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SENATOR TILLMAN MAKES STATEMENT

AS TO HIS IDEA ABOUT THE WAY TO HANDLE THE PRIMARY ELECTIONS

HE OFFERS A PLAN

Says That He Is Author of Party Rules and Constitution and He Knows Weak Places

Special to The Intelligencer.

Washington, May 16.—Senator Tillman handed the newspaper correspondents the following interview today:

The near approach of the State Convention and the importance of its expected action emboldens me to give expression to some opinions on the subject of safeguarding the primary. I deem this more necessary because I know I shall not be able to attend the Convention in person, and I have received many letters asking my advice in this crisis. Almost every South Carolina newspaper I see, has something to say about this all-important subject, and there are scores of schemes or propositions, as to how it ought to be done—some good, some bad, some indifferent, and many entirely impracticable and unjust.

It will be remembered that just after the last primary two years ago, cries of fraud went up all over the State and the Executive Committee did not declare the result promptly. This caused intense anger on the part of the supporters of Governor Blease, who believed there was an effort being made to cheat him; and I raised my voice in no uncertain way urging promptness in investigating and reporting the results of the election, and thus relieving the suspense. The Governor was finally declared the nominee of the Party and things quieted down.

We have another primary coming on in August, and there are many thousands of men in the State who hearily avow the purpose never to take part in the primary again, unless there are some safeguards thrown around it to prevent fraud and corruption. I have given the subject much thought and venture to make the following suggestions:

Sees Danger To the Party.

It is a pity the State Legislature did not deal with this question and settle once for all by law the regulations that are to govern the primary; but Governor Blease by threats of the veto and with the powerful influence he wields prevented any action.

Therefore, the party must act, if anything is to be done; and the white men of the State had just as well realize that unless something is done this will be our last democratic primary of white men only.

The probabilities are, the almost inevitable consequences indeed will be, a fight to a finish in the November election, with the negroes holding the balance of power and thus controlling.

I lay down as a general principle, which no honest man can dispute openly, or object to, that every white Democrat who is entitled to vote under the rules and regulations of the party should be allowed to vote once, and once only, and that that vote should be counted honestly and the result declared promptly. No decent or honest man wants to cheat another white man out of his right to participation in the government, and no patriot desires anything but fair play and equality of rights.

Let every white man have the same chance as any other white man, rich or poor, high or low, and let the majority rule.

That is democracy, or Tillmanism as I have taught it, and he who would put be content to abide by such an election is no patriot and no Democrat either. Our trouble heretofore, and our trouble this year, if we have trouble, will be dishonest and padded club rolls and stuffed ballot boxes.

The club rolls we have now are old and have not been revised or corrected in a long while.

Our politics have been running along in a peaceful, peaceful way, and dead men's names are on the club lists, absentees who have moved away are on the club lists, and the names of men whom nobody ever knew or saw and cannot find are on the club lists. This is a fertile source of fraud, and on that effort should be to get an absolutely fair enrollment of the Democrats who are entitled to vote under the rules of the party.

For reasons that are apparent to any [illegible] the new rolls are made up [illegible] this should be done at a given place, [illegible] where they can be examined to detect if there has been any fraud practiced in placing them on them. Twenty days should elapse between the filing of the rolls and the primary, and entry of no name allowed after the period fixed. No more should be on the roll when the voter applies in person or sends written authority asking that his name be enrolled. There should be three club rolls, one copy to be sent to the county chairman, another copy to the clerk of court, and the third copy to remain with the secretary of the club as a registry list to govern on the day of the primary election. No man should be allowed to vote whose name has not been enrolled in accordance with the above regulations.

If the money can be had, it would be be well to have the club rolls published in some one county paper twenty days before the primary; but as I fear this may be considered too expensive, the filing of one of them with the clerks of court and the county chairman is sufficient in my judgment.

The voters, when they enroll, should state the place of residence giving the street and number of the house, if they live in a town, or the township when residing in the country.

The club roll should be made up of men from two townships or two wards but each sub-division of a county or city should have one club and no more. The residents of that political subdivision could then determine whether any fraud has been practiced in the enrollment or not.

This regulation will compel me to go six miles to vote in the primary, although there is at present a voting precinct within half a mile of my home. But no inconvenience can be too great to prevent our taking every precaution possible to prevent fraud, or the charge of it.

Too Free and Easy.

The promiscuous enrollment such as we have always had, the free and easy way in which we have conducted our political affairs, will not do now that white men have grown so suspicious and unsuspicious. The honors and emoluments of office are so great that inevitably human selfishness and greed will cause men to act the rascal.

