

BLEASE AROUSES CURIOSITY.

Hints on Other Sensational Letters Held by Him.

Columbia, March 25.—Governor Blease declared to-day that he had some new matter affecting Thomas B. Felder, of Atlanta. He exhibited a letter showing the signature of the Atlanta firm and another envelope showing a letter addressed to "Jeanette," (covering up the other part of the address,) and he declared that if these two letters were published it would really be "too much."

He was asked to give out some more "hot stuff," but said he would wait. "It's not time yet," was the explanation.

As to one letter, he said that if it were given for publication, the papers would sell at 25 cents each. "All you would have to do would be to hold up the copies and they would sell easily for 25 cents each, if it were known what they contained."

The governor also said that sooner than see one of the letters he had in the prints, the attorney general would be willing to give a dollar for every copy that was not run off.

The governor did not intimate the exact nature of the contents of the letters he holds. The matter, in part exhibited to-day, was taken from his pocket and is not anything that has already spoken of or written about.

Trying to Involve Blease.

Columbia, S. C., March 21.—Gov. Blease declared to-day that he knew Attorney General Lyon had been trying to secure evidence against him in connection with the good old days of graft during the dispensary regime.

He said that he knew that Attorney General Lyon had an affidavit from M. A. Goodman, the whiskey drummer, alleging that he, Goodman, had sent \$500 through H. H. Evans to Gov. Blease. He also said there was another affidavit that Goodman had given him, Governor Blease, \$500.

He said that he knew that the prosecution had been trying to pull his name into the graft tangle.

Small Fortune Taken from Mail.

Tampa, Fla., March 24.—Ten thousand dollars in currency was stolen from a mail pouch in transit between Tampa and Clearwater last night. The theft was discovered when the mail pouch reached St. Petersburg this morning at 10 o'clock, having been carried by its destination, Clearwater.

The pouch had a slit in one side eight inches long. The registered package had been torn open, the money extracted, and the casing pushed back in the mail bag. The money was shipped from Tampa at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon by the Exchange National Bank and was consigned to the Bank of Clearwater. Postal officials decline to give any information until postoffice detectives arrive to make an investigation. The robbery is supposed to have been committed while 14 mails bags for Clearwater and points south of that city were left lying on the platform at Tarpon Springs for over eight hours waiting for the Atlantic Coast Line train, which was eight hours late.

Held on Serious Charge.

New Orleans, March 22.—Because of the feeling manifested against Edward S. Whitaker, lawyer and former police chief, precautionary measures were taken by the police to-day to avoid any demonstration or disturbance at the arraignment of Whitaker in the criminal court on serious charges involving young girls. Eight girls from 7 to 14 years of age are held in the House of the Good Shepherd as witnesses against Whitaker.

Whitaker occupies a cell in the parish prison in default of \$25,000 bond. Six charges have been filed against him. His bond has been increased four times since he was arrested Sunday.

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Farmers' Union Meeting.

Ehrhardt, S. C., March 18, 1911. Editor The Bamberg Herald:—Please state through the columns of your paper that the next meeting of the Farmers' Union of Bamberg county will be held at Bamberg on Saturday, April 1st, at 11 o'clock a. m. Each local union is requested to send delegates.

J. E. McMILLAN, Secretary.

JOHN BLACK PARDONED.

Man Convicted in Graft Trial Now Has Clean Slate.

John Black, a former member of the old State dispensary board, is a free man. He was pardoned last Friday by Gov. Blease.

"I went home to dinner and carried the letter from Lyon with me. When I read that letter I decided to give John Black a clean slate and when I returned to the office I called my secretary and granted the pardon."

"Did John Black pay a fine of \$2,000?" he was asked.

"I don't know. I don't think he has. Anyway, the pardon clears up everything against him and he now has a clean slate," replied the governor.

John Black was convicted in Chester county on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the State in connection with the State dispensary. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Several weeks ago Gov. Blease commuted the sentence to five years or a fine of \$2,000. He said that the fine must be paid by September 1.

"Did any statement in the letter of Attorney General Lyon cause you to grant a pardon to John Black?" he was asked.

"I don't care to answer the question," replied Gov. Blease, "but I will say that the pardon was granted immediately after the letter was received."

The letter of Attorney General Lyon gave the information that Gov. Blease asked with reference to the prosecution of the grafters in connection with the State dispensary and also to the right of the attorney general to nol pros cases.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

Barnwell March 24.—The only case completed since yesterday in the court of general sessions now being held here was that of Henry Lische, charged with murder. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to seven years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

The case of the State vs. W. J. and Alvin Oodum was taken up to-day, and this case will probably complete the sessions business, for the reason that the civil docket is in a very congested condition and two weeks of the court of common pleas having been asked for by the Barnwell bar. The grand jury and petit jurors for the present week have been discharged.

Disappointed Senator Tillman.

