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## BLEASE THROWS DOWN GAUNTLET AND CHALLENGES AN INVESTIGATION

### SWEEPING INVESTIGATION OF THE INSANE ASYLUM

### WAS ORDERED BY LEGISLATURE

### Tillman Wrote a "Confidential" Letter to a Friend, Making Accusations Against Blease, and The Latter Demands Investigation.

(By the Associated Press.)  
Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Investigation of the State Hospital for the Insane was ordered today by the South Carolina General Assembly, following the receipt of a sensational message from Gov. Blease enclosing a copy of a personal letter which the governor said was written by United States Senator B. R. Tillman and mailed under a government frank. The order directing the investigation was embodied in a concurrent resolution.

Gov. Blease said in his message that Senator Tillman, in his letter, referred to an alleged attempt to oust Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the hospital, by "Gov. Blease's underlings and satellites." A bill authorizing the sale of the hospital is now pending in the house. The value of the property involved is said to exceed \$1,000,000.

"All the facts will be brought out if an investigation is ordered, as I hope will be. An effort will be made to smother Dr. Babcock and his lady, assistant, Dr. Saunders, as these men must have such excuse, you know, as to be able to get out of the hospital by the senator."

Washington, Jan. 20.—Senator Tillman tonight declined to discuss Gov. Blease's message to the South Carolina legislature, other than to say that he had written such a letter as the governor had transmitted to the legislature.

"Yes, I wrote the letter," he said. "It stands for itself and explains itself. That's all I have to say."

### The Tillman Letter Was "Confidential"

Columbia, Jan. 20.—The Tillman letter which was written by the senator to a person in official life, and which fell into the hands of the governor and was marked "personal and confidential" was as follows:

"I learned while in South Carolina on my recent trip home for the Christmas holidays that there would probably be an effort made to oust Dr. Babcock from the hospital for the insane. Governor Blease's underlings and satellites want to manipulate the sale of that property and the building of a new institution out at State Park. I know none of the details of the matter. All of the facts will be brought out if an investigation is ordered. As I hope will be. An effort will be made to smother Dr. Babcock and his lady, assistant, Dr. Saunders, as these men must have some excuse you know and are not at all scrupulous."

"I am writing this letter to you to beg that you will lend all your energies and lend all your influence to help Dr. Babcock in this crisis. I have known Dr. Babcock intimately for the past 15 years. He is undoubtedly one of the best examples of gentlemanly conduct, high character, unimpeachable integrity, truthfulness and honor I have ever met, and has few equals and no superior in the State. It would be a shame to let such a man be driven out of the State's services by those men who are trying to do it."

### Blease's Comments On Tillman Letter

Columbia, Jan. 20.—Governor Blease in his message denies that he has been trying to oust Dr. Babcock and states that the resignation of Dr. Babcock has been in his hands since last September, he refusing to accept it.

He quotes a resolution of the board of regents exonerating Dr. Saunders from all blame and quotes a statement made by Dr. Babcock to the effect that he and Gov. Blease had worked in harmony. He refers to his messages vetoing the bill providing for the sale of the asylum property last session and thinks this answers the charge of the senator, and says that it proves he has done



STATE HOSPITAL FOR INSANE. Main Building of the Institution Which is to be Investigated.

his part to keep the property from being sold.

"Calling to the attention of the legislature the fact that the letter was written by Senator Tillman and marked 'personal' and franked, the governor says in part: 'I call the letter to your attention and I state the facts to you here merely for the purpose of showing to you that I have done my part to keep this property from being sold and that the gentlemen whom this man has seen fit to term as my 'underlings and satellites' are not doing what they are charged in the letter with doing."

"I realize that there is no action which you can take in the matter so far as the writer of the letter is concerned, and that the only thing possible is to see to it that you can possibly accomplish in publicity to expose this 'personal' attack upon the hospital."

"The board of regents is composed of Dr. Julius H. Taylor of Columbia; Jas. A. Summerson of Columbia; J. D. Bivens of Dorchester; Dr. W. L. Corbrey of Gaffney and Dr. T. L. Settlemeyer of Rock Hill.

