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BILL ARP'S LETTER.

From the Atlanta Constitution.

As old Uncle Bob Rodgers said, "The southern people are the most forgiveness people in the world." They will suffer more and suffer longer, and then if their enemy smiles on 'em and feeds 'em with a little sugar, they will lick his hand and forgive him.

I was ruminating about this when I read of the president's visit to Charleston, and the grand ovation they gave him. It hasn't been two months since he said in public at a banquet that our secession was anarchy. It hasn't been very long he wrote in his life of Tom Benton this sentence, "Before Jefferson Davis took his place among the arch traitors, he had already been known as one of the chief repudiators of his state, and it was not unnatural that to dishonesty he should add treachery to the public." Mississippi did repudiate her public debt, and so did Michigan and some other northern states, but Mr. Roosevelt singles out a southern state to give a slam at Mr. Davis and the south. Now the truth is that Mr. Davis had nothing in the world to do with it. It was done before he came into public life or had anything to do with public affairs. I reckon Roosevelt got it from John Stuart Mill's slanderous history when he says "Mr. Davis was governor of Mississippi, and when the legislature passed a bill to pay the repudiated bonds he vetoed it." What a monstrous lie! Mr. Davis never was governor of Mississippi, and no such bill was ever

passed. "The moral difference between Benedict Arnold on the one hand and Aaron Burr or Jefferson Davis on the other is the difference between a politician who sells his vote for money and one supports a bad measure to get a high political position." What malignant venom there must be in a man who would class Jefferson Davis with Arnold and Burr: what amazing ignorance of historical facts to call him an arch traitor and a chief repudiator when at the very time of the repudiation he was organizing a regiment to fight the battles of his country on the soil of Mexico. There he was desperately wounded, and for five years went on crutches. Our southern people regard Jefferson Davis with emotions of the highest admiration, and I have supreme contempt for the ignorant or malignant historians and politicians who assail him. It gratifies me immensely that the president and General Miles have fallen out, and that Miles got the worst of it, though I don't know who deserves the most scorn, the president for slandering Mr. Davis or Miles for putting shackles on him.

Now if Roosevelt was man enough to retract what he wrote and ascribe it to ignorance or misinformation, he could restore himself to some extent to the favor of our people, for it is a fact that we are the most forgiveness people on the earth, but I have never yet known a Yankee politician to apologize for anything he did. They are the saints. The G. A. R.'s invite our boys to banquet with them, but they don't apologize, and they wouldn't vote us a pension to save our lives. I don't understand the president, and my opinion is he don't understand himself. I don't believe he has mind enough to know his own mind. If he is really for civil war reform and an honest government, what did he turn out Evans for and put in a figurehead, unless it was to tickle the G. A. R.'s (grab all rascals) and get their influence in the next nominating convention. Perhaps he is himself the man "who supports a bad measure to get high political position." Well, of course any son-of-a-gun can get a pension now and some who never had a gun. I believe a confederate soldier can get one by greasing the pension agent. Only last week one of our esteemed fellow-citizens had business that called him to a city in New York state and on being introduced to the pension agent as Captain — he was asked what service he was in. He replied, "In the Virginia army." "So was I," said the agent. "Have you gotten a pension?" "No," said the captain. "Well, let me make out your application; it is time you had one." The captain humored him for some time while he was filling up the blank. "Were you at the surrender?" said he. "I was," said the captain. "Whose command were you in then?" said the agent. "General Wade Hampton's," said the captain. "The devil you say; you were a rebel, then. Gentlemen, here is the first rebel I have ever made out a pension claim for and he looks like such a gentleman. I've a good notion to send it up and get him one." The captain says he could have gotten one as easy as falling off a log, if he had just lied a little. Newt Tumlins told me a long time ago that the only way to get even with the republicans was to grease 'em or jine 'em, but it was safer to do both.

But our people will forgive Teddy if he will apologize for the past and behave in the future. He has some good traits which he inherited from his mother, but his impulses and emotions are not well balanced. His gun goes off half cocked and he shoots with the double wabbles. I think he has about let the nigger alone and so has the north generally. We lynched one in Rome the other day and I have never seen any men-

tion of it in their papers. Our governor didn't even offer a reward nor has the circuit judge made any fuss about it. I reckon the towns and cities will now sympathize with the country people, for the crime in this case was committed in the very center of the city and so was the lynching, and nobody was disguised. I have been in favor of lynching ever since they burned that negro in Dallas, Tex., and I am still. When they lynch one they ought to pick out about a dozen bad ones and whip them and make them leave the country. That's the way they do in Texas. Every community is in danger from mean, idle negroes. Whose wife or daughter will be the next victim?

If Teddy had been in Rome, I wonder what he would have done. I believe he would have joined the lynchers. Why not? He is killing them by the thousands in the Philippines for no crime except loving their country. Our so-called soldiers are putting them to torture of the most horrible kind, and burning

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