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LATEST NEWS.

BY WIRE.

Senate Food Inquiry.

Washington, D. C.—Vice-President Sherman appointed as the select committee to investigate the increased cost of living Senators Lodge, chairman; Gallinger, McCumber, Smoot, Crawford, Simmons and Clarke, of Arkansas.

Fifty Ill From Doughnuts.

Laurel, Md.—Fifty persons were made violently ill by eating doughnuts cooked in machine oil, and several of them narrowly escaped death. The baker had ordered a barrel of cooking oil and a hardware dealer had ordered a barrel of machine oil, and each got the other's barrel in the delivery.

Court Rebukes Rickert.

San Francisco, Cal.—Declaring that District Attorney Rickert had not shown a disposition to prosecute the trial of Patrick Calhoun in good faith, Judge Lawler intimated in court that the case might be taken out of the hands of the District Attorney.

"Night Letter Service."

New York City.—Plans are being made by the Western Union Telegraph Company for a "night letter service" which will permit any one to send fifty words at night for the price of ten words sent in the day.

Takes Medicine, Falls Dead.

Jersey Shore, Pa.—After taking a dose of medicine Alfred Coffman, aged sixty-five, of Pine Station, Pa., fell over dead. Being a sufferer from goitre, it is thought he strangled.

Miss Elkins a Suicide.

Kansas City, Mo.—Miss Agnes Elkins, niece of United States Senator Elkins, of West Virginia, who shot herself at a local hotel, died after lingering several days.

Record Price in Hogs.

Chicago.—Live hogs at the stock yards touched a price unequalled since 1870, selling at \$9.40 a hundredweight. Continued light receipts and the scarcity of hogs on the farms called out prophesies that the \$10 mark touched in 1870 may soon be reached. Wartime prices for hogs in 1865 were \$13.25.

Will Test Bread Laws.

Louisville, Ky.—The National Association of Master Bakers decided to carry to the Supreme Court of the United States a case to test laws limiting the price charged for a loaf of bread.

Did Man Dead After Fight.

Wilmington, Del.—As the result of a fight between Benjamin White, aged ninety-four, and Thomas McCann, aged eighty-five, inmates of the Layton Home For Aged Colored People, White died.

"Prince Ruelens" Weds.

Meridian, Miss.—Prince Ruelens Victor Ruelens, of Paris and London, and Mrs. Lillian Ida Hess Selter, of Philadelphia, were married here. They departed after the ceremony for New Orleans on their honeymoon.

Miss Draper Gets Fortune.

Milford, Mass.—When Miss Margaret Preston Draper, daughter of the late General W. F. Draper, is twenty-five years old her share of the estate of more than \$12,000,000 will be one half. The four children of General Draper's first wife get the rest.

BY CABLE.

Greece Denies Hostilities.

Athens, Greece.—Former Minister-General Tsamados has been elected president of the Chamber of Deputies. An official statement denies the stories published abroad that preparations were being made for hostilities between the army and navy, and the reports that foreign warships contemplated bombarding Piraeus.

More Money For Flood Victims.

Paris.—Minister of Finance Coehery received a contribution to the flood relief fund of \$2000 from the French colony at Montreal, and \$4927.65 from readers of a French daily paper of New York City.

Prepared For War.

Lima, Peru.—Preparations for war continue on the part of both Peru and Ecuador. The trouble grows out of the boundary dispute between the two countries. The only hope of foreign merchants is that the United States will intervene and prevent hostilities which would mean the absolute ruin of both Peru and Ecuador.

Saved From a Wreck.

Ancud, Chile.—The Chilean cruiser Ministro Zenteno rescued the eighty-eight persons whom the Hatmet was obliged to leave on board the steamer Lima, which was wrecked in the Strait of Magellan.

Labor Party Dissatisfied.

London.—The Labor party will withdraw its support from the Liberals if the veto bill is held back. The supporters of the Government express confidence that it will remain in power at least until April.

CRISIS NOT YET PASSED.

Senator Tillman's Condition is Improved Say Physicians.

HIS AFFLICTION REGRETTED.

For the Past 15 Years He Has Been a Dominant Figure in National Life.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The condition of Benjamin Ryan Tillman from South Carolina, who was taken suddenly ill here last Thursday with paralysis and aphasia, is a little more encouraging, says Dr. Babcock and Pickford, his attending physicians Saturday. His case is extremely grave, but chances for recovery is better than ever. It will be several days before the crisis is passed through, though.

He may recover from the paralysis and regain the use of limb, but, it is said, aphasia will likely leave him the saddest token of his illness. It is almost impossible for him to articulate at the present time and it is feared that the power of speech may never fully return. If this be the case, his forceful tongue will never again find its echo in the halls of Congress.

The Senator is surrounded by his entire immediate family. Henry C. and Sallie May Tillman, his son and daughter, reached the bedside of their father early Saturday from Greenwood, S. C. His wife, their eldest son, Benjamin R. Tillman, Jr., and two daughters, Lona and Sophia, have been with him since the inception of his illness.

