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THE REVENUE CASES AND THE BLOCKADING BUSINESS

The federal court now in session in Greensboro is engaged in a patient and exhaustive effort to find and establish the truth in regard to the charges that have been made against various revenue officers for dereliction of duty.

The particular case now under consideration is that against G. W. Samuels of Wilkes county, and is regarded as a test case. District Attorney Holton and Assistant District Attorney Price are prosecuting, and C. B. Watson, ex-Governor Aycock, ex-Judge Bynum, ex-Judge Adams and J. W. McNeill are appearing for the defendant.

It is an interesting case. The writer was in the court room at Greensboro several hours yesterday morning, and listened to the evidence of several of the witnesses for the government. It may be that what we saw and heard is a customary thing in federal courts, and if it is we do not wonder that it is a difficult matter to control the blockading business.

The government, in this case, is relying largely on the evidence of men who have been promised immunity from prosecution and punishment for blockading in consideration of their testimony against the revenue officers.

One witness yesterday morning admitted on cross-examination, that there was an indictment against him and a warrant out for him, but that he was promised he would not be prosecuted if he would testify against the officers.

him when he was testifying to "save his own bacon."

It is the duty of the revenue officers to put the blockaders out of business, and it is a fact that they do not always do their duty. We do not attempt to say how it is in the present cases, but the evidence clearly indicates to our mind that these cases might have grown out of collusion on the part of the blockaders to put the revenue officers out of business.

It is claimed that the district attorney has the earnest support and backing of the department of justice in Washington in his prosecution of the present cases against revenue doers. It is also claimed in North Carolina that Mr. Holton is having a warm time to save his official head, and there be those who think he is depending on his efforts to convict other officers to win and secure a re-appointment.

However, aside from the political phase of the question, which is interesting, he hopes the truth will be brought to the attention of the court and jury in the cases under consideration at Greensboro, and that no guilty man shall escape.

ANOTHER EVIDENCE

The report of Dr. W. F. Drewry, superintendent of the Central State Hospital for the colored insane at Petersburg, Va., shows figures on the increase of insanity and various kinds of mental diseases among the colored race that are surprising even to those persons who have long been aware of the growing tendency to insanity among the negroes for the last twenty or thirty years.

The report says in one place: "The number of patients sent to the hospital during the year was 170 more than in the previous year, showing an increase of about 50 per cent."

Here is another evidence that the negro problem, if there be one, is solving itself with a deadly degree of certainty that is calculated to remove the often expressed fears of extermination or assimilation.

It is practically the same story that has been told several times by men who have studied the question from disinterested motives, and almost entirely does it render innocuous the horrible bugaboos presented by eloquent, dramatic politicians, whose stock in trade it is to arouse the fears and race feeling of the masses who never stop to think whether or not there is any real danger, and whether they would do better to turn their attention to other and more live topics.

McGuire of Richmond, Va., almost as famous in Europe as he was in this country, used to give it as his deliberate opinion, both in conversation and in his lectures before the students of his medical college in Richmond, that the negro race was gradually dying out in this country, so great was the increase among them of pulmonary and other fatal diseases, and so much more incapable were they of successfully combating certain diseases than the white race, and so much more prone to them. He gave the same reasons for this state of affairs as does Dr. Drewry, in part at any rate. This phase of the negro problem had been a life-long study with Dr. McGuire, for of course during all of his life as a physician, since before the civil war until his death a few years ago, he was brought in direct and constant contact with the afflicted of the negro race, he constituted by far the larger part of the subjects in the clinical work of his college. And it was his mature opinion that free contact with advanced civilization was slowly but surely annihilating the race.

All will agree that Mr. Thomas Nelson Page knows the southern negro, and that he is an authority on all subjects pertaining to them. In a careful, rather lengthy and thoroughly exhaustive paper on the negro problem several years ago he came to the conclusion that there was in reality no problem at all, that according to the best medical authority and mortuary statistics the unfortunate race was solving its own problem after a fashion that would give the least trouble to the white race, that is, by simply ceasing after a time to exist.

So the president's car will be stopped at Neuse or Millbrook in order to let him sleep from 1 o'clock till 7. They must think that the inhabitants of those places are very unenterprising to let the big sho sleep in their "midst" for six hours.

