

The 'Marble' Democrat.

"DO THOU LIBERTY GREAT. INSPIRE OUR SOULS AND MAKE OUR LIVES IN THY POSSESSION HAPPY OR OUR DEATHS GLORIOUS IN THY CAUSE."

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WHAT TILLMAN SAID

The Full Text of the Senator's Letter to Mr. Bryant.

CHALLENGES ANYONE TO DENY

That the Opinions He Expressed Are Not Those Held by Nearly All Southern White People.

To the Editor of The News and Courier: I have just seen your editorial, "Senator Tillman and His Critics," and am induced to ask you to publish in full the letter I wrote to Mr. Wilbur F. Bryant, of Lincoln, Neb., a short while ago, a copy of which I enclose.

My wish is to let your readers see just what I said and shall be glad to have any one challenge any statement of facts or show wherein I have expressed any opinion in that letter that is not held by ninety per cent of Southern white men and women. I have concluded long since, as shown by speeches in the Senate and elsewhere, that we Southerners had just as well call things by their names and let the North know our real feelings and purposes. Hypercisy and cant have had their day and so far as I am concerned I will none of them. I may not be a fair representative of Southern thought as a feeling, but if I speak the truth and nothing but the truth, my discretion may be doubted or denied, but my honesty should not be called in question, and it is an open question whether my method of treating the race problem is not the right one.

As for the Education News Leader and its venom, I have not seen what it had to say, but your readers may recall that one of its editors used to run the Greenville (S. C.) News and that may explain its attitude toward me. Again I challenge any one to dispute the attitude and reasoning of the letter to Mr. Bryant and to specify.

B. R. Tillman.
Trenton, S. C., September 20.

The following is Senator Tillman's letter to Mr. Bryant:

Trenton, S. C., August 30, 1904.—Dear Sir: I have your letter of August 19. As you addressed me as a Democrat, I presume, your inquiries are made in good faith, and I therefore take the trouble to answer you at some length, not as fully, however, as I would like.

The act of the mob at Statesboro, Ga., is to be deplored, but more deplorable is the law that rendered it possible. It is the law that has lured, lured, stamped out, by the two hands which were burned and their accomplices. The more deplorable still is the condition in the Southern States which makes such things possible and which promises to make them more frequent in the future. Mob violence is destined to be one of the common things in this country, but I think the burning of two confessed murderers and condemned criminals in Georgia will not jeopardize the republic one-thousandth part as much as the action of the mob in Colorado which has recently been trying and condemning men and women, and doing this, too, outside of the forms of law.

Mobs are bad, but they are evidence of a spirit of liberty. There was a mob in Boston once which boarded a vessel and threw some tea into the water in resistance to a tyrannical tax. A mob in Paris stormed the Bastille and afterward captured the French King in his palace. We never heard of a mob in England unless they are doing the work of religious fanatics, as was illustrated in the massacre of Jews in that country.

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THE TEXT BOOK

Issued by the Democrats Discusses the Issues of the Two

LEADING POLITICAL PARTIES.

The Absurd Methods of the Republicans in Juggling With Prices and Wages Are Exposed.

The Democratic campaign text book has been completed and is about to be issued from New York. It makes a volume of 314 pages, discusses the issues of the two parties and reprints a number of speeches by leading Democrats. The following synopsis of the book has been prepared by the Democratic campaign committee:

"By the way of emphasizing the issue of 'constitution' opposed to 'imperialism,' the Democratic campaign book contains as a preface the text of the constitution of the United States. The place of next importance is accorded the tariff and trusts, sixty of the 314 pages of the volume being devoted to this discussion.

"Concerning the trusts much space is given to evidence that the protected combinations having a tariff monopoly in our home markets are compelling Americans to pay much higher prices for manufactured goods than are paid by foreigners. The export and home prices of hundreds of articles are compared. Nearly all kinds of hardware, implements, machinery, books, paints, oils, ammunition, watches, bakeware, condensed milk, canned goods and every kind of steel products are sold to our consumers at prices averaging about 25 per cent more than those paid by foreigners for the same goods. Quoting President Schwab's statement to the industrial commission that goods were always sold cheaper for export, the tariff before the Chamberlain tariff commission in England and numerous statements from export journals, trade journals and commercial papers, the conclusion is drawn that nearly all of our exports of iron and steel goods amounting to \$111,000,000 last year, are sold to foreigners at an average of four-fifths the price charged to Americans. Never before was such specific and unequivocal evidence presented on this point.

