

SIGN SCHOOL NOTE

GOVERNOR BLEASE GAVE IN AT LAST MINUTE

SCHOOLS WILL NOW RUN

The Governor "Had to Come Across, Couldn't Stand the Gaff," Says Comptroller-General Jones—Supt. Swearingen and Treasurer Carter Severely Arraign Governor.

"Coley needn't try to twist and squirm. We put the ring in his nose all right and a rope in the ring. I am not at all surprised at his signing the note, as we put it up to him and he had to come across. He couldn't stand the gaff," was the comment of Comptroller A. W. Jones, Thursday afternoon, when shown the interview Governor Blease gave out accompanying his statement that he had affixed his signature to the note for \$30,000 in borrowing money for the rural schools, the Comptroller-General and the State Treasurer having previously signed their names.

The Palmetto Bank Thursday informed the Governor that the note was not negotiable unless signed by him along with the Comptroller-General and the State Treasurer. He signed the note and the Palmetto Bank on the note signed by these three officers loaned the State the \$30,000 necessary for the common schools to finish out their term this year.

In an interview, the Governor charged that the Comptroller-General, the State Treasurer and the Superintendent of Education had tried to injure him politically in this matter by hoping that he wouldn't sign the note and thus be able to say that he closed the schools. It was in reply to this criticism that the Comptroller-General made the comment quoted when asked if he had any statement to make.

Swearingen's Views.

State Superintendent of Education Swearingen was more emphatic in his characterization of the Governor. Said he:

"Politics have not influenced my course in this matter. Finding that he had to sign the note for \$30,000 or to bear the reproach of closing the schools, the Governor quit his crazy foolishness and affixed his signature. I am compelled to believe that he did so with reluctance. No intelligent man will claim that the money could have been borrowed without the Governor's signature. He waited a month to give it, although I have asked him once in person and twice in writing to lend his co-operation. He imagined that the note would never be presented to him. He tried every means to avoid signing it. His bullfighting interview is not the shout of the victorious matador, but the dying snort of the vanquished bull, suffering from the ring in his nose placed there by his own folly.

"The spleen and billingsgate of the Governor do not vex me. He tried to defeat the one-mill school tax by vetoing the law. Fortunately the Legislature passed it over his veto. He tried to nullify the operation of the law by refusing to borrow the money to make it effective. He has failed a second time. The cry of politics is made simply because the Governor's political ambition will probably suffer because of his self-centered statesmanship.

"The school trustees of Anderson meet May 6 to discuss this situation, and the school trustees of Greenville meet May 7 to have the same discussion. The country people whose schools may now run six or eight weeks longer should feel grateful to the Chief Executive for the benevolent interest he has been forced to manifest in the educational welfare of their children."

Carter's Comment.

In similar vein State Treasurer S. T. Carter says the Governor: He says:

"The Governor, as usual, has so distorted the facts that his interview is hardly worthy of note. It is a question as to who put the ring in his nose, but it served the purpose. The Governor is probably chafing from his failure to stab the Comptroller-General and State Treasurer in the back, behind closed doors, when he sent a request to the Senate finance committee asking that others be put on the borrowing committee in their place and because he went openly before the Senate and asked that his request be complied with.

"If this last circus performance is a sample of the lessons taught by the Governor, he will have to continue his school."

After quoting a copy of the letter of Vashier Matthews, of the Palmetto Bank, to him, and the cashier to the attorneys of the bank and their reply, which, in substance stated that the note to be legal and binding on the State must be signed by the State Treasurer, Comptroller-General, and the Governor, Governor Blease, in his interview says:

Blease's Statement.

"This sustains absolutely the position which I have been taking, to wit: that the Comptroller-General and State Treasurer had no authority whatever to borrow any amount of

FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES

SHAWNEETOWN IS ALMOST WIPED OUT.

All But One Hundred of the Three Thousand Population Seek Safety From Flood.

All that is left of Shawneetown, Ill., is the few substantial brick and stone buildings behind the main levee, and they are considered unsafe. There are less than 100 persons left in the former town of 3,000. They are in the second and third stories of the main street buildings, the structures on the highest street in the town. A high wind, rising at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, completed the destruction begun by the opening of the south levee Tuesday.

