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BUTLER WAS DENOUNCED

JEFF DAVIS GIVES MARY ANN A ROAST—"SOMETHING DEAD IN DENMARK"

INDIANA BILL WAS UP

Washington, Jan. 26.—Former United States Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, was denounced on the floor of the Senate by Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, yesterday.

The denunciation was administered in connection with an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill offered by Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, providing for the payment of the fees of attorneys for the Colville reservation Indians in the collection of a claim of \$1,500,000.

Making a point of order against the amendment, Mr. Davis said:

"I am advised that ex-Senator Marion Butler is interested in this matter. I have seen ex-Senator Butler hovering around here, and I want to say when I see that gentleman here I at once form a suspicion that there is something dead in Denmark. He has secured more claims than any other man within my knowledge, and the fact that he has an interest in a claim is in itself enough to put the Senate on its guard."

Senator Davis stated also that the claim had grown out of a contract with the Indians procured by Col. Hugh Gordon, a son of ex-Senator Gordon, of Mississippi, and ex-Congressman Marsh, of Pennsylvania, but he said that in committee the statement had been made that when the contract was made Colonel Gordon was the secretary of his father as Senator. He said also that \$50,000 had been paid the attorneys.

Defending the provision, Senator Bacon, of Georgia, said that the attorneys had been awarded 10 per cent on the \$1,500,000. He added that \$4,000,000 had been collected by the Indians as a result of the work done. He also declared that no improper influence had been used in connection with the claim.

The point of order was sustained and the bill carrying about \$9,000,000 was passed. The bill is the first of the general appropriation bills to pass the Senate.

Cotton Supply 11,832,520 Bales For Four Months.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The census bureau's cotton report shows the supply for the four months period, ending December 31, 1910, to have been 11,832,520 bales, made up of 1,040,040 bales of stocks at the beginning of the period; 10,731,504 bales ginned, and 50,976 bales imported.

The distribution was: Exports, 4,673,940 bales; consumption, 1,576,442 bales; stocks at close of December, 5,582,138 bales.

Segregation of stocks at close of December was:

Held by manufacturers, 1,356,436; independent warehouses, 3,027,210; held elsewhere, 1,798,492.

Bubonic Plague Claims Eighteen.

Pekin, Jan. 26.—Despite the efforts at secrecy maintained by the authorities it is learned that there have been at least eighteen deaths from bubonic plague in this city within the past 7 days.

There are more than a score of cases of real and suspected plague. The districts where the infection is found have been isolated, but the authorities were so lax in taking action that hundreds were exposed to it before the quarantine went into effect.

So serious has the situation become at Tien-Tsin and Pukow that all railway traffic has been suspended.

Governor and Mrs. Kitchin At Home To Assembly.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—The Governor's Mansion presented a scene of splendor and brilliance last evening, the occasion being the biennial reception of the Governor and his wife in honor of the members of the General Assembly and State officers. Governor and Mrs. Kitchin had made elaborate arrangements for this event, which proved to be one of the most elegant social functions ever given in this city. Besides Governor and Mrs. Kitchin, those in the receiving circle were the various State officers and their wives, President Newland, of the Senate and his wife, and Speaker Dowd, of the House and Mrs. Dowd. During the evening the Mansion was thronged with handsomely gowned women and men in evening dress, the guests including many of the most prominent society people from all parts of the State. This reception will for a long time be cherished as a fond memory with all who attended.

Jack Johnson To Go In Training.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 26.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion, has returned to the city from Pittsburg, where he closed a week's theatrical engagement.

The negro champion will leave for California on Thursday to take two months' rest and incidentally begin conditioning himself for a fight which he says is hanging fire with Al Kaufman, to be decided in London some time in April.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 26.—James E. Martine was elected Senator from New Jersey to succeed John Kean. He was supported by Governor Wilson and was opposed by James Smith. The joint ballot was: Martine (Democrat), 47; Stokes, (Republican), 21; Smith, (Democrat), 3.

