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THE SENATE GIVES OVER MORE TIME TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BROWNVILLE AFFAIR

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Senator Warner, of Missouri, addressed the senate on the Brownville affair. He said he had served in the same command with negro troops in 1861-65 and had no prejudice against the negro soldiers, adding:

"I am not prepared to cry out against the negroes as soldiers, because I believe members of the 25th infantry disgraced the uniform and stained the honorable record of their race as soldiers."

He said it was to be regretted that a "studious and systematic effort has been made to arouse the race feeling of the negroes of the country against the president because of his action with reference to those companies."

"Those who thus work to arouse the race issue have taken upon themselves a heavy responsibility, for their action must necessarily serve to increase the race prejudice which now exists to such an unfortunate extent."

Senator Warner said it was incredible to him that "any intelligent man, white or black, should have the hardihood to charge that the president, in issuing an order discharging these soldiers, was influenced against them by reason of their color."

He had endeavored, he said, to weigh the evidence with the view of doing evenhanded justice, adding: "I am driven to the conclusion that the members of those companies, whose identity has not been shown, made a midnight assault on the sleeping and helpless citizens of Brownville."

He pointed to the concurrence by Major Penrose of the officers, there is one fact which, in my judgment, had influence—if not a controlling influence—on them. That fact is the ordering of a court martial to try Maj Penrose and Capt Macklin on charge of neglect of duty in reference to the Brownville affair."

While there was a special motive for the negroes to shoot up the town there was, he insisted, the absence of a motive on the part of any one else to do it.

The people whose houses were shot up were people, he said, whose attitude toward the soldiers was known to be hostile. He declared there was a direct evidence showing that the shooting was done by the soldiers.

The senator said that the contention that the saloon keepers, in order to get rid of the colored soldiers shot up the homes of friends with a reckless regard for their lives, while being careful of the lives of the soldiers was too great a tax on one's credulity. The claim that the citizens of Brownville did the shooting, he said, for the purpose of getting rid of the negro soldiers, finds no reasonable support in the evidence.

He concluded by declaring that three bullets in the Yurria house pointed conclusively to the point from which they were fired, being over the second porch of the barracks occupied by company B.

Acreeage Reduction Urged.
The house adopted Speaker Cannon's resolution, authorizing an appointment of the committee to investigate the so-called paper trust and the general subject of wood pulp and the manufacture of printing paper.

Publicity Bill Reported.
The McCall bill requiring a publicity of the campaign contributions was reported favorably to the house by the committee on election of the president, vice-president and representatives.

President Will Sign Bill.
As a result of the opinion rendered by the president in the cabinet meeting, it is believed that the president will sign the employers' liability bill.

Price of Paper Discussed.
In explanation of the resolution Representative Dalzell said it was a matter of public notoriety that there has been a large increase in the price of paper. Never, he declared, has there been such an agitation as has been aroused by the newspapers the last few weeks. It was, he said, capable of mathematical demonstration that the increase is not due to tariff, as he declared it would not be changed by the removal of the tariff.

In the opinion of Mr. Williams, the rise in the price was due "both to tariff an combination, and combination is due to tariff. If he said it had been intended to kill competition it could have been done by putting wood pulp and print paper on the free list.

Mr. Dearmond, (Mo.), declared that the resolution was but another attempt of the republicans to delude the people. Denying the opposition to the resolution, Mr. Williams, who obtained the floor again, said he did not think there would be any real search for the truth and no real finding or reporting of the truth. The resolution, he said, was intended solely to whitewash the tariff as a criminal against American people with regard to wood pulp, and "to circumvent this man Herman Ridder

at the head of the great newspaper association—this German devil, as some people are beginning to call him—and get around legislation on the question." Mr. Williams contended that notwithstanding the republican denial, the democrats had forced the republicans to action, in reporting out the employers liability bill, campaign contribution publicity bill and bill modifying the law relating to injunctions.

Sly Cupid Surprises Objecting Parents

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 22.—Mr. Charles I. Harris, of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Lillian E. Funk, of Vinton, Va., two very popular young people, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon on the 2 o'clock train, and were married at the Century parsonage at 2:30 o'clock, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. E. Abernathy, the pastor.

The marriage is said to have been a Gretna Green affair, the bride's parents objecting to the match.

