

A REAL HOME

Senator Tillman Visited by Columbia Record Man

AT HIS PLANTATION

The Senator Says the Bolters Were Party Traitors and Should Be Read Out of Democracy—He Talks Interestingly of the Crum Case and Other Matters Political.

Trenton, March 27.—Special to the Columbia Record: One gets a pretty fair idea of old-fashioned unaffected Southern hospitality at Senator Tillman's home near Trenton. It is very delightful because of its simplicity. The guest during his stay is made to feel that he is one of the family, and so he is not wearied by conventionalities nor oppressed by too many polite attentions. He is left free to follow his own inclinations. If he wants to, he is at liberty to walk about the beautiful plantation or stroll out into the front yard, where flowers and shrubbery are beginning to burgeon, sun or go to the nearby village, or sit and read in the senator's well-filled library, where he will always find some choice book to his liking.

When at home from Washington, especially at this season of the year, Senator Tillman is a very busy man, and one's only chance of interviewing him is to spend a night under his hospitable roof. This is what the writer did at his suggestion. Both he and Mrs. Tillman made the visit a very pleasant one.

The night was quite cool, and before a cheerful log fire, that made the shadows dance on the walls of the roomy library, we sat till rather late in the night and conversed about various things, the lady of the house, busy with her needle, occasionally taking part, for she and the guest listened more than they talked, as the senator had the floor most of the time. Many subjects were introduced and discussed: The verdict in the Cooper trial, the fight in the senate against Crum's nomination, Mr. Taft as president and his friendly attitude toward the South, the recent election of Democrats of the lower house of congress, Mr. Tillman's trip abroad last summer, the servant question and the growing distrustworthiness of the negro as a laborer.

When asked what he thought of the verdict of the jury in the Cooper case, Senator Tillman said it was more than he expected, as he felt almost convinced that it would end in a mistrial. It seemed to him from the evidence that the killing of Senator Carmack was a deliberately planned assassination, and that Sharp, although escaping through lack of evidence, had knowledge of the conspiracy against Carmack's life. He spoke in high terms of Senator Carmack, regarding him as one of the South's ablest and most brilliant leaders, and above all a fighter. "Fighters," said Senator Tillman, "are needed by the Democratic party at Washington," which was an intimation that he regretted Mr. Carmack's enforced retirement from the senate.

As to the fight against Crum, Senator Tillman said he went into it at first with misgivings, regarding it as a "forlorn hope." He got no encouragement from any of the Democratic senators, except Senator McLaurin, of Mississippi, who promised to stand by him and did help in every way possible. On the contrary, his fellow Democrats gave cold comfort to the undertaking, saying that it was useless to make the fight, but he persisted, and when at last the tide of sentiment began to turn they all rushed forward bravely to his assistance.

Senator Tillman seemed to think President Taft would come nearer being president of the whole country than any occupant of the White House since the war. He regards him as a man of large and liberal views, one who will carry out his policy in the matter of appointments in the South; but the senator expressed no opinion as to what effect it would have in splitting the white vote of the South. That question was not asked.

Respecting the Democratic members of the house who failed to line up with their fellow members by joining the insurgent Republicans to down Cannonism, when they had the opportunity given, Senator Tillman expressed himself in strong terms. He said they were traitors to their party's platform and ought to be read out of the party.

Senator Tillman gave a racy description of his trip abroad and of the countries and places of interest he visited, with shrewd comments on the manners and customs of their people. In this part of the conversation Mrs. Tillman joined, setting him right when she thought he was wrong about some date or occurrence, which gave rise to pleasant badinage between the two that was very enjoyable. He stated that in some things the Europeans are ahead of us; in others far behind. In Spain and Italy, for instance, he said the farmers have few or no improved agricultural machines. They plow with the crudest sort of plows and reap their grain with old-fashioned scythes. He made another statement, which to most of us will be of information, namely, that in no part of Europe he visited did he see any red soil or clay such as is found in many parts of this country.

Before retiring for the night, Senator Tillman gave an exhibition of some exercises with dumb bells, which he has found of great benefit to his health, which, by the way, is excellent by bringing into play muscles rarely used. He recommends such a regime of exercise, claiming that it is beneficial to one even after he has passed the age of sixty. He has toughened his muscles considerably, and in time, no doubt, he will be able to compete with the strenuous Mr. Roosevelt in a horseback ride.

