do not concede any such power to him nor to you. He, nor all of your committee together, has not the power to exclude from candidacy nor the polls at the Democratic primary the humblest citizen of South Carolina who declares himself to be a Democrat and pledges himself to support the party nominee. Suppose in 1890 the executive committee of the State had ruled out of the party all who engaged in the "Farmers' Movement"? Suppose two years later it had excluded all who favored the Sub Treasury idea? Such action would have been unjust, tyrannical and insulting to thousands of good citizens and Democrats, but not more so than this proceeding of yours.

I believe that it is our duty to develop the new territory which has come into our possession along the coast and industrial lines, to civilize them and make them the equal of our own States in material prosperity. Senator Tillman would leave them, after he has deprived them of the protection of Spain to a hopeless struggle as an independent nation without resources or self-protection. Fortunately for us, the records show that in building them up we are going to benefit our own country. I want to give that territory the best form of government in the world. He does not want to give it any form of government at all. He says "Free silver or free land." I say the American people have settled that question at the ballot box. I am for a sound currency and constant employment for all who desire work at remunerative wages. This we cannot have without an outlet for our surplus products on equal terms with all of our competitors in the markets of the world. Do you think the energetic, live, progressive young business man of the South will long permit a few scheming politicians to stand between him and the attainment of these glorious ends? If this is not Democracy, then, gentlemen, I advise you to join hands with me in making it so.

These are the leading questions on which I understand my Democracy and loyalty have been assailed. The records give me little light as to what further grounds there may be for your action. Allow me to summarize them briefly. In the first session of the Fifty-first Congress Senator Tillman and myself voted together in 148 of 150 yeas and nays votes.

I voted against him for protection to the farmers on an amendment to the tariff bill proposed by Senator Jones of Arkansas, present chairman of the Democratic executive committee. Possibly you may reconvene your committee and read him out of the party. I voted with Jones, Vest, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Daniel, Mills, Morgan and all the other Democrats except Senators Tillman and McEnery, who voted with the Republicans. It was a straight party vote. On another amendment to the same bill I voted with the Democrats. Senator Tillman was the one Democrat voting with the Republicans. See Congressional Record, Vol. 30, page 157.

In the second session of the same Congress Senator Tillman and myself voted together on 82 of 95 roll-calls. One vote on which we differed was on a motion to adjourn, intended to defeat a resolution calling upon the President to intervene in Cuba. Senator Tillman voted with the Republicans to adjourn, and the motion prevailed by one vote. I voted with the Democrats. The other votes on which we differed were unimportant and not party questions, the parties dividing on all. I favored the acceptance of the Hawaiian Islands along with such Democrats as Gorman, Kyle, Money, Morgan, Pettus and Sullivan, and he with the other Democrats.

tear down, to abuse and oppose, to blight and restrain, to bite where he dared and to fawn where he feared or sought favor. I shall ask the people to contrast the records and shall claim my right as a freeman, a born and reared Democrat and a Senator from South Carolina, to do it regardless of the orders of twenty-one members of the executive committee. I shall ask the people to decide between the man who has tried to help cotton factories, open highways of commerce and to so command the Democratic party as to command for it the confidence and respect of the business and laboring elements North and South; and that of the man whose conduct and record has been to sink the party to defeat and impotence. I shall ask them to either protect me, or to expel the Senator who has tried to retain for South Carolina the honor and dignity won by a long line of illustrious sons and glorious deeds, or the Senator who has stood as a buffoon and bully and who proclaimed on the floor of the Senate that he represented a constituency of ballot-box stuffers and murderers who favored the ending of the war.

Tariff Subsidies and Expansion

You have undertaken to condemn and expel and depose me, not only without a hearing, but without evidence. Upon what ground are my good faith as a Senator and my fidelity as a Democrat to be called in question? The cry of the Senator who has tried to retain for South Carolina the honor and dignity won by a long line of illustrious sons and glorious deeds, or the Senator who has stood as a buffoon and bully and who proclaimed on the floor of the Senate that he represented a constituency of ballot-box stuffers and murderers who favored the ending of the war.

He is now in a Northern State holding up our people as negro murderers and ballot-box thieves.

Washington, August 6.—The board of inquiry to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley in the war with Spain was completed today by the appointment of Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison as the third member to succeed Rear Admiral Kimberley, who was relieved. Rear Admiral Howison's name was one of several submitted to the Navy Department by Captain Parker, associate counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, as acceptable to Rear Admiral Schley. He is now at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and has notified the Navy Department that he will be able to serve, and that he has not at any time expressed himself in regard to the controversy.

