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W. T. RIGGSBEE MUST SHOW WHY HE IS NOT GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

Rule Issued Today by Judge Purnell and Made Returnable Next Thursday

CHARGED WITH HAVING WITNESSES SUMMONED

Solicitor Brooks was here from Durham and stated that a number of important witnesses who had been summoned in the state court to testify against Riggsbee for stuffing a ballot box had been summoned to the federal court—said he had learned that the defendant in the case here knew nothing of the men being summoned.

On account of what looks like a movement to defeat the ends of justice in the state court by summoning witnesses to appear in the federal court, a rule was issued today by Judge Purnell against W. T. Riggsbee, of Durham, to show cause why he should not be found guilty of contempt of court. The rule was made returnable on next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

This morning, a few minutes after court convened, District Attorney Skinner made a statement in regard to a number of witnesses who had been summoned from Durham county to appear in a case against one W. M. Watson, charged with retelling and conducting an illicit distillery. He said it looked to him very much like a conspiracy, as the witnesses stated that they knew nothing whatever about the matter, and the defendant had stated that he had not requested that the parties be summoned. Colonel Skinner said he believed it contempt of court to have summons issued when the defendant knew nothing of the matter. He said that Solicitor A. L. Brooks, of the Durham district, was in the court room and he would be glad if he would make a statement in regard to the matter. Solicitor Brooks said at the beginning of the present term of criminal court in Durham county that a bill was sent before the grand jury in which W. T. Riggsbee, of that city, was indicted for stuffing a ballot box, but that the bill was thrown out of court on the ground that several of the grand jury had not paid their poll tax. A new grand jury, he stated, was summoned for this week, but that it was learned that a number of the witnesses against Riggsbee had been summoned to appear before the United States court. Solicitor Brooks stated that he decided to come to Raleigh and learn the real facts in the case.

One witness, Solicitor Brooks said, who claimed he saw Riggsbee stuff the ballot box, was summoned, and he wrote that he had been summoned to Raleigh. Some one said that Riggsbee had been around getting witnesses to come to Raleigh instead of to Durham, he said, and the marshal says he was told if the witnesses could not be found, to go to Riggsbee. So well was the plan carried out, he said, that the money was paid into the clerk's office to get the men summoned, and money sent to them to defray their expenses. The witnesses were first summoned to appear Tuesday. Solicitor Brooks stated, when the Durham county cases were not to be called until Wednesday, and another set of subpoenas were issued for Wednesday. Continuing, he said: "Riggsbee also approached an officer and asked him if he supposed a bill would be sent before the grand jury. The entire affair I believe to be a conspiracy to defeat the ends of justice in the state court, and if not contempt of the federal court, it was certainly contempt of the state court." He said, for the protection of the honest citizenship, he thought the courts should cooperate to suppress such a practice.

After Solicitor Brooks had concluded his remarks, Judge Purnell said that Riggsbee was guilty of contempt in the state court, and he was inclined to believe it to be contempt of the United States court.

not to testify as to what he knew about the case.

District Attorney Skinner thought the matter should be investigated, and was of the opinion that a rule should be issued against W. T. Riggsbee to show cause why he should not be adjudged guilty of contempt.

"You think that the proper course to pursue, do you?" asked Judge Purnell. "I do," was the response of the district attorney.

The rule was issued today and the hearing in the matter will be next Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. In the meantime Watson is to remain here. He is out on bond.

Riggsbee Well Known.

Riggsbee is well known in Durham and is said to be worth several hundred thousand dollars. From the manner in which Solicitor Brooks spoke of the matter this morning it is believed to be more than probable that Riggsbee will be required to show cause why he should not be judged guilty of contempt of the state court. Solicitor Brooks, in the course of his remarks, stated that after it was learned that so many witnesses who were to be summoned in the Riggsbee case had been summoned to Raleigh, that a rule was issued that any witness who failed to be present at the court in Durham and came to Raleigh would be judged guilty of contempt. This, he said, was after it was learned that there was something unusual about the proceeding.