Washington, Jan. 26.—In a statement issued by the Treasury Department, the 75 national banks in North Carolina are shown to be in a healthy condition. They have loans and discounts amounting to \$33,364,753 and individual deposits amounting to \$26,470,609.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—February 20th, at 2:30 o'clock memorial services in honor of the late Senator John W. Daniel will be held in the Senate. The list of speakers has not yet been announced, but it is probable that many of the members who served with Senator Daniel will attest their esteem for him with fitting remarks.

Delaware Sailor Is Killed.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 26.—While engaged in painting the battleship Delaware, as she lay in the dry dock at the Norfolk navy yard Tuesday, an unknown sailor fell from the scaffold on which he was standing, to the bottom of the stone dock. He was picked up by shipmates and carried to the dispensary in the yard, but died within an hour.

Mattamuskeet Conference.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—M. Manley, treasurer of the Norfolk Southern Railway, says that there is to be a conference at an early date of all parties interested in the Lake Mattamuskeet drainage district with the drainage commission, consisting of W. H. T. Gibbs, of Hyde; J. S. Mann, of Hyde, and J. P. Kern, of Asheville. The conference is to arrange for further details of the work to be done.

THE WEATHER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 26.—For North Carolina: Rain tonight and Friday. Warmer tonight in the interior. Moderate winds becoming southerly.

VA. BIG DEBT SUIT ARGUED

SPOONER CONTENDS THAT WEST VIRGINIA SHOULD NOT BE LIABLE FOR 1-3

\$33,000,000 INVOLVED

Washington, Jan. 26.—Now praising and then condemning the commonwealth of Virginia, former United States Senator John C. Spooner yesterday argued before the Supreme Court of the United States that West Virginia should not be held liable for one-third of the \$33,000,000 debt which hung over Virginia when West Virginia became a State. He declared that neither population, area nor wealth afforded a proper basis for a distribution of the debt. His contention was that Virginia, still remaining in existence, the debt should be borne substantially according to locality of expenditure.

The attorney praised Virginia and the men of that State for espousing the cause they believed was right in the late war. But he condemned the State for its manner of attempting to apportion the debt.

"In view of the Constitution of West Virginia, to which Virginia agreed," argued Mr. Spooner in considering the latter subject, "and in view of the constitutional injunction laid upon the Legislature of Virginia by the constitution of that commonwealth of 1870, this apportionment by the Virginia Legislature of two-thirds of the debt to herself and the other one-third to West Virginia and the issuing of certificates reciting that Virginia had that day discharged her equitable proportion of the debt, without consulting West Virginia, was a gross usurpation, arbitrary in its character and insulting to a sister State."

Mr. Spooner went into a detailed analysis of the items in the \$33,000,000 Virginia debt. He said that much of the debt had been incurred by the State in buying stock in international improvement corporations. Such an expenditure, he argued, was not to be considered as a general, but as a local debt. The fortunes of war made Virginia a battlefield, and either as a result of that or for some other reason, the stock became worthless, Mr. Spooner said.

"If the stock had doubled in value," said Senator Spooner, "Virginia would have remained Virginia as far as this debt was concerned. Now that the stock has proven worthless they are seeking to show that Virginia includes West Virginia."

Appropriations of \$710,000 to Schools and Colleges.

New York, Jan. 26.—Appropriations aggregating \$710,000 were made to ten universities and colleges at the eighth annual meeting of the general education board yesterday. The gifts are conditional upon additional sums being raised by the institutions. Among the donations are: Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., \$60,000 and Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., \$50,000.

Twenty-Four Convicts Baptized.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—News comes from the State farm in Halifax county that as a result of the efforts of Edgar N. Le Blanc, who has been chaplain there since last August, that 24 convicts have just been baptized. Mr. Le Blanc has organized a brotherhood among the convicts and they are working for the salvation of the unconverted. Mr. Le Blanc, who is an Episcopalian, is doing effective work. Many a man wears himself out trying to keep up with his good intentions.

