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WHOSE LIPS DRIP WITH PROFANITY

Methodist Preachers Attack Speaker Cannon

IN PENNA. CONFERENCE

Rev. Dr. Baker and Other Members of the Conference Denounce Uncle Joe for His Record and Attitude on the Subject of Anti-Liquor Legislation in Congress—Say It is a Shame Such a Man Should Hold So Responsible a Position in the Government.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 17.—Methodist ministers at their conference here have attacked Speaker Cannon of the house of representatives. Dr. Perley A. Baker, superintendent of the National Anti-Liquor League, which is making a wholesale fight for the passage of prohibitory and local option legislation throughout the country, led the attack. He said: "It is a disgrace and an outrage that a man whose lips drip with profanity and whose energies are directed to the furthering of the liquor interests of the country should occupy a position of power only second in this great republic." To Mr. Cannon Dr. Baker attributed the federal laws which he said hampered the state legislation already passed against the liquor traffic, by not allowing local option or prohibitory laws to become operative as soon as liquor crossed the border of a local option or prohibition state. He attacked him, also, for advocating the army canteen at a meeting in Chicago.

TODAY'S WORK IN CONGRESS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 17.—In the senate today Senator Newlands spoke at length on his bill for an inland waterways commission. Senator Hall announced the list of selections to fill vacancies on the committees. Senator Culberson called up his resolution directing the finance committee to inquire into the causes of the financial stringency, and report relief measures. Senator Aldrich moved to refer to the finance committee, but it was allowed to lie over. On motion of Senator Tillman a resolution was passed directing the finance committee to consider whether the government can discontinue granting liquor dealers' licenses where local option prevails. A joint resolution was adopted fixing the holiday recess from December 21 to January 6. The house joint resolution was passed to pay house and senate employees on December 21 for the month of December.

In the house there was no session. Work in the house will be resumed Thursday.

LEXINGTON BANKS RESUME PAYMENTS

Lexington, N. C., Dec. 17.—At a meeting of the Lexington Clearing House Association held this morning it was decided to pay local checks in the future in cash, but foreign checks will be paid partly in script for a week or two longer. Lexington is one of the first towns in the state where script was issued to discard it. Cash payment on checks is no longer limited to \$25.

JURY WOULD NOT CONVICT MRS. PEEBLES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Bedford City, Va., Dec. 17.—The trial of Mrs. Edward M. Peebles, charged with the murder of her husband, resulted in a hung jury and the jurors were discharged.

THOUSANDS OF CABMEN STRIKE

3,500 Quit Work in New York This Morning

QUESTION \$1 & 2 HOURS

Cab Service of All the Livery Stables, Hotels, Restaurants and Cab-Stands Tied Up—The Cabbies Want Uniform Scale Wage of \$15 Per Week, 12-Hour Day, Instead of \$14 and 14-Hour Day, As Has Obtained for Last 15 Years. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 17.—Thirty-five hundred cabmen went on strike at 6 o'clock this morning, tying up the service of all the hotels, restaurants, stables and cab-stands in the city. The strike followed a fruitless conference between representatives of the Liberty Dawn Association of Hack Drivers and the Livery Stables' Protective Association at the Imperial Hotel at which an ultimatum embodying the demands of the men was presented. A joint session of the executive council of the hack drivers and the New York Council of the United Teamsters of America then declared a strike. The men decided to demand \$15 a week for seven days' work and twelve hours of a day. It was impossible for the committee to reach an agreement with the employers. The men have had \$14 a week and ten hours off a day for fourteen years.

FED. OF LABOR IS RESTRAINED FROM BOYCOTT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Justice Gould this morning granted, as prayed for by President VanCleave of the Bucks Stove & Range Company, of St. Louis, Mo., a temporary injunction restraining the American Federation of Labor from boycotting and publishing the range company on its unfair list and otherwise interfering with the business of the corporation. The temporary injunction will hold in force until the hearing of the petition filed by the range company last August for a permanent injunction against the labor organization to permanently restrain that body from boycotting and interfering with the business interests and the sales of the range company. Justice Gould says the evidence presented shows conclusively that the American Federation of Labor had and is boycotting the range company by publishing it in The American Federationist, the official organ of the A. F. L., as unfair to organized labor and in the publications of affiliated organized bodies and that it has formed a conspiracy and boycott to injure the business and financial interests of the range company. Secretary Taft is liberally quoted in decisions along this line of injunctions during his judgeship in the Ohio courts. Justice Gould issued the temporary injunction on the ground that the interference of the officers of the A. F. L. is an unlawful invasion of the rights of the plaintiff.

