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POU HELPED TO SMOOTH MATTERS

As Member of Rules Committee Was
In Position To Offer Aid

IN THE MONEY TRUST INQUIRY

Raleigh District Congressman, Who
Figured in the Adjustment of Intra-Party
Differences, Receives
Congratulations from Some of
His Party Associates.

Washington, Feb. 28.—In the feeling of gratification entertained by every Democrat in Congress at the adjustment of the intra-party differences and the avoidance of the threatened party split over the money trust investigation by the unanimous adoption of the compromise resolution Saturday, many party men are expressing their gratification to Representative Pou, ranking member of the Rules Committee, who made the solution possible.

The Democrats of the House had stood together upon almost every important question since they attained control of the majority, but the Henry resolution for the investigation of the "money devil" precipitated a situation that occasioned dire prophecies of party disunion among those who saw the extent to which the feeling of the different members were aroused.

The matter was not entirely settled in the caucus which referred the investigation to the Banking and Currency Committee and other standing committees. It remained for the resolution to be reported by the Rules Committee and here a new snag was encountered.

The Henry forces again made an effort to have the resolution demand a more drastic inquiry than they believed would result from the Pou measure. The resolution which was finally agreed upon by both Majority Leader Underwood and Representative Henry, and which was voted for by every Democrat in the House Saturday, was drawn according to the suggestions of Representative Pou. Mr. Pou outlined the basis on which both sides could get together and his friends declare that he more than any other man is responsible for the fortunate outcome of the controversy.—L. A. Brown, in News and Observer.

CONTRIBUTION FROM DUKES.

Twenty Thousand For Completion of
Methodist Church at Duke.

Durham, Feb. 26.—The announcement of a gift of \$20,000 to Memorial Methodist church by Messrs. B. N. and J. B. Duke was made at the 11 o'clock service Sunday.

The gift is for the purpose of completing the new building, which was started about two years ago. The outside of the building has been completed for several months, and the gift of the Dukes is for the purpose of finishing the interior. The Sunday school room has been completed for some time, and has been used as an auditorium for conducting the regular services.

When completed, the building will represent an expenditure of more than \$100,000 and will be one of the most beautiful church buildings in the State. The greater part of this amount has been contributed by Messrs. B. N. and J. B. Duke, who are members of the church. The construction work will be resumed at once, and the building pushed to rapid completion.

BABY HANGS SELF BY CORD.

String Over the Carriage Tangles
About Little One's Neck.

New York, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Hannah Offermann, found her 13 months old baby, Helen, hanging by the neck from a string suspended above her crib in her home last night.

The child was placed in her crib at 6 o'clock. A few inches above her head was a nipple attached to a string, which was suspended from the wall. Often the child has played with the nipple, knocking it back and forth. The mother heard her laughing as she began beating at it last night and then all was quiet.

Entering the child's room at 7 o'clock Mrs. Offermann found Helen hanging. The baby's face was black and about her neck the string had become tangled in such a way that it formed a noose.

The mother cut the string and screamed. Neighbors came and H. M. Moreesky of No. 145 West One Hundred and Forty-third street was called. He said the child had died at least half an hour before.

Coroner Feinburg, after an investigation, said that the baby, which was just beginning to walk, had pulled her self to a standing position by the side of her crib and then had wound the cord about her neck in such a way that the nipple had caught and held as a knot. Then the baby had lost her footing and, being unable to clutch the sides of the crib or scream, had strangled.

"I hope other mothers will take warning by this accident," continued the coroner. "About half the babies these days amuse themselves with nipples and other playthings suspended above their beds. It's a very dangerous form of amusement, especially if the string is strong enough to hold the child's weight."

"HIRED LOVERS."

In the Bible we read where Hosea said "Ephraim hath hired lovers." There is a good deal of this kind of dealing in the world today. People get attention and consideration not because of real worth, but on account of their money. This is too often true. We have seen men honored and followed on account of their money, when we knew that at heart they were nothing more than beasts and beasts of a very low order. In morals they are rotten to the core and everybody knows it. We like to see people rise in the world. We like to see them have friends and admirers, but we like to know this admiration comes because of real worth. In other words we do not think much of bought lovers. What is true of an individual is true also of churches or orders or political parties. Doctrines and principles should count. Churches, lodges and political parties should not have to buy their way through the world with money. Some people think that it is all right to hire lovers, but we can not think so. Hired lovers will turn from you as soon as your money is gone. When men have to be hired to work for certain men in politics it shows a bad state of affairs. Some candidates even hire men to attend conventions where nominations are made and then hire voters on election day to secure an election. A political party must be suffering loss when such methods are practiced to any considerable extent by any who would lead it.