Senator B. R. Tillman, who was in Columbia Saturday to attend a meeting of Winthrop trustees, chatted for some time, with a group of newspaper men, in his quite old way. "Physically I am a bit weak," he said. "The machinery doesn't run just right. When I look in the glass I say: 'That's old Ben Tillman, all right,' but when I try to go through some of my old stunts, I find I'm not worth a damn."

"Will you stand for reelection?" the senator was asked.

"I have already said," he replied, "that if my health is fairly good I shall run again. I do not wish the office unless I can fill it reasonably well." The senator has not decided whether he will attend the special session of congress; he probably will not. He is paired with a New Englander, whose positions on the tariff would likely be the opposite to his own.

"And what do you think of Governor Blease?" a reporter ventured. "I have given my opinion of Blease," said Mr. Tillman; "I gave it right after the last election. It hasn't changed much. He has disappointed me somewhat; but he has had a hard road to travel. You newspaper folks have nagged him continually and he hasn't had the equipoise to keep an even keel under those conditions."

Senator Tillman hopes the Democrats will tackle the tariff as a whole, not in spots. He thinks the whole task perilous in the extreme. "Every party that has tried to revise the tariff has shortly afterward gotten it in the neck," he said.

"Oh, Bailey just got into a pet," the senator said, when asked about the Texan's resignation. "He swung his little hatchet, the head flew off and he got his head binged up. I think he'll be good hereafter."

Forced to Leave Home.

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WAR CLOUD GAINS

Mexican Trouble Looms Larger and Darker.

San Antonio, Texas, March 23.—With new demands for 6,000 or 7,000 new recruits, the issuance of an order by Gen. Carter making provisions for a sudden move, should it be executed, and a statement by Dr. C. F. Caracristi of the Mexican revolutionary junta that "the United States will intervene in Mexico unless there is a definite show of tranquility by May 1," the recently diminished war cloud loomed larger to-day.

In a report to Francisco I. Madero, the revolutionary leader, Dr. Caracristi to-day urged the insurrecto chief to achieve a decisive victory at all costs by May 1 for, he wrote, "President Taft will not wait longer than that for quiet to be restored, business resumed and traffic over the railroads to be secure."

Gen. Joseph W. Duncan is very skeptical about another report arriving to-day and declaring that American soldiers have been fired upon by Mexicans while on duty across the river from Ojinaga. A message was received from a subordinate government officer to-day, reporting the alleged occurrence and adding that the Americans were compelled to seek shelter.

Gen. Duncan said that he had received nothing official as to any shooting and doubted the story very much. He said, however, that he had reported the matter to the war department and was conducting an investigation.

They May be Burglars.

Springfield, March 23.—The men who registered here yesterday as A. G. Briggs, West Virginia, and Frank C. Kirby, Kentucky, the former of whom was arrested and later made his escape from the officers, have both made good their escape from this neighborhood, and it is believed that they succeeded in taking a train headed for Augusta.

Briggs made a proposition to a citizen of the neighborhood to decoy Kirby into the woods and rob him but the evidence now indicates that the two were accomplices and that their object was to rob the man who had been invited to be an accomplice.

A further investigation of the baggage left by the two men has revealed drills and explosives in addition to the gambling paraphernalia and it is believed that the men are sharp burglars as well as card crooks.

In a memorandum book taken from Briggs were found the names of many citizens and their probable movements. They also had a collection of railroad baggage checks of various roads from the Baltimore & Ohio to the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe.

Produces Another Letter.

Columbia, March 21.—Gov. C. L. Blease to-day announced his second "grain of sand" in the nature of the following letter which he claims was written to H. H. Evans, former member of the dispensary board, under indictment for receiving a rebate, by T. B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney.

The letter follows:

"October 7, 1905.
"Dear Hub:—Wire me on receipt of this when the board of control meets to purchase supplies. I am informed the next meeting occurs on the twelfth. Can you arrange a meeting with the other two sometime between now and then? You must do something for us at the next meeting. Our representative is working the Alabama dispensaries this week and will devote next week to Georgia and is getting great results. I am surprised that you are not, under the circumstances, taking more interest in our enterprise. A good "share" in October will put us on easy street. After then, the business from Georgia and Alabama will give us big profits. Let me hear from you by return mail when and where I can see you. I want to go over the situation with you fully,
Yours,
T. B."
DR. MURRAY TALKS.
"I shall not enter into any controversy with the governor about the alcohol matter or any other act of mine in winding up the affairs of the dispensary. The commission of which I was a member offered to give him any information he might desire, but notwithstanding this, he has made no effort to ascertain the facts from me or any other of the former members of the commission. The governor has in his hands an act to investigate everything done by the commission of which I was a member and if he sincerely desires to give publicity to the truth, it is only necessary for him to sign the act and let the investigation proceed."
This statement was made late to-day by Dr. W. J. Murray, former chairman of the dispensary commission, as the result of a statement by Gov. Blease that was investigating the sale of some alcohol by the dispensary commission.

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OFFICERS SEEKING MAN.