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ADMISSION TO THE MINISTRY

Eight New Preachers Enter on Trial

EVENTS OF THIRD DAY

Preachers of Raleigh, Elizabeth City and Durham Districts Make Their Reports—Rev. F. L. Church Surrenders His Credentials as a Preacher—Bishop Wilson Lectures

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 7.—The third day's session of the Methodist Conference was called to order at 9 a. m. by Bishop Wilson, with religious services by Rev. R. L. Davis. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. Leave of absence was granted A. W. Christ and N. H. Gullon. J. E. Saunders was discontinued at his own request. The class of the fourth year, W. A. Plund, W. H. Brown, J. H. Bufalo, W. E. Brown and W. R. Jenkins were elected elders. E. H. Sams, J. W. Anthony, W. L. Rexford, H. E. Spencer, E. B. Crown and F. B. Watson were elected local deacons. Question twenty was called and preachers of Raleigh, Elizabeth City and Durham districts passed their character and reported.

Dr. J. H. Clevel, Salem; J. R. Brooks, Reidsville; W. D. Morton, of the Presbyterian Church and J. S. Hunter were introduced to the conference. Rev. F. L. Church surrendered his credentials as minister.

J. W. Anthony, W. L. Rexford, W. H. L. McLaurin, J. C. Whedde, C. T. Rogers, W. M. Dargan, L. T. Singleton and A. P. Wilcox were admitted on trial as preachers. Report number one of books and periodicals was presented. This report protests against the proposed increase in the postage rate. The ballot for editor was taken to be reported at tomorrow's session.

Bishop Wilson delivered his third lecture and at 11:40 the conference adjourned.

Notes From Conference. The First Methodist Church, where the sessions of the conference are being held, of which Rev. W. S. Roan is pastor, is one of the prettiest churches in the state.

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THE BOOM FOR SEN. CULBERSON

How a North Carolinian Has Been Launching It

RECEIVED WITH FAVOR

A Member of North Carolina Committee That Went to New York to Meet Bryan Talked Culberson at Democratic Club and Found Warm Supporters.

A prominent member of the committee that went from North Carolina last fall to New York to take part in the reception to Mr. William Jennings Bryan on his return from his tour around the world, and to invite him to visit North Carolina, tells of an incident that happened in New York at the banquet at the Democratic Club in New York the night before Mr. Bryan arrived, and it is given here for what it is worth as an item of political news.

It appears that the committeeman mentioned had been talking for some time with friends in the states of Maryland, Texas, Kentucky, Louisiana and Alabama regarding the feasibility of Senator Culberson of Texas as the democratic nominee for president in 1908.

This gentleman says that everybody he talked to grew enthusiastic over the prospect, expressing themselves as considering Mr. Culberson one of the strongest, purest and best men in the party.

At the Democratic Club banquet he mentioned the matter to several of the prominent democrats present, and he declares that practically all there to whom he broached the suggestion were greatly attracted by it. He was particularly impressed with the remarks made by the representatives of the Baltimore Sun and the Louisville Courier-Journal, who had both come to hear Mr. Bryan's speech and from whom he should say determine the policy of their respective papers as to his candidacy.

The Courier-Journal man said that his paper was already in line for Mr. Bryan and wanted to remain so, and that he hoped Mr. Bryan would not say anything that would force his journal out of line.

The Baltimore Sun man announced that he had gone there to hear what Mr. Bryan had to say in the hope that the Sun might be able to get in line.

Both newspaper men expressed regret at their papers being out of line with the party in 1896 and 1900.

Of course neither paper remained in line as far as Mr. Bryan was concerned after the speech in Madison Square Garden, and the North Carolina committeeman is more enthusiastic than ever before as to the advisability of the party selecting Senator Culberson as its standard bearer in the coming national election nearly two years hence.

In connection with this, an editorial in the Washington Post a few weeks ago is of considerable interest. The Washington paper assures the Houston Post that it commends Senator Culberson and had no intention in a former editorial of intimating that the senator from Texas was a belated objector to government ownership of railroads, and proceeds to say some very nice things about the Texas statesman. The Washington Post goes on to say:

"It is the opinion of this paper that the democratic party might easily do worse than to nominate a southern man for president of the United States, and it is the opinion of this paper that Charles A. Culberson is presidential timber. At any rate, he would not go into the campaign to defend a policy that every democrat from Jefferson to Tilden would not have touched with the tongue."

