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REPLY

Its Reading in Senate.

CRITICISM

Will Be Read—Examined All the Facts by the President if Guilty Simply and There Was in His Actions.

Special.—No subject about recently at such fervor as President's disclosure of Senator's connection with the deal, but the collection of Carolinian are in judgment until he opportunity to explain.

expressions of dissatisfaction because of the manner in which the President made public the gathered by postoffice inspectors about Senator Tillman. It is noted out by Senators that the sent to Senator Hale was not in response to the latter's request of the executive department for a statement of the operation of the secret service, as the intention of Senator Tillman's effort to obtain Oregon lands executed by inspectors of the Department.

rumored at the Capitol that a friend, who repeated the remark, that an effort was made by Senator Hale and Aldrich to press the facts about Senator Tillman. Undoubtedly this impression was gained by a visit to the Capitol by Mr. Hale, who suggested a matter relating to Mr. Tillman's withdrawal. President Roosevelt declined to withdraw the refer-

ence of the Senators who have examined all of the evidence produced by the President and the postoffice inspectors say that if the facts are as stated, the offense was one of impropriety and indiscretion, but that criminality is involved. It was said Mr. Tillman might have introduced his resolution calling upon the Department of Justice to begin proceedings to compel the sale of the land at \$2.50 an acre, in accordance with the original grant, and at the same time apply for some of the land withdrawn without making self the target for severe criticism. His statement in February last Senator said that he had not "undertaken" to buy any.

The evidence submitted by the President shows that prior to this statement Mr. Tillman had made application for nine quarter sections. Defending himself against the appearance of having made a misleading statement, Senator Tillman told friends that he should have said the floor that he had not "undertaken" to buy any land, and that the whole case against him has been based upon the interpretation placed upon the word "undertaken."

To bring this whole matter before the public eye at once let it be noted that Senator Tillman some time ago had been forfeited by lack of compliance with terms of the grant and urged that they be sold. While looking into the matter he concluded to make an investment himself. When certain investigations were being made by the secret service men this was discovered. In the late troubles between the President and Congress about the secret service appropriations which the President wanted restored to former sufficiency and the charges by Congress that the secret service department was becoming offensively active, the President used strong language which Congress looked upon as reflections on that body and demanded of the President instances to justify his language. While disavowing any intention of discourtesy he complied so far as to give names that furnished the basis of his language. Thus the cast of

Senator Tillman became a part of the justification of the President.

It seems that the Senator's case was stumbled upon while making certain other investigations. It is also stated that certain parties who were offended with Senator Tillman's urging the sale of this Oregon land resorted to this method of revenge to put the President in possession of the facts of Senator Tillman's purpose to acquire some of this land.

The Senator, it is well known, is in danger of physical collapse but will make a strong personal defense before the Senate. Now he finds too that an envelope with certain important papers which he left (before going to Europe) in his private desk in committee room are missing. He does not charge that they were taken by detectives but such was possible from the fact that there were only common locks on the desk.

To add to the complication Postmaster Barns has sent Senator Tillman a bill of \$16.00 for postage for a typewriter that the Senator had franked from Trenton, S. C., to Washington, it being claimed that he had no right to send it under the franking privilege. The Senator refuses to pay the bill on the ground that it is the government's typewriter, that he was using in the interest of the public and that it was the custom so to do, he having never heard of any rule promulgated against it.

Had it been his own private affair he would have expressed or freighted it. Senator Tillman has been accredited with rigid honesty as is President Roosevelt, the former fiery to the term of "pitchfork" and the latter impulsive to an unusual degree. Withal the public will most probably pass no judgment until further developments.

Saved By a Parrot.

Naples, By Cable.—Queen Helena is taking particular interest in a six-year-old girl who was rescued from the ruins under remarkable circumstances. While some Italian sailors at Messina were climbing over wreckage they heard weak cries of "Maria! Maria!" After much work they reached a room where they found a parrot continuing to utter cries of "Maria." The seamen turned to leave, but as the parrot persisted in its cries, they broke into an adjoining room and found a girl lying senseless. She and the parrot were taken on board the battleship Regina Elena.

Hill Pays Carnegie's Gift.

Berlin, By Cable.—David Jayne Hill, the American Ambassador, paid into the Seehandlung Bank, Wednesday Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$125,000 to the Koch Institute for Tuberculosis Research. Mr. Hill also communicated to the president of the institute Mr. Carnegie's cordial acknowledgement of the gratification he felt upon having been elected an honorary member and his good wishes for the success of so beneficent a work.

Stamp Clerk Short in His Accounts.

Anniston, Ala., Special.—According to a statement of postoffice inspectors here Wednesday, Ed D. Smith, stamp clerk in the Anniston postoffice, who suddenly left here Saturday night, was short in his accounts between \$1,800 and \$2,000. It is said that friends of the young man will make good the shortage. Nothing has been heard from Smith since the receipt of a letter Monday, saying that he left because he could not stand trouble. He was last seen in Birmingham Sunday night.