Messages of sympathy continue to pour in upon his family and since the seriousness of his condition became generally known, his apartments have been besieged by inquiries, delivered in person, by telegram and by telephone, denoting the admiration and high regard in which the ill Senator is popularly held.

Sunday his physicians stated that the symptoms which caused partial paralysis had disappeared and improvement has commenced. The Senator spoke to one of his physicians.

The heavy affliction that has befallen Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, is cause for grief throughout the South and for sincere regret all over the nation.

For the past fifteen years Senator Tillman has been a dominant and picturesque figure in our national life. Few men have ever matched such powerful impulses with such a keen and accurate intellect. It is this rare blend of temperament that has distinguished him.

Senator Tillman spent the first thirty-nine years of his life on the farm, with the exception of a brief month or so in 'sixty-four, when he joined the Confederate army as a boy of seventeen and was forced through a critical illness to retire. At a time of life when most political leaders are nearing their zenith, he was just beginning his public career. In South Carolina, as governor, he opened a new chapter in the history of that State. When he first entered the United States Senate, there was a rather general expectation that he would prove disappointing. But swiftly and steadily he won the respect of his colleagues. He proved himself more than a match for those who met him in debate and, more than this, he proved himself a statesman rich in constructive thought and purpose.

Food Trust Must Answer.

New York, Special.—The grand jury of Hudson county, New Jersey, Friday of last week, instructed Prosecutor Garvin to indict the National Packing Co. and its directors. Products have been kept in cold storage for several years in some instance, says the grand jury.

Must Line-Up Congressmen.

Washington, D. C., Special.—President Charles S. Barrett, of the Farmers' Union, who has been here for several weeks, has issued an open letter to all State divisions of the association of Southern planters, calling upon them to get in behind Congress in behalf of specified legislation which the union is working for before Congress. He asks that each member write their Congressmen and representatives a letter at once concerning the legislative needs.

LIFE IN SOUTHERN MILLS.

Winslow, of South Carolina Answers Attack of Northern Press.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—A. S. Winslow, a well known mill superintendent of this State speaking before the Southern Textile Association last Saturday scored the writers on child labor conditions who attempt to draw unreal pictures of conditions in the Southern Textile plants.

The subject of this paper was "Benefits and Opportunities of Southern Mill Life." The speaker drew strong comparisons between life on a small farm and life in a modern cotton mill.

He dealt fully with the lack of the modern conveniences educational facilities in the past and those of the present. He also discussed at length the financial improvement which the people had secured by going to work in the cotton mills. The paper was the strongest paper ever read on Southern mill life.

Over 300 delegates from all sections of the South attended the sessions and it was agreed that the next session of the association would be held in Augusta, Ga., in July.

W. P. Hamrick, superintendent of the Olympia mills of Columbia, is the first vice president of the association, the other officers being as follows: C. F. McCall, president, Greenville; J. H. Bagwell, Charlotte, second vice president; W. J. McDonald, Monroe, Ga., third vice president; V. P. Bogan, Spartanburg, fourth vice president; E. E. Brown, Rockingham, N. C., secretary; G. E. Escott, Charlotte, assistant secretary; David Clark, Charlotte, treasurer. The board of governors is composed of the following: T. M. McIntyre, Gastonia, N. C.; H. H. Boyd, Charlotte, N. C.; A. M. Hamilton, Spartanburg; Z. B. Mangum, Gibsonville, N. C.; J. M. Davis, Newberry; N. T. Brown, Raleigh; W. W. Becknell, Florence, Ala.; M. G. Stone, Spartanburg; T. F. Cuddy, Clio; J. S. Osteen, Greenville; J. S. Drake, Lancaster; B. J. Dobbins, Caroleen, N. C.

STREET CARMEN STRIKE.

Serious Disorder Follow in Philadelphia Saturday and Sunday.

Philadelphia, Pa., Special.—Suddenly Saturday a strike was declared in this city on the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company lines by the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees, which resulted in serious disorder among the striking carmen and police and firemen. Two cars were burned, and a score more attacked. The crews manning the cars were forced to abandon them. Except in the central part of the city, cars were at a standstill, those running were heavily protected. The car company dismissed about 200 of the men, and this seems to be the cause for the strike.

Sunday rioting in every section of the city followed the attempt to run cars. Passengers and crews were driven from the cars and cars burned by strike sympathizers. Finally all cars were withdrawn. The mayor of the city will enforce the riot act.

NEW PROGRAM.

President Taft Demand Only Four Measures at This Congress.

Washington, Special.—The announcement from the White House Saturday that President Taft had by his own motion cut down to four the number of administration measures he would demand at the present session of Congress is received by leaders with unmixed feeling of relief.

A schedule, including only the bills to amend the interstate commerce laws, provide for the regulation of the issuance of injunctions, start Arizona and New Mexico on the road to Statehood, and to validate the withdrawals of public lands for conservation purposes, is regarded as quite possible of attainment. Most of these measures, it is believed, can be put through the Senate.

