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## AND NOW GUDGER'S CAKE IS ALL DOUGH

### He Has Tried Twice to Be Appointed Minister and Got Left--But Congressman Gudger Appears to Have Plain Sailing Before Him

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, Jan. 29.—Special.—The prediction made last Tuesday that H. A. Gudger would not be considered for minister to Panama was confirmed today by the announcement that W. W. Russell, at present secretary of legation at Caracas, Venezuela, has been appointed charge of the American legation at Panama, and will conduct the business of the latter legation after the departure of Minister Buchanan, who will sail from Colon next Tuesday for the United States. Mr. Russell succeeds Mr. Gudger at once and the prediction is made that he will be promoted to the ministerial position as soon as Mr. Buchanan tenders his resignation, which he will do shortly after his arrival in this country. Mr. Russell, who is a Marylander, was secretary of legation at Caracas when Mr. Loomis, the present assistant secretary of state, was minister to Venezuela, and owes his promotion to that fact. Friends of Mr. Gudger feel that he has been slighted by the administration. Twice he has been in direct line for promotion to be minister, and each time the administration has gone out of its way to make another selection.

#### A King's Mountain Project

Representative Yates Webb will introduce tomorrow a bill appropriating \$100,000 in commemoration of the deeds of American troops at the battle ground of Kings Mountain. It is Mr. Webb's idea that the government purchase fifty acres, lying partly in North and South Carolina, which will include the battle field, with the ultimate object of converting it into a park. The \$100,000 appropriation now contemplated also provides for a monument in honor and memory of the valorous deeds of American troops who made it possible for this government to exist. Mr. Webb has conferred with Gen. Grosvenor of Ohio and other Republican leaders, who heartily favor the plan. The prospect is very bright for favorable action.

It will be recalled that Uncle Joe Cannon is strongly in favor of the government taking possession of Kings Mountain battle ground and placing there a lasting recognition of the services of those who fought for independence. Mr. Cannon declared in favor of the project on the floor of the House when the appropriations for the monuments to be erected at Guilford Court House were under consideration. When Mr. Webb brought the subject to Gen. Grosvenor's attention the latter declared that he not only favored a proper commemoration of

## Georgia Democrats Incline to Parker

### They Will Have None of Bryan and Are Disenchanted With Gorman—The Hearst Boom Is Making a Little Noise

New York, Jan. 25.—A staff correspondent of the Brooklyn Eagle, who is touring the south and interviewing leading politicians on the Democratic prospects, today sent from Atlanta an interview with Hoke Smith, who summarized the Democratic situation in Georgia by the remark: "Georgia will send its delegation to the national convention to vote for the nomination of Chief Justice Parker of New York for president if the Democrats of New York will take the lead." The correspondent says Georgia Democrats will have none of Bryanism. Following is the letter in part:

"The Georgia Democrats take it for granted that the national convention at St. Louis will not reaffirm the platform of 1900 adopted at Kansas City. The Georgia theory of the campaign, like the theory of New York, Delaware, Maryland, the Virginias and the Carolinas, is that it should demand tariff reform, federal regulation of trusts, the construction of an interoceanic canal

and a conservative application of the doctrine of expansion. The Democrats here are disappointed that their party has gone on record in the Senate as opposed to the Panama canal.

"Senator Gorman was, not very long ago, a popular candidate for the presidency with the Georgia politicians. He has a noteworthy following here now, but Mr. Gorman's most important Georgia friends have not approved of his opposition to the isthmian canal. While the Maryland leader's course in the Panama dispute has been mildly deprecated by important Democrats elsewhere in the seaboard south, it is openly condemned by the strongest men of the Georgia Democracy.

"Chief Justice Parker's candidacy is recognized in Georgia as the strongest now before the national Democracy. Recently the Georgia Democrats have been making inquiries about him in New York, and the well-informed are satisfied that he can carry his home state by a large plurality. In addition to these advantages he has powerful friends among the Georgia leaders, who only await a sign from New York to openly champion his cause.

"No such sign is likely to come. It is understood here that the New York situation, with Charles F. Murphy inclined toward Mr. Cleveland, and Senator McCarran supporting Judge Parker, which was illuminated at Washington when the national committee met, is unchanged. Assuming that New York, outside of Tammany, wants Judge Parker, the south regards Tammany's negligent attitude toward his candidacy as a modest little by-play

which will not in the end prove disadvantageous to the judge.

