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ALDRICH STABS PARTY

CHARGES IT WITH WASTING \$300,000,000 A YEAR IN GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRY.

Drives Hale to Fury. Maine Senator Falls on Colleague for Treasonable Aid to Democrats. Dolliver Started All. Criticized Series of Protests As Creating Impression of Public Corruption.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21.—"If I were a business man and were given permission to manage the affairs of the Government I would run them at \$300,000,000 a year less than it is now costing to run them."

In these startling words Senator Aldrich this afternoon created a sensation among his party associates and gave the Democrats a timely piece of campaign ordinance.

"By the employment of proper business methods," said Senator Aldrich, "the ordinary expenditures of the Government can be reduced at least 10 per cent, or \$300,000,000 a year. At present the executive departments are being managed on obsolete business methods or none at all. The American people are never ruffled by reform or disturbed by the truth. The cost of arranging a system of modern business methods would be but a trifle compared with the great saving made possible by their adoption."

Hale Turns on Aldrich.

"That is a terrific arraignment of the party in power," said Senator Money, the minority leader. "I think the Senator's party will demand an explanation of such a remarkable statement from him."

And later in the afternoon Senator Hale took Aldrich off in a remote corner and gave him the largest piece of his mind that the Maine Senator has ever donated at one time. He told Aldrich he has made the most stupendous blunder of his public career, and that his words would be hurled from the stump with telling effect during the campaign. He said the declaration made it seem that the Republican party had squandered billions of dollars during the period it has remained in power if the present ratio of useless extravagance is \$300,000,000 a year. Hale was mad through and through, and it was a fierce scolding he handed out to his associate in bossing the Senate.

Dolliver Started Trouble.

Senator Dolliver started the whole trouble when the bill to create a Government business methods commission came up at the request of Aldrich for consideration and action. Dolliver said he desired to give his Republican colleagues a nice little curtain lecture which would be of no interest to the Democrats. He said countless investigations were having a bad political effect. The people were reaching the conclusion that every public official is either incompetent or a rogue. Even foreigners are beginning to think the Americans cannot manage their own affairs. He said it was a disparagement that should be stopped.

Dolliver declared that 20 special committees and commissions are now at work investigating different subjects. The aggregate expense of these inquiries were incredible. The lowest estimate regarding the expense of the business methods investigation was \$300,000. The people, he said, considered all these things as a reflection on the honesty and integrity and competency of public officials. They would soon reach the conclusion that a change in administrations would be a good thing.

Reciprocity Administration.

Senator Dolliver threw a hot bomb at the present deluge of Administration bills by saying that the numerous inquiries looked to him like an effort to have reciprocity between the legislative and Executive branches of the Government. The Executive would write the bills and the legislative manage the Government business affairs.

Senator Aldrich replied to Dolliver, and a lively all-around debate followed. Aldrich finally said that in deference to the various opinions expressed he would eliminate the provision for the appointment of three members of the commission by the President and provide for a joint com-

mission, comprising five Senators and five Representatives.

At the request of Senator Beveridge, who desires to discuss the bill, action was postponed.

Mail Books a Mess.

Before that action had been taken there was much discussion of the bill. Senator Carter traced the present evils largely to the ambition of departmental officials. As going to show the inadequate methods of the departments, he said that the Postal Commission was unable to ascertain from the books of the Post Office Department the cost of carrying the second-class mails when it endeavored to a few years ago.

Senator Newlands advocated a commission to be appointed by the President. Senator Bristow expressed the opinion that the Committee on Public Expenditures should do the work, which it is proposed to impose upon a commission. He said that it looked as though the committee were anxious to avoid the duty to perform for which it had been created. He did not believe that any practical results would follow the work of the investigation.—Philadelphia Record.

PERCY WINS OVER VARDAMAN.

The Senatorial Deadlock in Mississippi State Legislature Ends With Vardaman a Loser.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 22.—Leroy Percy, of Greenville, one of the most brilliant lawyers in Mississippi, was tonight nominated as United States Senator from the State of Mississippi, to fill out the unexpired term of A. J. McLaurin, who died December 23, last.

The election was on the fifty-eighth ballot, and after a deadlock that had continued since January 4 with one or two ballots nearly every day.

At the beginning there were seven of eight candidates, but they dropped out one after another till four were left, three of them, Percy, Kyle, and Byrd, pitted against Vardaman.

Finding it impossible to combine their votes on any one of the three so as to make Vardaman's defeat certain, all of the candidates held caucuses today and it was determined that all should get out of the race except Mr. Percy, who was to make the show-down.

When the result of the ballot was announced there was a scene of wildest confusion. The vote was Percy 87; Vardaman 82.

