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DR. RANKIN ON THE SITUATION

Secretary of State Board of Health Replies to County Attorney

THINGS POINTED OUT

Dr. Rankin Shows Why It Is Duty of State, When County Refuses to Provide Protection, to Step in and Take Care of Whole People—Basis For Remuneration \$1,200 or \$1,500 a Year and Not \$3,000 as Claimed by County Attorney and Commissioners—Interesting Communication.

To the Editor of The Times: Your paper under date of February 29, contains an article from Mr. B. C. Beckwith, attorney for Wake county and, presumably, spokesman for the Wake county commissioners, to which a reply from the secretary of the state board of health may not be altogether out of order.

Sum and Substance of Mr. Beckwith's Article.

A fair, unbiased mind on carefully reading the aforesaid article with its five conclusions, stated as issues, can reduce all that Mr. Beckwith claims to two and only two contentions:

First, that section 9, chapter 62, public laws of 1911, under the command of which the secretary of the state board of health acted in appointing Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, county superintendent of health of Wake county, is in violation of that which all good citizens prize as their most fundamental right—local self-government; second, that the basis of remuneration for the services of the county superintendent of health of Wake county, as fixed by the aforesaid secretary, is wrong in principle and excessive in amount. We deny both of those contentions, and respectfully submit the following facts and conclusions in support of our position:

State Health Law and Local Self-Government Not Incompatible.

This is best brought out by an examination of the provisions of section 9, under which Mr. Beckwith contends the state board of health is given authority that interferes with local self-government. Section 9 is as follows:

"The chairman of the board of county commissioners, the mayor of the county town, and in county towns where there is no mayor the clerk of the superior court, and the

county superintendent of schools shall meet together on the first Monday in April, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and thereafter on the first Monday in January in the odd years of the calendar, and elect from the regularly registered physicians of the county, two physicians, who, with themselves, shall constitute the county board of health. The chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be chairman of the county board of health, and the presence of three members at any regular or called meeting shall constitute a quorum. The term of office of members of the county board of health shall terminate on the first Monday in January in the odd years of the calendar, and while on duty they shall receive four dollars per diem, to be paid by the county. The county board of health shall have the immediate care and responsibility of the health interests of their county. They shall meet annually in the county town, and three members of the board are authorized to call a meeting of the board whenever in their opinion the public health interest of the county requires it. They shall make such rules and regulations, pay such fees and salary, and impose such penalties as in their judgment may be necessary to protect and advance the public health: Provided that all expenditures shall be approved by the board of county commissioners before being paid. At their first annual meeting on the second Monday of May, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, and thereafter on the second Monday of January in the odd years of the calendar, they shall elect the county superintendent of health, who shall serve thereafter until the second Monday in January of the odd years of the calendar: Provided, that if the county board of health of any

SUFFRAGETTES AGAIN DESTROY PROPERTY

London, March 4.—Suffragettes have started operations again. Armed with hammers and stones, they marched through Knights Bridge and Brompton Districts in London's west end, breaking the plateglass windows of big stores. The disturbances took the police unawares. The latter were unable to cope with the suffragettes who were distributed over a wide area. A mounted police detachment was the first reinforcement arriving on the scene. One officer was dragged from his horse by the excited women. Thirty women were arrested.

With Miss May.

(Special to The Times.)

Carthage, March 4.—The most delightful social function of the season took place last Friday evening when Miss Bertie May entertained a number of her friends at her home on Granberry street. At the hour appointed, nine o'clock, the invited guests, Misses Allie Graves, Margaret Martin, Carrie Cole, Jamie Underwood, Myra Muse, Mary Underwood, Katie Lee McLeod and Bessie McLeod and Messrs Jno. C. Rose, Alex. P. Kelly, W. A. Stuart, N. T. Blue, C. V. Miller, W. C. Clugg, W. O. Dupree, J. C. Richardson and L. P. Tyson arrived and by the hostess were shown into the elegant sitting room where the joy-making season began at once. Pieces of card board with a dainty piece of colored ribbon were distributed to the gentlemen and the young lady with the corresponding color was partner. The couples having arranged themselves, a "shir-t-waist" puzzle was given them at once all went to work. In this interesting contest an imaginative mind was needed and the prize was given by Hon. W. R. Clegg to the lucky couple, Mr. L. P. Tyson and Mary Underwood, who fashioned the puzzle most correctly. Next was the sewing contest in which Mr. C. V. Miller showed the most marvelous skill in the handling of the needle. The prize, a dainty package of embroidery needles were given him, being presented by Miss Carrie Cole. At the hour of eleven o'clock, after a delicious course of refreshments the guests left and with one accord expressed their gratification to Miss May for the pleasantly spent evening.

