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## A SLANDER ON THE SPEAKER

Columbia, Feb. 6.—Special: Statements calculated to injure Speaker Stevenson have been circulated. Inquiry has been made about these statements. Mr. Stevenson personally did not care to notice the charges, but the ways and means committee of its own volition unanimously signed and gave out the following explicit and convincing statement regarding the matter. The committee says:

Whereas, the statement has been publicly made that W. F. Stevenson, the Speaker of the House, has come before the committee on ways and means and made an argument as attorney for the Seaboard Air Line, and it is charged that he appointed this committee for the purpose of influencing it to such action as he desired, and abused his privilege by making an argument before it for the Seaboard Air Line:

Now, therefore, it behooves said committee to set forth to the public all that has ever occurred between the said Speaker and this committee:

The said Speaker has been in said committee room to see the committee only twice during the session. Once he came to file the claim of J. Belton Watson for per diem and mileage as a witness in the Penitentiary investigation, in order that the committee might provide for its payment in the appropriation bill. The other time was when the bill "To provide for collection of certain fees by the Secretary of State," introduced by the chairman of this committee, was under consideration.

Mr. Stevenson was sent for and appeared and stated the dates of the charters of the Palmetto Railroad Company, the Chesterfield and Kershaw Railroad Company and the South-Atlantic Railroad, and that they had complied with all laws up to the present regulating domestic corporations, and it was probable that they might consolidate soon into one corporation, and all they asked was to be accorded the same treatment as other corporations in like situation.

The Seaboard Air Line was only mentioned once, when he expressly stated that, if the "Seaboard Air Line" came here from without the State to consolidate it should pay the fees as other foreign corporations, so far as he was concerned.

Argument for or against the consolidation of any railroad company. He simply made a statement of facts for the information of the committee, which were peculiarly within his knowledge.

Therefore he is resolved, and attempts to control the action of this committee are unfounded and unjust, both to this committee and the Speaker of this House, and must have been made from erroneous information as to the fact.

J. H. Wilson, Chairman;  
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## THE SONS OF VETERANS

Important Announcement Made by Commander Hunt

Col. Walter H. Hunt, commander of the South Carolina division, U. S. C. V., desires every camp to have full representation at the State reunion, U. S. C. V., to be held at Columbia on May 8. The constitution of the sons of veterans provides for this, and Col. Hunt is very anxious for full delegation from every camp in South Carolina to attend the reunion in this year. Columbia is a delightful place for such a gathering, its central location is convenient for all and in addition to these considerations, Commander Hunter begs the sons of veterans not to forget the great responsibilities that devolve upon them in this matter.

The South Carolina monument on the Chickamauga battlefield will be unveiled on May 27 and the grand reunion of the U. S. C. V. of the entire old southland begins the next day at Memphis. Gen. C. I. Walker, commanding the South Carolina division, U. S. C. V., extends a cordial invitation to the sons of veterans for this great and interesting occasion. Gen. Walker especially desires the sons of veterans to accompany their honored and heroic fathers on this journey and to take part in the exercises and ceremonies of the day.

Commander Hunt is glad to extend this invitation to every member of his division and to urge as many as possible to be with him and his staff at Columbia, Chickamauga and Memphis. Col. Hunt will much appreciate such publicity as the State press can conveniently give this matter.

He urges the commanders of every camp in the State to begin work now, on these several matters. Any communication addressed to Commander Walter H. Hunt, Spartanburg, S. C., or to his adjutant and chief of staff, Col. J. E. Norman, Darlington, S. C., will receive immediate attention.

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## LEGISLATIVE NOTES

The State Contains the Following Account of Senator Ragsdale's Speech on those Lost Bonds

Senator Ragsdale spoke on the same line, and wanted to know when the last of this matter would be heard. He hoped some means could be devised by which the legislature could be prevented from wasting its time over it. He thought the governor had gone out of his way in bringing this matter up in his message, after it had been twice adjudicated and refused on its merits. He thought this was a scheme for some lawyers to get fees, and that the real creditors, if there are any such, will not get more than \$2.50 out of it. He thought the language of the governor as to "repudiation" was totally uncalled for, and denounced the bills as an attempt at a raid on the treasury. He thought the senate should pass an act of some kind to prevent this matter from being brought up again. He thought if the debt were a valid one, and satisfactory evidence of that fact could be shown, the promoters of this scheme would simply ask the passage of a bill authorizing the payment of the debt. The legislature will not repudiate the debts of the State, and if evidence is shown of the validity of the debt both houses will pass an act authorizing the payment of the debt.