On the day of the election, no man should be stamped and the voter's name checked off the club list, showing that he has voted once at that precinct. Rubber stamps for this purpose should be provided by the County Executive Committee. The stamping of the ballot will prevent voting several tickets at once or folded together that they will fall apart after they have gone in the box, or be taken apart by the managers when they go to count them. The way of stamping the ballot before any one could tell what it was necessary for us to do in the negroes, as many of our white citizens remember.

Indeed, I say without hesitation that the lessons we learned in '76, '78, and '80, until the "Eight Box Law" was enacted, are returning to pester us now. Dire necessity forced us to use our brains to circumvent ignorant negroes. We felt the duty devolved upon us to our civilization to prevent ignorant semi-barbarous negroes from controlling our affairs. It is of equal importance to prevent unscrupulous white men from cheating their fellow citizens and robbing them of their rights.

Wants to Improve His Work.

I perhaps more than any other one man am responsible for our present primary system. I wrote the constitution of the Democratic Party and I wrote most of the rules and regulations governing the primary. I therefore am an old hand at this business, and having been charged with being responsible for present conditions, my advice should have weight in pointing out the remedy as I now see it.

I always felt that white men would be above cheating their own brothers and that South Carolinians were too honorable and clean to attempt such [illegible] but the experience has shown the falsity of my confidence, and I am trying to make reparation as best I can.

When the State Convention meets I am relying on the pride of authorship and on the fact that I am a very pretsacted [illegible]. Every man who has a scheme, and who has not, will want his scheme to be adopted. I do not claim that the suggestions I make are perfect, but they are the best I can think of at this time, and I feel sure that if adopted and carried out, they will improve conditions in the State so much so that it will be a very long time, if ever, before we have further trouble with our primary.

It is all-important that we should not attempt too much, or make the regulations so strict or laborious and costly that it will tend to keep men from conforming with the conditions. A reasonable reform insuring purity and honesty is all that can be accomplished and it is all that should be attempted.

TWO BOYS [illegible]

Sons of Wellknown Greensboro Family Miss Lose Lives In River.

(Greensboro, May 16.—Edward Fickling, 11 years old, son of well known [illegible] of Greenville, S. C., were drowned in the Dan river at that place today. The boys in company with five others were attempting to cross the river in a boat when it sprang a leak and capsized. The members of the party came near losing their lives in an effort to save the drowning boys.

Reserve Banks Meeting.

Washington, May 16.—Representatives of the five member banks in each of the twelve federal reserve bank districts will meet in this respective reserve cities next Monday to prepare suggestions of organization of the reserve banks.

PEACE ENVOYS AT WASHINGTON

HUERTA DELEGATES CORDIALLY RECEIVED AT THE CAPITAL

MANY SEE ARRIVAL

Mexican Cabinet Officer Tells Bryan Effort Will Be Made To Find Parks

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 16.—The arrival here late today of the three Huerta representatives to the mediation conference to be held at Niagara Falls, Canada, gave the most tangible evidence thus far presented of efforts under way to compose the Mexican conflict.

Demand Accompanying.

Meanwhile, urgent representations, made to the Huerta Government through the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, as to the reported execution of Private Samuel Parks, an American soldier who strayed through the Mexican lines, was partly relieved by a message from Mexican Foreign Minister Lind, to Spanish Ambassador Riano, stating that the disappearance of Parks would be investigated immediately. Beyond this Secretary Bryan had no information on Parks disappearance.

Official reports today showed the [illegible] were steadily extending the field of occupation. Consul Canada at Vera Cruz, reported them in possession of Tuxpam, and the state department also received word that constitutionalists had occupied the town of Monclova. Admiral Howard reported the federals were likely to evacuate the port of Guaymas.

Puerto Mexico has become the center of interest with the arrival of the Mexican gunboats and the possibilities of some move they may make. Three American ships are watching them, for [illegible] joined the other American ships there.

Huerta Losing Ground.

Puerto Mexico now is about the only important eastern port controlled by Huerta.

Little excitement, but considerable confusion attended the arrival in Washington of the three Mexican delegates. Prior to their arrival there was much speculation as to whether they would accept the hospitality of the American Government. C. M. [illegible] secretary of the state department, was at the station to extend the state department's invitation.

Spanish ambassador Riano, and counsellor Wells, of the Spanish embassy, representatives of the mediating South Americans, and the remaining officials of the abandoned embassy, were in the official group that greeted the delegates.

