

Smithfield Postmaster Is Slated to Walk the Plank

Gold Brick Men Afraid of a North Carolina Mob—Perry Heath Will Have to Go, Negroes Want a Colored Bishop

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Washington, Oct. 26.—Special.—The removal of Postmaster J. D. Massie of Smithfield, N. C., is recommended by the post office inspector who was sent to that place to make an investigation of the charges preferred against the official. The inspector's report occupies a position on the desk of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, but it will be acted upon soon, and then State Chairman Rollins will be asked to name a successor to Mr. Massie for the Smithfield office.

Representative Poy has pushed the case since the filing of charges by citizens of Smithfield. There was a married woman in the case, and among other things the post office inspector says Massie admits having given her \$100. He denies emphatically all charges of wrong-doing. The postmaster complains that he has been grossly slandered and misrepresented. The inspector goes to the extent of saying that there was evidence of much political feeling against Massie with reference to the case. Massie contends that this is the origin of all the trouble. However, the inspector thinks he should be removed and has so recommended. Candidates for the office are J. M. Allen and James D. Parker.

A most unusual motion, based on remarkable and sensational grounds, was made in the supreme court of the United States today by A. L. Gilmore, counsel for Howard and Hawley, the gold brick outfit, now serving terms in the state penitentiary. The motion made today asks that an order be issued placing the prisoners in custody of the marshal of the United States supreme court, where they can be admitted to bail for the reason that if their appeal, to be argued before the supreme court tomorrow, should result in their discharge, the court's order to that effect would "be defeated by the infliction of other wrongs and oppressions upon them by the authorities or by a mob of North Carolina."

The motion, which was in printed form, was made jointly by Gilmore and F. P. Blair, the Chicago lawyers. "A reasonable bail" is prayed for in the motion, which the court received of course and will take under consideration. A ruling may be made in a week, or perhaps longer. An affidavit by Attorney Gilmore in support of the motion was presented, and it was there that the apprehension as to "a mob of North Carolina" was expressed. In his affidavit Gilmore avers that he is of lawful age. He sets forth that Hawley is in custody of J. M. Fleming at Raleigh and that Howard is detained by N. C. Christian at Gillery. The defendants are declared to have been wrongfully deprived of their liberty since March, 1901. It is cited that motion for bail pending an appeal of the habeas corpus proceeding was made to the United States circuit court, which granted the writ, but the state authorities denied the authority of the federal court and declared that "the applicant would not be liberated even if bond was given," and the motion, without being denied by the court, was held up to await the sanction of the governor to an order for bail. Gilmore finally sets forth in the affidavit that "prejudice in said state against appellants is very strong," and then he asks that they be placed out of the reach of "a North Carolina mob."

The political days of Perry S. Heath, secretary of the Republican national committee, are about at an end. The Bristow report on the scandals in the post office department, which has not yet been made public, criticizes Heath in a severe manner, to such an extent, in fact, that it will be useless for the Republicans to again give him a position of any prominence.

This criticism is, of course, directed at Heath while he was first assistant postmaster general. In this connection, it is believed, the Heath criticism will even go so far as to reflect on the administration of Charles Emory Smith, formerly postmaster general. When the Republican national committee is reorganized Heath will be dropped.

The bishops of dioceses in southern States of the United States, who came to Washington to attend the all-American conference of bishops of the Episcopal church, conferred today with a delegation of colored rectors and laymen regarding the question of a colored bishop in the United States who shall have jurisdiction over all negro Episcopalians. Bishop Dudley, who formerly lived in Richmond, and who has devoted much time and interest to the race question, presided. The meeting was attended by only those bishops in whose dioceses there are negro communicants. Among those present were Bishop Chesire of North Carolina and Bishops Satterlee, Gallor and Hall. The negro Episcopal clergymen who attended the conference were largely from cities of the north. There were two

North Carolina negroes present, Rev. E. R. Burnett of Wilmington, N. C., and Archbishop Pollard of Raleigh, N. C.

