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SMALL POTATO IN A BIG HILL

Arkansas' Jeff Davis Turned Loose in the Senate

HOT, SNORTING SPEECH

He's a Trust Buster From 'Way Back—Wants to Put Stripes on the Rich Malefactors—Criticises the Salary of the President and Sets the Gaseous Atmosphere About His Head Aflame With Cheap Talk and Raht.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, delivered a red-hot speech in the senate this afternoon. It was his maiden effort in that body, and was the first set-speech by any senator in the sixtieth congress. Moreover it was made just nine days after he had taken his seat as a member.

It was in advocacy of the destruction of trusts and the placing of felon's stripes upon rich malefactors. He declared that a prison sentence starting John D. Rockefeller in the face would make him a law-abiding citizen. He stigmatized Wall Street speculators as gamblers and thieves, and charged them with precipitating the recent money panic.

He criticised the annual salary of President Roosevelt which he put at \$113,000. He said he did not need that sum to live on. "And I've got the president skinned a city block in the matter of a family," he exclaimed. "I have eight children; he has only five."

He ridiculed the administration's anti-trust policy, and challenged any republican senator to name a trust which Roosevelt had "even tamed" in his seven years of "octopus hunting."

He sounds like a small potato in a big hill.

In contemptuous tones, Davis declared that "unless conditions change, it will not be long before American statesmen are wearing knee breeches, with brass buckles and powdered wigs and bowing down to semi-royalty."

His speech was upon a bill which he introduced shortly after the opening of congress, making any attempt to regulate and control prices a conspiracy, punishable by a heavy fine and long imprisonment. It further provides for the revocation of the company's charter, and permits recovery of the purchase price.

"Are we in earnest when we go before the American people," he asked, "and tell them that trusts are bad things; that trusts ought to be destroyed; that trusts ought to be wiped from the face of the earth? Then answer the people, why this bill shouldn't become a law. Does it interfere with vested rights? No remedy which means only their destruction can be too drastic. Anything short of destruction; any temporizing, any palliation of this wrong will not satisfy an outraged public and will not bring the relief desired. The trust evil is a cancer sore upon the body politic just as upon the human body. The only remedy is a surgeon's knife. Cut it out by the roots, and destroy the virus.

New Broom Has the Destiny of the World On His Shoulders.

"It is the bounded duty of congress to act. If we don't destroy the trusts, then I tremble for the public. I tremble for the government itself. The creature is growing greater and stronger and more powerful than its creator. If permitted for only a few years to run without check for hindrance, instead of the government prescribing the terms upon which the trusts do business, trusts will be prescribing the terms upon which the government may do business.

"Nearly seven years of Mr. Roosevelt's strenuous term has passed, with all the machinery of the government at his back. Yet, I ask, will some republican senator upon this floor tell me one trust he has ever tamed, much less destroyed.

"It has been said that corporations should be treated justly and fairly. That is too often the shield behind which cowardly public servants evade their duty. You need not lose any sleep about the corporations not getting their rights. Our solitude should be for the man who bears the burdens of the government.

"Treat a trust robber like an ordinary felon. Make the strong arm (Continued on Second Page.)

7 MEN KILLED BY FALLING BRIDGE

Flood Throws Fales of Unfinished Bridge

BODIES WASHED A MILE

More Than Twenty Are Seriously and Some of Them Fatally Injured. Accident Occurred Last Night—All Were Taken by Surprise and Little Could Be Done Till This Morning Toward Rescuing the Injured. Particulars.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 11.—High water late last night caused the collapse of a new bridge being built over the west branch of the Susquehanna River at Millville, and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others.

The dead: A. W. Fash, Selin's Grove. Charles Croister, Selin's Grove. Adam Nuss, Selin's Grove. Adam Tritt, Beaverville. Irving Updegraff, Georgetown. Millard Bowman, Millville. George B. Faus, address unknown. Seriously injured:

William Boyer, New York City, back broken; Ray Sherwood, Me-shoppen; Percival Reichterback, William Reichterback, William Moyer, Luther Eckerd, Cecil Sharar, Newton Dalton, Harry G. Goodling, John Seasholtz, John Fisher, William Welking, Jacob Johnson.

Debris carried down the stream by the flood struck the false work of the bridge and caused its collapse.