"What real uneasiness is felt here by Parker advocates is based on the possibility that the candidacy of Editor William R. Hearst may complicate the Democratic situation in New York, or that Colonel George E. McClellan may nourish ambitions embarrassing to the New York delegation. The seat of the Hearst boom here encourages the doubt as to New York's attitude toward him."

## FROM CANE TO COTTON

### Louisiana Planters Will Reduce Their Sugar Acreage

New Orleans, Jan. 29.—The Cuban reciprocity treaty, which is expected to injure the sugar industry of Louisiana, and the present high price of cotton have had the effect of inducing many sugar planters in southern Louisiana to abandon cane for cotton this year, or at least to divide their crops.

One of the first to do this is the Bell Alliance plantation of Assumption parish, one of the oldest and finest in the state. This plantation has been cultivated in sugar for one hundred and fifty years. It will plant an equal acreage this year in cotton and cane.

## SHOTS ACROSS BOWS

### Warlike Acts Reported by Passengers Arriving at Chefoo

London, Jan. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Chefoo, China, says that foreigners who passed through that place Friday asserted that the Russian steamer Argon, on which they traveled from Nagasaki to Dairen was fired at by Japanese warships outside of Chemulpo. They declared that three shots were fired across the steamer's bow. The captain of the Argon vowed that he would not stop, but he finally yielded to the passengers who were frantic with fear. The correspondent does not indicate what the Japanese did afterwards, only adding that there was no further attempt to stop the steamer, which proceeded to Dairen, where she arrived last Tuesday.

## DONE WITH BRYAN

### Mississippi Democrats Will Drop Him and the Kansas City Platform

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 29.—The Mississippi legislature, according to a poll made today, is overwhelmingly opposed to a reaffirmation of the principles of the Kansas City platform by the next Democratic convention. While many have kind words for Mr. Bryan, personally, almost every member is in favor of repudiating him and calling for a thorough revision of the platform. Speaker E. M. Thomas, who will possibly be a delegate to the St. Louis convention, is especially strong in his declarations. He says he is unalterably opposed to the recognition of Bryan as a party leader and the free silver plank must go.

## DINNERS SEAS APART

### Banqueting Halls on Opposite Sides of the Atlantic Connected by Cable

New York, Jan. 29.—The New York Pilgrims, the American branch of an association of international travelers between this country and Great Britain, had its annual banquet at Delmonico's tonight with Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, as the guest of honor. In the Carleton Hotel, in London, the Pilgrims of Great Britain had gathered at half past eleven for dinner. By a mutual agreement of the British government and the cable company a direct wire was run from the Carleton Hotel to Delmonico's. At 7 o'clock on this side of the Atlantic, at midnight in London, international messages of congratulation were sent across the seas.

Ambassador Choate and Sir Mortimer Durand, Senator Depew and the lord chancellor of England, Sir Thomas Lipton and Senator Depew, and Gen. Corbin and Lord Roberts, and others exchanged greetings, the telegraph operators being busy all the time the banquets were in progress thousands of miles apart.

London, Jan. 29.—Colonel Hutchinson presided at the dinner here tonight of the Pilgrims Club in the absence of Earl Roberts, who is not well. There were about seventy guests, including Ambassador Choate, Earl Halsbury, lord high chancellor, Sir Edward Durand, brother of the British ambassador at Washington, Sir Thomas Lipton and others.

## Bribe Taker Bounced

London, Jan. 29.—An official investigation into the charges that the police of the west end of London had been guilty of blackmailing betting men who had been guilty of violating or desired to violate the betting law, has resulted in the dismissal of a detective inspector of twenty-five years service. The charge against him was that he received bribes from bookmakers.

## GERMANS IN AFRICA

### Von Zulow Reports That He Is Holding Out Against Rebels

Berlin, Jan. 29.—Lieutenant Von Zulow reports from Okahandja under date of the 26th, that after severe fighting since the 15th, he still holds the town. He has 200 men and says he can still hold out for some time. A force sent to relieve him from Windhoek was repulsed on the 12th and 13th, with a loss of eight men.

Von Zulow reports that on the 21st a detachment of militiamen would be forwarded to endeavor to establish communications with the base. He reports that on the 19th he had a severe encounter with the enemy, losing four men and killing twenty or twenty-five of the rebels.