The saying commission, composed of Dr. J. W. Babcock of Columbia, Dr. Robert Wilson of Charleston, Dr. Payne of Anderson, E. H. Aull of Newberry and O. L. Johnson of Spartanburg, met in the governor's office this morning and the message was read to them. The letter was dated "Washington, D. C., Jan. 12."

The asylum regents manage the institution. The commissioners are charged with putting up new buildings.

Dr. Saunders, who is referred to in a daughter of Representative O. L. Saunders of York county and has been connected with the asylum for some years.

### What to Do With The State Asylum

Columbia, Jan. 20.—When the house meets today at noon it will resume the consideration of the bill providing for the sale of the present State Hospital for the Insane in Columbia and the transfer of the hospital to State Park, the 2,500 acre tract owned by the State of South Carolina, seven miles north of Columbia on the Seaboard and Southern railroads. The bill provides for placing the sale of the property in the hands of a commission of three who are not to dispose of it for less than \$1,000,000. The proceeds of the sale of the present hospital are to be used under the provision of the bill, for building a new asylum at State Park.

This measure has strong backing in both the house and senate where a similar bill was passed last year, vetoed by Gov. Blease and failed to pass by two votes over the veto in the house.

Dr. J. W. Babcock, superintendent of the State hospital, told the Richard delegation at a recent meeting that he was opposed personally to the sale of the present asylum, but he heartily urges the development of State Park. Dr. Babcock's idea is that the present asylum should be converted into a pavilion hospital for the treatment of acute cases of insanity while State Park should be developed on the colony plan for the treatment of the chronic cases of insanity.

## STATE CAPITAL

Special Correspondence:  
Columbia, Jan. 20.—The Blease Tillman muss was given a new turn Tuesday, as a result of a message from the governor containing what purports to be a letter from Tillman, written to one of the Senator's friends, whom the Governor does not name. It is practically certain that the State insane asylum and every one connected with it will be the subject of a sweeping investigation. The house agreed to appoint a committee to investigate the institution.

Columbia, Jan. 20, 9 p. m.—Ten women were nominated for State Librarian. Mrs. Virginia G. Moody has a long lead on the first ballot but not the necessary majority. It is probable that the election of insurance commissioner will not take place tonight.

Columbia, Jan. 20, 10:30 p. m.—Mrs. Virginia G. Moody, of Columbia, was elected State Librarian tonight, by the joint assembly, on the fourth ballot. She received 75 votes. Ten women were candidates for the place. Mrs. Moody was Miss Virginia Green of this city. She is a sister of Thos. D. Green, president of the hotel proprietor's association of New York City. Mrs. Green's father was an official of the old Charleston and Columbia railway, now a branch of the Southern.

Columbia, Jan. 20.—At 10:25 o'clock Tuesday night the joint assembly took up the election of an insurance commissioner. Fitzhugh McMaster, of Columbia, the incumbent, W. A. Hodgson, of Anderson and Ellison Capers of Summerson were nominated. Mr. McMaster was re-elected on the first ballot. The vote stood: McMaster, 103; Hodgson, 21; Capers, 18.

Columbia, Jan. 20.—When the governor's message was read in the house, a resolution was presented by Mr. Stevenson of Cheraw to have the whole matter investigated. This was agreed to without discussion.

Meeting at 7:55 o'clock the senate heard the asylum message from the Governor but took no action about the investigation agreed to by the house. The senate adjourned immediately after the joint assembly tonight. The asylum matter will come up in the senate Wednesday.

## MURDERER IS HELD IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Wanted Here Since Nov., 1912, Doc Brown Has Been Captured at Gastonia, N. C.

### Wanted in Anderson county since November, 1912, on a charge of murder. Doc Brown, a negro, has been arrested and placed in jail in Gastonia, N. C. Sheriff Ashley received a message Monday to the effect that the North Carolina officials had captured the negro and had him in jail and the Anderson county officer left at once to bring him back. However, upon his arrival in the North Carolina town, he discovered that the negro would not come back to South Carolina without requisition papers and therefore Sheriff Ashley was forced to return to Anderson last night without the man.