South Carolina's senior senator and some of his neighbors have gone into the culture of asparagus. His private secretary, Mr. Knight, is very enthusiastic about raising it for the

HEROE'S MEDAL

AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AWARDED TO

Section Master Goldman of Waterloo for Savings Life of a Negro Laborer.

Columbia, March 30.—The Record says several persons, of both sexes, have been awarded Carnegie hero medals in this State. James B. Goldman of Cambridge, Greenwood County, a new entry on the list, has just received a medal and has been awarded in addition \$1,000 in cash. He has been rewarded for saving the life of a negro.

Goldman is a railroad employe and was in charge of a force of hands at work on the C. & W. C. road near Waterloo in 1907, when he performed the act which is remembered.

A freight train came suddenly around a curve while Mr. Goldman and his crew were going down the track on a hand car. As soon as the train was seen, the brakes were suddenly applied and the abrupt stop threw Warren Finley, a negro, to the ground, fastening him between the track and the car.

All the hands fed, but Mr. Goldman stood by his post and succeeded in pulling the negro loose. The oncoming train struck Finley and broke several bones and injured Mr. Goldman, but if it had not been for his hard and perilous work the negro would have been instantly killed.

The Carnegie committee was recently re-arrested the case through Mr. W. H. Nicholson of the Greenwood bar, and the result is the medal and the money and a man had been sent to Greenwood to investigate the case. Mr. Goldman says he is much more proud of the medal than he is of the money, though he is "awful glad to get the simoleans."

On one side of the medal is a picture of Andrew Carnegie and on the other this inscription: "James B. Goldman, who saved Warren Finley from being run over by a train, Waterloo, S. C. June 29, 1907." Where Napoleon's star set Goldman's has begun to rise.

FOUND BODY IN COTTON SEED.

Man Working in Seed House Make Gruesome Find.

Clinton, March 30.—About 5 o'clock this morning two negroes, hauling cotton seed from a store house on the plantation of Mr. Henry Young, about a mile from town, to the oil mill, discovered the body of a man buried deep in the cotton seed. It was so decomposed that the crowd, which speedily collected, was unable to decide whether the man had been white or black.

All day curious crowds thronged out to the place and inspected and speculated. The man wore a gold ring and had in his pockets \$21, two knives and a pistol. He had a gold also. There were no papers, and the only means of identification were the ring he wore and the gun, which bore the initials "W. M. B."

The coroner, Mr. Bob Hairston, impaneled a jury and held the inquest. Dr. Lawrence Bailey examined the body, and found no evidence of murder. It is probable that he was intoxicated and hid away in the seed barn to sleep, and was smothered by the seed piling in on him. The coroner's verdict was "probable suffocation."

There was no clue to his identity at the inquest, but later a woman named Mrs. Martin and her son came from Goldville, and from the clothes and belongings identified the body as Mrs. Martin's son, who has been missing from his home for several weeks. He had quarrelled violently with his brother and left home on account of it, which accounts for the fact that no alarm was raised at his continued absence. The body was turned over to the mother and brother.

ONE PLACE FOR FIFTY YEARS.

Faithful Domestic to Have Celebration in Her Honor.

South River, N. H., March 30.—Mary Grogan, a servant in the home of Mrs. Abial Price here, will be the guest of honor at a celebration which will be held at the Price homestead next Saturday afternoon. The occasion of the demonstration will be the fiftieth anniversary of Mary Grogan's entrance into the home as a servant. She was employed by Mrs. Price in April, 1859. There are seven children, thirteen grandchildren and five great grand children in the Price family who will unite in making it a pleasant day for the faithful woman.

Sully's New Scheme.

Atlanta, Ga., March 31.—Daniel J. Sully, once known as the "Cotton King," is in Atlanta, beginning a tour of the South, which he says is for the purpose of perfecting plans which contemplate a conservative revolutionizing of the manner in which cotton is handled and marketed.

Taft's First Day.

Washington, April 1.—This was President Taft's first day as Chief Executive, the amount of the check, which a treasury messenger carried to the White House today, being \$5,625.01.

Northern market. There is a ten-acre field of it on the Tillman farm, and the next morning everybody in the place was busy cutting and getting it ready for shipment. No finer can be grown on the truck farms around Charleston. It brings about \$12 a crate.

The last thing this scribe saw before his departure to take the evening train was Senator Tillman busily engaged in putting a new handle on a pitchfork. One can imagine the question that naturally arose in the mind, but which was not put for obvious reasons: Whether it was to be used on the farm or in the senate.