## BOOZY OFFICIAL

### Complaint About the District Attorney in the Bechtel Case

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 29.—Counsel on behalf of the members of the Bechtel family today made formal complaint before Judge Trexler against District Attorney Edwin J. Lichtenwalner, charging gross and wilful negligence in his conduct of the prosecution of the cases growing out of the murder of Mabel Bechtel and the suicide of Thomas Bechtel.

Mrs. Catharine Bechtel, her daughters, and Mrs. Henry Newhard, a neighbor of the Bechtels, made affidavits before Commissioner Leidy, alleging that the district attorney was in a state of "beastly intoxication" during the two days of the trial, making a postponement of the case by the court necessary. It is also alleged that he repeatedly kissed Mrs. Bechtel during a visit to the Bechtel home Tuesday afternoon, October 27, the date of the finding of Mabel Bechtel's body.

They also allege that the district attorney was intoxicated when he visited the house and his conduct was highly improper. The papers were filed and the case will come up for a hearing on Monday.

## A HINT TO TURKEY

### Austria and Russia Virtually Reject the Portie's Stipulation

Constantinople, Jan. 29.—The Austro-Hungarian and Russian governments have transmitted to the Turkish government a memorandum, making clear the duties and privileges of civil agents in Macedonia and their relations with the inspector general. The memorandum is couched in firm and serious language. It amounts practically to a rejection of the stipulation contained in the portie's note of the 10th instant, and has produced a profound impression in official circles. On the 10th instant the portie notified the Austro-Hungarian and Russian ambassadors of his full acceptance of the Macedonian reform scheme and of its consent to the repatriation of the Macedonian refugees. Austria was promised to all political prisoners except dynamiters. But the portie drew attention to the armaments of Bulgaria and demanded assurances that Bulgaria would not be permitted to nullify the work of reform.

## BLEW A SAFE OPEN

### Burglars Make a Profitable Raid at Winterville

Greenville, N. C., Jan. 29.—Special. At Winterville, six miles south of here, last night, the safe of Harrington & Barber was blown open and one hundred and twenty-five dollars was taken. Three trunks were there Wednesday morning. One had a drill dynamite and another bought powder. All left before night. One visited the place again yesterday. About 1 o'clock an explosion awoke C. A. Fair, who, looking out, saw one standing watch and lights flashing in the store. Being without a weapon of any kind, he did not venture out, but called up J. M. Blow. They saw as best they could from their window. About 2 o'clock the burglars left, coming toward Greenville.

Early this morning Fair and Blow ventured out and gave an alarm. It was found that the safe was wrecked, the money drawer broken open, the office ruined by the explosion, money and papers taken. The burglars were tracked as far as a house four miles north of here.

## TRIPLE MURDER

### Reports of the Burke County Homicide Confirmed

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 29.—Special. The report of the killing in Burke county Tuesday evening has been confirmed here in a letter written to Charles Fisher by his father. It seems that the tragedy occurred at Brindletown, a small mining settlement, about thirty miles from Morganton. It is not known how the row started, but

Marion Fisher and Joe Towery were killed outright and Bill Deal is so badly injured that it is said he cannot recover. Deal was beaten with knucks and he was otherwise injured. Marion Fisher, who was killed by his nephew, Julius Fisher, was about fifty years of age and had for several years lived at Spartanburg, S. C., having gone to his old home on a visit. Both the Fisher boys escaped, but Ed Hunt was captured and is now in jail. Julius and York Fisher are both hardly 21 years old, but are said to be desperate characters.

## RIVER IMPROVEMENT

### Wilmington Making an Earnest Effort for an Appropriation

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 29.—Special. Semi-official announcements having been made in Washington that congress would not make an appropriation for rivers and harbors, the Wilmington chamber of commerce today decided to invite Chairman Burton of the rivers and harbors committee to visit this city early in February in order to better acquaint him with the urgent necessity of making an appropriation for continuing the work on the Cape Fear river. North Carolina senators and congressmen will also be asked to use their best efforts in behalf of the appropriation, which means so much at this time.

## VIRGINIA-CAROLINA

### The Company Is Expected to Fund Its Loan

New York, Jan. 29.—It is expected in local financial circles that the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company will act upon a proposition to fund the loan of \$500,000 which is made last year for working capital and other purposes. An issue of preferred stock may be offered to the stockholders of the company for the purpose of supplying the money needed for this purpose. The company has a year in which to make provision for the repayment of the loan, but lately its finance committee has been considering ways and means for this purpose. The high price of cotton is reflected in an unusually prosperous business for this company. The additional wealth which the south is getting from cotton this season would naturally make an impression upon the operations of this company. It means not only a larger sale of fertilizer, but better terms both as to prices and payments.

