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## Republican Big Talk About the Coming State Campaign

### Committee Will Fix up an Endorsement for Roosevelt - South Dakota Bond Suit to Be Argued Before Supreme Court

moreover, to make a stiff fight in every one of the districts. "We are in a better position to make a fight this year than ever before."

"How is that?" I asked. "Look what your Legislature did. Taxes were increased to such an extent that many of the best men in the state have been forced to leave your party."

"Who's left?" "There is Ex-Senator Barringer, of Cabarrus. He told me at Charlotte that he had withdrawn from the Democratic party because of the excessive taxation imposed by the legislature. He is now a Republican. Say, don't forget to mention the fact that he was one of the immortal seven in the Senate in 1896. That was the total Democratic strength."

"Will you make the Watts law an issue?" "I do not know what the party will do. I have my personal views on that subject."

The state chairman made a long step towards clearing his political slate today. The following recommendations for appointments were submitted to Postmaster General Payne and received his approval:

Samuel M. Jones to be postmaster at Sanford, succeeding Dr. I. H. Lutterloh. John L. Phelps to be postmaster at Plymouth, succeeding Mrs. Fagan. William P. King to be postmaster at Windsor, succeeding Mrs. A. King.

Mrs. Mary A. Timberlake to succeed herself as postmaster at Wake Forest. N. Z. Dewees to succeed himself as postmaster at Murphy.

The other contests will be allowed to wait for a while. Mr. Rollins learned at the post office department that North Carolina has more post offices to advance to the presidential class the first of January than any other southern state. As an official remarked this significant fact is a splendid index to the rapid growth and development of the Tar Heel state.

Among the grades advanced to the presidential office yesterday are the following: Mooresville, Mocksville, Murphy, Rutherfordton, Windsor, Davidson, Wake Forest.

The argument of the South Dakota bond suit before the supreme court of the United States next week promises to develop more interest than did the hearing last spring. The attorneys for North Carolina, who arrived in Washington today, are prepared for the legal fray before the great tribunal, and it is predicted that some very positive and stringent language will be used in reference to the bond transaction upon which South Dakota bases her action.

It has been decided that Ex-Judge Merrimon of Asheville will open the argument for the state of North Carolina. He will be followed by Attorney General Gilmer, and Ex-Chief Justice Shepherd will conclude for the state. Judge Merrimon and the attorney general.

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cial underwent the ordeal of facing the charges. The hearing of the case was set for January 12.

### LIGHT ON THE DISASTER

#### The Coroner Gathering a Mass of Important Evidence

Chicago, Jan. 2.—A mass of new evidence, which throws important light on the Iroquois theater fire was obtained from stage employees today and will be submitted to the coroner's jury when that body meets next Thursday morning to hear testimony. The coroner is convinced that the stage employees of the theater know more about the fire and its causes and the alleged safety appliances available on the stage than any one else, and it is certain that each of the forty men who worked on the stage will be called as witnesses at the investigation. A number of those employees have mysteriously disappeared and Coroner Traeger has asked the police to take them all into custody, so as to insure their presence at the inquest. The coroner has learned that Stage Carpenter Cummings is the man who superintended the fitting out of the rigging loft and was responsible to the owners.

It is said that Cummings is to blame for conditions on the stage which made the fire possible. He will be one of the principal witnesses and it is predicted that it may take several hours to examine him. The stage employees who have been questioned by Coroner Traeger declare that there was a curtain said to be asbestos, but none of them remember ever having seen it used. It was very thin, they say, and was never used. Instead of being hung with wire cable, it was hung with Manila rope. Stage Carpenter Cummings, it is said, ordered it hung with rope instead of cable. The result was that

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to the directors. It is understood that it will be accepted at the next meeting of the board, which will be held in the near future. At Mr. Burt's office it was stated that he will take an extensive trip with Mrs. Burt for the purpose of securing a rest.

