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PRESIDENT PRAISES, BLAMES NOT WILEY

Pure Food Expert Will Not Be Asked to Resign From the Government Service

"SQUARES" THE BOARD

Recommendation of Personnel Board and Attorney General Wickersham Overruled by the President and He Gives Praise Instead of Criticism to Dr. Wiley—He "Squares" the Board However, by Intimating that They Did Not Know that Dr. Wiley Was Altogether Ignorant of the Rushy Matter—Hints of General Shake-Up in Department Next Winter.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 15.—The resignation of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chemistry bureau chief and the government's best known pure food expert, will not be asked by President Taft, despite the recommendations of the agricultural department personnel board and endorsed by Attorney General Wickersham.

The President's opinion, in a letter to Secretary Wilson, made public today, sets aside the recommendation of the board and gives praise instead of criticism to Dr. Wiley. He "squares" the attorney general and board, however, by expressing the belief that the report would have been different if all the facts had been known.

Wiley was charged with conspiring with Dr. Keblor, drug laboratory chief and Dr. Bigelow, assistant chemistry bureau chief, to employ Dr. H. H. Rusby, a prominent New York pharmacologist, at sixteen hundred dollars yearly salary, with the distinct understanding that Rusby should give the bureau only service that would be compensated for at the rate of twenty dollars a day for laboratory work and fifty dollars for court attendance. The law limits the pay of scientific investigators to nine dollars a day. Dr. Wiley had no opportunity to answer the charges until the case went to the President. Then he specifically denied knowledge of the Rusby secret understanding. The President finds that this is a fact and that Rusby was ignorant of the legal restriction.

He finds Keblor guilty of "disgraceful conduct" on account of letters to Rusby suggesting willingness "to resort to evasion," and directs a reprimand for him.

Secretary Wilson is directed to reprimand Bigelow, too, for "overzealousness." The personnel board and the attorney general recommended the dismissal of Rusby and Bigelow and the reduction of Keblor, but the President declares a precedent for the employment of experts not giving their whole time to the government at annual salaries was set in the creation of the Remsen board of pure food experts.

The President says specifically that this decision does not dispose of the broad question "developed in the congressional investigation and hints at a general shake-up in agricultural department next winter." The "broad questions" involve the bitter feud

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AVIATOR DASHED AND MACHINE SMASHED

Verdum, France, Sept. 15.—The machine of M. Nipport, aviator, was caught in a gust of wind as the airman rose for a flight and capsized. The aeroplane was smashed. Nipport was unconscious when taken from the wreckage.

Italian Caught With Bomb.
New York, Sept. 15.—Another young Italian was caught with a bomb in his possession. The police say the prisoner, Giovanni Rizzo, aged eighteen, had applied a match to the sputtering fuse, but the detectives extinguished it.

Hurt in Auto Accident.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Two are dying and two others seriously hurt, as the result of an automobile accident last night. A six cylinder touring car crashed into a tree, running thirty miles an hour. The car was smashed into kindling.

Earthquake At Iquique.
Iquique, Chile, Sept. 15.—An earthquake was felt here today. The walls of many buildings were cracked and several persons were injured.

PASS THROUGH RALEIGH

New York Woman and Two Children On Long Tour

Left New York Ten Days Ago for St. Petersburg, Fla., to Spend Winter—Are Delighted With Trip Through South—A Short Stop Here.

Mrs. F. E. Van Meerbeke and two children, of New York City, accompanied by her brother-in-law, Mr. F. H. Van Meerbeke, passed through Raleigh today in an Overland automobile en route to St. Petersburg, Fla., where they will spend the winter. They left the metropolis ten days ago and are making the journey at easy stages, time not being an object with them. The automobile route was used on account of Mrs. Van Meerbeke's health.

Mr. Van Meerbeke said today that the trip had been thoroughly enjoyed by the entire party. The automobile is equipped with two chairs, which are strapped on the mudguard, and carries all useful articles for a trip of this kind. The party spent last night at Wake Forest and were well pleased with their stop there.

The weather has been ideal for an automobile tour and every member of the party has improved en route. The machine made 115 miles yesterday. Mr. Van Meerbeke said that he did not know when they would reach Florida. They are well pleased to jog along.

The tourists were greeted here by a large number of persons. The machine was stopped in front of the postoffice on Martin street, Mrs. Van Meerbeke and the children did some shopping and the uncle mailed a score of postal cards of North Carolina scenes.

Rice Famine in Philippines.
Manila, Sept. 15.—A rice famine threatens the Philippines. The staple price is already above previous records. It is advancing by leaps. The supply on hand now is limited. The likelihood of a famine led Indo-China and Siam to prohibit the exportation of rice. Similar measures of self-protection is expected in Rangoon.

Lieutenant Smith Will Resign.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Lieutenant Roy C. Smith, recently attached to the Saratoga, flagship of Rear Admiral Murdock, of Asiatic fleet, against whom serious charges have been preferred, is expected to reach San Francisco tomorrow. It is expected he will resign immediately. Navy officials decline to discuss the charges, which, it is said, are very grave.

Which One Will Win the Fifty Thousand Dollars?



