

TOLBERT IS UNFIT

Dial's Objection to Republican St. te Chairman.

IS WORST KIND OF A SPOILSMAN

Senator From South Carolina Tells Why He Is Unwilling to Consent to Confirmation of Jos. W. Tolbert as Marshall for the Western District. Washington, July 30.—Charging that Joseph W. Tolbert as Republican "referee" for South Carolina has been a "spoilsmen of the worst class" and believing that he is "unsuited by nature, by training and by habits and is wanting in every proper manner the qualities to fulfill the duties of the high position to which the president has appointed him," Senator N. B. Dial today outlined the reasons behind his announced opposition to the selection of Tolbert to be marshal of the Western district of South Carolina.

"Tolbert," Senator Dial said, "is the South Carolina member of the Republican national committee, state chairman of that organization, and was recently appointed 'referee' for South Carolina for the present administration, that is, he is the chief distributor of patronage.

"I am not concerned about these positions, and would not interfere if I could, and could not if I would. They are simply party matters. The appointee, to the position of marshal has to be confirmed by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and this is an entirely different proposition. Then, the president is of one political party and the senators of another party, there is no advice given in these appointments, when the office is not a bipartisan one, but when the name comes to the senate, we have to vote either to confirm or reject, hence we are responsible to this extent for all appointments confirmed by the senate.

"The public has a right to expect us to use all diligence and exercise our best judgment—stronger than this, they have a right to demand that we scrutinize most carefully all such appointments. I have received letters from friends on the subject, but I know most of this is propaganda and that many of them have been imposed upon.

Not Party Question. "I do not fall out with people because they are Republicans, notwithstanding I think they show poor judgment in the South to belong to this party; I freely accord every man right to join whichever party he sees proper and to select his own companions, and if there are suitable individuals in their own ranks, it is their privilege to select them for political offices. Neither do I quarrel with the powers that be for appointing them.

"The appointee in this instance, Joseph W. Tolbert, is unsuited by nature, by training and by habits, and is wanting in every proper manner the qualities to fulfill the duties of the high and responsible office to which the president has named him.

"I will not mention some unpleasant matters that will throw no particular light on the subject, but will only call to the minds of the people a few facts which confirm my opinion in the matter.

"Mr. Tolbert poses as a large farmer, whereas the record in Greenwood county shows that he does not pay a cent of taxes, except a dollar poll tax, and the records in the municipal, state and the Federal courts—both on the civil and criminal side—show that his record is an unenviable one. I do not mean to say that it is necessary for a man to own property to hold office; far be it from me to take such a position, but Tolbert is sailing under false colors.

"Mr. Tolbert's conduct since he has been appointed 'referee' has shown him to be a spoilsman of the worst class. For instance, under the practice of this administration in selecting postmas-

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Two firemen were killed, thirty persons injured and a million dollar loss realized, when a fire broke out in the seven story warehouse of the Manufacturers Transit Company in New York city, where a large amount of magnesium was stored. The fire was attended by a series of explosions which rocked the earth within a radius of several blocks and was the direct cause of one death. This picture shows firemen playing high pressure water against the flames. Forty streams were kept going for hours at the rate of 20,000 gallons a minute. In insert, Fireman Enright carrying Miss Anna Wallace to the safety zone. He acted as a human ferry when the street became flooded.

ters, the civil service commission sends to the postoffice department the three names making the highest marks, and this department delegates to Tolbert—the 'referee'—the right to select whichever he chooses. These offices are not political ones, and in our state the patrons are not one per cent of Republicans, and the offices should be kept out of politics. However, under party rules, where they have a competent person, it is their privilege to appoint them, and we have made no objection.

"In these matters Tolbert has ruthlessly ignored the spirit of the civil service and has refused to recommend parties making the highest marks, except in a very few cases. He has almost universally ignored the claims of ladies and ex-service men. Under the spirit of the civil service rules, ex-soldiers should receive the preference, but this has had no weight with Tolbert, even where they make the highest marks. He has endeavored to turn lady postmasters out where they have been in office many, many years, and where they have made the highest marks. Moreover, he has turned out many faithful officials—some who have served in this department for practically 40 years, and he named persons who were totally without experience—and these not Republicans either.