The Republicans of New York have nominated Charles E. Hughes for mayor. They evidently consider that he has recently learned a good deal about where to go for campaign funds.

FUNERAL SHERIFF PEARSON

Commissioners Will Name His Successor Oct. 12—Harnett News

Dunn, N. C., Oct. 7.—Special.—The funeral services of Sheriff W. F. Pearson were held yesterday in the Baptist church at 10 o'clock and were conducted by Rev. C. W. Blanchard of Clayton. Immediately after the services the burial took place at Greenwood cemetery. Sheriff Pearson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Pearson of Buie's Creek. He was born in this county forty-four years ago.

A notice has been published by the chairman of the board of county commissioners that a meeting will be held on October the 12th for the purpose of appointing a sheriff to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Pearson.

For the past month there has been considerable activity here in business. Up to the present time the cotton market has exceeded anything in its history in the way of the number of bales sold. The tobacco market has been very satisfactory also. The merchants seem to be rushed with trade, and express entire satisfaction with the results so far. Money seems to be plentiful and every one is looking forward with great interest and expectation to the coming of the great state fair at Raleigh, which the president will attend, and which event has been so thoroughly advertised by the Raleigh papers.

The anti-liquor and blind tiger movement in this community has not in the least abated—it is determined to suppress the liquor evil in all of its various forms. The temperance forces in this vicinity are working with an unconquerable perseverance and good results are following. The federal authorities have made this place headquarters apparently for some time. They destroyed one blockade or moonshine distillery outfit this week in Banner township, about four miles from Benson. The work was done by J. P. H. Adams and A. F. Surles. The operatives were not arrested, but it is almost certain that they will be, as their identity is established.

SENATOR SMOOT'S PROMISE

Keep It By Refusing to Vote to "Sustain" Mormon Apostles

Salt Lake, Utah, Oct. 7.—Read Smoot, Mormon apostle and United States senator, has kept his promise to the senate investigating committee by not voting to "sustain" apostles who have taken plural wives since the manifesto. At the same time Smoot did not vote against the apostles in question, John M. Taylor and Matthias Cowley.

In explanation of his attitude he says he will not vote to "sustain" the men until their innocence is established. Smoot promised the committee over a year ago that he would do all in his power to bring these two apostles to trial, but no action has yet been taken in the matter. When the names of the apostles were submitted at the present conference they and all other church authorities were sustained by unanimous vote.

WILL NOT ACCEPT

Republican Nominee for Mayor of New York Will Decline

New York, Oct. 7.—Charles E. Hughes, whom the Republican county convention nominated for mayor on Friday night behind his back, said today: "I am convinced that I ought not to accept the nomination, and I shall not say any more about it until the notification is made on Monday. I am adhering to a promise I made to the men who called upon me last night, when I refused to say what my answer will be." Immediately after the convention Timothy L. Woodruff headed a small delegation which went to Mr. Hughes' house. It was learned today that, anticipating the reply they might get from Mr. Hughes, Mr. Woodruff, without any pretension at ceremony, told Mr. Hughes that he had been nominated by the Republican convention; that there was an overwhelming demand for him to run as mayor and that his duty as a public spirited citizen, etc., made it imperative that he should respond to the call which had been made upon him. Speaking upon the result of his visit to Mr. Hughes, Mr. Woodruff said today: "It is true that he gave us no encouragement and consequently we have no encouragement. The Republicans have until October 13th to file their nominations. The convention on Friday night adjourned subject to the call of the chair. The nomination of Mr. Hughes without his knowledge was characterized today as the act of the two reckless political gamblers—B. E. Odell, Jr., and Timothy Woodruff."

KIDNAP ROCKEFELLER?

Not Much, Says Private Policeman Lynch—Pat Crowe's Plan

Cleveland, O., Oct. 7.—According to the statement of the guards about John D. Rockefeller's home at Forest Hill, Pat Crowe and his companions would not have escaped as easily as the celebrated kidnapper imagined they would had they attempted to carry away the richest man on earth for a \$2,000,000 ransom.