Indians to Plant Corn.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—A letter from the farmer in charge of the Cherokee school farm in Swain county says the Indians will this year try to make a record as corn growers, and will get in the contests. This news comes from all sections of the state and boys everywhere by thousands will be in the boys' club contests.

"RATS" MAKE GIRL LEPERS.

Believed to have Contracted the Disease from Wearing Asiatic Hair.

St. Louis, Feb. 21.—Acting on information received by the Board of Health that there are two girls in the city suffering from leprosy caused by made of wearing "rats" and "puffs" made of Asiatic hair, G. A. Jordan, Assistant Health Commissioner of St. Louis, said to-day that he would begin an investigation into the sale of hirsute goods here.

The two young women are being treated in St. Louis secretly, and Dr. Jordan will make an effort to have them located and quarantined. According to the Health Board's informant, they were employed until a few days ago in a downtown store.

Judge Womack Dead.

Ex-Judge Thomas B. Womack, a prominent member of the Raleigh bar, died Friday morning after a protracted illness. He was a native of Chatham County, was for a short time Superior Court judge by appointment, and during the Cleveland administration was a clerk in the revenue office at Raleigh under Collector Simmons.

In 1908 he left Raleigh for New York as counsel for the American Tobacco Company, resigned within a year and returned to Raleigh and resumed the practice of law with success.—Exchange.

ANTARCTIC EXPERIENCE HOLDS GREAT REVIVAL

DREAMS OF FOOD ALL NIGHT.

Lieut. Shackleton Narrates Hazard Of Antartics. In Desolate Camp When Rations Were Giving Out, Hungry Men Would Watch Grudgingly Every Bite, and Pick Up Minute Particles of Bread With Moistened Finger.

London, Feb. 19.—Sir Ernest Shackleton told a fashionable drawing-room audience the other day what it feels like to be ferociously hungry.

During the last stage of his antarctic expedition, he said, when the members of his party were sitting in their tent, each nibbling his one biscuit, if a man happened to drop a crumb, six pairs of eyes would follow it on its downward path to the floor. If he had not noticed it, which was a very rare occurrence, his attention would be drawn to it and he would wet the tip of his finger and pick it up. Not a morsel was allowed to escape.

In his diary for the same day last year he found the entry: "Very hungry, dreaming of food all night; thinking of food all day." They were hungry for three months, he continued, and during that time had only one meal, on Christmas Day.

They often asked each other what people in the cities did when they were dying of starvation, because no law of man would have stood between them and a baker's shop, if they had had an opportunity of getting in. When they came back to civilization they were so shrunk, in size that at first they were unable to eat as much as an ordinary man, but he afterwards made up for it. They then made up their minds that they would never see a hungry person flattening his nose against a cookshop window without giving him something.

GENERAL NEWS.

Senator Tillman, who was taken suddenly ill in Washington last week was in a critical condition Friday and Saturday and for a time his life was despaired of. He is now better.

John Pratt, the negro who came near being lynched at Cairo, Ill., for purse-snatching, was tried in court next day and sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment. He pleaded guilty. Another negro who was arrested at the same time for participation in the same offence was discharged, the grand jury finding no bill against him.

Nine of the largest wholesale bakeries in New York have formed a combine with a capital of \$6,000,000. These bakeries use 11,400 barrels of flour a week. The managers of the combine deny that it is the purpose to raise prices, but say they can reduce expenses. That is the alleged purpose of all trusts but the actual purpose is something different.

Rev. Dr. William Everett, scholar and former Congressman, died last week at Quincy, Mass. He was 71 years of age and was the son of Edward Everett, the prominent statesman. For nearly 30 years he was head master of Adams Academy in Quincy, but his duties there did not prevent his becoming greatly interested in the political life of the state. He was elected to Congress from the seventh Massachusetts district as a Democrat.

A dispatch from Juneau, Alaska, says the steel steamship Yucatan, of the Alaska Steamship Company bound from Valdez to Seattle with 65 passengers, struck an iceberg in icy strait Wednesday morning and sank within eight minutes in six fathoms of water at high tide. There was no loss of life and so far as known no one was injured. As soon as the collision occurred the vessel was run on the beach, life boats were lowered and all the passengers, the food and bedding and United States mail taken ashore.

Two deaths from smallpox occurred at Thomasville Saturday—one an old man and the other a little boy, an inmate of the Thomasville orphanage. The old man was a paralytic and the boy had inflammatory rheumatism. There are eight cases of smallpox in Thomasville, in four families, but the outbreak at the orphanage has been stayed.