FACTORIES CLOSED BECAUSE OF STRIKE

London, March 4.—Factories are closing down throughout the United Kingdom, as a result of the national coal strike. Negotiations probably will soon be resumed. Besides the million miners who ceased work, it is estimated that over two hundred thousand workers in other industries are idle owing to the strike. The number is increasing hourly. Train service is curtailed. Railroad employees are suffering.

Buying New York Coal.

New York, March 4.—The British coal strike has caused heavy purchases here of practically all available soft coal supplies to meet the needs of foreign steamship companies using the Atlantic seaboard. The local coal market prices rose rapidly.

DURHAM HAS A MYSTERY

Baby Left at Home of E. K. Powe and Another at W. A. Erwin's

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, March 4.—The finding of two deserted babies on the doorstep of Mr. W. A. Erwin, the well known millionaire cotton manufacturer, and his brother-in-law, Mr. E. K. Powe at West Durham at a late hour Saturday night has created a lively sensation in Durham. The cry of the infant left on the doorstep of Mr. Powe was heard by one of Mr. Powe's children while the family was seated around the evening fire. Mr. Powe called Mr. Erwin over to his home to consult with him as to the course of action in caring for the mysterious visitor. Mr. Erwin enjoyed a good laugh at the predicament of his brother-in-law. When Mr. Erwin returned home, however, the laugh was turned. As he stepped across his own threshold, he stumbled over another infant which had been left on his doorstep during his absence.

Both infants were apparently about five weeks old, but there is some question as to whether they were twins. The resemblance is doubtful, and one appears to be slightly larger than the other. Both were wrapped in a profusion of clothing.

There has been a rumor current that a woman with the two infants in her arms was seen to get off the east bound train when it stopped at West Durham Saturday evening, and then was seen to board the west bound train, which passes Durham several hours later, without the babies. This story has not been verified, however, and the whole incident is shrouded in mystery.

The babies were taken to the Watts hospital where they are being cared for.

Richard Riggsbee, a young white farmer of the county, was killed in a runaway accident Saturday evening on the street of Durham. Mr. Riggsbee was driving a skittish mule down Church street on his way home, when the animal began running without any apparent cause for freight. Mr. Riggsbee was thrown against the curb stone and sustained injuries from which he died last night at the Watts hospital. He is survived by a wife and several children.

ITALIAN BARK SUNK

Was Rammed by Steamer and Went Down in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk, March 4.—The Italian bark Rosale D'Alil, Captain Manca with eighteen hundred tons of coal for Trajan, Siefly, sank in forty foot of water off Sewels Point following a collision with the Old Dominion line steamer Princess Anne, bound from Norfolk to Newport News for cargo. The Rosale was anchored in the stream when rammed. She sank in five minutes. Her crew of seventeen men barely escaped.

Fire in Apartment House, New York, March 4.—Two were killed and three fatally injured and a dozen seriously hurt, in a fire in a four-story apartment house, with a scene in night clothes, reigned by the police.