Believed That Chap Who Woke Up Atlanta is a Thief.

Atlanta, March 23.—Government secret service agents stationed here are on the trail of A. W. Carmichael, the young Croesus who startled Atlanta several weeks ago by spending thousands of dollars in two days and running away with a manicure girl.

They believe he is in reality Edward W. Lee, a naval clerk, who is charged with stealing \$45,000 from the battleship Georgia on February 17. They have seen the pictures published in the papers, with the descriptions, and declare that Carmichael is the man.

When Carmichael turned up here with a whole suitcase full of money, which he had obtained from no one knew where, he told certain people that he had made it filibustering, selling arms to the Mexican insurrectos. The story was generally believed here. The government detectives have been tracing Carmichael's record here, and have gone to New York to locate and arrest him.

The story of Carmichael was believed by the public in Atlanta at first, but later developments made people suspicious, even before it was known that the detectives were after him. For instance, he had engaged a local chauffeur, Charlie Belle Isle, to go to Europe with him. When Belle Isle went to New York to join Carmichael he was given \$300 by that young man and sent back to Atlanta.

Letter from Governor Gets Whiskey.

Anderson, March 23.—On an order from Gov. Blease, a package containing two gallons of whiskey, shipped to Belton to Jim McMinn of Piedmont, and seized there by Officers Robertson and Smith, turned over by them to Constable J. Olin Sanders, and by him to Sheriff King, has been returned to McMinn, who came here this morning from Piedmont, bringing the letter, which was shown to Constable Sanders and the sheriff. McMinn returned to Piedmont later in the day, taking the package of whiskey with him.

The seizure of the whiskey was made several days ago, along with several other packages taken by the officers from the Belton express office at the same time. McMinn wrote the governor about the matter, after he had called at the Belton express office and learned that the package had been seized. The result was the receipt of the letter just referred to, and which has been responsible for McMinn receiving the package.

During the past several days 11 gallons of whiskey has been seized by Constable Sanders, assisted by other officers, at the Belton express office. They have followed out the usual custom of taking whiskey assigned to any person who may be in any way suspected of dealing in the stuff. The fact that McMinn lives at Piedmont and the whiskey was shipped to him at Belton appeared a little out of the ordinary, so the whiskey was taken.

McMinn had little to say about the matter. He merely showed the letter to Constable Sanders and Sheriff King and the package was returned. On the books of the sheriff appears an entry showing that the whiskey had been returned to McMinn on an order from the governor.

Dr. H. Baer Not Drowned.

Tampa, Fla., March 24.—When the steamer Mascotte arrived from Cuba to-night information was brought that Dr. H. Baer, who has been missing from his home at Brantown since last Tuesday, had taken passage on the boat last Tuesday night for Cuba. He requested officers of the ship to say nothing of his departure from Port Tampa. No reason is advanced by his family as to his leaving, and his wife is unable to explain his departure.

Criticises Supreme Court.

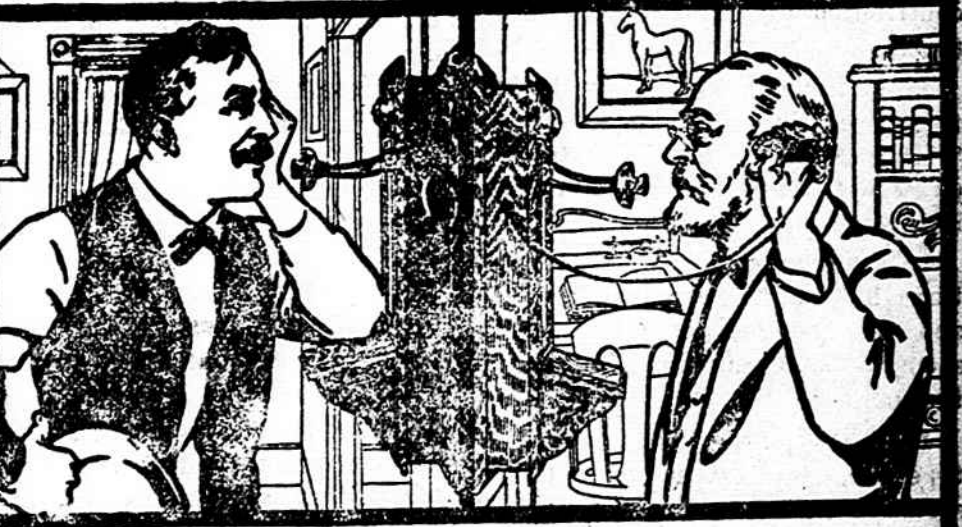
Columbia, March 21.—Charging the Supreme Court of South Carolina with sending a negro to his death without a fair opinion, which he claims was influenced by the special judge controversy, Governor Blease to-day commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of the Laurens county negro, John Davis, who was to have been hanged.

The death sentence was recently affirmed by an opinion of the supreme court, at the same time the court ruling that special judges must be commissioned by the governor upon the recommendation of the supreme court.

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