Emperor of Japan Honors Mr. Boynton

Washington, D. C., April 22.—The Emperor of Japan, through Ambassador Takahira, has conferred upon Col. Charles A. Boynton, superintendent of the southern division of the Associated Press, the decoration of fourth class of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun.

In transmitting the decoration, which is a nequiste product of Japanese Art, the ambassador stated that it was given in token of the good will entertained toward Col. Boynton by the Emperor and in manifestation of the appreciation of the high ability and fairness of Mr. Boynton in the exercise of his functions as directing spirit in the great news concern which he represents.

Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron.
New York, April 22.—At a special meeting today the stockholders of the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company are to vote upon a proposition to issue \$5,000,000 of new fifty-year 6 per cent bonds, which are to be used in retiring a portion of a previous issue of \$3,500,000 of Consolidated bonds, and in the purchase of an issue of \$500,000 of other bonds. The remaining \$1,000,000 of new bonds will be held in the company's treasury for corporate purposes if the plan is approved.

He—"When we are married we must both think alike." He—"Yes; but I'll think first!"—Scraps.

Condition Of Mr. Cleveland

Lakewood, N. J., April 23.—The fact that ex-President Grover Cleveland still remains at the Lakewood Hotel after that hotel has been closed for the season, with physicians in close attendance on him, has caused apprehension that Mr. Cleveland's progress toward recovery from a recent attack of illness has not been as rapid as desired. Information concerning the condition of the former president is difficult to obtain.

On Tuesday one of the physicians was quoted as saying that Mr. Cleveland was no worse than he had been at other times since his arrival in Lakewood. Mrs. Cleveland went to her home in Princeton yesterday, but returned to Lakewood Hotel.

At 11 o'clock it was learned that Mr. Cleveland is suffering from an attack of stomach trouble and that he was not quite so well as yesterday.

In the game of love the queen is often taken by the deuce.

Y. M. C. A. MOVEMENT IN LENOIR

Lenoir, N. C., April 22.—A large number of the business and professional men of Lenoir met at the graded school house to discuss the movement to organize and maintain a Young Men's Christian Association for our town. The movement was enthusiastically endorsed by nearly every man present and several speeches were made by the speakers in support of the organization, urging the necessity for an early establishment of an institution of this kind.

For two weeks past Messrs. J. B. Atkinson and A. V. Miller have circulated two papers asking the support of all who were interested in a movement of this kind and succeeded in securing over 200 names pledging themselves to support this movement, and, if organized, to help maintain the organization, thereby assuring the promoters of the good work that they will do their several parts toward making an institution of this character as part of the town of Lenoir.

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Illinois Is For Bryan

Springfield, Ill., April 23.—Ten men from Chicago, brought the Johnson boom to the democratic state convention and opened their campaign and conducted it throughout the morning. They distributed a vast amount of Johnson literature and set forth the merits of their man.

The majority of the delegates, however, are solid for Bryan. Sentiment against the adoption of any platform gained somewhat in strength over the night.

The convention was called to order at noon today, and after organization and accepting reports from various district caucuses the delegates listened to the address of Free P. Morris, temporary chairman, who was also selected for permanent chairman.

Chairman Morris said the signs portend that this is a democratic year and spoke for united forces and harmony.

SOUTH CAROLINA BANKERS MEET

Columbia, S. C., April 22.—Many representative bankers and financiers registered at the Colonial Hotel today in anticipation of the opening of the eighth annual convention of the South Carolina Bankers' Association. The meeting opens with a social function this evening and the business sessions will occupy tomorrow and Friday.

President W. D. Morgan, of Georgetown, will preside over the sessions and among the speakers will be ex-Governor Heyward; former Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw; John F. Ficken, president of the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, of Charleston; William A. Law, vice-president of the Merchants' National Bank, of Philadelphia, and Wilson G. Harvey, president of the Enterprise Bank, of Charleston.

Admiral Thomas Named.
Washington, D. C., April 23.—Orders were issued at the navy department yesterday detaching Admiral Thomas from duty as commander of the second squadron, to duty in command of the United States Atlantic fleet, the change to take effect May 9th, when Admiral Evans is relieved.