HALES' SCHOOL HOUSE ITEMS.

The many friends of Mr. Stephen Driver regret to know that he is very ill with pneumonia.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Fred Hales is suffering with neuralgia.

Mr. I. B. Richardson and Mr. Seba Hales, of Zebulon, were in our midst to-day.

Mr. J. C. Bailey has recently erected a new dwelling house.

Mr. Ulmont Hood, of Earpsboro, was a visitor in our section Sunday.

Mr. William Fuller, of Raleigh, spent Saturday night with Mr. Ruffin Fuller.

Miss Crosia Fuller visited in Earpsboro Sunday.

Miss Matoka Pace returned Sunday from a visit to her parents in Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bailey, of near Clayton, were visitors at the home of Mr. W. D. Hales Sunday.

Messrs. F. P. Hales, Ruffin Fuller and W. H. Price have each purchased a new horse.

There will be a box party at Hales School House next Saturday night, for the benefit of the singing class.

The ball boys of Hales Schoolhouse are looking forward with much interest to the game of ball to be played between the Emitt team and them, on their ground, on Thursday afternoon, March 6, 1912.

There will be an entertainment given at Hales School House at the closing of the school, Friday night, March 7th, 1912.

THE THREE SPECIALISTS.

MR. ROOSEVELT NOW IN RACE

Will Accept Republican Nomination
If Tendered

IS IN THE RACE TO THE END

Letter to the Seven Governors.—
Brief But Speaks in No Uncertain
Terms.—Hopes People Will Have
Privilege of Expressing Choice
Through Direct Primaries.

New York, Feb. 25.—"I will accept the nomination for President if it is tendered me, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference," is Col. Theodore Roosevelt's reply to the letter of seven Republican Governors asking him to stand for nomination.

The eagerly-awaited reply was given out tonight at Colonel Roosevelt's offices here during his absence on a trip to Boston. It was unexpectedly brief, but definite. It follows:

"Gentlemen: I deeply appreciate your letter and I realize to the full the heavy responsibility it puts upon me, expressing as it does the carefully considered convictions of the men elected by popular vote to stand as the heads of government in their several States.

"I absolutely agree with you that this matter is not one to be decided with any reference to the personal preferences or interests of any man, but purely from the standpoint of the interests of the people as a whole. I will accept the nomination for President if it is tendered to me, and I will adhere to this decision until the convention has expressed its preference. One of the chief principles for which I have stood and for which I now stand and which I have always endeavored and always shall endeavor to reduce to action is the genuine rule of the people; and therefore I hope that so far as possible the people may be given the chance, through direct primaries, to express their preference as to who shall be the nominee of the Republican presidential convention.

"Very truly yours,
"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

The Governors' letter follows:

"Chicago, Feb. 10, 1912.

"We, the undersigned Republican Governors, assembled for the purpose of considering what will best insure the continuation of the Republican party as a useful agency of good government, declare it our belief, after a careful investigation of the facts, that a large majority of the Republican voters of the country favor your nomination, and a large majority of the people favor your election, as the next President of the United States.

"We believe that your candidacy will insure success in the next campaign. We believe that you represent as no other man represents those principles and policies upon which we must appeal for a majority of the votes of the American people and which, in our opinion, are necessary for the happiness and prosperity of the country.

"We believe that in view of this public demand you should soon declare whether, if the nomination for the presidency came to you unsolicited and unsought, you will accept it.

"In submitting this request we are not considering your personal interests. We do not regard it as proper to consider either the interests or the preference of any man as regards the nomination for the presidency.

We are expressing our sincere belief and best judgment as to what is demanded of you in the interests of the people as a whole. And we feel that you would be unresponsive to a plain public duty if you should decline to accept the nomination, coming as the voluntary expression of the wishes of a majority of the Republican voters of the United States, through the action of their delegates in the next national convention.

"Yours truly,
"WILLIAM E. GLASSCOCK,
"CHESTER H. ALDRICH,
"HERBERT S. HADLEY,
"JOSEPH M. CAREY,
"CHASE S. OSBORN,
"ROBERT P. BASS,
"W. R. STUBBS."

FOUL PLAY IN CASE OF BENSON MEN

Coroner's Verdict Causes the Holding
of Goss For Grand Jury

CUTIE MOSELEY ALSO IS HELD

Jury Reports That Death Was by
Gas, Caused by Foul Play—
Cutie Moseley Held Under
\$1,000 Bond. Grand Jury of March
Term Will Act.