STRUCK BY FAST TRAIN

Mr. J. A. Madison, College Student, Badly Injured Late Saturday

Mr. J. A. Madison, a freshman in the A. and M. College and a son of Mr. R. J. Madison, principal of the Collierville Normal School in Jackson county, is in a serious condition today as the result of being struck late Saturday by a passenger train No. 43. The young man in company with other students was returning from his regular walk to the sub-station at Method when the accident occurred. The pressure of a heavy freight train from the southern track in the neighborhood of Mr. Madison hit the young man, scattering his clothing and pushing him down on the ground. As the result of the impact, young Madison's left arm, shoulder, hip, right arm, forearm, his body badly bruised and his head injured. He was carried to the city hospital, where Dr. H. M. Taylor and the attendants performed every attention. It was not thought today that his injuries would prove fatal.

The young man, Mr. Madison says, the Seaboard passenger, but were unable to turn him in time. Mr. Madison is 18 years old and entered college in January from Jackson county.

QUIET PREVAILS IN CHINESE DISTRICTS

Tien Tsen, March 4.—There is absolute quiet in the Chinese districts of the city. Measures taken by foreign consuls and commanders of troops of the various nations, intimidated the riotous element and foreign property has not suffered. The native city sustained great destruction.

There is no looting or incendiarism. A feeling of restlessness prevails. All made is at a standstill. There is a scene of ruin in every important thoroughfare. In some parts human corpses lie about the streets. There were several more executions today. Martial law is in force.

Garret Makes on Strike.

Kalamazoo, Mich., March 4.—Seven hundred garret makers failed to report for work at the Kalamazoo Corset Company. The corset makers union has issued strike orders. The union demands reinstatement of twelve women discharged employees.

DEMOCRATS WILL MEET HERE SOON

Mr. A. H. Eber, of Winston-Salem, chairman of the state democratic executive committee, has sent out notices to the members calling a meeting of the committee to be held in the senate chamber in Raleigh on Wednesday, March 29, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of the meeting:

1st—The time and place for holding the state convention. 2nd—A common day for holding precinct meetings and primary elections. 3rd—A common day for holding a county convention in each county of the state. 4th—For transacting such other business as the committee may determine.

Elevator Dropped Seven Stories.

Chicago, March 4.—An elevator dropped seven stories in a State street department store. The occupants escaped injury through the working of the safety cogs. One man suffered a broken ankle. Five women suffered from nervous strain.

Favorable Report on Pitney.

Washington, March 4.—The state judiciary committee ordered a favorable report on the nomination of Mahlon Pitney, of New Jersey, as associate justice of the United States supreme court.

CONDITIONS IN LAWRENCE

Governor Foss Says They Have Been Greatly Exaggerated

Washington, March 4.—Conditions in the lawrence strike region are being greatly exaggerated, Governor Foss said today. He said that the strike in Lawrence, Mass., is being exaggerated by the press and the public. He said that the strike is being exaggerated by the press and the public. He said that the strike is being exaggerated by the press and the public.

Quiet on Trial For Erbery.

Columbus, Ohio, March 4.—Charges with receipts two hundred dollar bills from a defective for his support of an insurance bill, State Senator R. Andrews was placed on trial at the criminal court.

Roosevelt On Jury.

Wyster Bay, March 4.—Roosevelt left Saturday Hill early for Lincoln courthouse to respond to summons for jury.

FREIGHT TARIFF NEW ROAD FILED TODAY

The Raleigh, Charlotte & Southern Railway Company today filed with the corporation commission its freight tariff, effective February 28. Shipments on the four lines of this road—Raleigh & Southport, Aberdeen & A-shboro, Durham & Charlotte and Sanford & Troy—are now subject to a reduction of 25 per cent. on 20th cents. For instance a shipment from Raleigh to A-shboro, over both the Seaboard and Aberdeen & A-shboro would not be required to pay the local rate from Aberdeen to A-shboro, as was formerly the case, but the regular rate, which is a reduction of 25 per cent. over the local rate.

Attempt on Rothschild's Life.

London, March 4.—An attempt to assassinate Leopold D. Rothschild was made by a man this evening as Rothschild was entering a motor car near the bank in St. James's Lane. Rothschild was not hit.

Boat Will Soon Be Out.

(Special to The Times.)