New Incorporations.
Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—A charter was issued today for the Henderson Game & Fish Association of Henderson to maintain hunting and fishing preserves at a capital of \$500 subscribed.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 23.—Joseph Simpson, who shot and killed James Arnold, was lynched at Skidoo, Cal., last night.

Fourth District Endorses Taft

Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The fourth district republican congressional convention in session here this afternoon has adopted resolutions endorsing the Roosevelt administration, the candidacy of W. H. Taft, for president; Spencer B. Adams, for state chairman, and E. C. Duncan, for national committee-man.

The convention is now electing delegates to the national convention. There is every indication that J. C. Stancell, of Johnston county, and W. G. Briggs, of Wake, will be elected, although Briggs is being opposed by a faction supporting J. J. Jenkins, of Chatham.

Plans of Cracksmen Were Unsuccessful

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 22.—The post office at Rural Hall, twelve miles north of this city, was broken into last night and an attempt was made to rob the safe, but the explosives used failed to open it and the robbers departed without getting a cent.

Two strangers were seen in the town last night. No arrests have been made and there is no clue to the guilty parties.

Democrats Polled A Big Majority

New Orleans, La., April 22.—Returns received to 10 o'clock from yesterday's state election show that the entire democratic ticket was elected by a large majority.

Indications are that the republican candidate for governor received less than 10 per cent of the total vote cast.

Bishop Capers Died Early This Afternoon

Columbia, S. C., April 22.—Bishop Ellison Capers, of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of South Carolina, who has been very ill for some time is in a very precarious condition.

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A Disastrous Explosion

Sixty Miners Are Said to Have Been in Mine When Explosion Occurred—Four Bodies Have Been Taken Out.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 23.—An explosion occurred in Mine No. 1, of the Ellsworth Colliery Company, at Ellsworth, Pa., but the extent of the accident has not been ascertained.

Shortly after the explosion the company notified an undertaker at Monongahela that four bodies had been recovered from the wrecked mine.

How many were in the mine at the time of the explosion is not known, but the number is estimated at 60. How many escaped is not known.

Four Men Killed.
Four men were killed, three seriously and hundreds of other had a narrow escape.

IN MEMORY OF MURDERED YOUTH

Oak Ridge, Va., April 22.—The first anniversary of the death of Theodore Estes, who was shot and killed by Judge William G. Loving, for alleged betrayal of his daughter, was observed today by the unveiling of a handsome monument erected in memory of the young man.

The fund for the monument was raised by an association formed for the purpose composed almost exclusively of ladies who believe that young Estes was innocent of the offense charged against him.

The killing of young Estes by Judge Loving occurred at Oak Ridge station, April 22, 1907. Judge Loving was at the time manager of the Oak Ridge estate of Thomas F. Ryan, the New York millionaire.

According to the testimony at the trial Judge Loving's young daughter had told her father that young Estes had drugged and wronged her while out driving. The father immediately hunted up Estes and without asking for an explanation shot and instantly killed him. On the strength of his daughter's testimony he was acquitted of the charge of murder.

Banks And Banking Discussed at Columbia

Columbia, S. C., April 23.—The assembly room of the Colonial Hotel was filled with prominent financiers this morning, when President W. D. Morgan called to order the annual convention of the South Carolina Bankers' Association. Mayor Reamer and ex-Governor Heyward welcomed the visitors in cordial addresses and the response was by ex-Governor J. C. Shepard, of Edgefield. The address of President Morgan and the annual report of Secretary Treasurer Wilson, of Spartanburg, and of the other officers and of committees occupied the greater part of the initial session.

The afternoon program provides for an address by ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw on "Needed Currency Legislation," and by John M. Ficken, president of the South Carolina Loan and Trust Company, of Charleston, on "Some of the Principles of Sound Banking."

President Entertains D. A. R. at Reception

Washington, D. C., April 23.—This was the most important day of the Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, not only because it was "Election day," but because of the interest attaching to the reception accorded the daughters by the president at the white house.

Among the candidates for vice-president were the Hon. William A. Smoot, Virginia; Mrs. Ira Hall Sage, Georgia.

New York, April 23.—The directors of the Norfolk and Western declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent, on common stock.