The petitioners spoke frankly to the bishops in support of their proposition for a colored bishop. The bishops listened attentively. At the adjournment neither side was willing to discuss for publication the result of the conference. One of the bishops, however, volunteered the thought that the solution of the problem was a long way off.

The Rev. Dr. Bragg of Baltimore read a paper in which he suggested that a new canon be enacted at the general convention of the church providing for the withdrawal of jurisdiction over the negro Episcopallians from the bishops and the appointment of negro missionary bishops. It was urged that such action would make the negro Episcopal church organically stronger.

The supreme court of the United States today denied the motion made last Monday to unite the cases of Jackson W. Giles, attacking the validity of the suffrage provision of the new Alabama constitution, with the case of "Dan" Rogers, indirectly a murder case, also involving the Alabama suffrage. The Giles cases were advanced to be heard January 4 and the Rogers case to be heard immediately after them. The Virginia case, which John W. Wise brought, seeking to nullify the suffrage provision of the amendment in that state, is still on the docket awaiting its turn for argument. The chances are that this case will not be reached until December.

Dr. R. H. Lewis of Raleigh, Dr. S. Westray Battle and Dr. James A. Burroughs of Asheville are here to attend the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association. There are some four hundred physicians from all parts of the union in attendance. Other arrivals are Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Hunter and Rev. I. McK. Pittenger of Raleigh.

AUTO SCARES HORSES

A Wilmington Woman Hurt in Wreck of a Phaeton

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 26.—Special. Miss Lula A. Shelley was thrown from a buggy in a runaway this afternoon and came near being fatally injured. The horse she was driving became frightened at an automobile and got under her control. The phaeton was dashed into a heavily loaded lumber wagon and demolished. Miss Shelley was thrown violently to the pavement. She was sent to the hospital in the ambulance. It was thought at first that she received fatal injuries.

The same automobile caused another horse to run away this afternoon. A Mrs. Blake was the sole occupant of the surrey, which was wrecked, but the woman escaped injury.

ROBBED AND BEATEN

A Charlotte Man at Norfolk Had a Rough Experience

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 26.—Special. Robert B. Welch, a young man from Charlotte, N. C., applied at the Norfolk county jail yesterday morning for medical aid. He reported that two men held him up near Mount Hermon, Norfolk county, Saturday night, and after robbing him of \$16, beat him into insensibility and threw him in a ditch to die. Both of the young man's eyes are so badly swollen that he can scarcely see, and his head and face are covered with bruises and cuts. Dr. Truitt dressed his wounds, but he is still in a critical condition. The authorities are searching for the highwaymen and would-be murderers, who are thought to be negroes.

MURDER IN NEW BERN

Will Phillips Kills Charles Meadows After Stealing His Wife

New Bern, N. C., Oct. 26.—Special. Sunday morning the people of New Bern were awakened to the sad news that a murder was committed between 9 o'clock Saturday night and Sunday morning on the railroad between the A. and N. C. shops and National avenue in the city limits, when Charles Meadows was killed. The supposed murderer was Will Phillips, who some time in the past ran away with Meadows' wife.

Jury returned a verdict that Meadows came to his death at the hands of Phillips. The prisoner was held for the November term of the criminal court.

COTTON JUMPS

Heavy Buying Attracted by Strong Advance in Quotations

New York, Oct. 26.—There was great excitement and activity at the opening of the cotton market today. More or less general frosts had been reported in the cotton belt over Saturday and Sunday, and with Liverpool this morning exhibiting great firmness, there was a scare of shorts here that started prices some 20 to 43 points higher.

October closing Saturday at 9.96 sold up to 10.40 on the call, while December touched 10.28, January 10.35, March 10.20 and May 10.20.

This enormous gain naturally attracted heavy buying, and after call prices were depressed several points on the more active positions.