The water within the levees was up to the fifty-seven foot level of the Ohio River. The forty-five miles an hour tempest lashed the broad waters of the Ohio into a rolling, tossing sea. The breakers dashed over the already submerged levees. Between the churning waters and the southwest gale frame buildings fell to pieces and the more substantial structures were shaken.

A break in the northern levee also added to the danger of the town, the main force of the Ohio striking the embankment rapidly spread and soon a swift current was dashing through the residence section carrying all before it. By night the Ohio stood between forty-five and fifty feet, accurate reading being impossible because of the huge swells rolling in.

The entire north and east levees are submerged. The levee hotels, heretofore considered impregnable of flood attack, were deserted by the several hundred men who had preferred them to refuge with their families in the highest buildings in the town. The State guards were transferred from their camps to the refuge camps on the hills when the levees began to crumble before the wind and water.

During the six hours' storm the two big yaws of the Naval Reserve removed from the second stories of homes, previously considered on high ground, dozens of families who had believed themselves safe. No fatalities but many narrow escapes, were reported Wednesday night. The Governor has not requested to property damage will now run into the millions, three millions being considered a conservative estimate.

money for the State of South Carolina without the co-operation and conference of the Governor. It doesn't make any difference who is Comptroller-General or State Treasurer, or who is Governor. The law says the three shall borrow, and not a majority thereof, and money that has been heretofore loaned the State has been an illegal transaction, and the notes were not binding. I believed this to be the law, and I notified the Legislature in as plain language as I could to this effect.

"Now some newspapers and some people have been making great ado about what the Governor would do and what the Governor would not do. Now, it is clearly in the hands of the Governor as to whether certain schools of the State shall be closed or whether they shall be run, and the Comptroller-General and State Superintendent of Education and the State Treasurer have absolutely failed in their purpose to close the schools and say the Governor did it, in order to try to injure the Governor politically. Now the Governor says to that: 'I have taught you a lesson; I will sign your notes. I will let the schools continue to run and show the people of South Carolina that you did not put any ring in my nose and that you did not land me with a rope.'

Says Would Have Raised Money. "If the money could have been loaned without me I am satisfied it would have been done, and these distinguished gentlemen would have said: 'We got the money, the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, and we deserve great credit for saving the little children,' but as they have failed I suppose they will come out now and say, 'We did it,' as 'Me and Betsy killed the bear.' If Jones and Carter had not signed it at all I was going to get the \$30,000. I had a friend who was going to let me have it. I was going to supply this deficiency to run these schools. Thirty thousand is much to a poor man like I am, but I have some friends to whom it is a mere bagatelle. Now, since I have taught these gentlemen a lesson the little children will not suffer, and when these gentlemen get on the stump next summer, instead of hollering, 'I' they will have the privilege of saying 'me, too'."

Boat and Soldiers Are Lost.

A report, which this far lacks confirmation, is current in Mexico City to the effect that a boat, with more than four hundred soldiers on board, has been sunk off Guyanas, in the Gulf of California, as the result of an explosion.

Earns Money While Fugitive.

Escaping from the state penitentiary at Lansing, Mich., without a penny in his possession, Frank Meyers has been caught and returned to the institution with \$5,300, which he said he had earned in his ten years of freedom.

REFUSED REQUEST

BLEASE CONTINUES HIS FIGHT ON MITCHELL

WANTED HIM TO RESIGN

Only One Vote Was Cast by the Trustees in Favor of Asking the Resignation of the President of the South Carolina University, and That Was by Blease.

A resolution requesting the resignation of Dr. S. C. Mitchell, the president of the University of South Carolina, was presented by Governor Blease, at a meeting of the board of trustees in the office of the Governor Wednesday morning. The resolution was overwhelmingly rejected, only Governor Blease voting for it.