### BULLET IN TEMPLE

#### A Hamlet Man in Charlotte Commits Suicide

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 2.—Special.—Mr. George Windle of Hamlet committed suicide at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. E. A. Alley, at 1315 South Tryon street, this afternoon, by shooting himself through the right temple with a .38 calibre revolver. He shot himself at two o'clock and lived an hour. Mr. Windle came to Charlotte from Hamlet last night to visit his wife and three children, who were here for the holidays. He appeared in his usual health and spirits, and no one dreamed that anything was wrong with him. After dinner today Mr. Windle spent some time in the sitting room talking with his mother-in-law and other members of the family. About two o'clock he arose and walked into an adjoining room closing the door behind him. Five minutes later a member of the family had occasion to pass through the room and was startled to find Mr. Windle lying across the bed, the blood pouring from a wound in his head and a revolver lying by his side. No one heard the report of the pistol. The man was 28 years old. He is survived by a widow and three children. His mother resides in this county. He is also survived by two brothers, one of whom lives in New York and the other in Fort Mill, S. C.

Germany Hopes for Peace

Berlin, Jan. 2.—In a conversation with Admiral Hoffman today Emperor William stated that he had every cause to hope that peace would be maintained in the far east.

### BANK CIRCULATION

#### Statistics Include Products of the Mint in 1903

Washington, Jan. 2.—The circulation of national bank notes December 31 aggregated \$425,163,018, being an increase of \$4,056,039 during the month and of \$40,233,234 since December 31, 1902.

The amount of bonds deposited in the treasury by national banks as security for the circulating notes and deposits of public funds is \$558,715,620, of which \$496,087,450 were 3 per cent consols, \$33,204,170 were state and municipal bonds, \$6,000,000 were Philippines certificates and \$1,045,000 Hawaiian bonds.

The coinage of the United States mint for the calendar year 1903 aggregated a total of 240,012,714 pieces, of which 176,721,203 pieces were coins of the realm, 60,851,511 were for the Philippine government, 1,800,000 for Venezuela and 630,000 for Costa Rica.

The American coinage represented a face value of \$65,809,691, of which \$48,827,970 were state and municipal bonds, \$2,511,281 nickels and pennies. The new five cent pieces placed in circulation during the year number 28,006,725, and the one cent pieces 85,094,438, of which 20,600,000 were coined in the month of December.

### Roosevelt Endorsed

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 2.—At a full meeting of the Republican state committee today resolutions were adopted endorsing the national administration and declaring for Roosevelt.

### Design for Leo's Monument

Rome, Jan. 2.—The design of the sculptor Luchetti for a monumental tomb for the late Pope Leo XIII inside the church of St. John Lateran has been approved. It represents Pope Leo

### Short in Accounts

Washington, Jan. 2.—Charges have been filed with the interstate commerce commission against Edward A. Moseley, secretary and disbursing officer of the commission, alleging shortage and irregularities in his accounts. The charges were brought to the attention of Mr. Moseley by Commissioner Clements today, and after a brief discussion of the case the secretary was given leave of absence until after an investigation of his accounts has been completed. Shortly afterwards a number of expert accountants from the treasury department went to work overhauling the books of the commission. The amount alleged to be involved is small.

### No Trouble at Kishineff

New York, Jan. 2.—The World a few days ago sent a telegram to Czar Nicholas II, expressing the anxiety of thousands of the czar's former subjects in this country over reports that another massacre of Jews was contemplated in Kishineff on the Russian Christmas day, next Thursday. The following reply has been received from the imperial minister of the interior: "Fears of forthcoming troubles in Kishineff absolutely unfounded. Reports of anti-Jewish riots are in consequence of agitation led by persons evil-disposed against Russian government."

### Moonshine Plants Destroyed

Durham, N. C., Jan. 2.—Special. Late yesterday afternoon revenue officers from Greensboro and Durham destroyed two illicit distilleries, about thirteen miles from Durham. One was in Orange county and the other in the edge of this county. The first was of ninety gallons capacity and there were eighteen stands of beer. The second still was of sixty gallons capacity and there were twelve hundred gallons of beer. The last still was in operation and the white man in charge took to his heels when he saw the officers. Considerable low wine, whiskey and fixtures about these stills were captured and destroyed.