"In other words, he has run roughshod over our people and seems to be drunk with the power of a little authority. "Worst of all, under previous administrations, I am informed that the 'referee' in our state sold patronage and that the universal charge was one-half of the first year's salary, and it is now claimed, and generally believed, that this practice is in vogue; the proof presented to me is unquestionable on the subject and is convincing beyond the peradventure of a doubt. The practice is to divide the state in districts and have some one in each district look after his part of the nefarious business. I am told of many instances where the offices were sold—one bringing \$750, another \$1,200, another \$600, another \$2,000, and differ-

ent small sums all around the state where there was competition. A recent case was reported, where \$1,200 was paid and the party failed to get the office, and after considerable wrangling the funds were returned. It is alleged that appointees to small offices often have to contribute.

Rejected By Senate. "One of Tolbert's referees was recently rejected by the senate because he endeavored to get a lady postmaster to pay him \$300 to get her confirmed. An affidavit of one of his former followers states Tolbert admitted he expected to realize \$100,000 from this source.

"I cannot condone the practice of buying an office, and if the competitors would cease bidding against each other, this most disgraceful practice would be obliterated. However, they are to be pitied for being forced to come in contact with such a corrupt system. It can readily be seen that someone will have to fill the office any way.

"Furthermore, I am told by the best authorities that Tolbert is by no means in sympathy with the enforcement of the prohibition law, and even has brought to this effect. It is shown by affidavit that he had a barrel of liquor at one time. Many of his associates are among the most lawless class of our people, and it is commonly reported that he has formed a political combination with certain parties in our state calling themselves Democrats, to create a political machine, with the view and for the purpose of undermining, disrupting and destroying the Democratic party.

"It is generally believed that politics is rotten and I am sorry to admit there are some grounds for such opinions, particularly as to Republican administrations, and it is incumbent upon me and all other citizens who care for the maintenance and perpetuation of good government to expose and obliterate all fraud and corrupt practices in our power. No man shall have a government commission, with the approval—confirmation of the senate—to plunder our people if it is in my power to prevent it. Loving my state as I do, and feeling the pride of its reputation that

QUESTIONS and Bible Answers

Why should we wait on the Lord? —Psalm 62: 5, 6  
Where can we find sure protection from temptation? —1 Cor. 10: 12, 13  
How should we pray? —Mark 11: 24  
What is promised when we ask, seek and knock? —Matt. 7: 7  
What did Jesus say about the power of faith? —Matt. 17: 20  
What did Jesus say about prayer? —Matt. 21: 22  
What promise did Jesus make to those who believe in his works? —John 14: 11, 12  
How can we gain an absolute assurance that our prayers will be answered? —John 15: 7  
How can we escape from fear? —Isalah 12: 2  
What are some of the effects of sin? —Isa. 59: 10-12  
Who is exalted as head above all? —1 Chron. 29: 11  
What does the Bible say about weights and measures? —Deut. 25: 13-15  
What breaks the connection between God and man? —Isalah 59: 1, 2  
What is the promise if we stay with the Lord? —2 Chron. 15: 2, 7  
What cometh when we draw water out of the wells of salvation? —Isalah 12: 2, 3

AFTER MISS ALICE. Sister Jane Addams Would Oust Oklahoma Congressman. Miss Alice Robertson, member of congress from Oklahoma, is opposed for re-election by the Women's International League for Peace and Free-

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA County of York. IN THE PROBATE COURT By J. L. Houston, Esquire, Probate Judge of York County.

WHEREAS Mrs. AUGUSTA MAY LEECH, has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights and credits of CATHERINE C. DICKSON, late of the County aforesaid, deceased. These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased to be and appear before me at my next Probate Court for the said County, to be holden at York Court House on the 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1922, to show cause, if any, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal, this 24th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two, and in the 147th year of the American Independence. J. L. HOUSTON, Probate Judge of York County.

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In Pennsylvania, Prohibition Director John T. Davis has become the "man with the plough." He and his agents are running furrows over a farm near Logan, in Clinton county, and so far they have turned up 35 barrels and more than 1,000 quarts of moonshine.

Well digging as well as agriculture has contributed to Mr. Davis's detective methods, for he used a divining rod to locate the liquor. He is still using it, for it is reported there are a hundred or more five gallon jugs yet on the farm.

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