Slipped From a Foot Log

Charlotte, N. C., August 6.—Special.—Addie Dawson, a 12-year-old colored girl, slipped off a foot log over Towne creek in the suburbs today and was drowned. The body was not found for two hours. During part of the search the child's mother sat in unexpressed grief on the bank watching the rescuers.

Steel Strike in Politics

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 6.—The Democrats of the county, at their convention, passed resolutions condemning the course of the steel trust and intimating that organization on the part of capital should be met by organization on the part of labor. As many of the mill workers belong to the Democratic party, it is thought these resolutions will assist the work of organizing.

Taken with Grains of Salt

Washington, Aug. 6.—Senor Herran, charge d'affaires of the Colombian legation, doubts the authenticity of the alleged reports given out in New York by Senor Guerra, the insurgent representative there. He said this morning: "If the battles reported by Senor Guerra had really occurred I would undoubtedly have been advised by cablegram."

THREE AT LAST

Schley Court of Inquiry Now Complete

HOWISON WILL SERVE

Summoning of Witnesses Has Begun, Schley's Counsel Under Espionage of Underlings of Crowninshield

Washington, August 6.—The board of inquiry to investigate the conduct of Rear Admiral Schley in the war with Spain was completed today by the appointment of Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison as the third member to succeed Rear Admiral Kimberley, who was relieved. Rear Admiral Howison's name was one of several submitted to the Navy Department by Captain Parker, associate counsel for Rear Admiral Schley, as acceptable to Rear Admiral Schley. He is now at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and has notified the Navy Department that he will be able to serve, and that he has not at any time expressed himself in regard to the controversy.

On Malvar's Trail

Manila, Aug. 6.—General Chaffee has received word that General Sumner's troops are in close pursuit of the insurgent leader, Malvar. They captured Malvar's camp while his breakfast was still hot.

British Are Making the Boers Move On

London, August 6.—The British troops are making progress against the Boers in South Africa, according to advices just received at the War Office from General Lord Kitchener. The British commander-in-chief reports that Viljoen has been driven across Olifants river, and that Kekewich and Allenby are moving against the Burgheers in the Magaliesberg. Heavy losses have been inflicted on the Boers who are fighting under Lategan. Lategan has been operating in Cape Colony and had given the British a great deal of trouble. General Kitchener also gives in detail the captures from and the casualties suffered by the Boer troops since July 29, but fails to make a comparison of the British losses, merely stating that they were all reported separately during the week past.

Exit the Military

Manila, Aug. 6.—The military government of Manila will cease tomorrow and municipal affairs will be taken over by three commissioners similar to the government in the District of Columbia. The president is a Filipino—Colonel Herrera; the others are Messers, Baldwin and Tutcherly. The chief of police is George Curry, a former officer of the Eleventh cavalry. Mr. Honserman is the city attorney.

Six Hours up a Tree

Charlotte, N. C., August 6.—Special.—Dr. H. C. Davis and his driver, of Paw Creek, this county, drove into a swollen creek last night returning home, and Dr. Davis had to spend six hours up a tree in order to save himself from drowning. After entering the creek the buggy began to drift down. First the driver and then Dr. Davis caught limbs of trees and climbed out in the pouring rain and pitchy darkness. When daylight returned Dr. Davis climbed down and waded to shore.

Decline to Testify

No Law to Compel Witnesses in the Neely Case

Indianapolis, Aug. 6.—Arthur Jordan, president of the Keyless Lock Company, and Arthur R. Baxter, treasurer, sent a communication today to United States Commissioner Neely, for the reason that testimony against C. F. W. Neely, who is now in jail in Cuba, charged with embezzlement. The Keyless Lock Company furnished mail boxes and other office supplies for Cuba through Neely, and the government designated Mr. Moore as the person to take the testimony of Jordan and Baxter regarding their transactions with Neely. Neely, refusing to testify, gave the same except the signatures, and say, in part: "Disclaiming any intentional disrespect toward you personally, and not intending to answer any contentions for your official authority, I feel, nevertheless, that it is my right to decline to testify as a witness in said alleged proceeding under the alleged authority held by you from said Cuban court, for the reason that said island of Cuba is foreign territory, and said cause is therefore pending in a foreign jurisdiction to which I owe no allegiance. I am advised that said court has not, by any law of the United States or any treaty, acquired any jurisdiction over citizens of the United States in such matters, and that no authority has in consequence been conferred upon you to require me to answer the interrogatories accompanying your letter of instructions. For me to submit to the proposed examination would therefore be to volunteer an unrepresented, not even having received notice of this intended proceeding, as I am informed, which is abhorrent to our ideas of judicial procedure."