Pat Lynch, who has stood guard at the entrance of the Rockefeller home for years and is at the head of the police system about the extensive estate, said today: "Crowe may have thought that the task would be an easy one, but I know better. No, I am not armed, but I know that even had the thugs got me and put me out of the way it would have been impossible for them to enter the house. Before they were within a hundred yards of the house the inmates would have been aroused and ready to receive the criminals in the proper manner. Our system of police protection is not a poor one. It is the best that money could procure and I know that it would stand any test that could be placed upon it at any hour of the day or night. We are always ready."

MASSACHUSETTS DEMOCRATS

Relief From Tariff Restrictions Demanded—Bartlett for Governor

Boston, Oct. 7.—The Democrats of Massachusetts met in Faneuil Hall to-day and nominated Gen. Charles W. L. Bartlett of Boston for governor and Henry M. Whitney of Brooklyn for lieutenant governor. For secretary of state Henry B. Little of Newburyport was selected. Daniel J. Doherty of Westfield was named for treasurer; Patrick J. Ashe of North Adams, for auditor, and John P. Leahy of Boston for attorney general. General Bartlett told the Democrats to start right on the campaign as soon they reached their homes. "If you answer my call as well as I intend to answer yours," said he, "somebody will know this fall that there has been a fight." The platform insists that the paramount issue is relief from tariff restrictions and that the effect of this policy has been to cut Massachusetts from its natural markets and to push the state toward the danger line of industrial decline. President Roosevelt is lauded for bringing the eastern war to a close.

WHITE MAN KILLS NEGRO

Northern Man at Suffolk Fatally Resents a Blow

Suffolk, Va., Oct. 7.—William Graham, a negro, was shot and killed today by David C. Lyon, while Lyon fired four times and four bullets were lodged in Graham's body. Death was almost instantaneous. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over a debt. Graham attacked Lyon, striking him in the face. After the clinch Lyon pulled his pistol and began firing. Several hundred angry negroes gathered about the dying man and there was talk of race trouble. Lyon was hurried off to prison in a closed carriage and quiet was restored within a few hours. Lyon, who is a native of Buffalo, N. Y., operates two lumber plants in this section. Graham was an employe. Precautions are being taken to prevent a night attack on the jail.

Stolen Coins Not Recovered

Paris, Oct. 7.—Hays, the Australian who was arrested on the charge of having robbed Rev. Dr. Zimmerman of Syracuse, N. Y., the well known numismatist of a valuable coin collection at the Hotel Dijon last Wednesday, was arraigned in court today. Dr. Zimmerman was present and gave evidence. The judge questioned Hays, whose replies were unsatisfactory and contradictory. His own counsel recognized Hays' guilt and the accused finally offered to try and recover the coins if the prosecution was dropped. Dr. Zimmerman refused to agree to this and the case was adjourned. Dr. Zimmerman will sail for home tomorrow.

FIGHT OVER COTTON MILL

Judge Pritchard Makes Important Order in Laurens Mill Case

Asheville, N. C., Oct. 7.—Special. Judge J. C. Pritchard of the United States circuit court today made an important order in the case of S. M. Milliken and others against W. E. Lucas and others, a litigation for the control of the Laurens, S. C., cotton mills, a million-dollar corporation of which Mr. Lucas is president and which he and his friends control, but which Mr. Milliken and his friends very much desire to control. The order of Judge Pritchard was the granting of an injunction restraining the defendants, W. E. Lucas et al., from proceeding further in the state courts of South Carolina and with interfering with Milliken and others. The injunction granted by Judge Pritchard does not undertake to interfere with or restrain the state courts, but simply the parties to Milliken vs. Lucas cause. It is said that the restraining order of Judge Pritchard will, in effect, tie the hands of Mr. Lucas and his friends in prohibiting Milliken and his friends from voting a certain block of 500 shares of stock of the Laurens cotton mills, which it is claimed by one of the attorneys for Mr. Milliken, who is here, will be voted and which will give Mr. Milliken control of the mills.

The remains of P. S. Gibson, who died at the Clarence Baker Memorial Hospital, Blittmore, after a short illness, were taken to Lewisburg, West Virginia, this afternoon for interment. Mr. Gibson came to Asheville about six years ago and engaged in the lumber business. Until about March of this year he was a member of the firm of the McEwan and Gibson Lumber Company, but at the time of his death was connected with the Bole Lumber Company. He was a native of Forsyth county, West Virginia, and was 43 years of age.

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