Wilbur Wright Smashes All Aeroplane Records.

Lemans, France, By Cable.—Wilbur Wright, the American aeroplanist, beat all previous aeroplane records here Thursday with a magnificent flight that lasted for two hours, and nine minutes. He covered officially a distance of 73 miles, but as a matter of fact, counting the wide curves, he made over 90 miles. Mr. Wright's feat was the more remarkable because of the intense cold. After breaking the record Mr. Wright went aloft again with M. Barthou as a passenger.

Bavaria's chief manufacturing center is Nuremberg which, with the adjoining city of Puerth, now has a population of nearly 400,000.

ALL ARE INDICTED

Pittsburg's Councilmen Accused of Accepting Bribes.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.—The seven councilmen accused of accepting bribes and conspiring to secure bribes and the two former bankers accused of giving bribes, all of whom were arrested two weeks ago upon complaint of the Voters' League were indicted late Monday by a grand jury impaneled Monday morning. True bills were found as follows: T. O. Atkinson, select councilman, bribery and accepting bribes. William Brand, president of common council, bribery and accepting bribes and conspiracy. John F. Klein, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes and conspiracy. Joseph C. Wasson, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes and conspiracy. Jacob Soffel, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes. Hugh Ferguson, common councilman, bribery and accepting bribes. W. W. Ramsey, former president of German National Bank, offering and giving bribes. A. A. Vilsack, former cashier of same bank, offering and giving bribes. All of accused gave bond after their arrest, and these bonds will stand until the court hearing. There is every indication that these hearings will be held almost immediately.

Mr. Taft Will Eat 'Possum and Taters in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—One hundred 'possums with the usual accompaniment of sweet potatoes, will grace the banquet table of the Atlanta chamber of commerce on January 15th, when President-elect Taft will be the guest of honor. When a delegation of prominent Atlantians called upon Mr. Taft a few days ago in Augusta to arrange the details of his visit to this city the spokesman courteously asked the next occupant of the White House if he had any suggestions to offer relative to the preparation of the banquet. "Just one," he smilingly replied, "I have had a lifetime longing to taste 'possum and' taters. My visit to the South would be incomplete unless this wish is realized."

Relief For Earthquake Sufferers.

New York, Special.—Laden with twenty-five tons of clothing and more than thirteen tons of provisions with which to clothe and feed the starving and half-naked survivors of the Calabria and Sicily earthquake and carrying homeward over 300 Italians of all classes, most of whom are hurrying to the scene where their loved ones have been killed, maimed or rendered destitute, the steamship Hamburg, of the Hamburg-American line sailed Tuesday for Genoa and Naples. Most of the provisions destined for the Italian sufferers were donated by Nathan Straus from the stock of a local firm of which he is a member.

No Trouble With Honduras is Anticipated.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—Ernesto Fotes, Honduras consul at Mobile, referring to the publication of a probable Central American conflict said Monday that all these reports are notable for their want of veracity. He said that peace in these countries is an assured fact, and that the neutrality of Honduras is maintained by the treaties of Washington, and in consequence, Honduras today has only a normal number of regular soldiers.

Alligators Raised Like Pigs.

Since the alligators are getting scarce on our Southern coasts and their value is being better known there are at least three alligator farms in this country and there may be more, since each one of the three has made a success of the industry. They are situated in Arkansas, Florida and California. They are raised and butchered like pigs.

Southern Steel Company Will Soon Start Up.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—W. P. G. Harding, member of the re-organization committee of the Southern Steel Company, announced Monday that the new corporation will be one of the largest in the South and that the plant will resume operation within six or eight weeks.

MR. TAFT'S VISITORS.

The President-Elect is Kept Busy Greeting Callers and Confering With Prominent Republican.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—The President-elect is a member of the national child labor committee, and Wednesday he listened to a report on general conditions of child labor in the South, from A. J. McKelway, secretary of the committee for the Southern States. Mr. McKelway has headquarters at Atlanta. It was his conclusion that the child labor laws of the Southern States are pretty well adapted to conditions, but that there is laxness in their enforcement. No action on the subject is understood to be contemplated at this time.

National Chairman Frank H. Hitchcock returned from his trip to Birmingham and Atlanta, and had an extended interview with Mr. Taft. John Hays Hammond, who visited Atlanta, came back with Mr. Hitchcock. Chauncey Dewey, of Chicago, recently appointed inspector general of the Illinois State militia, is here to see Mr. Taft and Mr. Hitchcock. Mr. Dewey was one of the two Taft delegates from that State in the convention, and it is understood he has some political friends he wishes to intercede for. A call was made on Mr. Taft by Judge William H. Jackson, of New York, and his brother, Henry Jackson, of Atlanta. The latter is a Georgia Republican of prominence.

Henry Anderson, of Richmond, talked Southern politics with Mr. Taft at some length Wednesday, but nothing tangible for publication resulted.