"We, the jury, summoned to hold inquest over the dead bodies of A. R. Johnson, Fred Jernigan and H. T. Porter, after viewing the corpses and examining into facts and circumstances of the death of three deceased, and hearing all testimony, find as follows:

"That said parties came to their death from gas poison caused by foul play and recommend that the coroner hold L. W. Goss without bond for the grand jury, further recommend that Maynard Moseley be held as an important witness.

"Signed by J. R. Norman, S. J. Betts, E. M. Bledsoe, T. W. Brewer, F. A. Watson and J. H. Weathers."

The above was the text of the verdict returned yesterday morning by the coroner's jury after four separate hearings in the investigation of the death of Johnson, Jernigan and Porter. It was not a surprise, but came as a relief of the long wait on the part of the public for a termination of the investigation.

As a result of the coroner's verdict young Goss is now in jail to await the action of the grand jury at the March term of court. "Cutie" Moseley was arrested some time later by Chief Stell at the Raleigh Auction House on Wilmington street.

Senator Barbour and Mr. N. W. Porter, of Benson, came to Raleigh again early yesterday morning and both were on hand at the hearing.

The coroner's jury assembled at 10:30 o'clock and only three witnesses were examined. There was no one to identify the pistol as belonging to either of the dead men; also no witness to further tell of it being pawned in Durham.

The first witness called was young Lafayette Goss and he was handed the pistol by Solicitor Morris. He received the pistol with shaking hand and seemed very nervous the entire time that he had the weapon in his hands. He was asked if that was his pistol and stated that it belonged to him at one time, but that he pawned it to Mr. Curtis Godfrey, of Durham, who conducts a restaurant on Main street. On being asked when he pawned the gun, stated that he pawned it the Sunday morning before he came to Raleigh. He said that he bought the pistol from a negro in front of the theatre in Durham about three weeks before. In reply to a question he stated that he did not know the negro from whom he bought the pistol and had never seen him since.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was undoubtedly delayed for a long time on account of the lack of proper evidence until that developed at the hearing Monday. The evidence developed at the first and second hearing did not satisfy the jury and they asked for something additional. This was presented by Solicitor Norris, Constable Byrum and others only after some hard work. There has been no let-up on the case since Mr. Norris has taken a hand in it and the damaging evidence against Goss was the result of the consistent work on the part of those working on the case.

The case will not attract very much attention now until the March term of Wake court, at which time the grand jury will make their investigation. Should the jury then find a true bill against Goss that young man will be placed on trial for his life. It is understood that he or his relatives have already procured the service of Mr. John Hinsdale and probably others in the young man's behalf. There was a rumor late yesterday afternoon to the effect that habeas corpus proceedings will be started by attorneys to procure the release of Goss, but it could not

be ascertained that such would be the case.

During the afternoon there were notices sent Solicitor Norris that it was desired to give bond for "Cutie" Moseley, but it was at a quarter to eleven last night when a cash bond of \$1,000 was put up for his appearance at court as a witness. Mr. W. B. Jones, attorney, with Mr. H. I. Hicks, a clerk at Wilson's Chop House, came to the office of Sheriff Sears, and the bond was signed by "Cutie" Moseley as principal and Mr. H. I. Hicks, the \$1,000 in cash being put up by Mr. H. I. Hicks as the surety on the bond. After this "Cutie" Moseley was released.—Yesterday's News and Observer.

Clayton Loses by Death.

Mrs. Julia Avera Robertson, of Clayton, widow of the late Dr. J. B. Robertson, died last Sunday, February 25, at Hygia Hospital, in Richmond, Va., from a complication of diseases, after an illness of about four months. The funeral took place Monday afternoon at Clayton Baptist church, where she held her membership, the services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. C. Hamby. Rev. C. W. Robinson was present and assisted in the services. She was buried in Clayton cemetery in the presence of many who knew her and loved her. She was nearly sixty-seven years old, having been born April 29th, 1845. She was a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John F. Ellington and a sister of the late Sheriff J. T. Ellington, who died in 1910. The sons and daughters of Rev. John F. Ellington were all talented and cultured and highly esteemed, and she was the last one of them to depart this life. Her death brings sadness to many hearts for she was truly a noble woman. She was widely known, having had charge for many years of the Robertson Hotel, which added many to her acquaintances. She conducted one of the best hotels in eastern North Carolina. Two or three years ago she and Dr. Robertson sold the hotel and built a fine home, but lived in it only a short while before death took them both away. She leaves two sons, Mr. Will Robertson, of Goldsboro, and Mr. Jno. A. Robertson, of Richmond, and two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Blades, of New Bern, and Mrs. J. J. Young, of Clayton.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Among the cases tried in the Recorder's Court Tuesday, we note the following:

State vs Severn Mason. Assault with deadly weapon. Judgment, guilty. Fined \$20 and pay the boy he shot \$20, and the cost in the action.