He spoke of the reference to the matter in the governor's message, wherein it was stated that the refusal to pay these bonds would amount to little less than repudiation, and said that if it was necessary to meet strong language with strong language, he would brand this bill as little less than an attempt to steal. He believed the phrase "repudiation" originated in the minds of greedy lawyers who were powerful enough to move even the governor's office. He hoped that when the matter was disposed of this time it would never be heard of again. He did not regard the claim an honest one and did not think it should be paid, and hoped the bill would be killed.

In discussing the child labor bill, which is the amendment excluding all children under the age of ten from working in the mills, Senator Ragsdale had the following to say:

Mr. Ragsdale said the question had been fully discussed and that there was nothing to be considered in the matter.

What is good for the children. The question that confronts us is the protection of childhood in its very helplessness. Is this not a proper matter upon which to exercise the police power of the State? It must be admitted that it is not right to chain these children to ponderous machinery, and when we once admit it is wrong we need not consider it further. He did not see how any one who looked at this matter honestly and fairly could oppose this bill. Of course the parents who wish to retire from work and live on the earnings of their children, and the mill owners who wish to continue to employ cheap labor, will oppose the bill, but the children have not been heard from.

It is argued by some that if we prohibit child labor in the mills we should also prohibit it on the farms. But there is a vast difference between farm life and mill life, and the two are not to be compared. No child on a farm has been hurt by labor, because he does not work all the time and has plenty of time for rest and recreation, and has pure air and sunshine.

If the law may interfere to prevent cruelty to animals, in God's name haven't we the right and ought we not to interfere to prevent cruelty to children? Of course it may be profitable to work these children in the mills, but we should not place commercialism above humanity. Let the senate pass the bill and send it to the house. The house may leave it on the calendar until next session, but he thought it best for the senate to pass it now and let it pass the house next year. He was not wedded to any particular plan, but legislation on this line is needed.

## A DESERVED REBUKE

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 6.—Last night the Confederate Veterans' Association of Savannah, passed resolutions against the invitation to President McKinley to attend the reunion of Confederate Veterans in Memphis. The resolutions recite that the association entertains profound respect for President McKinley and his exalted station, but, believing his presence on this occasion as the guest of the city of Memphis is sought by a few of the citizens of Memphis to further their political aspirations, and is, therefore, derogatory to our idea of the proper respect due to the President of this great nation and contrary to the spirit of the United Confederate Veterans, participation in all that tends to it being strictly forbidden in all meetings and reunions of the United Confederate Veterans' organization, the association call upon Gen. Gordon, commander-in-chief, to name some other city than Memphis as the place for the reunion, and says it will not send delegates to Memphis if the invitation to the President is adhered to.

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## FIRST WOUNDED—LAST MESSAGE

Capt. S. K. McDonald of the engineering department was probably the first commissioned officer wounded in the Confederate service. At the outbreak of the war Capt. McDonald was a student in the old Charleston Military Academy. He enlisted in the Palmetto Guards Artillery when that command was first organized, when he was little over 14 years of age. He was elected captain of his company, but declined the position on account of his youth and Capt. L. H. Charbonniere, who now lives in Augusta, Ga., was elected to the position. Capt. McDonald was made a lieutenant in the company.

While the command was stationed near Charleston, Capt. Charbonniere and Capt. McDonald were seated in their tent one day and Capt. Charbonniere was cleaning his pistol. He did not know it was loaded, of course, and the weapon was discharged, the ball striking Capt. McDonald in the thigh. It is there yet, though the wearer of it says he feels a lump under the skin and believes it is working its way out. Capt. McDonald has in his possession a relic which he prizes very highly. It is the original copy of what was one of the last, if not the very last, telegram ever sent by Gen. R. E. Lee, in March, 1870. Gen. Lee made a trip to Florida for the benefit of his health and passed through Columbia. Mayor McKenzie knew of his coming and telegraphed him, tendering him the hospitality of the city. Gen. Lee received the telegram on the train and sent an answer from Winnsboro. Capt. McDonald, who is a veteran telegraph operator, was at that time in charge of the telegraph office at Winnsboro, and to him Gen. Lee handed the message to be forwarded. It is as follows:

Winnsboro, March 30, 1870.

To Mayor McKenzie, Columbia, S. C.: I shall be very happy to see the citizens of Columbia and take each one by the hand if they will pass through the car, but it must be in a very quiet way, as I am indisposed and must pass on. R. E. Lee.

Capt. McDonald kept the original and has had it neatly framed and, of course, prizes it highly. The telegram, however, is still clearly legible. It is Capt. McDonald's desire that it shall be turned over to the Daughters of the Confederacy of Columbia for safe keeping and this will doubtless be done.—The State.