In a case which occurred near Iva in November, 1912, Brown killed another negro by the name of Press Hutchinson. He made good his escape and had been a fugitive ever since. Sheriff Ashley said last night that he had sent the proper papers in the case to Governor Blease at Columbia with the request that the Governor make requisition on the State of North Carolina for the prisoner. Meanwhile, Brown is being held in the North Carolina jail.

Mr. W. A. Sanders, resident engineer in charge of the survey of Rocky River, announces that he has completed his work and that he will make his report in a few days. The blue print of his survey is about 35 feet long. Mr. Sanders will recommend that a straight ditch be cut for a length of a mile or so below the city, and drain an immense area. Mr. Sanders says that this is now covered with marsh and that there are ducks there for the hunting.

## LATEST NEWS

Macon, Ga., Jan. 20.—The trend of inquiry in the investigation of Judge Emory Speer took a turn today. Evidence was submitted to show that he had occasionally used a "hay fever" medicine containing cocaine. It was also testified that he loved newspaper notoriety.

New York, Jan. 20.—Hans Smidt, the ex-Catholic priest is again on trial charged with the murder of Ann Amuller.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 20.—The Pensacola News, oldest paper in Western Florida went into bankruptcy today. The State Bank of Carrabelle failed today.

New York, Jan. 20.—Nearly half of the estate of Richard D. Taskford, vice president of the Southern Railway who succumbed here Saturday, goes to Miss Nellie B. Patterson to whom he was engaged.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 20.—M. F. Taylor, his wife and two children were found dead at their home here. Taylor was last seen on the 6th of December. A pistol was found by the father's side. They had been shot. There were evidences of a "barrel feast" provided by Taylor before the extermination.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 20.—Measures for the improvement of the schools of the State were discussed at the first session of the South Carolina Association of County Superintendents of Education, held here today. Cecil H. Selinger, of Alken County, is president of the association and presided at today's meeting.

Senator Lodge remarked that the "message was very satisfactory" and Senator Wm. Alden Smith of Michigan, said "that the president has attacked the problem from his own viewpoint, but probably his program will do some good."

Andersonville, N. C., Jan. 20.—The student body of the State Normal School at Andersonville, N. C., held a meeting today for brutal hazing. The hazing pupil had reported the matter and had been given a whipping. The chazers were also fined in the courts.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 20.—Gen. Salvador Mercado, commander of the Mexican Federal soldiers, defends his abandonment of Ojinaga and charged Gen. Pascual Orozco with cowardice and insubordination.

Jackson, Miss.—Legislative committee reports unfavorably on equal suffrage bill.

Pittsburg, Okla., Jan. 20.—Masked bandits held up employees of the bank here today and gathered in \$2,500. Shots were exchanged with the pursuing posse.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 20.—Opposite on to the Hobson, Sheppard and Works prohibition bills, pending in congress, was voted in resolutions adopted today by the Brick Barrel State Manufacturers' Association in session here. The passage of either bill, the resolutions declare, "would practically ruin the state, heading and barrel interests of a dozen or more states."

## CHILD SMOTHERED TO DEATH TUESDAY

### Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Harris Found Dead in Bed Yesterday Morning.

Upon arising yesterday morning at the usual hour, Mrs. Claude Harris went to the bed where her three-months old baby was sleeping and tried to arouse the child. Finding that she could get no response she called for her husband who likewise made vigorous efforts to get the child awakened. Becoming alarmed they telephoned for assistance but it was found that the little life had gone out.

Coroner J. H. Harbin was summoned but after an examination was made by Dr. Herbert Acker, he county physician, it was decided that no inquest was necessary since it was perfectly clear that the child came to its death by natural means.

Messrs. W. S. Brezeale, T. S. Bannister and Ky. Shirley were returned from a trip to New York and other northern cities. They enjoyed the whole of the vacation. One of the things which interested them on the trip was an illustration of the great development in business methods in the last few years. At the home office of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company they saw the first book kept by the company, with entries for New England and all such items, and the president's salary \$125 a month. There have been some changes since then.

## FARMERS HAD A GREAT DAY

### TRADES DAY AND MEETING OF LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION

### TALKS A FEATURE

### Discussion of Questions Relative to Agriculture and Live Stock

Yesterday was a day for the farmers of Anderson county and those interested in questions pertaining to agriculture and live stock. The combination of trades day and the meeting of the Anderson Live Stock Association brought a large number of visitors to town to participate in the program and every man who was present at the meeting left with the feeling that he had gained something thereby and that he had been benefited.