Jimmy Ward, the youthful contestant for the \$50,000 cross-continent prize, who started from New York in his biplane on Wednesday (Sept. 13) for his trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco by way of Chicago.

Aviator Fowler, who started Tuesday, September 12, on his cross-continent flight from San Francisco to New York for the Hearst prize of \$50,000.

GOV. HARMON COMING

Ohio Executive Will Speak Here During Fair Week

Is One of Two Presidential Probabilities—Speak at Grounds on Wednesday, October 18th.—Has Been a Great Force in His State—Big Crowds to Hear Him.

Col. Joseph E. Pogue, secretary of the North Carolina State Fair, announced last night that Gov. Judson Harmon, of Ohio, had accepted an invitation to speak at the fair grounds Wednesday, October 18th. The Ohio executive is at present looming up as a most conspicuous candidate for the presidency on the Democratic ticket and what he will have to say here will be received with unusual interest. He and Gov. Woodrow Wilson are the only two men considered seriously for first place on the national ticket.

Although the Ohio governor has not talked as much as some governors his record has nevertheless been a brilliant one. The greatest reform accomplished during his administration, so political writers say, has been the equalization of taxes—a feat that should do nothing else, would carry his name into history as one of the greatest constructive statesmen of the age. At present Governor Harmon is attending the house of governors at Spring Lake, N. J.

His presence here will undoubtedly attract a large crowd and thousands of North Carolinians will be present to hear him.

STOLYPIN WILL SURVIVE HIS WOUNDS

Viev, Russia, Sept. 15.—There appears grounds for hope that Premier Stolypin would for the third time survive an assassin's attack. He was fired upon at close range by Lawyer Begoff as he sat defenseless in the municipal theatre last night. The premier escaped with two wounds, neither of which, it is said, is necessarily fatal. The surgeons deemed an operation unnecessary.

Middle Atlantic Meet.
Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 15.—Many star athletes are in Philadelphia to participate in the annual outdoor championships of the Middle Atlantic Association of the Amateur Athletic Union, which will take place here tomorrow.

VINDICATION IS COMPLETE

Judge Peebles Declares That Mrs. Fleming Is Not Guilty of Immoral Conduct

After Spirited Legal Battle, Every Inch of Ground Being Hotly Contested by Attorneys on Both Sides, Mrs. Fleming Wins Not Only Her Children, But a Complete Vindication of the Charges Against Her—Sensation Marked Second Night's Battle—Telegram Received Saying N. R. Sandy Was Convicted of Larceny and Served Four Months.

"We are still in the fight," declared Mr. W. C. Douglass, of counsel for Percy B. Fleming, today, when seen on his return from Smithfield, where last night the Fleming matter was passed upon by Judge Peebles. The attorneys for the husband will appeal to the supreme court, and the case will come up, if the records are finished, when the appeals from the sixth district are heard in October. Mr. Fleming will enter a cross-action for divorce, but this cannot be done until the statutory limit, which is six months, is complied with.

(By Staff Correspondence.)
Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 15.—In room 14 of the Smithfield hotel last night was seen a sight that was never before witnessed in the little hotel. There, gathered together were Mrs. Fleming, her sister, Miss Pauline Crouch, her attorneys Herbert E. Norris and Col. John W. Hinsdale, a happy group for they had just won the suit for the possession of the children. Col. John Hinsdale was singing, Solicitor Norris wanted to dance. The occasion was an unusual one. The second night's battle in the fight of Mrs. Nelle Claire Fleming to regain her two children, George Mortimer and Nelle Bryan before Judge Peebles and alimony pending the suit for

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TO MEET IN RICHMOND

Governors' Conference In Virginia Next Year

Next Annual Conference in the Southern City December 3, 1912.—Committee to Make Plan to Federal Supreme Court Holds Meeting—Governor Harmon's Views.

Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 15.—The newly appointed committee of three governors to present, on behalf of twenty-four states, a plea to the federal supreme court for the protection of states rights met in executive session today.

Governor Harmon, chairman, decided to map out at once a line of procedure. He was especially desirous of conferring with his colleagues, Governors Hadley and Aldrich, before his departure for Knoxville.

"The proposition is a matter of fact one," he said. "The states are vitally interested. There is nothing radical or revolutionary in their taking their plea before the supreme court."

"As to the method in which it will be done, I cannot see that it should cause surprise. The governor is certainly representative of the entire state and by virtue of his office is entrusted with the duty of seeing that the state's interests are protected."

"Some folks may say that I have become radical but as a matter of fact, I am simply pursuing the policy I have advocated for years, protection for state's rights."

The governors in executive session today decided to hold their next annual conference at Richmond, Va., December 3, 1912.

GREAT PROPERTY LOSS FROM ANGRY VOLCANO

Catania, Sicily, Sept. 15.—Clouds of smoke from Mt. Etna made the atmosphere intolerable. The volcano continued to throw out lava, cinder and ashes from the craters and a hundred new fissures. The river of lava flowing to the north separated into four main streams. The largest stream is moving towards Alicantara.

It is estimated the present eruption has caused a property loss of \$20,000,000.