The accident occurred late at night, and it was hard to do anything in the way of rescue. The workmen were all thrown into the water.

The bodies of four of those killed were found floating on the surface, entangled in the bent and twisted girders. Some of the men were carried a mile down the river.

BAD FIRE TODAY AT LEXINGTON; \$25,000 LOSS

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Lexington, N. C., Dec. 11.—Early this morning, soon after midnight, a fire was discovered in the store of the Taylor-Mendenhall Company and before the flames could be checked the building was gutted. Considerable damage was done to the Lexington Drug Company and the store of C. A. Adderton & Company was slightly damaged, the total damage being about \$25,000 with about \$16,000 of insurance. T. J. Taylor, of the Taylor-Mendenhall Company, was stopping on the second floor of the building and was awakened by the smoke. He rushed down stairs and found the rear end of the store in flames. The stairway leads to the rear of the store and in a few minutes his exit would have been cut off. Before the firemen could respond to the alarm the store was a mass of flames. The firm conducted a general dry goods business and the value of the stock was estimated at \$14,000 with \$9,000 insurance. Damage to building, which is owned by R. B. McCrary, about \$6,000 with \$2,000 insurance. Damage to Lexington Drug Company, W. L. Welborn, manager, about \$3,000, fully covered by insurance, and building, which is owned by E. E. Raper and others, about \$2,500 insurance. Dry goods store of G. A. Adderton & Company was damaged about \$100, fully covered by insurance. Practically no damage to building. Goods of the Drug Company were damaged by water but roof of building was burned off. All of the buildings are in a few yards of the court house.

RECEIVERS APPOINTED FOR JIMTOWN EXPO.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Judge Waddill, of the United States court, has announced A. H. Martin, Edward Lamb and William M. Geddie, receivers for the Jamestown Exposition.

SOUTHERN MEN AT ASHEVILLE MAY STRIKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 11.—As the result of the removal of Superintendent Ramsour and a half dozen others of the higher officials and trainmen on this division, numbering several thousand or more, have threatened to walk out. They say that the Asheville officials were not treated fairly, and have appealed to President Finley in regard to the dismissals.

Some of the deposed officials say they will carry their case to the courts in order to make the railroads prove the allegations set forth in their orders of dismissal. (Continued on Page Five.)



THE AMERICAN WOMAN SENDS MORE TIME ON HER DRESS THAN SHE DOES ON HER BUSINESS. THE ENGLISH WOMAN ON THE CONTRARY TAKES TIME FOR EVERYTHING.

Lord Fairfax, Only American Peer, Holds a Seat in the House of Lords.



Lord Fairfax, "the only American Peer." He is a citizen of this country, and holds a seat in the House of Lords, England. In speaking of American Women and comparing them to their English cousins Lord Fairfax brought out the facts illustrated in the accompanying sketches.

14 LAID AWAY IN POTTER'S FIELD

Scenes at the Wrecked Mines That Harden Hearts

55 GRAVEDIGGERS WORK

Funerals Held in the Night As Well As Day—About 200 of the 500 Bodies Recovered Up to Noon Today—The Others Are Expected to Be Brought Up Before End of Week—No Hearses, No Mourners for Many of Them—Gruesome Particulars.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 11.—In the neighborhood of 200 bodies have been recovered from the wrecked mines up to noon today.

The miners have reached those sections of the mine where the majority of the miners were at work during the time of the explosion and expect to get out bodies as rapidly every day.

The company officials believe that if nothing serious intervenes all of the bodies will have been removed within the next forty-eight hours, or fifty-six hours at the very latest.

Of the bodies recovered only twenty-three remain unidentified. Fourteen of these were buried without identification. The bodies were in such a bad state of decomposition that it was impossible to hold them for more than two hours. They were then hurried to the graveyard and laid away in an improvised potters field. Funeral services were held all day yesterday and were continued through the night in order that all bodies may be interred as fast as possible. Most of them are in such condition that it is impossible to keep them for more than three or four hours.

To get the bodies to the graveyard it was necessary to press into service ordinary road wagons. The roads are in such condition that four horses were necessary to haul each load to the cemetery. No less than two bodies were hauled in each wagon and in some instances four were carried to the graveyard at the same time. At the churches services were held over six and eight bodies at one time.