W. B. SMITH WEALEY FAILS.

Obligations Are Distributed from New York to South Carolina.

A dispatch from Boston, Mass., says owing over a million dollars and with assets of \$1,200, Wm. B. Smith Wealey, the financial supporter of several cotton manufacturing enterprises in the South, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court. Mr. Wealey was the senior member of the Wm. B. Smith Wealey company of Columbia and is a resident of Newtown. For some time he has been interested in raising funds for textile industries in the southern States, particularly in South Carolina, which have not recovered from the depression. Mr. Wealey's liabilities are \$1,114,125. The secured claims amount to \$1,087,951, and the unsecured to \$26,174.

In his petition Mr. Wealey states that his only assets are personal property valued at \$1,100, real estate worth \$100 and household goods. There are 91 creditors. The individual claims range from \$200 to the lowest, to \$175,000, the highest. Among the principal secured creditors are Merchants National Bank, New York, \$175,074; The Draper company, Florence, Mass., \$107,000; Fales & Jenk, machine manufacturers, Pawtucket, R. I., \$107,000; Baltimore Trust and Deposit company, Baltimore, \$45,000; C. S. Sheehan, Baltimore, \$25,000; Carolina Loan and Trust company, Charleston, S. C., \$20,000; Carolina National bank of Columbia, S. C., \$63,050.47; Carey, Payne & Smith company, Baltimore, \$20,000; Bank of Columbia, Columbia, S. C., \$17,000; Merchants' National Bank, Camden, S. C., \$15,000; People's National bank, Charleston, S. C., \$10,024; Merchants' National bank, Baltimore, \$10,000; Orangeburg Manufacturing company, Orangeburg, S. C., \$10,000.

The largest unsecured claim, \$10,000, is for money advanced by the Olympia cotton mills, Columbia, S. C., F. L. Norton, Mr. Wealey's counsel, said in regard to the petition: "While nominally it appears to be a large failure it is not nearly so bad as it looks. The obligations are distributed from New York to South Carolina. Mr. Wealey was interested simply in financing these southern mills, and, in a measure, they have fallen down."

Jewish Riot.

The Day of Atonement was marked in New York by serious rioting in the Jewish quarter in the East End. Over 2,000 Jews engaged in a disturbance and nearly 300 police had to be called before the disorder was quelled. The trouble arose over the action of non-conforming members of a Social Democratic Jewish club at Spitalfields, situated in the heart of a district containing about 20,000 Jewish inhabitants. The rioters openly paraded, in disregard of the fast injunction, and made a celebration with wines at the club house. The orthodox Jews were angered and surrounded the club house and stopped it. The socialists threw bottles at the crowd and soon two or three narrow streets in the vicinity became checked by a fighting mob. The rioters brought up at the local police and said it was "disgraceful that a class of persons who for centuries have been distinguished by the fiercest persecutions should, when in the one free country in the world, turn upon those who disarmed with them upon religious grounds and stone and persecute even their co-religionists."

Little Girl Assaulted.

A dispatch from Greenville, S. C., to the Atlanta Journal, on Wednesday said that news had reached that city of a criminal assault by an unknown negro on the 13-year-old daughter of W. A. Reid, a farmer in the Highland neighborhood, 20 miles from the city. Mr. Reid was at court, when the message came. With the sheriff he left for home at midnight, and a posse is now searching for the fiend. If captured the assailant will be brought to Greenville for immediate trial. This is promised by the sheriff and judge.

Train Collided.

