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## Mullen Has Come at Last to the End of His Tether

### The Charlotte Post Office Offered to Hiss--Pritchard Lands a Negro in an Office--Indiana People Content

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Washington, Feb. 11.—Special.—J. W. Mullen will be removed as postmaster of Charlotte, N. C., at once as the result of newly preferred charges, which the post office department will not overlook under any circumstances. The appointment as Mullen's successor has already been tendered to George B. Crum, who made the race for Congress in the Republicans in the tenth district. In the event that he declines the appointment Senator Pritchard has announced that Mr. Hiss shall be allowed to name the man.

It required three sets of charges to secure the removal of Postmaster Mullen, but this last transgression was too much even for the postmaster general, who sent word to Senator Pritchard this morning that he would not write with Mullen any longer and asked him to suggest the name of the man he desired to succeed him. Senator Pritchard immediately wired Mr. Crum tendering him the appointment. A post office inpector—Mr. Enterline—the same who reported Mullen for a shortage in accounts, furnished the department the information which resulted in his downfall. The inpector's charge is that Mullen had not weighed the daily newspapers in Charlotte during his five years of service as postmaster, and that as a result the government had lost \$5,000 approximately. Mr. Enterline recites in his report the fact that he noticed the postal officials failed to weigh the newspapers in the afternoon. A search of the records showed that the law in this respect had not been complied with at all. For several days the mail from this papers was weighed, and based upon these weights the post office department figured that the government had lost something like \$5,000 in five years. The investigation was sufficient to convince Mr. Payne that Mullen should go.

It has been less than two weeks since Mullen faced the postmaster general in an even more serious charge than the one that has brought about his removal—that of being shy in his accounts. To the surprise of every one Mullen was forgiven, told to go home and sin no more, and that he would continue to hold his job. Last winter Mr. Mullen was charged with insubordination while visiting Washington and his case was held for weeks and weeks before it was decided not to bounce him.

Senator Simmons afterwards opposed his confirmation in the Senate, and only consented to relent at the opening of this session as the result of Mullen's good behavior. Senator Pritchard has landed a colored man in a good office, and more than that, he has broken through the ranks of the army, where the color line is faintly drawn. David J. Gilmer of Greensboro is the lucky man. The war department notified Senator Pritchard that a commission would be soon given to Gilmer as a Lieutenant in the Philippine scouts. This branch of the army is temporary, but it will be permanent before it is abandoned. Gilmer now holds a clerkship in the office of the recorder of deeds.

Senator McLaurin has returned from a stay of several days at a number of points in Mississippi. Mr. McLaurin did not visit Indiana, but did get sufficiently near to get in telephonic communication with a number of citizens of that place, who expressed themselves as entirely contented with the situation there. They have established a private post office with a white lady in charge to whom they pay a salary of \$50 per month to receive and distribute the mail which is conveyed to her by a private carrier.

"It will thus be seen," commented Mr. McLaurin, "that the white people of Indiana have no further favors to ask of Uncle Sam, for it is a fact that it is upon the negroes that the burden falls. The newspaper report was entirely correct which stated that several hundred letters addressed to Greensville and will doubtless be sent to the dead letter office in this city within a short time."

"Indiana is the county seat of Sunflower county, and the county is all that its name implies. It is the richest spot in the Mississippi delta, and more than this could not be said. That soil, of a depth, will produce 4 of a bale of cotton to the acre, and this cotton is worth from 15 to 15 per cent more than that grown on the hillsides. Yes, it will easily be understood that the bond owners of Indiana and vicinity do not have to concern themselves with small things, and it is likely that they will employ their own postmaster liberally without murmur or complaint. The people do not want or ask it, and I shall take no further steps with reference to the discontinuance of the office."

## THE LONDON BILL

### Durham Citizens Say It Is the Only Acceptable Measure

Durham, N. C., Feb. 11.—Special.—At a representative meeting of the membership of the several church denominations of Durham held in the First Baptist church Tuesday evening, February 10, 1903, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, first, That in our judgment no temperance legislation now before the General Assembly meets the wishes of a majority of the voters of Durham, except the London bill.

"Resolved, second, That in view of the fact that petitions signed by a large number of the qualified voters of the state have already been presented to the General Assembly asking for the passage of the London bill, it would be a fatal political blunder to disregard the will of the petitioners by offering them a compromise bill that means nothing.