IN MOROCCO A BATTLE IMPENDS.

(By the Associated Press.)

Melilla, Morocco, Dec. 7.—A detachment of the sultan's troops, under the command of Kaid Bachina, has crossed the Moulouya River, and native runners report that the pretender's followers are preparing to attack the sultan's force. The result of the battle is anxiously awaited, although it is believed here that the sultan's soldiers will be victorious.

FIVE OF OUR MEN FELL IN BATTLE

The Pulajanes Left Thirty on the Field

FIGHTING IN LEYTE

An American Camp Attacked by Bolo Men—A Few Have Guns—These Fire a Volley and Then the Rush is Made on the Camp.

(By the Associated Press.)

Manila, Dec. 7.—Later reports of the fighting in the island of Leyte, December 5, show that Capt. Samuel V. Ham, with a detachment of Company L of the Eighth Infantry and a force of constabulary under Lieut. Ralph P. Yates, Jr., were rushed by sixty bolo men four miles from La Paz, on the Taragona trail, during the afternoon of that day. The Pulajanes had a few guns, fired a volley and then made a rush upon the American force. Five Americans were killed and nine were wounded. The enemy lost thirty men killed. The number of Pulajanes wounded and captured is not known. A detachment has started in pursuit of the insurgents. The telegraph line between Tacban and Holo is down and no further details are obtainable. The list of the American dead is as follows:

Sergeant Joseph Clark, died of a bolo wound.

Sergeant James Prover, killed with a bolo.

Private William Dufferin, killed with a bolo.

Private W. Hadley, gunshot.

Private Edward Keogh, gunshot.

The wounded were Corporal Weld, Private McHenry, Private Edge and Private Wakefield, all severely wounded, and Privates Armstrong, Brennan, Heron, Holst and Richardson, slightly wounded.

The dead were buried on the battlefield during the night of December 5.

No report has been received of any further losses among the constabulary.

THE BAPTISTS' MISSION WORK

Morning Given Over to its Discussion

MR. MASSEE'S REPORT

Suggestion That \$50,000 Be Pledged to University for Women—It Is Decided to Await the Result of the Effort to Raise \$50,000 for Wake Forest.

(By Southern Bell Telephone.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—After the report of the Baptist University for Women at Raleigh had been submitted to the Baptist Convention today by the Rev. J. C. Massee, the suggestion was made that the association pledge itself to raise \$50,000 for the institution, and the matter received considerable attention. It was finally decided, however, that in view of the fact that \$150,000 had been pledged to Wake Forest it was advisable to await the result of that effort. Still, the convention showed that it is in hearty sympathy with the excellent work of the University and is anxious to advance it in every possible way. It was shown in the report read by Mr. Massee that the institution has 355 students, representing seven states and nine denominations.

The morning session was devoted principally to state missions, the report of the state board indicating wonderful progress within the past year. The report recommended that \$40,000 be placed to the credit of the board, and this was unanimously adopted.

Many excellent addresses on the mission question were made during the morning and there was lively interest in the proceedings. Much routine ground was covered, and altogether the convention is making rapid progress with its work.

TWO CITY CARS SMASH TOGETHER

Met on Curve at Morgan and Salisbury Streets

LITTLE DAMAGE DONE

One Passenger Received a Slight Cut on the Head and a Few Bruises—Disabled Car Was Being Carried to the Shed and Collided With Hillsboro Street Car.

There was a head-on collision this morning about 8 o'clock between city cars Nos. 8 and 4 where the line makes the curve at the intersection of Morgan and Salisbury streets. Fortunately no one was seriously hurt, but several were right badly scared. On the south-bound car was one passenger, Mr. John McDonald, prescription clerk at the Hicks Drug Company; on the other car, Dr. George T. Winston, Mr. George W. Thompson and Policeman Mart Thompson.