SECOND INQUEST IN OSCEOLA A MYSTERY

Oldest Building in City Being Moved

The oldest building in Raleigh, the home of Joel Lane, who in 1791 sold to the state the land on which Raleigh stands, is being removed from Boylan Avenue to west Hargett street, not far away. The exact date of the building is not known, but it was built long before the War of the Revolution. Some years ago the late N. G. Randall made a very fine etching of it. The building site was sold last summer and a handsome dwelling is to be erected on it. It is very gratifying that the old building is to be preserved. It is being moved in two sections and will be carefully restored. Its interior is very quaint. It was for a century the home of some of the well known Boylan family, long so prominent in the life of Raleigh. The first court house of this county stood in the rear of the old house.

Richard Olney 70 Years Old.
Falmouth, Mass., Sept. 15.—The Hon. Richard Olney, who was attorney general and later secretary of state under President Cleveland, today celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday anniversary at his summer home here.

ROBBERS GET \$320,000

Bank In British Columbia Cleaned Out

Three Men Entered the Bank, Blew Open the Vault and Took Most of the Cash—Left \$20,000 Where They Piled Their Loot and Other \$80,000 in Vault.

New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 15.—Three hundred and twenty thousand dollars in cash were stolen from the Bank of Montreal early today. The robbers escaped. Three men entered the bank by an unprotected rear window, dug through the brick wall into the vault, wrecked the cage door, blew open the safe and took approximately \$320,000 in gold and currency. They left \$20,000 in gold on the bed where they piled their loot, and \$80,000 more unharmed in the safe. The Chinese caretaker appeared and gave the alarm, after working loose from the bonds with which he was tied. Chief of Police Bradshaw hurried to the scene. All available officers were pressed into service. From the thoroughness of the job and the tolls with which the work was done, the officers believe the same gang which has been at work in Vancouver did the work here. It is impossible to say when the men effected an entrance into the bank. It is presumed it was about 3 o'clock this morning. When the Chinese janitor arrived he found the robbers. He was gagged, gagged and tied to a chair.

Then the robbers proceeded to collect the gold and bills in the vault and left the building taking more than a quarter million and leaving about \$100,000 in the vault behind. Usually there is a watchman on the premises, but he was on a vacation. It is evident the robbers knew this. Blankets from his bed were used to muffle the noise of the explosion. After a survey by the bank officials it was officially stated the robbers stole at least \$320,000.

ARE STILL COUNTING VOTES IN MAINE

Portland, Maine, Sept. 15.—Unofficial returns of Monday election indicate a majority in favor of the retention of the prohibition clause in the constitution of 361 votes, with seven returns in dispute, as compared with returns now being compiled in Augusta. The vote from these towns, it is said will be sufficient to overthrow the majority of 134 in favor of the repeal as shown by the secretary of state's figures. It now remains only for the governor and council to canvass their returns which are the only absolutely official figures.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph H. Ferrell, who have been visiting Mr. Ferrell's parents, have gone to Albany, Ga., where Mr. Ferrell will practice law.

Believed That the Inquiry Begun Today Will Fix the Blame For Young Girl's Death

Affair About Solved

Is Known How the Unfortunate Young Girl Met Her Death and It Is Believed the Officers Know Who the Principals Were in Her Undoing and that Arrests Will Follow the Investigation Today—Everybody Who Possibly May Know Something of the Case Being Examined.

Hendersonville, N. C., Sept. 15.—Solicitor Hall Johnson and Detective Bradford announce the case of the state is complete and startling developments will be made at coroner's second inquest this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in the mysterious murder case of Myrtle Hawkins. The body will not be exhumed.

Arrests are expected to follow immediately. The town is much excited. Officers are busy serving subpoenas. Many wild rumors are afloat. The theory of murder being worked upon is that Miss Hawkins was criminally operated on by a midwife Thursday night in a home near Osceola Lake. Death resulted from an anesthetic and the dead body was taken to the woods. Three days later it was thrown into the quiet lake where it was found Sunday morning.

Evidence is at hand to show conclusively where Myrtle Hawkins spent Thursday. The most important witnesses at the inquest will be George Bradley, an intimate friend of Myrtle's who was married several months ago, Mrs. Beatrice McCall, a life long friend, Ab McCall her husband and Dan McCall, a brother. The woman who is suspected of committing the criminal operation may not testify.

Story From Asheville.
Asheville, N. C., Sept. 15.—The second inquest into the murder of Myrtle Hawkins of Flat Rock, began this afternoon about three o'clock, and is expected to disclose many things suspected by officers and the general public. It appears the mystery is virtually solved in that it is now known how she met death and the authorities have strong suspicions as to who are principally implicated, although no names have been made public.

It occurred no surprise when it practically was determined that a woman is directly responsible for the crime, that a man is implicated and others may be drawn into the affair.

Bearing weightily on the case is the statement of Lewis Ander, who heard a top buggy near the place where it is thought the body was placed, for a time about 3 o'clock Thursday morning. He heard the top racking the branches of trees. The authorities are seeking information from all in the vicinity and thought George Bradley, who with his wife, lives near Ed. McCall and wife, may have important knowledge bearing directly on the

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