GEORGIA EDITOR AND LEGISLATOR DIED TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Gainesville, Ga., Dec. 17.—Col. H. W. J. Ham, aged 56, died at his home here early this morning of heart trouble. Colonel Ham had been a member of the general assembly, state senator, and for a number of years he edited the Gainesville Eagle and the Gainesville News. Later he became connected with a department of the government at Washington. In later years he had successfully lectured all over the country, his theme being "The Reign of the Snolly Goster." Colonel Ham is survived by four children—Mrs. R. J. Hughes, of Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. A. C. Bridgman, of Columbia, S. C.; Lamar Ham, of Mansfield, Ga.; and Walter C. Ham, of Gainesville.

WAGES MUST NOT BE REDUCED AT THIS TIME YEAR

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 17.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has served notice upon employers that attempts to reduce wages at this time will be fought to the utmost. He delivered the ultimatum in an address at a dinner of the Civic Federation, attended by 800 persons at the Hotel Astor. John Mitchell also included in his speech a similar warning to employers. "Since I have been in New York," said Mr. Gompers, "I have been approached a dozen times by bankers, financiers, capitalists, in open conversation, in written communications, and in whispers to the effect that wages must come down; that the laboring man must make up his mind to bear his share of the hard times."

"And I turned to those men and I asked them whether the soil of our country is less fertile, the treasure beneath the soil less valuable, men's minds less active, the laboring man's less industrious. Wherefore, I asked them, is there reason or necessity to thus attack the American standard of our workingmen?" "The history of industry demonstrates that every such reduction of wages, intended to meet such conditions as now exist, has only accentuated the situation, made matters worse. When you reduce the laboring man's earning capacity you reduce his consuming power and thereby intensify what was already bad enough." "So I say to the employers, to the bankers, the lawyers, the manufacturers, the mine operators—to all employers—that if they now attempt to reduce the wages they are not going to have the easy sailing they had a few years ago, for the American workingman has come to the conclusion that if, for any reason the financial situation is as it is—and I shall not suggest any reason—it was not, at any rate, due to any fault on the part of the working people. They have made up their minds that they are not going to be the chief sufferers because of an artificial panic, or of one caused by the blunders of those in charge of the finances of the country." Speaking along the same line, Mr. Mitchell said: "It is not going to make matters any better to reduce wages. Such resorts have never failed to make matters worse, instead of better."

The dinner followed a day session in the Park Avenue Hotel. Among the spectators were August Belmont, Andrew Carnegie, General Frederick D. Grant, President Elliot, of Harvard; Postmaster-General Meyer, former Governor Herrick, of Ohio; Alfred Crozier, of Wilmington, Del.; and others. Andrew Mifflin, president of the Dry Goods Association, said: "I am gully, but thought to keep it quiet. I cannot die with this on me. I received my just reward for what I did and I want to meet you in heaven. I think I will go there."

In Dorsey's cell was found this note, in which he declared his innocence: "My last word to you and before God and man is that I am innocent of these murders. Gibson is the man who killed them. Gibson robbed the house and set fire to it. I did not see Gibson until the next morning, when I went to Camden. I got \$25 which he gave me. Then we went back to Camden and were arrested. He did not know the women were married at the time. This is my last truthful statement of the case by one who is going to die."

Miss Olga Sjostedt Who Was Rescued From a Log-Cabin Home in Halifax County, N. C., Last Week



INNOCENT MAN HANGED TODAY IN NEW JERSEY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—In a double execution in the state prison today a probably innocent man was put to death. His innocence was not established until after the execution, when the cells he and his companion had occupied in the death house were searched and notes were found showing that he had taken a minor part in the brutal murder of Mrs. Horner and Mrs. Perkins. Charles Gibson and Stephen Dorsey, colored, were the men put to death in the new electric chair. After they were dead this note was found in Gibson's cell, addressed to Ernest Horner, a former New Camden and husband of one of the murdered women: "I am sorry for what I did, am sorry for yourself and for myself. I killed the two women and Dorsey did not have anything to do with it except to accompany me. Tell Wash Payne that I set his barn on fire last summer. Tell him I won't see him anymore."