A northbound passenger train on the New York, Philadelphia and N. R. folk railroad Friday night ran into a southbound freight at Bloxom, Va., demolishing both engines killing engineer S. J. Brown, and his fireman, Francis D. Noway, of the passenger train and severely injuring Engineer Greenleaf of the freight. The fireman of the freight escaped injury by jumping. The accident, it is said, was due to carelessness of an inexperienced brakeman who threw the wrong switch.

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TRAGEDY OCCURRED NEAR BOSTON

Express Wagon Dropped Fifty Pound Box of Dynamite on Track Which Car Struck With Terrible Results.

An outward bound electric car containing thirty-two persons, was blown up in Melrose, Mass., Wednesday night by striking a fifty-pound box of dynamite that had fallen off an express wagon. Six persons were killed outright; three more died of their injuries within an hour, and nineteen others on the car were taken to the two hospitals suffering from severe injuries. At least a score of persons in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were hurt by flying glass and splinters.

The following dead have been identified: Dr. Malcom E. McLennan, Melrose Highlands. E. B. Haynes, Melrose. Winfield Rowe, Saugus, Mass., mortuary. E. A. Stowe, South Boston. Fred D. Marshall, Boston.

The unidentified dead were three women and a 3-year-old girl. Edward A. Waterhouse, of Melrose, had a foot amputated, and was otherwise badly injured. Dr. Perry, of Wakefield, had both legs broken.

Mrs. John Conway, of Melrose, had both legs broken. George H. Andrews, of Melrose, received a compound fracture of the left leg and his foot also was amputated.

All of these are likely to die. So great was the force of the explosion that all but ten feet of the rear portion of the car was blown into small pieces, while windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were shattered.

The immediate vicinity of the accident presented a fearful spectacle when those in the neighborhood reached the scene. The ground was strewn with legs, arms, and other portions of the bodies of those who had been killed, while shrieks and groans came from the writhing forms of the injured.

The car contained mostly men on their way to their home in the city, the accident taking place only a quarter of a mile from Melrose centre.

Within a few minutes a crowd had collected and the injured were cared for until the physicians, only from Melrose, sub from Medford, Everett and Malden reached the scene.

For more than three hours there was the greatest confusion and it was difficult to obtain the names of any of the dead or injured, or to ascertain the cause of the accident.

The crowd of people rushed about the wreckage, and many friends, and the hospitals were besieged.

The police announced that the cause of the wreck was the striking of a fifty-pound box of dynamite, which had fallen from an express wagon just ahead of the car. The express wagon was driven by Roy Fenton, who discovered the box and dropped off and rushed back to take it off the track, but before he got within a hundred yards of the box the car came along and was blown up. Fenton was taken into custody by the police.

The police arrested Roy Fenton, driver of an express wagon. Fenton, it was learned, was carrying two fifty-pound boxes of dynamite on his wagon and did not know until he reached the express office that one of the boxes had dropped off. He hurried back in the hope of picking it up, but the electric car reached the box first.

The force of the explosion was terrific, and the report was heard many miles. Directly opposite the scene was the Masonic building, every window of which was shattered, and through one of the windows a human foot was blown. A score of persons within a hundred yards of the car were knocked down and rendered deaf by the concussion.

Fifty goats at Old Forge, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., got drunk Saturday and had a hilarious time. Now several of them are dead and others are sick. Someone emptied a lot of fermented wheat in a field near where the goats were pastured, and it was not until minutes before the appetizing smell of the wheat attracted them. They ate of it, and soon afterward there were 50 goats acting like so many rough-and-ready comedians. Some fought, some danced, others performed all sorts of gyrations. They dashed up the mountain side, staggered along the streets and cut many ungodly capers. Soon the hilarity wore off, and the remorse period was reached.

Not Wanted.

The "door of hope" has been closed upon Isaac B. Allen colored, of Boston, this, too, in the home of the President's friend, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. Allen was two years ago elected a member of the council. He assumed a higher things and in spite of his color announced for the Republican congressional nomination in the Eleventh Massachusetts district. After the example set by President Roosevelt, Allen did not see why he shouldn't announce and have the support of every Republican in the district, but the Republicans closed the "door of hope" in face by putting up a white man for Congress.

He Ought to Die.

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