ADMIRAL BOWLES TO LEAVE THE NAVY

Chief Naval Constructor Will Become President of a Ship-building Company

Washington, Oct. 26.—Announcement was made today by Secretary Moody that Rear Admiral Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, had resigned his commission in the service and that Naval Constructor Washington Lee Capps would be appointed to succeed him. Admiral Bowles' resignation is to take effect November 1. He is leaving the service to become president of the Fore River Ship and Engine Building Company, at Quincy, Mass., which is engaged in building the battleships Vermont and New Jersey, the protected cruiser Des Moines and the destroyer MacDonough.

Secretary Moody said, in making the announcement, that President Roosevelt and himself had accepted the resignation of Admiral Bowles with feelings of profound regret. Admiral Bowles said in explanation of his action that, while his service of 28 years in the navy and his work and surroundings had been very agreeable, the offer from the Fore River Company, which would enable him to help build up a New England enterprise and to be near his Massachusetts home furnished opportunities which he could not overlook.

The new chief constructor is less than forty years old and will be the youngest naval officer who has attained the rank of rear admiral, which he will hold for his four years term as head of the construction department of the navy. Admiral Bowles has, up to this time, held the record of being the youngest man who has held the rank of rear admiral. This rank goes with the appointment of chief constructor. When he entered upon the duties of that position March 4, 1901, Admiral Bowles was only 42 years old; his successor is 39.

While Admiral Bowles has afforded the first instance of the resignation from the naval service of an officer holding the high rank of rear admiral, his action is in line with that of other naval officers who have found that private establishments afforded a greater opportunity for the exercise of their talents and gave up life positions with the certainty of no work and good pay in their old age, to enter the field of industrial enterprise.

ASKED FOR THE BOOKS

Universal Tobacco Company Says It Needs Them In Its Business

New York, Oct. 26.—Ex-Supreme Court Justice Collins of Jersey City, representing Edwin A. McAlphin and other complaining stockholders in the suit against the Universal Tobacco Company, for the appointment of a receiver, moved before Vice Chancellor Pitney in Jersey City today, for an order compelling the defendant company to produce its books and papers for inspection in court. Attorney General Robert H. McCarter of New Jersey and Wheeler H. Peckham of this city opposed the motion. The former produced an affidavit of Wm. H. Butler, president of the company, setting forth that the books are in use in the company's New York office and are necessary to the conduct of its business. Mr. Peckham said the complainants desire to inspect the books in order to secure information of interest to the tobacco trust which the Universal Tobacco Company is fighting.

Ex-Justice Collins wanted to have the case referred to a master of chancery for the purpose of taking

testimony, and Mr. McCarter suggested that it be referred to Chancellor Magie in Trenton tomorrow.

Vice Chancellor Pitney decided to adjourn the motion until next Monday, saying: "I'll make this order on my own motion without prejudice to either party."

After Many Years

Richmond, Va., Oct. 26.—Michael O'Doherty of Kansas City and Mrs. Mary Schweitzer of this town, who were sweethearts in Killarney fifty years ago, were married here today after a separation of thirty-seven years. The bridegroom is about sixty years old and the bride hardly less than fifty-five. Each has had a try at matrimony before and both have been in this country for several decades. The bride's maiden name was Mary McMahon.

Locomotive Blows Up

Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 26.—Engine 2318 of a west bound Pennsylvania freight, blew up near Rotherstown, causing the engine to go to pieces, the wheels excepted, which remained on the rails. The crew were from Columbia. Conductor James Rowan and Fireman Leslie Aheim were killed and Engineer Aaron Lutz and Brakeman Sherman E. Twingler fatally injured, the latter being hurled sixty yards. Two farm laborers were struck by debris and injured. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

TAUGHT HERESY

Divine Healer Forced Out of a Baptist Pulpit

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 26.—Rev. A. E. Gammage, pastor of the Lawn avenue Baptist church, Kansas City, Kan., resigned his pastorate at the evening service last night at the request of the board of deacons because of alleged heretical teachings. Many members of the church withdrew with the pastor, who says he will establish a new church.