\$10,500 GIVEN PREACHER SUNDAY

Big Free Will Offering From Youngstown for Ball Player Evangelist. Nearly 6,000 Converts Result of Most Successful Campaign.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 20.—Evangelist Billy Sunday closed one of the most successful revivals in his career here tonight, when he ended six weeks of work. Three meetings were held in the tabernacle and at each meeting the large structure was packed and overflowing audiences were addressed by his assistants.

The total number of converts secured during the revival is 5,915. The free will offering taken up for the evangelist today was \$10,500. This will be presented to Rev. Mr. Sunday at the ministers' farewell banquet to be given him at the Y. M. C. A. Monday noon.

The evangelist and his party will leave here Monday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Sunday will go to Dayton where he has a business engagement with Evangelist Chapman. He will then proceed to his home in Chicago, where he will rest up the remainder of the week before opening his revival at Danville, Ill., next Sunday night.

Nothing like the final meeting to-night has ever been witnessed in this city. The tabernacle, which seats 7,500, was jammed long before the hour of opening the meeting. Hundreds tried to crowd through the locked doors and the windows were jammed with anxious ones who tried to catch a word of the farewell sermon. The revival is the second largest in the point of converts and also in donations to the evangelist in his career.

The evangelist, worn out by his hard six weeks' work, preached on the following text: "And He Said Tomorrow." Many in the large crowd had been in the building since early morning, having refused to leave following the first meeting for fear of being unable to secure admission at the afternoon and evening meetings. Scores became restless and dozens fainted from exhaustion. Frequent interruptions forced the evangelist to stop several times in his discourse. Once he stopped to pray and many started to leave. Then he pleaded with his audience not to wait until tomorrow to accept Jesus Christ. When the invitation was given, 394 came forward, the largest number at any meeting of the revival. The total number of converts on Sunday was 970.

At the conclusion of the sermon tonight the large crowd rushed forward to shake hands with the evangelist and bid him farewell. The choir sang "We Shall Gather at the River," and the audience joined in the chorus. Then members of the Sunday party, including Mrs. Sunday, told of their regret at leaving Youngstown and the good it had done them to work here. Checks were given Miss MacLaren and Messrs. Fisher and Ackley by the choir. This trio were active in doing personal work for the past six weeks.

It is estimated that the revival will have cost the people of the city about \$30,000, including the money pledged for the tabernacle, expenses of the Sunday party and donations to the evangelist. Theaters and other places of amusements and the saloons have suffered considerable in loss of patronage and religious people of the city expect lasting good to result from the meetings.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

JOY FATAL TO SIX PERSONS.

Smugglers' Shout Caused Avalanche Of Snow on Swiss Frontier.

Verne, Feb. 19.—A joyful shout thoughtlessly given by an Italian smuggler on having eluded the customs guards on the Swiss frontier, was the cause of his six companions being overwhelmed and killed by an avalanche.

The party, coming from the Grisons, had with a thousand precautions, successfully negotiated the Forcola pass on the Swiss-Italian border. Five of the men were loaded with valuable contraband goods and two acted as guides and scouts. When they were all safely on Italian soil, one of the guides, named Maretoli, gave vent to a joyful yodel.

In the still air the least sound causes a vibration which may set enormous masses of snow moving. This is what occurred here. A quarter of a million tons of snow detached itself from the mountain side and came thundering down upon the party, who were swept in an instant into an abyss. Maretoli alone was able to extricate himself.

Sixty Thousand Dollars for New School Houses.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—This week \$60,000 will be sent out by the State superintendent of public instruction to 42 counties in the shape of loans to aid in the construction of public school houses. This means at least as much more will be expended by the counties for this purpose, and perhaps twice as much more. There were applications for over 75,000 of this state fund, but not enough was available to supply all, and so the requests had to be scaled.

TWO CHILDREN END LIVES.

Self-destruction Among Little Ones In Russia Growing. Boy of Noble Family, Who Shot Himself, Said He Could Not Do Otherwise.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 19.—At a children's ball recently given by the Countess Tipkevitch, two children belonging to historic families of Russia committed suicide. During the ball a scream was heard, immediately followed by a revolver shot. It was then discovered that in one of the corners of the saloon a lad of fifteen, belonging to the noble family of Barjatinsky, had shot himself through the heart with a revolver. The youth died immediately, without saying anything further than the words, "I could not do otherwise."

In the panic which followed a girl of fourteen, the Baroness von Pahlen, hastily swallowed a small pastille. A few minutes later she fell on the floor a corpse.

The suicide of young people of both sexes is every year becoming more frequent in Russia. The least reverse, even the failure to pass an examination, is sufficient to cause these neurotic young moderns to make an end of themselves.