"W. H. ROGERS,  
"W. H. McCABE,  
"W. N. SNOW,  
"Committee."

## REARGUMENT DESIRED

### Decision in Greensboro Water-works Case Deferred

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 11.—Special.—Notice was received here this evening from the circuit court of appeals in Richmond that the court desired a reargument in the case involving the distribution of seventy-five thousand dollars, the proceeds of the sale of the Greensboro Water Works Company, to the city. The litigation is between judgment creditors and bondholders, a decision by Judges Boyd and Simonton having been in favor of the creditors, of whom B. J. Fisher is one to the extent of twenty-eight thousand dollars. The case was argued on appeal last November, and a decision was expected at this term. It will go over now until May for rehearing.

Whitsett Institute  
Whitsett, N. C., Feb. 11.—Whitsett Institute has the largest student body this year it has ever had—about 275 students from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Illinois and Cuba. A number of new boarding halls will soon be built to meet the increasing needs of the school.

More Buildings in Washington  
Washington, Feb. 11.—The House devoted its sitting today to the further consideration, in committee of the whole, of the sundry civil appropriation bill, and when adjournment was taken, 55 yeas of the 154 had been agreed to.

Mr. Cannon's proposed office building for representatives and the completion of the capitol, as described by him Monday, were authorized, the former to cost nearly \$4,000,000 and the latter \$2,500,000. Points of order against the propositions were made by Mr. Stephens of Texas, in a spirit of retaliation because an appropriation he desired for his state had been successfully antagonized by Mr. Cannon. But the situation was saved by the adoption of resolutions reported by the committee on rules making the motions in order. Against one of them Mr. Stephens rallied nine votes, and the other was adopted without division.

Mr. Grosvenor, from the ways and means committee, called up the bill reported by that committee yesterday to amend the Dingley act so as to admit free of duty domestic animals for breeding purposes. It was passed. The further consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill then was resumed.

Amendments were adopted to appropriate \$100,000 to defray the expense of the exhibits of agricultural colleges at the St. Louis exposition and to appropriate \$50,000 for a building for the Alaskan exhibit and \$25,000 for an Indian Territory exhibit.

At 5:15 the House adjourned until tomorrow.

## Elected Negro Officer

Boston, Feb. 11.—The election of a negro, James H. Wolf, as junior vice department commander of the Massachusetts department, Grand Army of the Republic, ends a lively fight in that organization. Wolf is a lawyer of Boston and has been prominent in affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic.

## CROWN PRINCESS LOUISE DIVORCED

Dresden, Feb. 11.—The crown princess of Saxony was today granted a divorce from the former Crown Princess Louise after several doctors had furnished expert testimony in the case. The decree reads: "The ties of the marriage of the parties are dissolved on account of the adultery of the respondent with M. Giron, a teacher of languages. The blame attaches to the respondent, who is ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings."

## Battleships Coming Home

Washington, Feb. 11.—The departure of the north Atlantic battleship squadron today from the West Indies for the United States indicates that the government is satisfied that the Venezuelan trouble is virtually over. The squadron sailed from Ponce, Porto Rico, direct for Galveston, Texas, where it will take part in a celebration of the completion of a new sea wall designed to protect the city from further damage by hurricanes.

## Department of Commerce

Washington, Feb. 11.—The department of commerce bill, as reported by the conference committee, was agreed to this afternoon in the Senate. There was no debate upon the motion, which was made by Mr. Hanna. This in effect passes the department of commerce bill, with bureau of corporations and limited trust publicity amendments. The bill now goes to the president for his signature.

## Treaty With Greece

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Senate committee on foreign relations today made a favorable report on a new treaty of amity and friendship with Greece. The principal additions to the existing treaty between the two countries are those relating to the duties and privileges of consuls.

## Stabbing Affair at Henderson

Henderson, N. C., Feb. 11.—Special.—Last night about 10 o'clock, near the residence of Mr. Hugh Norvell, a dispute arose between Will Bailey and W. C. Ross, resulting in Ross' receiving severe wounds in the neck and back with a knife in the hands of Bailey. At the trial this morning before Mayor Southland, Bailey was committed to jail to await action of the grand jury.