SPEAKING CONTEST HELD AT DAVIDSON

Davidson, N. C., April 22.—At a meeting of the Emumean Literary Society yesterday morning the following officers for the next year were elected:

Mr. C. C. Kelly, president; Mr. C. R. Wilcox, vice-president; Mr. W. F. Milburn, secretary; Mr. H. C. Carmichael, treasurer, and Mr. S. H. Cook, reporter.

The Sophomore-Freshman Declamatory contest in the Emumean Society, came off last Saturday night. There were about 14 contestants. The judges had no easy time in deciding the winners.

These men will speak against the three successful contestants on the Philanthropic Society on next Monday night in the Shearer Hall. It will be a public affair and every one is invited. The best speakers of each society will be presented with a medal. The contest will doubtless be very interesting.

The sponsors, who were chosen to speak for the senior medal at commencement, were Messrs. S. G. Stubbs, E. M. Monroe and J. K. Parker.

More Trouble At Pensacola

Pensacola, Fla., April 23.—Notwithstanding the injunction issued by the federal court to prevent lawlessness in the strike of the street railway employees, the barns of the Pensacola Electric Company, where over 100 strike-breakers are housed, were stoned early today. No one was injured. Several arrests have been made.

Shakespeare's Memory Kept Green.
London, April 23.—The customary dramatic festival was held at Stratford-on-Avon today in celebration of Shakespeare's birthday anniversary.

The old-world town was the Mecca for hundreds of admirers and devotees of the immortal bard, among the number being many celebrated literary and dramatic lights.

At present the various Shakespeare societies throughout the country are engaged in plans for the erection of a memorial which it is proposed to set up to commemorate the tercentenary of his death, which will occur in 1916.

S. A. E. FRAT IN CONVENTION

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 22.—The biennial convention of the Gamma Province of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, embracing the states of Virginia, North and South Carolina and the District of Columbia, met in the palm-room of the Zinzendorf Hotel yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Alfred R. Berkley, of Madocan, presided. Last night a banquet was given them at the hotel. Only business sessions are being held today.

Supt. Joyner Presided At Day's Meeting

Memphis Tenn., April 23.—The meeting of the state superintendents occupied the attention of the conference for education in the south. Superintendent Joyner, of North Carolina presided. The movement for the southern education has been emphasizing the need of high schools, better training and better pay for the teachers.

The progress made along these lines, Superintendent Eggleston, of Virginia, told of the new high school system of his state.

Superintendent Martin, of South Carolina, discussed school funds.

Cannon Blocks Way.
Speakers in the progress of the day in Virginia, Superintendent Eggleston detailed what is being done on the historic war sites, indicating impatience at the political delay. Superintendent Eggleston then continued: "We are anticipating the Davis agricultural bill which is destined to do much good to our people if Speaker Cannon and the agricultural committee of congress will only get out of the way and let the measure pass."

Editors Appeal Yeggmen Make To Congress Goody Haul

Washington, D. C., April 23.—All the members of the house today received telegrams from publishers attending the annual meetings in New York of the Associated Press and Newspaper Publishers' Association, urging action on the bill removing the tariff from print-paper and wood-pulp, and in reply to which, Hon. John Sharp Williams, the democratic minority leader, sent the following:

"I join in your protest. Get the speaker to recognize me or someone else to make a motion, and it will pass. It is up to him."

N. C. Music Festival.
Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The North Carolina Music Festival opened a brilliant program in the opening concert of the three events that constitute the 1908 program. It was Handel's great oratorio Messiah that was interpreted, the distinguished solo artists, the Raleigh Choral Society and the Raleigh Philharmonic Orchestra vying with each other and working in superb harmony in the interpretation of this masterpiece of music composition. Wade R. Brown, dean of music for the Baptist University, is director in charge for the festival events.

Catholics Hold a Dual Jubilee.
Grand Rapids, Mich., April 22.—Special services were held in all the Catholic churches of the Grand Rapids diocese today in celebration of the jubilee of the diocese and, also, the twenty-fifth anniversary of its bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry Joseph Richter.

The diocese of Grand Rapids, a subdivision of the diocese of Detroit, was formed May 19th, 1882, and Bishop Richter was consecrated April 22nd of the next year.