### Will Go to Oxford

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 2.—Special. Rev. George M. Tolson, who has had charge of the Episcopal mission work in this city since the first of October, 1902, has tendered his resignation and will move to Oxford, where he will become rector of St. Stephens parish. The news of his resignation comes as a surprise to the friends of Mr. Tolson, especially his parishioners, who will regret to give him up. Mr. Tolson expects to go to Oxford about the first of February.

### Unfounded Report

Washington, Jan. 2.—Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling says that he has received no news whatever regarding the rumored sinking of a Colombian vessel by American warships, and that he believes the rumor is without foundation in fact.

### Railroad President Resigns

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 2.—Horace G. Burt, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, has handed his resignation

## Tension in Far East Is Severely Strained

### Russian War Party in the Ascendant and the Outcome of Negotiations Likely to Be Unfavorable to Peace

London, Jan. 2.—No word has yet been received here tending to show when the Russian reply to Japan may be expected. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has informed Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, that he fears the war party in Russia is in the ascendant and that he has faint hopes of Japan receiving a favorably reply.

The baron says he has received no news of the intended dispatch of a Japanese squadron to Masampho. The last news he heard was that a Russian cruiser was there. The minister pointed out that the dispatch of a squadron to Masampho would not necessarily be a warlike action, though it could scarcely help being regarded in the line of other precautions which Japan has openly taken.

The weekly papers here share in the general feeling of alarm current in Great Britain. The Spectator says war draws ever nearer and adds: "If we are dragged into this war as we may be, the country will not be divided in sympathy, dislike of Russia being as strong among the masses of our people as it was in 1855." The paper surmises that Russia may keep her ships in her harbors as she did during the Crimean war, thereby forcing Japan to seize Port Arthur and Vladivostok.

The Saturday Review adopts a somewhat similar tone, saying that the likelihood of Chinese intervention menaces the commercial interests of all Europe and of the United States.

Situation Most Serious

St. Petersburg, Jan. 2.—It appears to be true that Russia has decided not to accept Japan's precise proposals. But the foreign office here today informed press correspondents that Foreign Minister Lamsdorf and the Japanese minister M. Kurino, are still conferring late. In well informed circles, however, it is doubted that Japan would accept Masampho or any Korean port, except to forestall Russia in the event of the latter showing evidences of any

intention to take a step or in the event of the negotiations between the two countries finally ending in failure.

The Report Reported

Tokio, Jan. 2.—A powerful squadron, consisting of six armored cruisers under command of Admiral Kamimura, is expected to leave Saseho tomorrow for Masampho, Corea.

Masampho is the port in Corea which Russia desires to possess in order to maintain communication between her outposts at Port Arthur and Vladivostok. Saseho is a Japanese port north of Nagasaki, about 100 miles from Masampho, across the Korean strait.

Probable American Attitude

Washington, Jan. 2.—Information was received here today that the Russian government would ask the United States government what its attitude would be in the event of hostilities between Russia and Japan. Until such an inquiry is presented officially, no comment on the matter, but from knowledge of the views of the administration it is safe to assume that the United States will preserve an attitude of neutrality, while at the same time insisting that the concessions to American trade, obtained through the commercial treaty with Japan providing for the opening of Manchurian ports, shall not be curtailed by any outcome of the war.

The question of the distribution of the American fleet on the Asiatic station during hostilities between Russia and Japan has not been fully determined, but it appears to be likely that no strong naval force will remain in the vicinity of points where battles may occur. In the opinion of many officials, the presence of an American squadron near the hostile forces of the two combatants would be construed by Russia as a menace, and by Japan as a demonstration of sympathy.

Since yesterday morning the state department has been receiving responses to inquiries about the Russian-Japanese situation, sent to American diplomatic representatives abroad. By this afternoon it had heard from every American embassy in Europe and the American legation at Tokio. A hopeful tone pervaded these dispatches, and most of the American representatives expressed themselves to be of the personal opinion that war might be averted. It was intimated, however, that unless Russia was willing to modify her position, hostilities would probably ensue.

### Output of Precious Metal

Washington, Jan. 2.—The director of the mint issued today his preliminary estimate of the production of precious metals in the United States in 1903. There was a large decrease in the gold output, but a slight increase in the silver. The total gold production is estimated at \$74,353,340 as against \$80,000,000 in 1902.