W. C. Poland Said to Have Left City.

FAYETTEVILLE STEAM LAUNDRY BURNED

Fayetteville, March 4.—The Fayetteville Steam Laundry, owned and operated by C. B. and J. H. Ledbetter, was burned to the ground yesterday morning about 1 o'clock, with all machinery, fixtures, laundry undelivered, etc. Fortunately the fire occurred on Sunday morning after most of the laundry had been delivered, else the inconvenience would have been great. The blaze was discovered by a boat-black going home from Hotel LaFayette barber shop. Notwithstanding the unearthly hour, the fire department was promptly and did excellent work in saving the balance of the large building, which, as an addition, was in course of construction. The Ellis Printing Company, in a basement under the laundry, was

PRESENTED BILL TODAY

Dr. McCullers Asks For Salary For Time Commissioners Kept Him Out of Office

FROM JULY TO MARCH

Superintendent of Health of Wake County, Who Won Out in Supreme Court, Requested County Fathers To Pay Him For Time He Was Forced to Abandon Work—Other Matters Received Over \$500—Litigation May Be Continued by Commissioners, Though They May Accept Inevitable.

Dr. J. J. L. McCullers, county superintendent of health, presented his bill to the board of county commissioners this afternoon for services from July 1 last to March 1. The amount of the bill is \$1,029 for each month.

The account was presented by Mr. R. M. Gilling, attorney for Dr. McCullers. It will be remembered that Dr. McCullers endeavored to compromise with the commissioners for \$100 a month, but the commissioners would not seriously consider the matter and carried the fight to the supreme court, where they lost by a unanimous decision.

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King George Holds Levee.

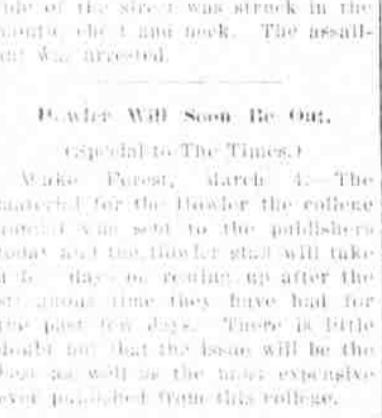
London, March 4.—King George held the first levee of the season at St. James Palace. French Ambassador Lord Cambon presented American citizens in Ambassador Keld's absence.

Another Patient.

Louisville, March 4.—Another patient suffering cerebral spinal meningitis was removed to the isolated ward. Two new cases were reported yesterday.

Three Killed in Fire.

Boston, March 4.—Three were killed in a Hanover street tenement fire today. Seventy escaped. The victims were foreigners.



Chinese Celebrate in Honor of Republic.

New York, March 4.—Hip Sing Young members celebrated the birth of the new Chinese republic from sunset last night to early hour this morning with an eighty-eight course dinner and oriental ceremonies.

Orozo Quits Federal Army.

Washington, March 4.—Definite confirmation of the disaffection of General Pascual Orozo from the Madero government in Mexico reached the state department in a delayed telegram from American Consul Summers at Chihuahua. Summers said Orozo's resignation from the federal army was announced February 25 effective March 1.

For every lawyer who fights for the right there is one who fights for the wrong.



PASTOR'S WIFE MISSING. Mrs. W. H. Greever, who is the wife of the Rev. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., who, while under treatment for a nervous breakdown, in Washington, D. C., eluded her nurse on February 17th and has not been seen by friends or relatives since. Mrs. Greever has friends in Syracuse, N. Y.; Utica, N. Y.; Erie, Pa.; Philadelphia, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y., and the police of all these cities have been asked to look out for the missing woman. Her husband has offered a reward for information as to her whereabouts.

Mrs. Mona Babbitt, who was married to Charles Corbin, of Hartford, Conn., son of Philip Corbin, founder of the hardware trust, on February 28th. The marriage was the means of adding \$75,000 to the estate left to Corbin by his father. The late Mr. Corbin stipulated in his will that his son was to only receive \$75,000 if he remained single, and \$75,000 more if he married within the year. Mrs. Babbitt resided in Mansfield, Mass.