Fifty-five grave diggers work in relays day and night.

Another change was made yesterday in the estimate as to the number of men in the mine at the time of the explosion. The time-keeper of the company says that 436 checks were distributed to as many miners on the morning of the explosion. Each miner gets his check as he enters the mine. It was also claimed that this number is independent of the trapper boys and pit fire bosses. While opinions are greatly in variance as to the actual number killed, a conservative estimate places it at 450 at least and it may go to 500.

212 Bodies Have Been Brought Up.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 11.—At noon a total of 187 victims had been (Continued on Page Five.)

FINLEY CONFERS WITH GOV. TODAY

Definite Statement of What Was Done Withheld

TO BE NO EXTRA SESSION

Only Southern and Seaboard Accepted Proposition—Governor Glenn in Regard to Them Says Railroads First Came to Him With Proposals Which Were Rejected. Asked to Submit Proposal, He Did So, Subject to Approval of General Assembly.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

That the prospects of an extra session of the general assembly to settle the railway rate litigation are poor was made evident by a statement by Governor Glenn to a representative of The Evening Times this afternoon.

Mr. W. W. Finley, president of the Southern Railway, was in Raleigh today and called on the governor. After Mr. Finley had retired the reporter asked if there was anything to give out.

"You may say," said Governor Glenn, in regard to the rate matter, "that I did make the first proposition—that the railways try the new two and a quarter cent rate, and if they find it burdensome, that I would recommend its appeal by the general assembly. That proposition was accepted. But I did not make other proposals to the railroads. These came to me with propositions, which I rejected. Then, since the matter could not be settled, they asked me to submit a proposition, which I did, subject, of course, to the approval of the general assembly. The Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line accepted my proposition, but some of the other roads rejected.

"Unless all the railways had accepted it, I would not recommend anything. The matter now stands as it was, since any recommendation to the legislature must meet with the unanimous approval of the roads concerned."

The talk of an extra session, it is gathered from the governor's frank statement, is a bit premature. The governor did not, as has been stated by some of the papers, make overtures to the warring railroads, but merely when requested to do so, submitted a proposition which he told them he would submit to the general assembly. Since only the Southern and Seaboard have accepted it, no special session will be called and the entire question will probably be settled in the courts.

President Finley left this afternoon for Washington.

TO SUPPRESS NIGHT RAIDERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 11.—Governor A. E. Willson, who was inaugurated at Frankfort yesterday, took immediate steps toward suppressing the mob spirit among the tobacco planters in the state. Calling about him Attorney-General James Breathitt, Brigadier-General Roger D. Williams, and others, a consultation was held with State Fire Marshal Mott Ayres, who had just returned from Hopkinsville, where a mob burned about \$200,000 worth of property last week. Trouble is also brewing at Carlisle and Mount Sterling, and the military authorities were ordered to take the proper precautions to have the state protected. A company of militia was sent into Trig county, where the mob was raised that went to Hopkinsville, and it is expected to make important arrests.

WHITE MOB ATTACKED A NEGRO SOCIETY; A FIGHT; 7 DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 11.—Seven persons are reported killed in a race riot in Pickens county, Alabama, in the attack of a white mob on a negro society.

DELAWARE DEMOCRATS ENDORSE JUDGE GRAY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Dover, Del., Dec. 11.—The democratic state convention has passed a resolution endorsing Judge Gray, of Delaware, for the presidency.

FIGHTING BOB'S PACIFIC FLEET

Says He Will Certainly Sail Next Monday

CHRISTMAS AT TRINIDAD

In the Harbor of Port of Spain the Sailors Will Be Given Shore Leave to Enjoy Christmas in Their Own Way—10,000 Pounds of Turkey Taken On Board—Elaborate Menu for the Bluejackets—Notes of the Fleet and Cruise.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—Thanks to "Fighting Bob" Evans, every one of the 15,000 and more officers and men of the Atlantic fleet will have opportunity to spend Christmas ashore as usual, and thanks of both Admiral Evans and Brownson, each of them will have opportunity to receive Christmas presents in their stockings on Christmas eve as usual.