The President-elect smilingly submitted himself for "exposure" to practically all the photographers in Augusta Wednesday. They called at his cottage, they said, to keep an engagement made by Mr. Taft's "Japanese secretary." This meant Monico Lopez, his Filipino valet, and Mrs. Taft enjoyed the joke hugely.

Building the Sea Wall at Sumter.

Rapid progress is being made on the construction of the sea wall on Sullivan's Island and no trouble is experienced with the receiving of the material. At the scene of the work there is a large force of men and a fine equipment of machinery, driving piles and placing rock, and the work is very satisfactory. The building of the sea wall, of course, is under the charge of the United States engineer officer stationed at Charleston, Capt. E. M. Adams, of the corps of engineers, and he has as engineer in charge Mr. J. H. DuPre, a well-known civil engineer, who is assisted by Mr. William Dehon, another capable member of that profession.

Venezuelan Matter Not Yet Settled.

Washington, Special.—Daily advices are being received at the State Department from William I. Buchanan, the American special commissioner, who is now in Caracas, conducting negotiations with the Gomez government, having in view the reaching of an understanding regarding a basis of settlement of the international questions pending between the United States and Venezuela, as a prerequisite for the resumption of diplomatic relations. Mr. Buchanan's dispatches are hopeful in tenor but show that no definite conclusion have been yet reached. His instructions are very broad and form the basis on which his negotiations with the Venezuelan government are conducted.

Grounds Off Cape Charles.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Losing her bearings in the dense fog early Wednesday morning the British steamer Anglo-African, with a cargo from Teocapila, Mex., bound for Baltimore, brought up at Smith's Island, off Cape Charles. There is little wind and only a moderate sea running. She is reported in good condition. It is said it will be necessary to lighten the cargo before the vessel can be hauled off the beach.

Meteor Falls in Alabama.

Marion, Ala., Special.—A large meteor fell in the western part of Percy county at 10 o'clock Friday night. It came from the southwest and could be seen throughout the county. A short time after it fell a distinct shock was felt over a large part of the county that caused windows and doors to rattle.

NIGHTRIDERS GUILTY

Court Will Sentence Six to Death.

OTHER TWO GOOD FOR 20 YEARS

Motion For New Trial Overruled—Two of the Eight to Have 20 Years in Prison—Brief Summary of Criminals and Their Capture.

Union City, Tenn., Special.—With a verdict of guilty in varying degree the jury in the night-rider trials reported at 8:45 p. m. Thursday.

The twelve men found Garret Johnson, Tid Burton, Roy Ransom, Fred Pincon, Arthur Clow and Sam Applewhite guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, and Bud Morris and Bob Huffman, the other defendants, guilty of murder in the second degree and fixed their punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary. The punishment of the six first named defendants was left to the court and may be death or life imprisonment. The defense filed a motion for a new trial which was set for hearing Saturday and which will be overruled, as indicated by the court when sentence will be pronounced. The court will sentence the six first named defendants to death.

Thus is ended, in the lower court, one of the most vigorously contested and notable criminal trials ever heard in this State, the outcome of a reign of lawlessness, the culminating act of which being that of which men were found guilty, calling forth the mustering of the militia of the State, under the personal direction of Governor Patterson, to the aid of the civil authorities in the ferreting out and the taking into custody of those who were charged with the commission of the crime, the so-called "night rider clan" of Reel Foot lake.

The operations of the night rider band began with the burning of docks extending to the infliction of corporal punishment on those who were leaders in their counsels demerited of actions in opposition to the wishes of the clan, finding a climax in the lynching of Captain Kancken.

MRS. ERB A FREE WOMAN.

With Her Sister She is Acquitted of the Murder of Capt. J. Clayton Erb by a Jury in Meida Court.

Media, Pa., Special.—Mrs. Florence M. Erb, wife of Capt. J. Clayton Erb, and her sister, Mrs. Catherine Beizell, who were charged with the sensational murder of Captain Erb on the night of October 4th, 1908, Thursday walked from the Delaware county court house free women. After the jury had been out nearly eighteen hours it brought in a verdict of not guilty in the case of each woman, both of whom had been charged separately and jointly with the shooting of the captain.

During the morning the jury filed into court and asked for further instructions on the question of self-defense, soon word came from the jury room that the men had agreed.

The defendants were sent for at once, but there was a few minutes' delay before they arrived.

When the foreman announced the verdict of acquittal there was a second's pause, a dead silence and then with half a scream, the sisters fell in each other's arms. Women wept as they looked at the pathetic scene. In an instant the women were surrounded by their friends and attorneys and overwhelmed with congratulations.

Fund Distributed.

Durham, N. C., Special.—The largest per capita distribution of school funds in the history of the State was made Wednesday by the county Board of Education. It was \$4 for every child attending school. Forty thousand dollars was apportioned to the public schools of the county. Durham leads the State in this respect.