J. W. Mode, chairman of the board of deacons, said: "The action was taken because we did not believe Mr. Gammage was preaching the true Baptist religion. He is an advocate of divine healing and believes that men become so wholly sanctified that they can be without sin."

DR. JAY INDICTED

He Will Be Arraigned Today for the Murder of His Children

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 26.—Special. A special term of the superior court convened here today. Judge Shaw, in his charge to the grand jury, said some things of state interest, saying the Watts law, while it could not be regarded as either a failure or a success as yet, should be enforced. He said that drunkenness could not be held to excuse crime—a statement to which significance is attached, inasmuch as Dr. J. V. Jay is to be tried for murder of his three children.

The grand jury found a true bill against Dr. Jay, who will be arraigned tomorrow. He was brought into the court room today and a large crowd watched his every movement. He appeared wholly indifferent to everything that transpired. Ex-State Senator W. J. Coker was assigned by the court to defend him.

MESSENGER GIRLS

Two Hundred Boys Find Themselves Out of Employment

Boston, Oct. 26.—Still locked out as messengers by the American District Telegraph Company, the two hundred or more boys discharged last Friday, today witnessed an increase in the force of girls now doing the work. It was estimated this forenoon that more than two hundred girls were carrying messages.

The idle girls formed groups at various points near the Western Union office, in State street, but acts of violence, such as were reported last night, were not repeated.

MILLS RESUMING

American Cotton in England Relieves the Distress

Liverpool, Oct. 26.—The newly arriving American cotton is being rushed to the mills as rapidly as possible. Full time is being resumed gradually throughout Lancashire, where there has been much distress since August, when the mills reduced their time of working to four days a week. All the mills in the Ashton-Under-Lyne district resumed full time today.

New York Post Office a Subject for Deep Probing

A Committee of Inspectors Will Make a Thorough Examination of Every Detail—The Plan Approved by the President

Washington, Oct. 26.—Despite the fact that Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow has just completed an exhaustive investigation of the entire postal service, including the large post offices of the country, a commission was today appointed to make a thorough inquiry into every detail of the business of the New York post office. It is evident from what could be learned at the post office department today that the investigation of the New York office made by a post office inspector, revealed such a condition of affairs that it was thought best to appoint a separate committee to deal with the subject. The names of those selected cannot be learned, but it will probably consist of a number of the ablest officials of the inspector's force. The committee will begin its work possibly at once, and its report will be submitted direct to President Roosevelt.

About two months ago Postmaster General Payne issued an order that the general investigation of postal service scandals which was then in progress should be extended to large post offices of the country. This was done largely upon the disclosures with regard to the "promotion syndicate" operated from the department at Washington, and whose largest field of operation was the New York post office. In accordance with this order, as many inspectors as could be spared were sent to New York to investigate this and other phases of the postal service scandals in which the high department officials in Washington were alleged to be involved. The inspector's reports to Chief Inspector Cochran and Fourth Assistant Bristow, however, contained certain information which did not fall strictly within the line of inquiry laid down. Postmaster General Payne and Mr. Bristow decided long ago that something more than an incidental investigation in the course of the general scandal inquiry was necessary to arrive at the true state of affairs.

The whole matter was thereupon laid before President Roosevelt, and it is understood that the plan of having a special committee do the work of investigation meets with his full approval if it did not originate with him. From what was learned this afternoon it is known that for a time Postmaster General Payne and Mr. Bristow were inclined to withhold the Bristow report on the postal service scandals, delivered to the president last Saturday, not only for what it does say about the condition of affairs in the New York office, but also that the investigation

of the large unit in the postal administration might be included in its contents. It is understood, however, that the president opposed this course, as he is desirous of having the Bristow report printed and made public as soon as possible.

Postmaster General Payne and Fourth Assistant Postmaster Bristow are inclined to make light of the allegations that conditions in the local administration of the New York office have been so bad as to deserve the attention of a special committee.