The meeting was called to order in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce at 12 o'clock. J. C. Harris of Belton acting as chairman. Mr. Harris made a few opening remarks in which he said that this splendid work had been started through the efforts of the Anderson chamber, both in the direction of trades day and the formation of the live stock association. He remarked on the fact that for a time the farmers of the county were inclined to be skeptical on account of the fact that some considered it merely a clever way in which to draw trade to Anderson and said that he was glad to see they had recognized their mistake in this matter. He said that the value of the Chamber of Commerce to the farmer could not be over-estimated.

### Making a Silo.

Following the invocation, which was delivered by Rev. O. L. Martin of Anderson, the first speaker, E. H. Mason of Clemson College, was introduced. Mr. Mason discussed the value of silos and held the close attention of the audience from the beginning to the end. The most common type of silo in South Carolina was that of concrete or stone construction but recommended the concrete style as being far superior. He said that a 100-ton capacity concrete silo could be erected at a cost of about \$150 and that it would meet every requirement on the average farm.

Clemson College, according to the speaker, will be glad to send an expert to any farmer in any section of the county, to assist him and advise him concerning the erection of a silo in any community it may be desired. The speaker next took up a discussion of how a silo should be constructed and said that it should be built both with an inside and outside form and walls six inches thick. He said that the slab silo, with all right but at the best it would last only 10 or 15 years, whereas the concrete structure would stand forever. He stressed the fact that the silo should be constructed in such a manner as to exclude the air. He discussed silage as composed of and advised all his hearers to write to the United States government, department of agriculture, for bulletin 355—"Making and Feeding of Silage."

Quoting statistics, the speaker said that in Wisconsin there are 46,000 silos in operation against 200 in South Carolina is far better for dairying purposes than is Wisconsin. He said that the average price for silage is \$2.50, much more cheaper than hay and far more nutritious food.

### Hog Raising.

B. M. Aull of Autun, secretary of the Anderson county Live Stock Association, delivered a splendid address on hog raising, illustrating his remarks with a map of his 1,200-acre hog farm in this county. He discussed the manner pursued by him in his operations and showed why he had been so successful in the raising of hogs. Among the features touched upon was that of the proper feed for hogs and the effect that he had been able to get from the hog lands in an agricultural sense.

W. H. Baker, who is field agent of the demonstration department of the Southern Railway Co., was introduced to the association and took occasion to assure the gathering that his services were always at the disposal of any of them in an agricultural way and that he would at any time be pleased to render any assistance that might be in his power.

### Round Table Discussion.

The afternoon session was one of the most interesting features of the entire day when a round table discussion was engaged in with J. T. Watt of Clemson College presiding. Mr. Watt said that one of the main objects to be accomplished was to take over some breed of cattle for the purpose of breeding the local cattle to a higher state of perfection, but urged that the people go along with this line and use good judgment, rather than to be hasty in their decisions. He said that there

## NO INSULT TO BRYAN BY THE HON. CHAMP CLARK

(By the Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 20.—Speaker Clark's declination of an invitation to attend a Democratic dinner tomorrow at Calvert Hall, at which Secretary Bryan is to be a guest, stirred up so much commotion that the speaker issued a characteristic statement.

Published reports had connected the speaker's declination with the presence of Secretary Bryan, and echoes of the Baltimore convention. The speaker did not dignify this suggestion with a reference.

"I have cut dinners and functions except those I feel under obligations to attend in my official capacity," said the speaker. "I did this for two reasons:

"1. Because I have not time to attend them. I have too much to do.

"2. Mr. Spofford, so long librarian of congress, once told me that most public men and army and navy officers who died in Washington dug their graves with their own teeth, a saying which I took to heart.

"The people of the country are not interested to any considerable extent about dinners in Washington, but they are interested very much as to what congress does, and when it does it and I am trying my best to expedite business so that we can get away from here and give the country a rest. That is a good policy for both the country and the Democratic party."