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## BRYAN ON NEW SILVER BILL

He Shows that it is Only Another Step, the Last Step, in the Scheme to Eliminate Silver from Legal Tender Money

Washington, February 7.—Chairman Southard, of the House committee on coinage, has received from William J. Bryan the latter's view of the pending bill before the House making the standard silver dollar redeemable in gold. Mr. Bryan says in part:

"The bill has a double purpose—to convert standard silver dollars into subsidiary coin and to make silver dollars redeemable in gold on demand. There is no necessity for redemption. The legal tender law will maintain the parity between gold and silver dollars so long as both can be used to an unlimited extent in the payment of public revenues and private debts.

As soon as the silver dollar is made redeemable in gold another endless chain will be created and the arguments used against the greenbacks and treasury notes will then be turned against silver.

The measure gives to the financiers absolute control over the national debt.

The conversion of standard silver dollars into subsidiary coin is equivalent to the retirement of silver as standard money and this is the last act in the programme instituted some twenty-seven years ago and persistently pursued ever since. If this is completed gold will be the only legal tender money and bank paper the only credit money.

The proposed measure by decreasing the money of ultimate redemption and increasing the volume of promises to pay money still further enlarges the disproportion between money and its substitutes; this necessarily adds to the risk of the business man and lessens the security of the general public.

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## McLAURIN FOR SHIP SUBSIDY.

Washington, February 7.—With the resolution in favor of Government aid to American shipping, unanimously passed by the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association, at its Charlotte meeting last May, as his text, Senator McLaurin, of South Carolina, today made one of the most brilliant speeches heard in the Senate this session. Senator McLaurin reviewed the wonderful advance in cotton manufacturing and the supreme importance to the South of this industry. The South, he said, holds the world's monopoly of cotton production. Upon cotton rests the future of this section and the continued development of cotton manufacture is essential to the prosperity of the farmers as well as to the general trade.

Increased manufacturing means a home market for cotton, which in competition with foreign buyers has during the last two years broken down the control that foreign spinners had over prices and thus made the cotton producer more independent of foreigners than ever before. Every new mill built in the South thus increases this competition and benefits the cotton grower; every new mill means employment for hitherto idle hands and an ever-increasing demand for diversified agricultural products. The cotton manufacturers of the South, who met at Charlotte last May were the leaders in that great industry.

They are making two blades of grass to grow where none grew before. From a business having only \$21,000,000 capital in 1880 they have advanced it until now over \$150,000,000 is invested. Last year Southern mills consumed over 1,500,000 bales and within a year or two Southern consumption will exceed New England's.

But this industry is only in its infancy. Southern cotton, worth in its raw state an average of only about \$300,000,000 a year, though it will this year bring over \$400,000,000, is turned into finished products in the world's mills, which are worth, before they reach the consumer over \$2,000,000,000. For the domination of this vast industry, which has created much of the wealth of New England and of Great Britain and 200 great steamships

are now being built, the devotion of them to the South during the struggles of 1861-65, while others are of the newer generation, but all are worthy of the highest praise as captains in the great industrial army whose victories mean untold progress and prosperity for the whole South. These men have studied with profound interest every phase of the South's business needs, they are in touch with the world's markets and they have a right to be heard in the halls of legislation. The resolutions which they passed last May voiced the sentiment thus prevailing—and letters and telegrams from them to me testify that they are now even more determined upon the need of Government aid to American shipping than ever before. Heading this appeal of the men who are in the vanguard of the South's industrial army, the men whose work is leading the South out of poverty to prosperity, the men who are creating employment and wealth for every class, and whose success means so much for the upbuilding of Southern agriculture, I am compelled to feel that my duty calls me to vote in favor of this shipping bill.

Senator McLaurin then reviewed the general progress of the United States and the dominating power which it must hold in the world's trade. There is, he said, an important railroad or iron-bridge built anywhere upon the face of the earth but that America sets the price therefor. This marvellous growth in our foreign trade has awakened all Europe and America's economic supremacy and already many of the foremost economists of Europe are proposing an industrial combination against us. With this marvellous progress of the past before us, with our resources for industrial development greater than all Europe combined, with a population of nearly 80,000,000 of active, virile people, unvexed by the arbitrary laws of different countries as in Europe, no man can dare forecast the future of our country. But great and grand as we are, we are depending upon the ships of other countries for handling 90 per cent of our foreign trade. This is a danger to our country, which should be remedied at any cost, and no possible remedy presents itself by Government aid.

The ante-bellum South was giving great attention to this question of the Government to direct steamship lines from Southern ports to Europe, to the building of the Nicaraguan Canal, to railroad building and to kindred enterprises, and many conventions were held between 1837 and 1860 with these purposes in view, and so I am but taking up the work of the old South in heeding the voice of the business men of my State and of the South.

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Editor Manufacturers' Record.

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