Delegate Rodriguez, bowed neither his 72 years, was assisted from the train by an attache. The third delegate, Luis Siguero, with his brother, Rafael Siguero, another attache followed. The daughters of Mr. Rabasa, a daughter and son of Mr. Rodriguez and the wife of Mr. Delcampo, and attache joined the party. Rafael Rodriguez, another son of the peace delegate, came from New York to greet his father. The wife and mother-in-law of Military Attache Avalos, of the abandoned Mexican legation, were on hand to meet the women of the Mexican party.

ON VERGE OF CHURCH UNITY

Minister Says Denominations Will Sift to Catholics, Baptists and Federalists

(By Associated Press.)

Nashville, May 16.—After a two days debate advocates of centralizing the three important boards of the Southern Baptist Convention won what is considered a victory when the delegates today voted to refer for reconsideration the portion of the efficiency commission's report recommending that boards be maintained as at present. As now constituted they are foreign mission board at Richmond, the home mission board at Atlanta, and the Sunday school board at Nashville.

When the discussion of the efficiency commission's report was resumed today Dr. R. J. Dargan of Macon, chairman of the commission, arose to a point of personal privilege and explained the action of the commission in making its recommendations.

"We do not want revolutionary," F. D. McConnell, of Dallas Texas stated, "but we believe there should be progress. The day is near at hand when there will be only three great Christian bodies, the Baptists, the Catholics and the Federalists. And about a [illegible] our Baptists will be among the Federalists. We are on the verge of a great upheaval, a christian catacclysm."

MAZATLAN FACES A PESTILANCE

WATER SUPPLY SHUT OFF BY REBELS, DEATH STALKS ABROAD

RIOTING IS FEARED

Mayor Discharges Police and Railroad and Telegraph Wires To Be Cut Soon

(By Associated Press)

On Board U. S. S. California, Mazatlan, Tex., May 15.—(By wireless to San Diego, Cal., May 16). Mazatlan's water supply is still cut off by besieging rebels and the death rate is increasing with alarming rapidity. An outbreak of pestilence is feared.

The governor of Mazatlan disarmed the police today on the plea of lack of ammunition for the defense of the city. His real motive, it is believed, was fear of internal revolt.

General Obregon, commander of the constitutionalists, is apparently working southward for the purpose of cutting the railroad from Manzanillo to Guadalajara, and Mexico City before attempting other operations.

Obregon has given full assurance that American and other foreign owned property in the territory of Tepic will be protected.

Mexican Gunboat Sunk.

Washington, May 16.—Admiral Mayo reported today that the Mexican Federal gunboat Vera Cruz, previously reported to have been abandoned, was sunk in the Pascuco river at Tamon.

The American admiral added that business of the port of Tampico is being resumed slowly. Two oil ships cleared yesterday. The banks are open and money is extremely scarce.

EPISCOPAL BISHOP IN ANDERSON TODAY

DISTINGUISHED CHURCHMAN HERE FOR A DAY

CLASS CONFIRMED

Bishop Guerry Here For Services At Grace Church Tonight and Also to Speak

Anderson will today entertain a very distinguished guest, Bishop Guerry of Charleston, Bishop of the South Carolina diocese. Bishop Guerry is one of the most prominent church men in the State and Anderson feels honored that he should consent to spend a day here. The Bishop will arrive in Anderson at 8 o'clock tonight from Greenville, where he has been attending the Episcopal council and where he will confirm a class this morning. Tonight at 8:15 he will confirm a class of 10 at Grace Episcopal church. The confirmation is an ancient rite of the orthodox church which marks the formal entry into the church by their own decision of those who have been baptised in their infancy [illegible] of further obligation. The exercises tonight will be accompanied by special music and Grace church will be insufficient to accommodate the enormous crowd desiring to see the rites executed.

Tomorrow night Bishop Guerry is to speak before a meeting of the Churchman's club at the home of J. H. Godfry. The distinguished churchman will take as his subject "The Work of the Law and Order League in Charleston" and every member of the club will probably be in attendance for the meeting. Bishop Guerry will leave Tuesday morning for his home in Charleston and every one in the city will do everything possible to make his stay in Anderson pleasant.

PEN IS POISON SAYS PREACHER

BAPTIST LEADER FLAYS THE AVERAGE BOOK OF TODAY

DENOUNCES CITIES

Rev. Dr. Burrows Declares New York Reeks With Christless Men and Women

(By Associated Press)

Nashville, May 16.—Responding to the presentation of the new Sunday school board building to the convention, Dr. Lansing Burrows of Americus, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, today criticized sharply the literature of the age.

Rakes the Novelists.