To Be a Coal Center.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—The Clinchfield Coal Corporation is to establish general offices here March 1st. This means that this city will be made the distributing point for this big fuel company in the future for the large territory it embraces. Twelve families or more will move from Charlotte, N. C., and Roanoke, Va., on account of the change. The Charlotte and Atlanta offices will be closed. Charleston will be the exporting port, while Spartanburg will sell the entire product of the mines.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

Report on Soldiers Home.

That 161 indigent Confederate veterans were enrolled during the past year, and that there have been an average of twenty-seven veterans constantly in the hospital building were features of the annual report of the North Carolina Soldiers' Home, presented to the directors in annual session in Raleigh last week. The report was submitted by Major B. F. Dixon, State Auditor, who is chairman of the board, and who devotes much attention to the details of the management of the institution. The report showed thirty-two admitted during the year and thirty-four died. The directors have had the home connected with city water during the year at a cost of \$2,500. The cost of maintaining the old soldiers per capita for the year was \$114. The home receives an appropriation of \$20,000 annually from the State.

To Fix Next State Convention.

State Chairman A. H. Eller last week gave the printers the manuscript of the revised plan of the Democratic organization in this State, the same being the report of the committee which met in Raleigh recently. Copies will be forwarded to the members of the State executive central and advisory committees when printed and these will meet early in March to fix the date and place for holding the next Democratic State convention.

Shipping Cowpeas to Cuba.

Hickory is not to be outdone by the neighboring towns in the matter of doing an original business along seed lines. Although no recent shipment to Jerusalem have been made, the Hickory Seed Company recently booked an order for \$3,600 worth of cowpeas to be exported to Cuba. This is probably the largest shipment of cowpeas that ever left the United States for export.

Dentists Elect New Officers.

The Cleveland District Dental Society in session at Charlotte last Friday elected the following officers: President, Dr. P. R. Falls, of Gastonia; vice president, Dr. R. O. Apple, of Winston-Salem; secretary, Dr. J. R. Osborne, of Shelby; treasurer, Dr. A. J. Whistnant, of Rutherfordton. Shelby was chosen as the next meeting place.

Winston Churches Give to Missions.

The local churches have pledged \$14,212.75 to foreign missions as a result of the laymen's convention at Greensboro. The amounts are as follows: Methodist, \$3,488.05; Baptist, \$1,435; Christian, \$225; Episcopal, \$380; Lutheran, \$158.90; Methodist Protestant, \$200; Moravian, \$3,125.80, and Presbyterian, \$5,200.

Ex-Judge Womack Dead.

Ex-Judge T. B. Womack, one of the most honored members of the Raleigh bar, died at Rex Hospital last Friday morning. He had been in failing health for more than a year from diabetes and complications. He was born in Chatham county in 1855. He was buried at Pittsboro.

Interested in Esperanto.

Dr. A. Rudy, the head of the department of modern languages of the A. and M. College, has issued a pamphlet setting forth the value of esperanto as an international language. He is trying to interest the people generally, so that he can form a State esperanto association.

A Page in D. A. R. Congress.

Miss Janet Quinn, of Salisbury, has been appointed by the National Board of D. A. R., as a page in the National Congress of that body which meets in Washington at an early date.

Votes Money for Railroad.

The election subscribing \$65,000 to the Statesville Air Line Railroad by Mount Airy township carried last week by a large majority with heavy registration.

New Line Into Weldon.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company began work last week at Garysburg on its new line into Weldon.

Tar Drippings.

The consolidation of Winston and Salem into one municipality is the principal theme of conversation in the Twin cities just now.

Salisbury is to have a \$45,000 oil company.

The Southern Pure Food Company has purchased the Christian's mill site at Durham and will begin soon its development as a manufacturer of meal, a squab farm, fish farm and a natatorium with park features.

Over \$32,000 has been subscribed for the Methodist children's home at Winston-Salem, which began active operations recently.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The Bennet "white slave" bill was passed by the Senate at Washington, D. C.

Mayor Gaynor signed the bill for a new County Court House on City Hall Park, New York.

Leader J. J. Hagan launched a Presidential boom for Mayor Gaynor, of New York City.

The jury in the case of ex-Congressman Bluger Hermann, charged with land frauds, disagreed at Portland, Ore.

Eight persons were killed and thirty others injured in a disastrous wreck of the London-Brighton express in England.

Premier Sonnino announced that the government would introduce measures devoting \$6,000,000 to subsidize Italian shipping.

An English court granted a decree of divorce to Major C. S. Hall, whose wife had obtained an American divorce in 1908 and had married again.

Dr. Jean Charcot's French Antarctic expedition reached an altitude seventy degrees south and discovered new land west and south of Alexander Island.

Reports were received at Washington, D. C., that Americans had been impressed into the Nicaraguan army by an American-owned plantation looted.

China regards as unimportant the report that the British government holds that Russia should have been consulted with regard to the Chinchow-fu Railroad train.

United States Judge Martin, in New York City, refused to grant immunity to Charles R. Helke, of the Sugar Trust, who had testified in the anti-trust proceedings against his company.

COULDN'T OVERLOOK THAT.

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