## CALLED A HALT

### Suits Against Insurance Companies to Be Withdrawn

New Orleans, Jan. 29.—The attorney general of Texas, after a thorough investigation, has decided to withdraw all his anti-trust suits against insurance companies operating in Texas. The Texas insurance laws, which are iron-clad, drove many companies out of the state. Those that remained are said to have violated the law and suits were instituted against them for heavy penalties. It seemed probable that the state would be left with very little insurance against fire. The pressure from men doing business in Texas has induced the attorney general to abandon the suits.

## STILL DEADLOCKED

### The Maryland Democrats Unable to Agree on a Senator

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 29.—There was no material change in the balloting for United States senator today. At the conclusion of the voting an arrangement of pairs was announced which gives assurance that there will be no quorum present tomorrow or Monday, and consequently there can be no action until Tuesday.

The balloting today indicated that there had not been a change of sentiment on the part of any member, though all the leading candidates suffered slightly on account of absentees. Rayner's vote today was 35, John Walter Smith's 30, Bernard Carter's 10, Jackson's 5, and Joseph W. Miles 4. Louis E. McComas received 37. There is no possible doubt that Rayner stock is on the rise at present. The poor success that attended the leaders' efforts to give Carter a majority of the votes by taking Smith's strength has had the effect of creating the feeling that Rayner has the best chance. Should Smith be absolutely abandoned by Gorman, Rayner's chances are almost sure, as four Smith men have declared for him as second choice to make his election beyond a doubt.

## Bryan Summoned Home

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 29.—William J. Bryan is hurrying home, having received a telegram informing him that his sister is very ill. A consultation of physicians early this morning resulted in the forwarding of a message to Mr. Bryan. It is not thought that Miss Bryan will live through the night. Mr. Bryan can not arrive in Lincoln before Saturday night—too late to reach his sister during life, if the fears of her physicians are confirmed.

## Senate Calls for All Panama Papers

### Loophole Left for the President—Tillman Makes a Second Attempt to Get the Facts as to the Appointment of Crum

Washington, Jan. 29.—The Democratic caucus resolution calling on the president to inform the Senate whether all the papers in possession of the executive department bearing upon the Panama revolution had been sent to the Senate was immediately taken up on the assembling of the Senate today, the special question under consideration being the motion of Mr. Culom to add a clause relieving the president of the necessity of supplying the documents if considered incompatible with the public interest.

Mr. Cockrell said the Senate had no right to ask for information concerning a treaty while it was under negotiation, but it had the right to all possible information after the negotiation was complete. Mr. McLaurin spoke in support of the resolution and in opposition to the amendment.

Referring to the treaty with Panama, Mr. McLaurin said that "the very first article of the treaty is a declaration of war against Colombia if Colombia sees proper to assert its authority in the face of the United States;" and he argued that, this being so, the Senate should have full information as to whether the United States had done anything in establishing the government of Panama that would justify us in taking the responsibility of provoking a possible war.

The vote was then taken on the Culom amendment inserting the discretionary clause, and the motion prevailed—39 to 20—a party vote, with the exception of Mr. McEnery, who voted with the Republicans.

The resolution was agreed to without diversion. As amended it is as follows:

Resolved, That the president be requested to inform the Senate whether all the correspondence and notes between the department of state and the legation of the United States at Bogota and between either of these and the government of Colombia in relation to the construction of an isthmian canal, since June 28, 1902, and all the correspondence and notes between any department of the government of the United States and any officials or representatives of the government of Panama, concerning the separation of Panama from Colombia, have been sent to the Senate and, if not, that he be requested to send the remaining correspondence and notes to the Senate in executive session, if not, in his judgment, incompatible with the public interest."

Tillman Closes the Gap

Mr. Tillman introduced a resolution asking for more specific information from the secretary of the treasury concerning the nomination of W. D. Crum as collector of customs for the port of Charleston, S. C., than was contained

In the letter from the secretary received yesterday by the Senate. He said that the secretary's letter is not clear. He asserted that the secretary had with "great adroitness dodged the issue."