After recounting the great achievements of the Sunday school board, he said:

"And now we stand before the door of opportunity. The indomitable industry of the destroyer of human souls adapts his energies of shifting conditions. His most [illegible] task is now upon the literature of the age. The three past generations have cultivated the reading habit. Men have grown story mad and dramatically insane. The novelists and the dramatist have the strongest influence upon the present generation. They bring no glad tidings for the inspiration to nobler things. They are men with microscopes fastened upon social bacteria and never upon the gleaming stars.

Plays the Great City.

"When will the uncleanness of their practiced pen they have destroyed a microbe they have destroyed the wealthy tissue upon which it had feasted. They are like a foolish man who burns down his stable to be rid of flies. They spread their atrocities by the plea that they are describing life [illegible] the rotten cancers of life. They make the great city the theater of life. They present to us the vast metropolis of New York, with its great white ways, blatant with its vulgar extravagancies, reeking with the odious smells of its sensuality, aroar with the shouts of its chorus girls and its sodden spendthrifts, a homeless, Christless, narrow-browed and shrivelled-hearted worshippers of mammon and of lust, and they call us the [illegible]

Calls New York Provincial.

"There is no more provincial place on the continent, says one who knows, than New York; no place to see life but life entrelled in the heat of passion, with men bereft of noble manhood and lofty purpose and women pictured as ox-eyed and tinted with peroxide, who dread fat more than sin and who regard pimples as their direst enemy. Of their books, the best seller is the whist smeller. Of their dramas they revolve about the seventh commandment. Let them picture the scarlet woman and the married rake and they lack for neither readers nor spectators."

MILL OPERATIVE KILLS PAINTER

Former Charlotte Man Slays Victim, Witnesses Say Without Stating Why He Did It

(By Associated Press)

Danville, May 16.—Alford Billows, 22, painter by profession and unmarried was shot twice this evening and killed by Luke McCall, a mill operative at Schoolfield.

Witnesses at the coroner's inquest who were beside Billows when the killing occurred said that McCall walked up to him and without a word shot him in the stomach at close range and then after abusing him as he lay on the ground turned and fled.

Officers and mill operatives took up the chase and ran McCall into a swamp on the edge of the Virginia-Carolina line. He was brought back to the city where he refused to make any statement.

Miss Essie Cock and Miss Clara Cook of Iva were shopping in the city yesterday.

YALE TRACK MEN BEST HARVARD

BLUE TRIUMPHS OVER CRIMSON BY TWO TO ONE SCORE

SOME FAST RACES

Cambridge Events Are Full of Surprises for Both the Big University Athletics

(By Associated Press)

Cambridge, Mass. May 16.—Yale was twice as strong as Harvard in their twenty third dual track and field meet today. The Blue team scored 66 1-2 points to 37 1-2 for the crimson. Three meet records established last year in the half mile, mile and two runs were broken, while high hurdle time of 15 4-5 seconds made in 1899, was equalled for the sixth year.

Fast Yale Sprinters.

Poucher, of Yale, in the mile run, was the first to make new figures, setting a record of four minutes and twenty three seconds. Then Captain [illegible] of the Yale team ran the 880 yards in one minute and fifty four seconds in the two mile event last year.

Potter of Yale, who ran the hurdles, equalled the old time in the trial heat of the high event.

Captain Farron of Harvard captured both the sprints in fine style. Willis of Yale surprised the benches by running Birmingham off his feet in the 440, winning by nearly four yards. In the two mile, Clack and Wilbur of Yale made the running until the last quarter when Byrd of Harvard sprinted into first place, with Southworth of Harvard coming in a strong third.

Cornel Beat Penn U.

Ithaca, N. Y., May 16.—Cornell defeated Pennsylvania decisively in the annual dual track meet here today, 71 to 48. Among the features were the victories of Feeley and Van Winkle, in the sprints, the brilliant triumph of Spenden over Wadeira in the mile, which winner set up a new track record, Meredith's running in the 880 yards, the pacting of the Red and White pole vault stars, and the high jump of Cady of Cornell.

MOB AT TUCAPAU

Tom Odom seriously hurt over a Discussion of Politics

Passengers on the last train from Spartanburg last night stated that there had been a serious row of some kind at Tucapau, the first important stop just out of Spartanburg. Mr. Alf Moore, well known in this city is the president of the mill.

A long distance 'phone message from Spartanburg stated that Tom Odom had been severely beaten at a baseball game at first his life was despaired of but there are hopes for his recovery. The row was over politics.

MAY RUN FOR THE HOUSE

W. H. Canfield of Honea Path while in the city yesterday said that he had decided not to offer for county commissioner but is seriously thinking of running for the legislature unless others come out on the platform he likes. He wishes to see candidates committed to the Portner bill, as it is known, and also he is opposed to the bill for medical inspections in schools except upon the request of parents or teachers.