Admiral Evans has announced to the navy department that not only will he see that every ship of the fleet sails from Hampton Roads on schedule time, the morning of December 16, but he will have all before the harbor of Port of Spain, Trinidad, on schedule time, December 24. Efforts will be made to reach the first stop on the morning of December 24th, in order that the shore leave of the men may be divided, those who desire to spend Christmas eve ashore and the remainder Christmas day, it being against custom to allow all men to leave the ships at one time.

Through the determined efforts of Admiral Evans the 40,000 pounds of Christmas turkey, which went by default on the part of the original contractor, all has been put aboard and an unusually elaborate menu is being prepared for the feast of the soldiers that day. Baseball and other sports will be indulged in on shore.

In the meantime, orders are being prepared by Admiral Brownson for the prompt handling of all Christmas presents for the officers and men.

REIDSVILLE BANK PRES'D DIED TODAY

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Reidsville, N. C., Dec. 11.—R. F. Williams, president of the Bank of Reidsville, and of the projected Rockingham and Caswell Railroad, an ex-mayor and one of this section's most useful citizens, died at noon today as a result of trouble caused by uric acid.

THE SIX DAYS' BIKE CONTEST; MORE DROP OUT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 11.—Two more teams in the six day bicycle grind in Madison Square Garden retired from the race this morning. The team made up of Samuelson of Salt Lake City, and W. E. Mitten of Davenport, Ia., was compelled to quit on account of the poor physical condition of Samuelson, who has been suffering from stomach trouble and general breakdown.

Then Wilcox and Williams, the Mormon team, decided not to go on and notified Manager Pollock they were through.

The only real excitement of the morning was the attempt of Wilcox to gain a lap. Although Wilcox and his partner were two miles and five laps behind the leaders, the other riders went sailing after him at the same terrific speed as if he were on even terms with them. Williams and his partner lost their two miles as a result of the scorers failing to pull the bell five times when a rider got off the track, which meant for the others to slow. As Williams had failed to register any complaint about his wheel being out of order, the officials decided he should lose the two miles, and the score went against his team.

The Score Today.

New York, Dec. 11.—At 10 o'clock score bicycle races (5th hour): Folger and Lawson, 92.9; Rutt and Stoll, 92.9; Lawson and MacDonald, 92.7; George and Dupre, 92.9; Logan and Bardgett, 92.8; Galvin and Wiley, 92.8; Krebs and Vanderstuyft, 92.9; Downing and Downey, 92.8; Breton and Vanoni, 92.8.

The record for the 57th hour is 1,130 miles, one lap, made by Miller and Waller in 1899.

Score at 2 O'clock.

New York, Dec. 11.—At 2 o'clock the bike race score (6th hour) is as follows: Folger and Moran, 1,054 miles, 3 laps; Rutt and Stoll, 1,054.3; Lawson and MacDonald, 1,054.9; George and Dupre, 1,054.2; Logan and Bardgett, 1,054.2; Galvin and Wiley, 1,054.2; Krebs and Vanderstuyft, 1,054.2. (Continued on Page Five.)

ANDY CARNEGIE CHIPS IN TWO MILLION MORE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, Dec. 11.—Andrew Carnegie has added \$2,000,000 to the \$10,000,000 endowment fund of the Carnegie Institution of Washington. Being unable to attend the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the institution at the New Willard yesterday Mr. Carnegie conveyed the gift in a letter to Dr. R. S. Woodward, the president.

At the meeting, called to order at 10 o'clock the trustees made appropriations aggregating \$529,540 to carry on investigations and work planned for the coming year. The annual dinner of the trustees was held last evening in the cabinet room of the New Willard, and was very elaborate.

CHRISTMAS 'POSSUM ON DE WHITE HOUSE ROOSEVELT TABLE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 11.—A fat Georgia possum is to be a part of the Christmas cheer at the white house. This possum was caught several days ago and is being fattened on persimmons by Mrs. Helen Longstreet, postmaster at Gainesville, who will ship it to President Roosevelt just before Christmas.

The possum is a big fellow, and the persimmon diet is adding fat at a great rate. Mrs. Longstreet is the widow of the Confederate general, Longstreet.

Meeting of the Lady Macabees.

There will be a meeting of the Lady Macabees at 7:30 this evening. The meeting is an important one, as officers are to be elected.