The accident was caused by the conductor on No. 4 being of the opinion that he had a clear track and had started to the shed with a disabled car which was being run backwards with the motor on the rear end and the conductor on the front holding the trolley. The Hillsboro street car stopped at the junction of Hillsboro and Salisbury streets and after waiting for a few minutes proceeded down Salisbury. The speed of the car had been slackened so as to make the curve, and but for this the crash would have been much more severe. The cars met right on the curve and No. 4 was knocked around and made to face down Morgan street. Neither car was damaged to any great extent, but of the two the Blount street car fared the worse, the windows in the vestibule having been broken and some of the wood work splintered. The Hillsboro street car suffered no damage other than the fender being bent and the sign knocked off.

Motorman W. M. King and Conductor S. W. Eason were on No. 4 and Motorman T. W. Green and H. D. Davis on No. 8. Conductor Eason got one finger slightly cut, and with this exception none of the other employes were hurt. Mr. George W. Thompson, vice president of the Virginia Cotton Mill, was hurt worse than any one else, and his injuries are of but small consequence. He was standing in the rear door of the Hillsboro street car, looking back of the car and when they met he was thrown full length in the car, sustaining a small scalp wound on the back of the head and his left elbow was bruised.

The conductor on the northbound car stated that he would not meet a car, so he thought it best to get to the shed as quickly as possible and get another car. As stated above, they started off pulling the car backwards. According to the rules, the Blount street car should have waited at Martin for the Hillsboro street car.

Both cars were got on the track in a very short time after the accident occurred. The Raleigh Electric Company has very competent men employed, and it is the rarest thing that an accident occurs. They have a regular dispatcher to look after the cars, something that few companies have except in the larger cities.

Manager Carr's Statement.

The following statement of the accident was made by General Manager Carr of the Raleigh Electric Company: "The Blount street car, in charge of Motorman King and Conductor Eason, was delayed by reason of some trouble with the controller, and should have waited at Hillsboro and Martin for the Hillsboro street car. It came on, however, and met the Hillsboro car at the corner of Salisbury and Morgan streets. Motorman Davis and Conductor Green were in charge of the Hillsboro car and they were running according to schedule.

"Conductor Eason's hand was slightly cut by a broken glass. A colored employe on the Hillsboro car received a shock, but his injuries were slight. No passengers were hurt, so far as I have been able to ascertain. There were no passengers on the Blount street car."

OUR DAIRY AND MEAT EXPORTS.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 7.—According to a statement issued today by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, more than \$250,000,000 worth of meat and dairy products will have passed out of the United States into the markets of other parts of the world in the year ending with the present month. This total is made up of a little over \$200,000,000 worth of meats, \$350,000,000 worth of cattle, and about

CHI PSI FRATERNITY HOUSE AT CORNELL CRUMBLES IN FLAME

\$100,000,000 worth of butter, cheese and milk.

No feature of the export trade in agricultural products has shown a more steady and rapid growth than that of meat and dairy products, of which there was an increase of about 60 per cent during the past decade.

DEATH OF ALDERMAN

WARD F. JOHNSON.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 7.—After an illness of several weeks with paresis, Alderman Ward F. Johnson died this morning at 4:30 o'clock at his home in north Ninth street.

Alderman Johnson was one of Wilmington's leading public men. He was a former chairman of the county democratic executive committee and at the time of his death was candidate for mayor and the acknowledged head of the municipal ownership forces.

A RUINOUS FIRE

IN LUMBER YARDS.

(By the Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—The plant and stock of the Union Lumber Company, at Sixth and Hooper streets, was completely destroyed by fire early today. The flames were confined, by hard work of the fire department, to the premises of the company. The loss is estimated at over \$200,000.

TRAINS MEET IN A DEADLY CRASH

Four People Are Killed and Three Are Injured

ON THE MAINE CENTRAL

The Wreck Reported to Be Due to a Misunderstanding of Orders—Both Engineers Among the Dead; Also One of the Firemen; the Other Badly Hurt.

(By the Associated Press.)