## ANDERSON IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Special Correspondence:  
Columbia, Jan. 20.—George W. Sullivan, Anderson county's veteran senator, was in his place when the senate convened on Tuesday last. Senator Sullivan is recognized as one of the ablest men in the upper branch of the house where he has a great deal of influence.

Senator Sullivan now has on the calendar of the house a bill which passed the senate without opposition which will allow the city of Anderson to tax abutting property for permanent improvements. The bill has been favorably reported in the house and is practically assured of passage. Assessing abutting property for permanent improvements has been practiced in Columbia, Sumter and other cities in the State with success for several years. The property owners are allowed a period of years in which to pay their share of the assessments.

On the calendar of the house, Mr. Gray of Anderson has a bill which has been reported favorably with an amendment, prohibiting the sale of cotton seed meal with less than 8 per cent of ammonia.

Mr. Ashley of Anderson, has on

the house calendar a bill providing for the inspection, analysis and tests of illuminating oils and fuel and gasoline. Another bill by Mr. Ashley would amend the code of 1912 so as to permit the employment in factories of children more than 10 years of age under certain conditions.

Representative W. W. Scott has on the calendar of the house a bill providing for an annual levy of one mill on all taxable property of the State for the support of the common schools. The bill, an important measure, has received a minority favorable and a majority unfavorable committee report.

Another bill by Mr. Gray on the house calendar amends the code of 1912 so as to make the computation road tax one dollar a year in Anderson county.

All the indications point to a harmonious session of the general assembly this year in marked contrast to the stormy session of the past three years.

The senate will reconvene at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night. The house meets at noon Tuesday. The joint assembly will convene for holding elections at a special Tuesday night session.

Mr. Walter Brock of Eastman, Ga., who was in the hardware business here some years ago, was in the city yesterday visiting relatives and it is understood that he contemplates moving back to Anderson.

There was no such thing as a dual-purpose cow, this being a cow which was equally fitted for the beef type and the dairy type and said that once required a special breed of cattle. He advised that dairying in this section of the country was far more lucrative if properly carried out and if the farmer lived near to a town. He said that it took the same amount of feed to produce one pound of fat on beef cattle that it does for one gallon of milk.

The association voted to stand behind the Jersey cow as the dairy type and then took up a discussion of which type of beef cattle was preferable. Eleven members signified their intention of breeding cattle along extensive lines and by a majority vote adopted the Hereford as the type. Mr. Watt advised that those who contemplated the purchase of stock consult with him before doing so.

The question of the proper type of hog to use for breeding purposes was taken up and aroused some considerable discussion. The Berkshire was finally selected as the best type for this country.

Five of those present said that they were extensively engaged in the raising of mules and a discussion was engaged in relative to brood mares. The Percheron, weighing from 1,300 to 1,400 pounds was said to be the best type for breeding purposes. It was the consensus of opinion that it is better to send west for the breeders rather than to buy on the local market.

The next meeting of the association is to take place in Anderson on February 24, the date being a little later than usual on account of the fact that there is a conflict of dates with some of those who are actively connected with the association.

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## REPUBLICANS ADMIRE PLANS

Washington, Jan. 20.—President Wilson's suggestions to congress today in his trust address that congress and the business men are ready to meet each other to square both with public opinion and the law, led to attentive ears and struck a responsive chord with the political parties.

Expressions on the message came freely from senators and representatives, democratic, republican and progressive. The only unfriendly criticisms emanated from progressives, Murdoch, the third party leader, asserting that the suggestions were "inadequate," and would render the trust evil more acute. One of the most significant comments came from Senator Gallinger, leader of the republican minority in the upper house, who represents the most conservative type of republicanism.

"The president's recommendations are moderate," said Senator Gallinger, "and, for the most part, wise. It seems to me there is nothing in the recommendations that need disturb business men or that would justify radical legislation. If the worthy members in both branches of congress will formulate bills along the lines suggested by the president and abandon their method of legislation by party caucus, they will find the republicans ready to cooperate with them in bringing about legislation that will be of real benefit to the country and will harm no one."

Throughout the delivery of the address, the assembled senators and representatives listened intently to every word, applauding frequently when the president's human estimation of evils which he believed nec-