HARVARD TEAM SCORES

Colors of the University Float to Victory Twice

Philadelphia, May 16.—The triumph of Harvard University second varsity eight in the junior collegiate race, and another victory by the same crew in the first eight oared shell event featured the twelfth annual regatta of the American Rowing Association over the Henley Course on the Schuylkill river today.

In the first race Harvard crossed the line half a length ahead of Yale. The race was a little between Yale and Pennsylvania for second place and after the Blue gained the position, Annapolis was fourth and Princeton fifth.

An hour and forty minutes later the same Harvard eight beat out the Union Boat Club of Boston by about four feet. Annapolis' varsity was third and Syracuse University was nosed out by Yale for fourth place.

THIMBLE GAME IS FOLK PROBE

WHO GOT MILLIONS OF NEW HAVEN ROAD'S FUNDS IS QUERY

PLAN TO STOP DEAL

Government Consel Says That Program Is of Most Importance At This Stage

(By Associated Press)

Washington, May 16.—"Just who got the vanished millions belonging to the stockholders of the New Haven Railroad and how the deal were carried out by which these millions were diverted from the road's treasury to the pockets of favored financiers are questions which the interstate commerce commission expects to answer through the pending investigation into the New Haven's financial affairs."

Folk Tips Program.

This was stated authoritatively today the purpose of the commission in forcing the examination of Charles S. Mellen, former President of the New Haven, and of other witnesses, who have been, or will, be called upon to testify.

Examination of papers and documents now in possession of the commission indicate clearly, Chief Counsel Joseph W. Folk pointed out today, that it became really a practice of certain financial interests to buy up properties, which they had been led to believe the New Haven wanted, and then unload them on to the New Haven at from two to four times what they paid for them.

In the view of the commission and of Mr. Folk, suits against these interests would force them to restore money so obtained to the New Haven stockholders.

Immunity not Important.

Chief Counsel Folk said that whether he was the commission had received further communication from the department of justice concerning the testimony of Mr. Mellen, already produced or about to be given, it is reiterated that the position of Mr. Folk and the commission is that it is more important to prevent in future such abuses as have been shown and indicated than it is to put anybody in jell.

Mr. Folk said:

"The question of immunity is of little consequence as compared to the benefits to the public which will grow out of Mr. Mellen's testimony."

FATHER OF NAVY HONORED BY U. S.

Statue of Commodore John Barry Is Unveiled at Washington Wilson Taking Part

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, May 16.—In the presence of several thousand persons, including members of the cabinet, senators, representatives, army and navy officers of high rank and members of Irish-American organizations from all parts of the nation, and with President Wilson the principal speaker and Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels presiding, a bronze statue of Commodore John Barry, "father of the American navy," was unveiled in Franklin Park here today. Miss Eliza H. Hepburn of Philadelphia, great-great-grand neice of Commodore Barry, performed the unveiling ceremony.

After an invocation by Bishop Alfred Harding, Secretary Daniels introduced President Wilson who, drawing inferences from the life of Barry, gave his views on what constitutes patriotism. "Patriotism," he said, "is a principle, not a mere sentiment. No man can be a true patriot who does not feel within his whole being and through with a deep ardor for what his country stands for, what its existence means, what its purpose is declared to be in its history and in its policy.

"John Barry fought like every other man in the revolution that America might be free to make her own life without interruption or disturbance from any other quarter. You can sum the whole thing up in that—that America had a right to her own self-determined life."

Denmark Royalty in Paris.

Paris, May 16.—King Christian and Queen Alexandrine of Denmark, arrived here today to pay a two days official visit of courtesy to France during which they are to be the guests of the French government.

Colorado Must Act Quick.

Washington, May 16.—President Wilson has sent Governor Ammons of Colorado, a telegram informing him that the Federal troops will not be kept in the troubled mine district indefinitely and urging that the legislature, now in session, take steps to settle the state's difficulties.

Anderson Money Was In Safe Cracked by The Yeggmen

Special to The Intelligencer.

Seneca, S. C., May 16.—According to reports from Anderson there is absolutely no trace of the yeggmen who cracked the safe in the office of the Southern Express company here last night, has been found. Agents of the company will give no [illegible] for publication, but it is assured that a large amount of booty was secured by the daring crackmen.

It is said that a package containing more than $[illegible] was shipped from Anderson during the day and was left in the office over night and this money is part of the amount missing.

Four of the railroad detectives are here investigating. They are making an extensive investigation and it is said by some that the amount missing may run into the thousands.