SHAFER CROSSES THE RUBICON

The Order for a General Strike Sent Out to Steel Workers Last Night

THE OTHER SIDE MUST ASK FOR PEACE

No Further Overtures Will Be Made on the Part of the Union and No Offers of Mediation Will Be Accepted—Shaffer Says the Association Is in the Fight to Win

Pittsburg, August 6.—President Shaffer has issued his threatened strike notice. It was sent out in the mail to night, directed to the vice-presidents of the Amalgamated Association and the president of the lodges in each mill of the National and Federal Steel Company. Last night Shaffer did not intend to issue a strike order for some days, but he was irritated by reports that he was afraid he could not secure general observance of such an order and that he was "sparring for time," and therefore he came to the sudden conclusion to call the strike. All the afternoon Shaffer denied any intention of issuing his strike proclamation. Even as late as 4 o'clock, when asked if the report was true, he sent out a typewritten slip bearing the words: "I have nothing to say."

It was not until 6 p. m. that he emerged and announced that the order had been issued and handed out a copy of it. The strike order issued tonight by Shaffer reads as follows: "Brethren: The officials of the United States Steel Corporation have refused to recognize as union men those who are now striving for the right to organize. The executive board has authorized me to issue a call upon all Amalgamated and other union men in name and heart to join the movement to fight for laborers' rights. "We must fight or give up forever our personal liberties. You will be told that you have signed contracts, but you never agreed to surrender those contracts to the United States Steel Corporation. Its officers think you were sold to them just as the mills were, contracts and all. "Remember, before you agreed to any contract you took an obligation to the Amalgamated Association. It now calls on you to help in this hour of need. "Unless the trouble is settled on or before Saturday, August 10, 1901, the mills will close when the last turn is made on that day. "Brethren, this is the call to preserve our organization. We trust you and need you. Come, help us, and may right come to a just cause. "Fraternally yours, "T. J. SHAFER."

DECLINE TO TESTIFY

No Law to Compel Witnesses in the Neely Case

Indianapolis, Aug. 6.—Arthur Jordan, president of the Keyless Lock Company, and Arthur R. Baxter, treasurer, sent a communication today to United States Commissioner Neely, for the reason that testimony against C. F. W. Neely, who is now in jail in Cuba, charged with embezzlement. The Keyless Lock Company furnished mail boxes and other office supplies for Cuba through Neely, and the government designated Mr. Moore as the person to take the testimony of Jordan and Baxter regarding their transactions with Neely. Neely, refusing to testify, gave the same except the signatures, and say, in part: "Disclaiming any intentional disrespect toward you personally, and not intending to answer any contentions for your official authority, I feel, nevertheless, that it is my right to decline to testify as a witness in said alleged proceeding under the alleged authority held by you from said Cuban court, for the reason that said island of Cuba is foreign territory, and said cause is therefore pending in a foreign jurisdiction to which I owe no allegiance. I am advised that said court has not, by any law of the United States or any treaty, acquired any jurisdiction over citizens of the United States in such matters, and that no authority has in consequence been conferred upon you to require me to answer the interrogatories accompanying your letter of instructions. For me to submit to the proposed examination would therefore be to volunteer an unrepresented, not even having received notice of this intended proceeding, as I am informed, which is abhorrent to our ideas of judicial procedure."

INDIANA'S MOST POPULAR DIVERSION

Two Men Taken by Whitecaps and Brutally Whipped

Indianapolis, August 6.—Two cases of brutal whitecapping occurred last night in this State and in counties remote from each other. In one case six men were taken by the whitecaps at the home of Willard Gore, in Howard county, took him to the woods, tied him to a tree and whipped him till the blood ran. The charge against Gore was that he was abusive to his wife, who is an invalid,

Six Bodies Found

Philadelphia, August 6.—Firemen and laborers were digging today in the ruins of the five buildings in Locust street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, which were destroyed by an explosion late last night. Thus far six bodies have been taken out, and, as sixteen persons are reported missing, they are supposed to be dead in the ruins. Four more victims now in the Pennsylvania Hospital are not likely to survive. The list of injured thus far shows that 197 persons have been treated at the hospitals.

FUNERAL ON THE INSTALLMENT PLAN

Obsequies Will Last from Thursday Until Tuesday

Berlin, August 6.—The royal family will attend Thursday, the funeral services conducted at Frederichshof by the Bishop of Ripon, who has been summoned by Empress Frederick's wish. The family only will be present. The body will be removed Saturday evening to the Protestant church at Cromberg, escorted by a torch light procession. The family will follow on foot. A service will be held there Sunday. It is expected that King Edward with his family and friends and servants will go to Potsdam the same evening. Funeral services will be held in the mausoleum Tuesday.

In accordance with the Empress' wishes there will be no grand state ceremonies, only a simple service in the church. It will not be attended as usual with imperial funerals by members of the royal families of all the German states.