What can tell? But he had put handles to other things besides bows and shovels and rakes. The last thing, however, that was seen to be re-handled was surely a pitchfork.

SENT BACK

A Steam Ship Load of Dead Chinaman Shipped

FROM NEW YORK CITY

Eight Thousand Dead Celestials who Died in This Country Carried in Boxes Back to the Celestial Kingdom to Be Laid to Rest Beside Their Ancestors.

New York, March 31.—The largest number of passengers that ever sailed from New York on one steamer left last week on board the Shimosa, bound for the Orient. They numbered nearly 8,000 despite the fact that the Shimosa is a comparatively small steamship—not much bigger, in fact, than the average coastwise "tramp."

The 8,000 passengers, however, did not object to the seemingly overcrowded condition. In fact, not a word of complaint was heard from any one of them. It should be known, however, that every one of the passengers was dead and that fact doubtless accounts for their silent acceptance of conditions which would not be tolerated on a slave ship. They were all placed between decks several days before the steamer sailed and not until the Far East is reached will they be permitted to come on deck.

It is not generally known, but every ten years the Chinese in all parts of the world gather up their dead for shipment to China and final re-interment in the soil of the Flowery Kingdom. Unless a Chinaman is buried in his native soil his chances of getting into heaven are about as slight as a poor man's chances of getting into the Four Hundred. At least, he believes they are, and consequently he makes extraordinary efforts to die in his native land.

The next best thing to dying at home is being buried there, and so the bodies of nearly all Chinamen who die in foreign lands are taken to China for burial.

During his lifetime every good Chinaman in foreign lands pays a small sum weekly or monthly to a society which guarantees him burial in his native soil. Of course, it would be too expensive to ship home each Chinaman as soon as he died, so the American branch of the society waits until there are several thousand to return and then sends them back at a comparatively low cost.

In the past ten years some 8,000 Chinamen have died and been buried in America east of the Mississippi river. These bodies have been dug up and are now on board the Shimosa, bound for their final resting place in the Flowery Kingdom.

Laundrymen and rich merchants lie side by side in perfect harmony, and scores who were deadly enemies during their lives, members of rival "tongs," are making the trip without the slightest fear of not arriving in the same condition in which they started.

Although the 8,000 passengers are stowed between decks, and as dead as the proverbial doornail, they are not making the trip without some thing to eat. The Chinese believe that a dead man must never be left to starve, and consequently every Chinaman on board the Shimosa has roast pork, chicken and rice in his coffin.

The Shimosa does not carry a physician. She does carry a Chinese crew, however, and for this reason it is one of the oldest superstitions among sailors that a corpse on board a ship brings bad luck. That is one reason why those who die on board are nearly always buried at sea.

If one dead man on board a ship brings bad luck, it is easy to figure out that with 8,000 dead Chinamen the Shimosa is doomed. Chinese sailors, however, are not up in this particular superstition, and consequently they will sail the Shimosa as cheerfully as if she was laden with chop suey.

HACKED TO DEATH.

Horrible Double Murder in Autrim County, Michigan.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 29.—An atrocious double murder was committed in Autrim county last night, when the wife and infant child of Geo. Hopfer, a farmer, were hacked to death with an axe. Their decapitated bodies were found in bed today at the Hopfer home by neighbors. A posse found George Hopfer, the husband and father, hiding in the woods. He was placed under arrest. George Hopfer confessed that he killed his wife and child. He said that he and his wife talked all night about how nice it would be for the three of them to die together. Finally, according to Hopfer's story, it was agreed between them that he should kill them.

LOSS OF BEARD FATAL.

Removal Sapped Resisting Powers of Divine Healer.

St. Louis, April 5.—Grieving over the loss of his luxuriant beard that had been growing for the past 50 years, Frederick Mundt died in the City Hospital, in St. Louis, Mo., this week. He was 73 years of age, and a faith healer. He insisted that the removal of the beard sapped his resisting powers and rendered him too weak to combat his illness. It was uncombed, long and rank and gave the old man the appearance of a Druid when he was admitted to the hospital. It was cut away for neatness and sanitation. The old man had been in St. Louis 12 years, and had been practicing his theory of health by practicing his theory of health during that entire period. He said that he had a large clientele, many of whom were persons of prominence and wealth.

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