## Altamahaw Cotton Mills Badly Damaged by Fire

Burlington, N. C., Feb. 11.—Special.—The Altamahaw cotton mills, situated on Haw river and about seven miles from Burlington, suffered severe loss by fire today. Fire was discovered in the drying machine at 6:20 o'clock this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. The dye house, boiler house, drug room and yarn room were destroyed. The dry room and second floor of the engine room were partly destroyed. There was also considerable damage done in the spinning and carding rooms. The loss is fully covered by insurance, which was carried by the Factory Insurance Association and was placed upon the property through the insurance office of Jas. P. Albright of this place.

## A Mental Anguish Verdict

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 11.—Special.—T. A. Hunter some time ago sued the Western Union Telegraph Company for damages for failure to deliver a telegram addressed to him from this place to Kingston, announcing the death of a relative. At a former trial he recovered judgment for \$450. The company appealed and the supreme court ordered a new trial. This week the case has been on trial in the superior court here, and late yesterday the jury brought in a verdict for \$150 together with the expenses of \$18.50 incurred by the plaintiff, and costs.

## ROAD IMPROVEMENT

## Rockingham County Will Vote a Large Bond Issue

Reidsville, Feb. 11.—Special.—A committee composed of three representatives citizens from each township met at Wentworth Monday and agreed upon the details of a proposed bond issue to pay for macadamizing the public roads of Rockingham county. A subcommittee was appointed to draft a bill to be enacted by the present Legislature submitting the question of a \$300,000 bond issue to the voters of the county. Roads aggregating 150 miles were designated to be graded and macadamized.

Our people are thoroughly aroused to the importance of good roads. There will be very little opposition to the bond issue.

## Farmers Protective Association Bill Passed—The Audubon Bill Gets Through on Second Reading—Detail Work

The two special order bills were disposed of in the House yesterday without much time being consumed. The 11 o'clock special order was the bill to incorporate the North Carolina Farmers Protective Association. Introduced several days ago by Mr. Doughtridge of Edgecombe, it was previously examined by the committee on agriculture and recommended favorably. Mr. Doughtridge asked its immediate passage, but several gentlemen seemed to think it of sufficient importance, from the large powers granted, to be made a special order. Mr. Doughtridge did not object and the bill was made special order for 11 o'clock yesterday.

## BANK SECURITIES

## Favorable Report on Aldrich Bill as Amended

Washington, Feb. 11.—The Senate committee on finance today authorized a favorable report on the bill recently introduced by Senator Aldrich to permit the secretary of the treasury to lend money to national banks on other securities than government bonds, and agreed to report it with the following amendment to section 1: "The United States shall have a lien on all assets of banks in which public moneys are deposited, from the time of the deposit, for the repayment of the same on demand of the treasurer of the United States, but the securities deposited with the secretary of the treasury for the safe keeping of such moneys shall be sold before the said lien is enforced, and the proceeds applied to the discharge of said lien to the extent of the proceeds of sale."

## New Job for Col. Bingham

Washington, Feb. 11.—Colonel Theodore Bingham of the engineer corps of the army, at present the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds in Washington and major domo of White House entertainments, will be relieved of that duty May 1 and will be detailed to take charge of the engineer work in Buffalo, vice Major Thomas W. Symonds of the engineer corps, who will relieve Colonel Bingham here. Major Symonds will have the pay and rank of colonel.

## Four Departments a Total Loss—Others Suffer to a Smaller Extent—Operations Will Be Resumed Soon

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## THE SOUTHERN TEXTILE COMPANY

Trenton, Feb. 11.—The Southern Textile Company was incorporated here today with a capital stock of \$14,000,000. This is to be divided equally into 1,400,000 shares of \$10 each, the former bearing seven per cent cumulative dividends. Provision is made that from additional earnings no dividend exceeding four per cent shall be paid on the common stock until a surplus fund has been set aside equal to three and one-half per cent of the outstanding preferred stock. The company is to deal in and manufacture cotton, flax, wool, hemp and silk. The incorporators are Leslie J. Montgomery, Clarence P. Moser, Thomas Conyngham, William S. Petty and Kenneth McLaren.

## DANISH ISLANDS

## Secretary Hay Wants Another Try at the Treaty

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## THE HOUSE DISCHARGED

Washington, Feb. 11.—The House adjourned today at 12 o'clock. The session was marked by the passage of several important bills, including the London bill and the Greensboro Water Works bill. The House also considered the report of the committee on agriculture and the report of the committee on finance.