Following is the text of the resolution:

"Resolved, that the secretary of the treasury be and he hereby is, instructed to send to the Senate information in regard to the appointment of W. D. Crum as collector of the port of Charleston, S. C., and that he answer specifically the following questions:

"First, Is W. D. Crum now holding a commission as collector, or give date and send to the Senate a verbatim copy thereof.

"Second, Was his second appointment made in accordance with law, and if so, what law?

"Third, Is there any law or precedent for the holding of an office of this kind by a de-facto official?

"Fourth, Is the contention or intention to claim and exercise the authority to make such appointments during a constructive recess, as this appears to be?"

Messrs. Aldrich and Spooner objected to immediate consideration and the resolution went over for a day.

Proposition to Pay Colombia

The Senate, at the request of Mr. Bacon, took up the resolution introduced by that senator advising the president that the Senate suggests a treaty with Colombia looking to a satisfactory adjustment of all claims on the part of that country against the United States growing out of the Panama revolution. Mr. Bacon addressed the Senate in support of the resolution, saying that its purpose is that of securing an amicable settlement of the dispute with Colombia which might avert hostilities. He contended that the measure is in direct accord with the policy of this government to avoid conflict whenever it is possible to do so, and quoted many authorities in support of this statement.

Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts appeared in his seat in the Senate this morning, the first time since the sudden death of his wife. Mr. Hoar was looking unusually well and was in good spirits, in spite of his affliction. His deep religious faith was shown in his remarks to a brother senator who spoke of his loss. "I do not give myself up to grief," replied Senator Hoar, "because I know we shall meet again soon."

## MILEAGE CRAFT

### The Question Considered in the House on a Point of Order

Washington, Jan. 29.—Among bills introduced in the House today was one by Mr. Williams of Mississippi, to empower the interstate commerce commission to file rates for transportation in cases where the rate is declared to be unreasonable.

This was the anniversary of the birth of the late President McKinley, and all the members of the House wore red carnations in the lapels of their coats today out of respect to his memory. The chaplain in his prayer made the following reference to the late president:

"O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the good, the pure, the just."

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## Eastern War Scare in an Acute Form

### Change of Attitude Apparent in the Czar Attributed to Vacillation Under Pressure of Powerful Influence

London, Jan. 29.—The war scare today reached its acutest form, based on Russia's reported decision not to yield to any of the Japanese demands regarding Manchuria. This, if true, marks an important change in Russia's attitude in the past three or four days. It is repeated in some reports that Russia is preparing to make all necessary concessions regarding Korea. It is nevertheless true that Japan received more than a week ago an authoritative, though unofficial, intimation that Russia was prepared to yield in principle, the Japanese demands regarding Manchuria. Such, in fact, was the czar's intention. It is impossible to suspect him of bad faith in the matter. If today's ominous reports are well founded the situation must be due to the vacillation of the young emperor under pressure, which is undoubtedly great.

The worst form of today's ugly rumormongering received an emphatic denial at the Japanese legation. It is untrue, for instance, that Russia struck out the words "China" and "from the draft treaty submitted by Japan setting forth the integrity of Chinese and Korean sovereignty. Moreover it is false"

stated by the same authority that in any event war is not immediately imminent.

All Will Depend on Japan

St. Petersburg, Jan. 29.—Russia's formal reply to the last Japanese note has not yet been sent. A high official said today that when it is delivered everything will depend upon the attitude of Japan. The utmost will be done to offer Japan a basis for durable peace.

Gloomy Views Prevail

London, Jan. 30, 4 a. m.—The Daily Graphic, adhering to the gloomy statement it made yesterday, points out today that Japan does not aim at securing the total withdrawal of Russia from Manchuria. It says that Japan not only offered to acquiesce in all the treaty rights acquired there, but has intimated her readiness to recognize Russia's political rights in connection with the railway to the extent of legalizing the military occupation of the line, and the administration by Russian officials of a strip of land thirty miles wide on each side of the railway. This would include Harbin. All that Japan requires is that the remainder of Manchuria be restored to the effective sovereignty of China.

The Graphic further asserts that under the draft treaty submitted by Japan the Japanese guarantee the freedom of the Korean straits, undertaking that the southern coast of Korea will never be fortified.

Reported Concession by Russia

London, Jan. 30.—The rumor cabled from New York that Sir Charles Scott, (Continued on page 2.)