### Japan to Seize Masampho

Tokio, Jan. 2.—The report is current that the Japanese squadron of six armored cruisers, under Admiral Kamimura, now at Saseho, Japan, will seize the port of Masampho, Corea, and that its departure has been fixed for Monday. In well informed circles, however, it is doubted that Japan would accept Masampho or any Korean port, except to forestall Russia in the event of the latter showing evidences of any

### Gen. Longstreet Dead at an Advanced Age

#### Hero of Two Wars Taken off After Brief Illness--His Military Ability Proven on Many Battlefields

Gainesville, Ga., Jan. 2.—General James Longstreet, at the age of 83, the last ranking lieutenant general of the Confederacy, hero of the Mexican war and United States commissioner of railroads, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. Easton Welch, in this city at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

The fatal disease was pneumonia, which was greatly aggravated by the old wounds received at the hands of his own men by mistake in the battle of the Wilderness. He only returned to his home here three weeks ago from Chicago where his left eye was taken out to cure a cancerous growth of many years. He seemed to be in better health since the operation than for many years. A few days ago he contracted cold which developed into pneumonia. His death bed was surrounded by his wife and only daughter, Mrs. J. E. Welch, and two of his sons, John and Randolph Longstreet. Another son, R. Lee Longstreet, resides in Washington, and another, James Longstreet, is a captain of the Thirteenth cavalry now in the Philippines. The funeral and interment will likely take place here Monday.

James Longstreet, the great old man of the Confederacy, as he was often called, was born in Edgefield, S. C., January 8, 1821. His father died when he was a lad, and shortly afterward in 1831 he and his mother went to Alabama. He always wanted to be a soldier and his mother secured for him an appointment to the United States military academy. He was graduated

### Coming Army Promotions

Washington, Jan. 2.—Upon the promotion of Major General Adna R. Chaffee to be lieutenant general and chief of staff, succeeding Lieutenant General M. H. Young, who will be retired January 5, Brigadier General G. W. Belknap, chief of engineers, will be promoted to major general and assigned to assistant chief of the general staff. It is believed that Colonel Alexander MacKenzie of the machine corps, under the senior colonel of the general staff, will succeed General Chaffee as chief of engineers.

## Chicago Buries the Victims of Her Fire

### Bells of the City Toll a Mighty Funeral Knell—Unidentified Bodies Still Held for Friends to Claim

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Church bells tolled in solemn requiem for the victims of the Iroquois theater disaster. The funeral services were held in one block while groups of people stood watching curiously the departure for the graves. The scenes were pathetic in the extreme. Fatherless and motherless children, many of them too young to realize the true meaning of the terrible calamity, clung to their older friends or relatives and tearfully called for their parents. Young students just reaching manhood or womanhood carried caskets to the remains of former companions, while voices of anguish, remorse and sadness arose in hundreds of homes. Kindly faced clergymen wept as they spoke words of condolence to the motherless, the fatherless, and to parents who had lost beloved children.

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Held for Manslaughter

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Formally charged with manslaughter, Managers Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers of the Iroquois Theatre, with City Building Commissioner Williams, were today held under bonds of \$10,000 each. Col. William Pinkerton and Charles H. Plamondon furnished bonds for Davis and Powers. Andrew J. Graham, a banker, furnished bond for Commissioner Williams.

Arthur E. Hull, whose family perished in the theatre fire and who was the complainant, was present when the two theatre managers and the city of-

fers the first notes had died away another chime farther south sounded a mourning intonation. Then a hundred bells broke forth in a mighty diapason, whose iron moans seemed to reach the gray clouds and were echoed back again in solemn accord. The bells tolled for an hour.

Those who could not get hearsees were forced to see their dead carried to graves in undertakers' wagons, and the terror of the unnaturalness was stamped upon them in burial as it had been in their sudden and awful taking off. Snow was falling while the theatre burned, and the bodies as they lay on the sidewalk were covered with snow. Today, as the coffins were lowered into graves or placed in vaults, the snow beat against them.

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