DIVORCE LAW PROMINENT

COTTON'S DOG LAW FAILED ON SECOND READING--OTNER PROCEEDINGS

NEAR BEER IS HIT HARD

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 26.—There was a flood of new bills in both branches of the Legislature today. Among the more important of these were:

By Bellamy: To allow licensed pilot boats to sell fish taken while at their stations awaiting incoming vessels. Also to regulate catching clams. Also one concerning the shooting of coots and rice birds. Another to prevent justices of the peace from acting as notaries public.

One over-zealous Senator wants to prevent the sale of matches other than of the so-called "safety" variety.

By Boykin: For the equal working of public highways.

By Long: Relating to the expense of judges.

By Taylor, of Brunswick: To authorize the town of Southport to subscribe to the capital stock of the Wilmington, Brunswick and Southport Railroad to the extent of fifteen thousand dollars, if the people so vote at an election to be called by the aldermen.

By Pace: Amendatory of Section 1105 of the Revisal and to allow railroads to give free transportation to ex-employees and their widows, etc. Also one relative to the seizure of stills.

By Battle: Relative to statistics of leaf tobacco.

By Roberts: To strengthen the liability of the stockholders of State banks.

By Mitchell: To allow the commissioner of agriculture to get his printing done separate from the balance of the State Departments.

By Gen. Carr: To extend State aid to the Daughters of the Confederacy for equipping the North Carolina room in the Richmond Confederate Museum.

The genealogy of the canine tribe cut a figure in the Senate debates today, when the Cotten bill to tax dogs was on its passage.

Hicks took the position that dogs should be taxed according to their value as property valuation. He opposed taxing house dogs of the farmers and poor niggers at the same figure that the dogs of high degree that cost their owners all the way from ten to one hundred dollars each, and some times even more.

Senator Cotten claimed his bill would add one hundred thousand dollars annually to the school funds.

Johnston, of Duplin, said it would be at the possible expense of his life if he voted for the Cotten bill.

Some Senators believed the bill would result in annihilating a large percentage of the worthless breed of curs. Kitchin disputed that statement, and claimed that the nigger would use the last dollar he had to pay the tax before seeing his dog killed.

Finally the first dog bill of the session to get a hearing went the way of all predecessors. Barnes moved to table it on the second reading. Motion carried by a vote of 22 to 16.

In the House much time was consumed in the discussion of the Devin bill to amend the divorce law and place man and woman on equal footing as to adultery.

After a protracted debate in the House on the bill to amend the divorce law, the minority substitute reported by the committee was adopted. Then several amendments were voted on. Gay moved to amend so as to make the remarriage of either party unlawful during the life of the other party. The amendment was lost.

Turlington offered an amendment

that actual illicit intercourse shall be provided when a wife sues on the ground of adultery. He said this was desired to prevent blackmail and collusion. This amendment was lost by a vote of 70 to 25.

A vote was then reached on the main question. The divorce bill was then placed on its second reading without amendment and passed by the vote of 68 to 22. Objection was made to the third reading and a motion to suspend the rules and pass it failed of three-fifths vote.

A discussion of the proposed dog tax law consumed most of the time in the Senate. The Cotten bill failed on its second reading.

The bill creating Hoke county out of Cumberland and Robeson, gets a favorable report by the Senate Committee on Counties, Cities and Towns, the vote being ten to six. The joint finance committees met last night on request of the bankers of the State, who desire to be heard on proposed legislation affecting banking interests.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances of the House yesterday afternoon gave another lengthy hearing on the Koonce bill for a legislative committee to investigate the conduct of fire insurance companies in North Carolina and the matter is still open.

The House Committee on the Regulation of the Liquor Traffic, with almost a unanimous vote, only two voting against it, ordered a favorable report on Dr. Kent's substitute to his own bill, which forbids the sale in North Carolina of near-beer, beerine, or like stuff under any name, after the first of March of this year.

The Senate by an overwhelming vote yesterday afternoon passed Senator Gardner's bill increasing the Governor's salary from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per year, the bill to become effective at the beginning of the term of the next chief executive. Senator Graham's amendment to increase the salary to \$5,000 was lost, he and Senator Sigmon casting the only two votes against the Gardner bill.

Wendell Items.

Wendell, N. C., Jan. 26.—Mr. H. B. High, of Middlesex, was in town yesterday to attend the quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church.