State vs Severn Mason. Carrying concealed weapons. Judgment, guilty. Fined \$20 and costs.

State vs Jno. Bradley. Assault with deadly weapon. He was adjudged guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

State vs G. S. Bizzell. One case for selling liquor. Defendant entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$100 and costs. In two other cases he was adjudged guilty and judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

GOOD PROFIT IN CHICKENS.

\$44.70 Per Month Profit From Forty White Orpington Hens.

The sum of \$44.70 per month was cleared off of 40 White Orpington hens bred by Edgar O. Yoder of our city.

Mr. Yoder tells us he has just balanced his books for the year and the total sales are \$701.40. His feed bill cost him \$165, which leaves him a clear profit of \$44.70 per month for the year. He has had eggs every day and used over 100 young chickens of which no record was kept and has about 50 breeders left for his year's business.—Hickory Democrat.

Wilmington is one of the cities which is making the South "realize" itself. Wilmington is the world's fourth cotton port and has helped wonderfully in the work of increasing the exports of the United States. Wilmington's commerce keeps on growing and justifying every dollar spent by the government for river and harbor improvements at this port.—Wilmington Star.

POSTAL EXPRESS BILL INTRODUCED

Senator Gardner, of Maine, Explains
the Purpose of His Message

WEIGHT AND LENGTH OF HAUL

Wants the Government to Take Over
the Express Companies and
Operate Them as a Part of Postal System.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Senator Gardner, of Maine, to-day introduced a bill under which the government would take over the properties of the express companies and operate them as a part of the postal service, extending the service to the rural delivery.

The measure indicates the probable cost of taking over the properties as follows: Real property \$14,932,169; equipment \$7,381,405; materials and supplies \$138,210; advance payments on contracts \$5,836,666, and franchises, good will, etc., \$10,877,369; a total of \$639,165,819.

While the balance sheets of the companies show other assets of nearly \$150,000,000, Senator Gardner argues that these are not devoted to express service and that this property might be retained by the corporations without impairing its value.

It is proposed by the authors of the bill for the establishment of the "postal express" including members of both branches of Congress, that rates charged for express service under the government shall be based upon weight and length of haul rather than upon the system in effect for the carrying of mails. The power to fix rates would rest with the Postoffice Department, subject to appeal to the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

FOUR IN SENATORIAL RACE.

Aycock and Clark Will Make It Interesting For the Other Two.

Raleigh, Feb. 25.—Declaring that there is a manifest studied effort on the part of the Kitchin and the Simmons forces in the campaign now on for the United States Senate to ignore and as far as they can make it appear that there are only the two, Governor Kitchin and Senator Simmons, in the running for this high office, ex-Gov. Charles B. Aycock insists that he will prove to be very much in the running and makes the definite announcement that he will open his active speech-making campaign about April 1 in the Auditorium here. He expects to make his second speech in Charlotte and during the next several months intends to go into every section of the State carrying his campaign even to the women and children, as he expressed it.

Governor Aycock left to-day for an absence of a month that he will spend out of the State for the purpose of further recuperating his health. He says that he has not begun an active campaign earlier because he wants to save the people as long as possible from the distraction and turmoil of a strenuous campaign such as this promises to be.

He says he wants it understood that he is in the contest to the finish and cannot be eliminated other than through the vote of the people at the primaries. If they turn him down, he will bow to their will, but will fight to the finish, and, if elected, will serve the people in the Senate with the same fidelity that he has in the past when entrusted with high office.

The most notable activity in the campaign of Chief Justice Walter Clark just now for the Senate is the movement led by E. R. Pace of Raleigh, member of the legislature from Wake, to form organizations of working men to support of Mr. Clark and proceed to the endorsement of him by labor unions.

The carmen and machinists of Raleigh have pledged their support and Pace has returned from a trip to Charlotte, Monroe and Hamlet, and says he formed strong clubs of working men at each place, more than one hundred in Charlotte, where J. T. Clark is the local manager.