The coming investigation will be entirely distinct and separate from the general investigations in the New York office, itself, which have grown out of the administration there. Rentals will be included into the amounts paid for leases of various buildings being considered almost prohibitive by the post office department; expenditures for lighting and heating in the main office and branch stations will be gone over for several years back; the salary rolls of the post office will be carefully inspected; and, in fact, every detail which might possibly contain some element of mal-administration will be gone into at great length and with great minuteness.

FORCED TO TRIAL

Walking Delegate Parks Tried to Stave Off the Prosecution

New York, Oct. 26.—Sam Parks' trial for extorting \$500 from Louis Schmidt of the Tiffany studios as a bribe to call off a strike on the studio building was begun today before Judge Neuburger in the general sessions. A special panel had been drawn from which to select the jury.

Parks' lawyer tried, but failed, to get an adjournment on the ground that Parks could not get a fair trial here and that he has consumption. Affidavits from three doctors were read which stated that Parks has consumption far advanced and the lawyers said Parks was in such a condition that it was impossible to get a detailed statement from him. Parks, however, was not in such a condition that he could not quarrel with his lawyer. Six jurors were in the box when the trial was adjourned for the day.

Santo Domingo Has a New Revolution in Full Bloom

Cape Haytien, Oct. 26.—A revolution, which has broken out in the northern part of the republic of Santo Domingo and which already has resulted in the establishing a provisional government under the presidency of General Morales at Puerto Plata, is, according to advices received here, caused by the numerous custom house frauds and the prevarications of the ministers of war and finance.

The signal for the outbreak of the revolt was given at 2 o'clock Saturday by three cannon shots. That same evening all the partisans of President Wos Y Gil at Puerto Plata were arrested. The inhabitants of Monte Cristi, La Ligne and Moca united and attacked Santiago. That town is now surrounded by revolutionists who have severed telegraphic communication between Santiago and La Vega. The revolutionary movement is extending.

Vice President Deschamps has sought safety in flight, and is said to be hidden in Monte Cristi, whence he is seeking an opportunity to embark on board a vessel bound for a foreign port.

The general opinion is that the government of President Wos Y Gil is lost.

MAYOR MISSED

Attempt to Shoot Bank Robbers Produced No Result

Portland, Ore., Oct. 26.—A special from Sheridan, Ore., says that at 3 o'clock today burglars entered the bank of Scroggins & Wortman at that place, blew open the safe with giant powder, secured \$7,000 in coin and made their escape before the sleeping residents could be aroused.

came out, jumped in a rig and drove off. He secured a rifle and fired at them, but they escaped unhurt in the heavy fog.

Moody a Spellbinder

Washington, Oct. 26.—Secretary of the Navy Moody left town today for Massachusetts where he is to make some speeches in the gubernatorial campaign.

Planning to Rebuild

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 26.—Special. Plans for rebuilding the Asheville Auditorium are fast taking shape. A number of bondholders have expressed themselves as favorable to the proposition. Subscription lists will perhaps be opened tomorrow.

Mining Plant Burned

Greensboro, N. C., Oct. 26.—A phone message to Westcott Roberson, attorney for the Iola Gold Mining Company, from Candor, Montgomery county, tells of the destruction by fire of the mine. The loss is \$4,000, with no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The mine has produced over one hundred thousand dollars in gold this year. It is operated by Baltimore capitalists.

Probably Filibusters

Washington, Oct. 26.—A telegram to the state department of today's date, from Acting Consul General Ehrman at Panama, contained the news that 70 armed men from Nicaragua had landed on the isthmus about seventy miles from Colon and the Colombian government had sent troops after them. Nothing to indicate the purpose of the expedition was contained in the message. Officials here suppose that the 70 men are filibusters who hope to start international trouble against the government of Colombia. There has been bad feeling between Colombia and Nicaragua and each has accused the other of fostering revolutionary disturbances.