Mr. Frank Scarboro, of Zebulon, was in town yesterday.

Wendell continues to grow. Two large brick stores and a number of dwellings are nearing completion. Let the good work go on.

P. H. Robertson left yesterday for Wilson and Elm City on business.

Mr. J. E. May made a business trip to Zebulon yesterday.

Mr. J. D. Johnson, of Raleigh, was with us yesterday on business.

Mr. J. Bryant Eason, of the Archer section, spent Saturday night and Sunday in town.

Miss Rubie Richardson, of Selma, has been visiting relatives and friends of this place.

Rev. Mr. Love filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mr. W. G. Moss left yesterday for Greenville.

Todd Bros. are now occupying the cement furniture building, formerly run by Stell and Jacobs.

Mr. Edmon Sides has accepted a position with J. E. B. Davis in the hardware business of this place.

Pierpont Morgan Biggest Factor.

New York, Jan. 26.—Figures given out by a financial bureau today show that J. Pierpont Morgan controls 20.5 per cent of the aggregate \$9,730,518, 630 of the entire country through his four National Banks and seven trust companies in this city and two life insurance companies. The figures demonstrate that Mr. Morgan is the real dominating Napoleon in American finance.

With just enough of learning to misquote.—Byron.

"The funniest thing about a big man is that he is apt to have a little wife."

DEADLOCK IS UNBROKEN

THE BALLOT FOR A NEW YORK SENATOR IS UNCHANGED FROM TUESDAY

SHEEHAN MAY BE DROPPED

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 26.—Evidence of a break in the deadlock over the election of a United States Senator, which has existed for the past two weeks, appeared last night in several quarters. Although there was no organized movement, individual members were more open in expressing dissatisfaction with the prolongation of the present situation, and developments are expected soon that will set some new figures on the tally slips of the joint assembly. No one, however, would predict that the situation would show any outward change this week.

Until yesterday, prospects of a break were based on the efforts made by the supporters of William F. Sheehan to win over enough votes from the twenty-six Democrats who refused to attend the Democratic caucus to elect Sheehan. But after Norman E. Mack, the national Democratic chairman, and Winfield A. Huppuch, the State chairman of the Democratic organization, had tried in vain to bring the "insurgents" into line, some of those who had voted for Mr. Sheehan, mainly because they considered it their duty to do so under caucus obligation, began to look for another solution of the problem.

It is acknowledged that the leaders of the New York county organization are the only ones qualified to speak with authority on this subject, and hitherto they have insisted that the party was bound by all party principles to elect Mr. Sheehan. Last night, however, a prominent Tammany man acknowledged that the possibility of abandoning Mr. Sheehan for another candidate was under discussion.

The apparent hopelessness of the situation as it now stands was illustrated when the seventh joint ballot gave the eleven Democratic candidates exactly the same vote as they received Tuesday.

The prevailing impression is that the leaders have not given up hope that the opposition may weaken; but the number and variety of the rumors of a new deal could not be ignored. Several up-State Democrats, who opposed Sheehan in the caucus, but accepted its decision, today discussed a plan to serve notice on Mr. Murphy that if the deadlock continued much longer they must call for another candidate.

COTTON MARKET

The New York cotton market opened this morning: January, 14.65; March, 14.78; May, 14.97; July, 14.98; August, 14.66; October, 13.39. At 12 o'clock the market was practically unchanged. January, 14.64; March, 14.77; May, 14.95; July, 14.97; August, 14.65; October, 13.39.

The market closed: January, 14.67; March, 14.79; May, 14.97; July, 14.99; October, 13.39.

Spots in Wilson, around 14 5-8c.

Receipts in Wilson, 12 bales. Receipts at the ports yesterday, 21,438 bales against 28,390 last week and 15,397 last year. For the week 200,000 bales against 22,495 last week and 114,649 last year. Yesterday's receipts at New Orleans, 5,518 bales against 4,176 last year.

Judges are but men, and are swayed like other men by vehement prejudices. This is corruption in reality, give it whatever other name you please.—David Dudley Field.