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A HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

Bleese Organ Takes a Dip With Senator Tillman and the Senator Comes Back With a Strong Reply. Cole Bleese as an Observer.

The News Scemetar, published in Greenwood with Mr. W. T. Crews, son of the late Col. T. B. Crews, as editor-in-chief, came out in its first issue with an editorial headed "A Plot Against Bleese." In it reference was made to Senator Tillman as an interested party to a plot to defeat Governor Bleese. Senator Tillman came back with a reply and then Mr. Crews replied to this. A few days afterwards, Gov. Bleese gave out an interview relative to some points in the correspondence. Below is given the affair in full.

"The Plot Against Bleese."

Several days ago Senator Tillman was the guest of Mr. John G. Richards at his home in Kershaw county, and when the senator left for his home at Trenton the chief justice of the supreme court of the state, Judge J. B. Jones, made a pilgrimage, also, to Mr. Richards' home, which seems suddenly to have become the political mecca for all anti-Bleese politicians.

"Immediately after Chief Justice Jones' return home he sent his resignation to the governor, to take effect next January, and also notified Col. Brooks, clerk of the supreme court, to that effect. This turn of the political kaleidoscope affords some interesting prognostications, and at the same time develops a political scheme that has been hatching in Columbia for some time. When that former popular News and Courier correspondent whom Tillman loved and loved above all other newspaper correspondents, of the anti press of the state, laid all his wires and made report to Gonzales & Co., the political leaven began to work. The big city dailies immediately began to sing the praises of Judge Ira B. Jones for governor, and all the little "me too" anti-Bleese papers in the state yelped approval, and have been making the welkin ring ever since with the praises of Mr. Jones.

"Whether or not Senator Tillman has given these conspiring politicians any pegs on which to hang their political hopes, we don't know; but whether he did or not, the anti-Bleese politicians are trying to make Senator Tillman's old friends and supporters believe he did. But any rate, it is easy to picture the suave Richards and the sedate and wise chief justice sitting out on the porch of Mr. Richards' country mansion, plotting the political downfall of Bleese and the menacing of his "vicious and ignorant supporters. The DeLiah-like mediator and political ambassador of the Gonzales wing of the Bleese opposition had already delivered his ultimatum to the plotters, who were now expected to carry out their part of the scheme by deceiving or fooling the 'old-time Tillmanite-Reformers'—and to this extent his mission was successful. Now Jones and Richards get to work. The latter had already wormed out of Tillman, under the guise of personal friendship, as to the probability of Senator Tillman's being able to make an active canvass next year, and also as to the probability of his resigning the senatorship in the event of his reelection, with no opposition. So, the balance of the plot was plain sailing for Jones and Richards. The Gonzales politicians had already let it be known that they were not going to tolerate any more prohibition foolishness, in the next gubernatorial campaign, so it was out of the question for Richards to become a candidate, as he was too well known as a pronounced Prohibitionist; and after a few personal expressions of esteem one for another, Mr. Richards patriotically "sacrificed" himself to the political ambition of Justice Jones, and it was then and there decided that if Mr. Jones would announce his resignation, and later on come out as a candidate against Cole Bleese. Of course, being a Prohibitionist himself, Mr. Richards bundled up the prohibition vote, tied it with a piece of blue ribbon, sealed it with the pledge of the prohibition press of the state, presented it to Mr. Jones with all the knightly courtesy due from one conspirator to another. This done, Mr. Jones' resignation was prepared, which, on his return home, was to be sent to the governor, and later on to follow it up with the announcement of his candidacy for the governorship. The latter part of the programme, however, seems to have been hurried up a bit. The conspirators got wind of the fact that there were many old friends of John Gary Evans who began to use his name in connection with the governorship, when the Gonzales crowd warned Chief Justice Jones to "do about"—get busy—and Mr. Jones' announcement for the governorship was immediately forthcoming. This much of the plot has already come to light; but there is another side to it that the people don't know yet.

"Mr. Richards is to keep in constant touch with Senator Tillman, and of course he, and he alone, is to know when the senator is to retire—whether by declining to run in the next campaign, or whether he will resign after re-election. If the latter, then Mr. Richards is to be given the field

alone, so far as the prohibition faction is concerned, and he is to get the support and influence of the Jones administration and the Gonzales crowd to succeed Tillman—all this to reward Richards for his 'self-sacrifice patriotism', etc.

"But what is to become of Governor Jones? Is he to be permitted to fall out of public notice at the expiration of a little old measly one term as governor? Not a bit of it. The plot takes care of him fully and substantially. At the expiration of his term the same political machine that made him governor is to still further reward him by giving him the Hon. Ed. Smith's seat in the United States senate.