Those voting "nay" were: W. T. C. Bates, of St. Matthews; C. E. Spencer, of Yorkville; J. Q. Davis, of Winnsboro; P. A. Wilcox, of Florence; David R. Coker, of Hartsville; August Kohn, of Columbia; C. T. Wyche, of Prosperity, and Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen, of Columbia. The following is the resolution submitted by the Governor requesting the resignation of Dr. Mitchell:

"Whereas, at the recent session of the General Assembly certain investigations were had in reference to the connection of Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the South Carolina College, with the distribution of certain funds belonging to the Peabody estate among the colleges of this State, and it being shown by a written instrument signed by Dr. Mitchell that he requested that certain money therein be used for the education of negro teachers, stating in said paper 'we most earnestly request that your honorable body (trustees of the Peabody education board) donate \$100,000 to each State university in those states participating in this fund, for the training of white teachers and the training of negro teachers in same states'; and

"Whereas, it is to the best interests of the educational department of the State that there shall be no connection among the colleges; and that there shall be no one at the head of any of the colleges who is in favor of using white people's money to educate free negroes; and especially that there should be no one at the head of any of the colleges who is in favor of taking money from the white girls of South Carolina for the education of free negroes; and

"Whereas, Dr. Mitchell acted without the authority or advice of this board, thereby exceeding his jurisdiction and going far beyond his duties as president of the College, when he signed said agreement; and

"Whereas, this College is not a common benefactor, but is supported by the taxpayers of South Carolina with the people's taxes, and the trustees would prefer never to receive one dollar of outside aid if principle must be sacrificed, as was done here in the effort to secure outside aid. Therefore be it:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that Dr. S. C. Mitchell should tender his resignation as president of said institution."

As soon as this resolution was offered by the Governor a motion was made that a record vote be taken, which was done, and it was overwhelmingly rejected.

The Governor said that the object of his grievance against Dr. Mitchell was his understanding that Dr. Mitchell had requested the faculty to pass a resolution to the effect that sign the diplomas of the College which are presented to the students on graduation, it being customary to sign the diplomas at the June meeting of the board.

Immediately on the Governor making this statement, Superintendent Swearingen offered a resolution that this charge be investigated by the committee on organization and report at the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. August Kohn and unanimously adopted. The members of this committee are Superintendent Swearingen, C. E. Spencer, of Yorkville, and David R. Coker of Hartsville.

The board adjourned to meet again in the Governor's office on June 10.

Fire on Senator's Farm.

A dispatch from Lynchburg says fire early Monday night destroyed all outbuildings on Senator E. D. Smith's farm, together with 500 bushels of corn, 150 bushels of peas, all the fodder and hay raised last year, and his entire supply of fertilizer for the present year. The loss is about \$4,000 with no insurance.

Farmer Killed by His Cow.

A. W. Wilant, a retired farmer, living near Cedar Rapids, Ia., tied the tail of his cow to a stall before milking her. The animal kicked him in the head, crushing his skull. His body was found by neighbors.

Turkish Prisoners.

Shukri Pasha, the captured Turkish commander-in-chief of Adrianople, with his staff and seven other Turkish generals, arrived at Sofia Saturday.

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LYNCHERS WERE FOILED

QUICK WORK PREVENTS A SERIOUS TROUBLE.

Militia Ordered to Jail to Protect Two Prisoners Suspected of Having Killed Dispensary Constable Cooler

A Beaufort dispatch to The News and Courier says the prompt action of the sheriff's office in all probability prevented serious trouble Thursday night and saved the lives of two negroes charged with the assassination of Dispensary Constable J. R. Cooler, who was killed in St. Helena last Saturday night.

Late Thursday afternoon Sheriff White received word that a party of between ten and fifteen white men from Jasper County were headed for Beaufort, their intentions being to take from the jail and lynch the prisoners suspected of having killed Cooler. The sheriff immediately wired Governor Blease, requesting that the local military company be placed at his service, to be used in protecting the prisoners. The sheriff also dispatched several deputies in automobiles to meet the would-be lynchers, who were coming by train.

The party was met by the officers about two miles from Beaufort and the men were persuaded to abandon their plans and give up their aims to the officers. In the meantime, Capt. H. F. Townsend had received orders from the Governor to assemble his company and go to the jail, which instructions were promptly obeyed.

By this time Sheriff White had arranged to remove the prisoners, whom he took by boat in the direction of Savannah, but the sheriff refused to divulge his destination, and it is not known where the prisoners are now.

The military company, about twenty-five strong, remained at the jail several hours, receiving orders to leave about 11 o'clock, after the Governor had been advised that the situation had been relieved by the removal of the prisoners and the abandonment of the lynching plans.

There was considerable excitement for a while over the prospect of at least an attempt at lynching, but everything is quiet again and no further trouble is feared.

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"So long as President Wilson's critics occupy themselves with denouncing sternly the mistakes he is in danger of making he may be reasonably well patient," says The Springfield Republican.