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 7.—Four people were killed and three others seriously injured in a head-on collision between a special and a regular freight train on the Maine Central Railroad near the small station of Annabesscook late last night. The wreck was said to be due to a misunderstanding of orders. Both trains were going so fast when they met that eight of the thirteen cars of the special were hurled over the engine and demolished with the greater part of the contents. The track was blocked for hours.

The dead are:

Fireman Hodges, of the special.

Engineer Forrest Fletcher, of the regular train.

Engineer Harriman, of the special.

Brakeman Lowe, of Lewiston.

The injured:

Fireman Charles F. Freeman, of the regular train, sustained a compound fracture of the arm, which may have to be amputated at the shoulder.

Two brakemen were badly cut about the head and sustained severe scalds and burns.

APPROVES MAKING

JAPANESE CITIZENS.

(By the Associated Press.)

Honolulu, Dec. 7.—United States Commissioner of Immigration Sargent, who is here from Washington to investigate the subject says the Hawaiian immigration law has been compiled with in the importation of Portuguese, but that the department of justice will review the law.

Governor Carter expresses his approval of the naturalization of Japanese as advocated by President Roosevelt in his message to congress that popular sentiment favors the position taken by the people of California. The planters here claim that they have spent large sums to build up and develop a middle class of substantial citizens.

Three Firemen Pinned Beneath Fallen Wall Roast to Death

OTHER LIVES LOST IN FIERCE FLOOD OF FIRE

Some of the Students Taken From the Ruins Bruised and Blackened by the Smoke—The Heat So Intense That the Firemen Were Driven Too Far From One Side of the Building to Be Able to Fight the Fire—A Lawyer Among the Dead Firemen. Desperate Leaps for Life.

(By the Associated Press.)

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Early this morning the beautiful Chi Psi Fraternity House at Cornell University caught fire and soon the first floor was aflame. Before the fire department could arrive O. L. Schmuck of Hanover, Pa., had jumped from a third-story window and was so severely injured that it is feared he will die.

Three of Ithaca's volunteer firemen were killed while fighting the flames. Four students lie in the infirmary at the point of death, while at the time of writing, it is not known how many are in the ruins. The chapter house, which was a mansion built by Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske, on the campus overlooking Cayuga Lake, but never occupied by her because of her premature death, was a beautiful structure of sandstone. It was handsomely decorated within with marble and mahogany. It is now a heap of ruins. The walls, which were of rubble masonry collapsed under the flames and high wind.

The firemen killed were:

A. S. Robinson, a lawyer and graduate of Cornell.

Esty Landon.

John Rumsey.

They Were Roasted.

They were manipulating a hose on the north side of the building when the wall collapsed on them and pinned them, slowly to roast under the burning debris. When the fire department arrived the screams of two men appearing in the windows of the southwest tower, over the main entrance were heard. For some reason the men hesitated to jump, and before they could be reached the tower collapsed and the men were buried beneath the ruins. They were W. W. Goetz of Milwaukee, and H. M. Nichols of Chicago. Goetz was later rescued. He is injured.

The burning chapter house burned rapidly, and the walls cracked apart in all directions. The fire was so hot that the firemen were driven from the southeast side of the building. They put up a hard fight, but the walls were so hot that any attempts at rescue were impossible.

President Schurman of Cornell and his staff are preparing a list of wounded and missing.

In Pitiable Condition.

Among those who were taken from the ruins were J. M. McCutcheon of Pittsburg, the football full back substitute. Those taken out were in a pitiable condition. They were bleeding and bruised by falling bricks and timbers and blackened by smoke. Several of those who had been thus caught were badly burned. It is said that McCutcheon, who jumped, will die. O. L. Schmuck of Hanover, who also jumped, is already dead.

C. J. Pope, a freshman member of the fraternity, is missing, and is supposed to be under the ruins. At the present time it is impossible to discover what town or city he comes from.

The fire is still blazing fiercely, and it will be several hours before the ruins will be cool enough to undertake any rescue work. Many of the students at first supposed to be missing are being cared for at other fraternity houses in the vicinity.

This is the most terrible disaster that has ever occurred at Cornell, though at the Delta Chi Chapter (Continued on Page 2.)