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SOUTHERN MEN ON COMMITTEES

North Carolina Is Very Well Taken Care Of

OVERMAN ON JUDICIARY

Democratic Steering Committee Completes List of Assignments to Committees of Congress—List of the Assignment of Democratic Senators—First Time North Carolina Has Been Represented on Senate Judiciary Committee Since the Death of Vance. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 17.—The democratic steering committee has completed its list of assignments to committees of Congress. List of the Assignment of Democratic Senators—First Time North Carolina Has Been Represented on Senate Judiciary Committee Since the Death of Vance. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

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MORE THAN 50 KILLED IN MINE

35 Bodies Recovered Up to Early This Morning

LIST OF THE IDENTIFIED

Only One Instance of the Kind in Which So Many Lives Were Lost. Nearly Half of Those Killed Were Negroes—Among the Bodies Hauled Up Is That of the Mine Foreman, Bob Arnold—Particulars of Horror Noted Yesterday in The Times. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Yolande, Ala., Dec. 17.—Thirty-five bodies, many of which are horribly mutilated, have been taken from the ill-fated mine here of the Yolande Coal & Coke Company at midnight. Not since the terrible disaster at Virginia mines, eight miles north of here, about four years ago, has there occurred such a death-dealing catastrophe as the explosion which took place in mine No. 1 of the company at 10:25 o'clock yesterday morning. Of the 70-odd men who entered the mine at 7 o'clock, it is believed three score miners have met an awful death in the stone mine. At 11:30 o'clock last night the following dead, as nearly as possible that could be identified, had been taken from the mine: T. WHITE, JR., LUM WRIGHT, BOB ARNOLD, mine foreman, MIKE MEYERS, WILL TOWE, ARTHUR SNIEDLEY, NEIL RIDER, engineer, TOM NEWELL, CHARLES SATTERFELD, JOE MADISON, ANTHONY STOKES, MATTHEW STOKES, JOHN M. TUCKER, D. H. MORRISON. So far the colored dead number fourteen, and it has been practically impossible to identify these on account of the wild excitement among the negroes. All last night the work of recovering dead bodies from mine No. 1 was continued and at 10 o'clock this morning it is believed that all the corpses will have been taken out by midnight. It is now estimated that fifty-five men and boys were killed. According to the records of the time-keeper, third State Mine Inspector Gray was at the mine at the time of the explosion. It is believed that seventy men were in the mine at the time of the accident. Of these twenty-three are thought to have escaped, nearly all being accounted for. Opinion differs as to the cause of the disaster. Superintendent Huckaboo says he suspects the mine was in excellent condition and does not believe that there was any great amount of gas in the slope or entrances. However, some miners give it as their opinion that there was gas in the mine. State Mine Inspector Gray was at the scene a few hours after the explosion. He declines to make any statement pending his official report to the governor.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lansing, Mich., Dec. 17.—Bishop Charles D. Williams of Detroit, in an address yesterday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, contended that at present saloons are a necessity. "I do not believe absolute prohibition is possible at the present time," he said. "You take the saloons away from the man and you leave a big hole for which there seems nothing at the present time to fill. When a substitute for the saloon pleasure is found, then prohibition can be worked out."

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BISHOP AGAINST PROHIBITION LAW

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DEMOCRATS ARE QUITE HOPEFUL

Are Encouraged at the Political Outlook

WILL PROFIT BY PANIC

Republicans Will Have to Tell People Why Panic Came—John Sharp Williams Will Not Serve on Ways and Means—Is Ambitious for Champ Clark, Who May Be Democratic Choice for Speaker of House. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Signs are not looking that the democrats in the house are much encouraged by the political outlook and will make a vigorous campaign this winter to face the financial difficulties in the country at the door of the republican party. John Sharp Williams, minority leader, has announced that he will not again serve on the ways and means committee. He gives as his reason that he will be too busy on the floor to be able to follow the committee work. Some of his colleagues, however, attribute his action to a desire to make Champ Clark, of Missouri, ranking minority member on that committee and thus give impetus to his bid for the speakership in the next house, should it be democratic, or for the minority leadership, should it be republican. At least a part of the policy of Mr. Williams is indicated by the number of resolutions he has introduced to amend the Dingley tariff on specific articles. An aggressive fight against the present tariff will be made by the minority. Considerable interest is being evinced among the democrats in the election of the chairman of the democratic congressional committee early in January. Mr. Griggs, of Georgia, will not again run and it is not likely that Mr. Bowers, of Mississippi, will again serve as vice chairman. Mr. Lloyd, now democratic whip, and Mr. Flood, of Virginia, are contending for the chairmanship. It is likely that Representative Francis Burton Harris, of New York, will be chosen to take a prominent part in the campaign.