"This is their scheme—their political plot to defeat Bleese—and even if it takes old-time Tillman-coat-tail swingers and Tillman's old-time bitter enemies to accomplish it, they are going to try it. But as Bleese's election showed that the people were not going to be ruled at the dictation of Gonzales politicians, we hardly believe that they will tamely surrender next year to a combination of anti-Bleese politicians and Benedict Arnolds of the old Tillman-Reform movement. We shall see."—News-Scemetar.

Tillman in Reply.

The letter from Senator Tillman is as follows:

Trenton, S. C., Sept. 25, 1911.

Mr. W. T. Crews, Greenwood, S. C. Dear "Bose": This morning's mail brings me the first number of your new paper, the News-Schmitzer. I was very much surprised to find that you had hatched a mare's nest out of my recent visit to John G. Richards at Liberty Hill, and have been none too tender of his feelings, and have dealt very unjustly with him. Although it is perhaps not worth while, I take the trouble to write you this letter which you are at liberty to publish.

Your father was my staunch friend all of his life, and it will not add to my peace of mind or contentment to feel before I die that his son is not the same loyal friend that Tom Crews was. I know your paper will circulate, if it circulates at all, among the pronounced Tillmanites of the state, because the Laurensville Herald with which you have been connected was always one of the "blue hen's chickens" and outspoken as regards Tillmanism. I think it unkind, therefore, to lend yourself to any suggestion or scheme which will weaken the confidence in me of any friend of mine. You know, if you know anything, that I have nothing to do and never will have anything to do with that Gonzales crowd, or any emissary that they will send me. I may be a fool and not recognize such emissary, but I think I yet have sense enough to know an ambassador or agent of that bunch of politicians should one approach me.

Your editorial, "The Plot Against Bleese," is so unjust to Richards and to me and so calculated to mislead that I write this in order to set you straight. In the first place, Richards is not the India-rubber politician and hypocrite you insinuate he is, but an honorable and high-toned man, and should have been elected governor last year, if character and ability to serve the people creditably had been considered by the voters. The subject of Jones' candidacy was not discussed during my visit to Richards and his announcement was a surprise to me. Richards has known all along that my candidacy for the senate depended entirely on the condition of my health, and even if I am in bed, unless wholly paralyzed I expect to allow the people of South Carolina who want to do so to have the opportunity to vote for me. I am anxious to see whether or not they appreciate my earnest and honest efforts to serve them these twenty-one years. So any hint or suspicion that I can be used in the way you suggest in the editorial is an insult and outrage to me and I am shocked to have such an assassin's blow come from Tom Crews' son. If I am reelected I will not resign but die in harness. You of all men are the last one to insinuate that I am so cowardly and so easily wrapped around people's figures that I would join any such combination. I am astonished at you and of course you know I am very much hurt. I do not expect to take sides in the governor's race next year. It is none of my business, anyway, and my policy as a public man has always been that of Jefferson, "Teach the people and trust the people." Both of the candidates thus far announced are old Tillmanites and the people must judge for themselves which one of them is best entitled to their confidence.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) B. R. Tillman.

News Scemetar's Reply.

On our first page will be found a letter from Senator Tillman to the Editor of The News Scemetar.

In our article of Sept. 22d, to which Senator Tillman refers—"The Plot Against Bleese"—the only manner in which we connected the Senator's name with the "plot" was where we said:

"Whether or not Senator Tillman has given these conspiring politicians any pegs on which to hang their political hopes, we don't know; but

whether he did or not, the anti-Bleese politicians are trying to make Senator Tillman's old friends and supporters believe he did."

Senator Tillman says that he thinks it unkind for us to lend ourselves to any suggestion or scheme that will weaken the confidence in him of any of his old friends and supporters. Now, we disclaim any intention of doing anything of the kind. Indeed, so far from lending ourselves to any such suggestion or political scheme, in conversation with parties who suspected that Senator Tillman had lent himself to the plot and scheme now backing candidate Jones, and so accused him, we stoutly denied it. But the suspicion seemed to be general, that an unequivocal denial from Senator Tillman was due his old friends and supporters, and to that extent the object of our editorial has been accomplished. He says:

"The subject of Jones' candidacy was not discussed during my visit to Richards," etc.

And further—

"I do not expect to take sides in the governor's race next year."

Having so emphatically made denial, the public will acquit the Senator of all suspicion, and as for ourselves, we never for a minute suspected that Senator Tillman was a party to the plot, and so expressed ourself to everyone with whom we discussed the matter. And in this connection, it seems to us that Senator Tillman's umbrage ought not to be against us, but rather against those old-time anti-Tillman papers who sought to create the impression that he was favorable to and aiding in the scheme to have Jones supplant Bleese as governor—and this, too, right on the heels of the Senator's visit to Mr. Richards.