STATE NEWS.

Mr. E. T. Kenter, a progressive farmer of near Winston-Salem, who died about two weeks ago, left \$2,800 concealed in various places about his home. His wife and children knew that he had money but were ignorant of its location until after his death.

The address at the annual meeting at the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville this summer will be delivered by Dr. John C. Kilgo. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. W. M. Vines, of Asheville.

An eighteen-year-old boy, of Asheville was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury in the Superior court last week.

The next meeting of the Tri-State Medical Association, which is composed of representatives from the two Carolinas and Virginia, will be held in Raleigh in February 1911.

Mrs. Thomas Chapman, of Clinton died at the State Hospital on Thursday of last week, of pellagra. She was the first native of Sampson county to die of this disease.

Hannah Ratliff colored, recently died at her home near Wadesboro at the age of one hundred years.

The bustling little capital of Columbus county, Whiteville, carried an election last week for a \$25,000 bond issue for better streets, and a greater Whiteville.

A train dashed into the team of Mr. J. V. Thomasson, a travelling man of South Carolina at Rockingham last Saturday morning, causing injuries from which Mr. Thomasson died. The negro driver was also thrown out but escaped injury. The buggy was completely demolished.

A bride of only ninety days, Mrs. Oscar Williams, of Raleigh, died Friday morning of pneumonia.

The Raleigh News and Observer calls attention to the fact that in 17½ months Raleigh has lost by death seven prominent members of the legal profession and one United States judge. The deaths include those of F. H. and Chas. M. Busbee, Col. T. M. Argo, Judge Shepherd, Judge Womack and Judge Purnell.

TO HONOR WASHINGTON

A MOVEMENT IS LAUNCHED TO BUILD A GREAT TEMPLE AS A MEMORIAL TO FIRST PRESIDENT.

The Memorial to be Built at Alexandria and to Cost One Million Dollars. Washington was a Resident Of Alexandria in Early Youth and The Quaint Old Town as His Home Town and was Master of Its Masonic Lodge.

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 22.—The movement to erect a permanent Masonic memorial to George Washington took its first definite form to-day when General J. M. Dickinson, Secretary of War, and the grand masters of many Masonic grand lodges met here with other distinguished men of the fraternity to form a National Masonic Memorial Association. Perhaps no Masonic celebration ever held anywhere in America has been more elaborate.

In this quaint old town of ivy-covered walls and rambling gardens, upon a street laid out by the young surveyor, near the spot where in 1754 Braddock's young colonel quartered his troops before the faithful march to the Ohio; near the historic old lodge where he was a master and in the midst of a field rich in the events of his life and memory, it will be the purpose of this association to erect a temple to George Washington, a Mason. Set apart in the structure will be a hall of fame in which space will be allotted to all the grand jurisdictions in the country to place tablets to the memories of their distinguished sons.

The memorial would stand on Washington Street. Close by is the old Christ Church where, in his mature years, Washington served as a vestryman. On a field not far off he held his last military review. Across a shaded green in the stately old court house he cast his last vote, and there his will is filed.

Alexandria, by undisputed consent, is the natural site for the memorial. Washington moved to Mount Vernon when he was sixteen with his half brother Lawrence, and until the chill, raw day of his death it was his home and Alexandria was his home town. He became a member of its council, represented it in the House of Burgesses, endowed its schools, established its fire department and was master of its lodge.

The men who will form the association met to-day in the same Alexandria Washington Lodge room where Washington occupied the master's chair. While no fixed plan could be announced prior to the assembly of all the grand masters, it is in short the purpose of the lodge to raise \$1,000,000 to build and endow the memorial. The institution will be unique among the memorials of the world and will permit every grand jurisdiction to honor every Mason it esteems to be deserving with a leaf in its hall of fame, a photograph and a biography.

SOLOMON SHEPARD ESCAPES.

Negro Serving 30 Years for Murder Jumps From Work Train.

Laurinburg, N. C., Feb. 22.—Solomon Shepard, recently sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years for the murder of Engineer Holt, at Durham, made his escape yesterday from the convict guard on the work train on the Laurinburg and Southern Railroad here.

Loaded with a ball and chain Shepard jumped from a train which was conveying the convicts to work, and dodging a dozen bullets, took to the woods.

To-day his stripes were found three miles from the point where he made his escape, but despite vigorous search there is no clue to his whereabouts. Shepard tried to escape last week as he was entering the State's prison portals for the first time and was wounded.

For the second time within nine months, street car employes in Philadelphia are on a strike. There is much disorder. Cars have been wrecked and burned and many people injured in the disturbances which have followed the attempts of the company to operate cars.