Mrs. Astor's Grandniece a Bride.
New York, April 22.—Society was interested this afternoon in the wedding of Miss Emily Welles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Welles and a grandniece of Mrs. Astor, to Mr. Harry Pelham Robbins, well known in society as a leader of cotillions. The wedding was celebrated in Grace church and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

In Memory of the Dead.
Washington, D. C., April 23.—The house set apart May 3 for memorial exercises in respect to the late Senators Mallory and Bryan, of Florida.

SENATOR RAYNER DENOUNCES USURPATION OF AUTHORITY ON PART OF THE PRESIDENT

Robbers Made Haul on Club

Hot Springs, Ark., April 23.—Four masked men with leveled revolvers, entered the club house of the Indiana Club on Central avenue here, and forced the occupants to line along the wall and looted the place of a large amount of money. The occupants were then locked in a room and the robbers escaped.

No definite statement concerning the amount of money taken can be secured, but it is estimated that it was between \$5,000 and \$10,000. A number of guests of the various hotels were in the club. No individual was robbed of his money, the robbers devoting themselves to looting the club funds, and so quietly was this done that persons in the cafe were unaware of the proceedings. One of the persons locked in the room managed to climb through a transom, and liberated the others when the alarm was given to the police.

Elks Elect Officers For Ensuing Year

Greensboro, N. C., April 22.—At a meeting last night of the stockholders of the Greensboro Elks Lodge Company, the corporation organized in 1906, and which erected the splendid lodge building now in use as a club house by the Elks, the following were elected directors:

L. J. Brandt, John N. Wilson, H. Sternberger, Caesar Cone, Dr. C. M. Humphrey, J. W. Cone, A. R. McCulloch. These directors met and elected the following officers: President, E. J. Brandt; vice president, Chas. N. Wilson; secretary and treasurer, H. Sternberger.

Wedding at Raleigh.
Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—A very pretty wedding ceremony in which people throughout the state were deeply interested took place at the Church of the Good Shepherd yesterday afternoon when Miss Emily Gertrude Higgs, daughter of Mr. Jas. A. Higgs, became the bride of Mr. Gilbert Elliott Smith, prominent attorney and real estate dealer of Brooklyn, N. C.

The wedding was a lovely marriage scene. The ushers were Messrs. Walter and Whitmel Smith, of Brooklyn; Messrs. Allen and James Higgs, Raleigh. Mrs. Henry C. Walter, of Washington, D. C., was dame of honor, and Mr. Burton Hoyle Smith, of Charlotte, best man. The bride was given away by her father.

Editors Appeal Yeggmen Make Goody Haul
Greenville, S. C., April 21.—At three o'clock this morning yeggmen blew open the safe in Carpenter Brothers' bank drug store at postoffice near the Southern depot, and secured \$400 in cash.

No clue to the robbers has been found, but suspicious characters are being shadowed.

The store is located in a thickly settled district. Governor Webb and local police are investigating the case.

"Tape Worm of Treasury."
Washington, D. C., April 23.—Senator Gore, in urging amendments to the naval appropriation bill providing for the purchase of material abroad, his purpose was to "Rescue this country from the toils of the steel trust," which he regarded as "The tape worm of the treasury." Mr. Bacon also spoke in favor of eliminating the provision requiring materials of domestic manufacture.

Young Bryan Gave His Family a Bad Scare

New York, April 21.—Hon. William J. Bryan's grandson, little Bryan Leavitt, gave the democratic leader a bad scare today. Mr. Bryan had gone to the pier to meet the steamer upon which Mrs. Bryan, her daughter, Mrs. Leavitt and Mrs. Leavitt's two children were returning from Europe.

Mr. Bryan was one of the first on board. He found Mrs. Bryan and Mrs. Leavitt waiting him on the upper deck, but little Bryan was nowhere to be seen. Finally his mother found him hidden under a berth in her stateroom. When drawn out from his hiding place little Bryan threw himself into his grandfather's arms and the big crowd which had gathered on the dock watched the meeting with enthusiastic appreciation.

Mr. Bryan left them at the hotel and went to Trenton, N. J.

Attempted to Kill President Cabrero

Washington, D. C., April 22.—The American minister attempted to assassinate him, and in the melee the president received a bayonet thrust through the hand, while an officer of the staff is said to have been killed. He added, it was said the five cadets had been shot. The city is reported quiet.

It doesn't do much good to say we are not at home when the wolf is at the door.