Senator Tillman seems to labor under the impression that somebody or other had suggested the "scheme" to us and that we were lending ourself to such suggestion. In harboring such suspicion, Senator, you are as "unkind" to me as you accuse me of being "unkind" to you. During all the years that I have written and fought for you, I always wrote and spoke my own convictions, not somebody else's, and if I have "hatched a mare's nest" in exposing that Jones-Richards "scheme," I was only following a policy which I loyally practiced in your behalf ever since you have been in public life—a "mare's nest" policy that I have never heretofore found fault with, and whether or not they were "mare's nests," you have only to ask your political enemies who read the Laurensville Herald when it was your staunchest champion.

But the burden of Senator Tillman's letter, however, doesn't seem to be so much a vindication of himself from "such an assassin's blow" as it is an effort to clear Mr. Richards' political skirts. Granting all Senator Tillman says as to his having no connection with any plot against Bleese, nor even discussed Jones' candidacy, that does not clear Richards and Jones from the political conspiracy with which we connected them. The very fact that "Richards has known all along" that Senator Tillman's candidacy for the senate depended entirely on the condition of the Senator's health was the moving spirit that promoted Jones' visit and his and Richards' political frame-up. Possibly the fact dawned upon them that Senator Tillman might not altogether approve of the State and News and Courier, and other old-line anti-Tillman papers taking Chief Justice Jones up, and, in effect if not in so many words, telling those of their own political faith that they must stay out of the race—nor would a Prohibition candidate even be tolerated. Such apprehension on their part, Senator, would have been perfectly natural, since they knew so well that you approved of the "Colleton Plan," and that plan, you know, was devised to prevent just such a political condition as now confronts us, and which is sought to be used to the political undoing of Governor Bleese, the people's governor, and to which you gave your moral and political influence to prevent just such an unfair condition from being used against John Evans, in the Primary of 1894. But for the Colleton Plan, you know, the Conservatives would have negated the votes of the Reformers, in that Primary, and it was considered "good politics," then to adopt it. But now, when the same political tactics which made necessary the Colleton Plan are resorted to by Bleese's enemies, and I sound the alarm, it is "unkind" in me, and I am accused of striking "an assassin's blow." Yet, in such political extremity, Senator Tillman calmly informs us that he is hands off. Now then, if conditions are such as we have stated,—that Mr. Jones is the candidate of the newspaper ring and that of the Prohibitionists, Senator Tillman ought not to stand for it—even to the extent of being hands off.

Senator Tillman seems to have misunderstood our meaning. In saying that he will "never have anything to do with that Gonzales crowd or any emissary that they will send" to him. We never for a minute dreamed that the Senator would hob-nob with such a crowd, nor did we say he would. But that Mr. Jones is the candidate of that crowd Senator Tillman can't deny; for didn't the Chief Justice say himself, that he was the candidate of the Spartanburg Herald and isn't that paper the fledgling of the Columbia State? And didn't Mr. Jones, in his newspaper interview, a few days ago, say that he was "not one of the fools who believed the newspapers had lost their influence?" and wasn't Senator Tillman, himself one of those who, in giving their explanations of Bleese's victory, said that it seemed to him that the newspapers had lost their in-

fluence. So it seems that, no matter what the Senator might think of emissaries from "that Gonzales crowd," Mr. Richards was not so particular.

The rank and file of the voters who sustained Bleese in the last primary, and who will sustain him next year, are the same yeomanry of the State that sustained Senator Tillman, and they consider that they are fighting for the same principles that actuated them when they stood so loyally to Uncle Ben.

As to Mr. Richards' "India-rubber" qualifications as a politician, the Senator certainly can not deny that Mr. Richards is one of the bounding sort, for with the least effort possible he bounded from the dispensary, as its champion in the legislature, into the ranks of the most blatant prohibitionists at one bound; and as to his being the "honorable high-toned man" that Senator Tillman says he is, why we will take the Senator's word for that—we don't know Mr. Richards personally; but when Senator Tillman says that "he, Richards, should have been elected governor, last year, if character and ability had been considered by the voters," the Senator ought certainly to be willing to "trust the people" and a majority of the voters thought differently, as Bleese Featherstone, and McLeod received more votes than did Mr. Richards.

W. T. Crews, Gov. Bleese's Observer.

From Spartanburg Herald.)

Surrounded by a constantly augmented throng of admirers at the Argyle hotel last night, Gov. Cole L. Bleese freely expressed his views on subjects to a reporter of The Herald and disclosed something of his plans.

To make it plain that notwithstanding Senator B. R. Tillman's denial, he believed there was truth in the story published by W. T. Crews, editor of the Greenwood News-Scemetar, to the effect that Senator Tillman and Maj. John G. Richards, Jr., had plotted to bring out Chief Justice Ira B. Jones, of the supreme court, as a candidate to defeat him for governor, he said he believed the program had been to elect Major Richards lieutenant governor. Then, if Senator Tillman was compelled for any reason to give up his seat in the senate, Justice Jones would take his place and Major Richards would step into the governor's chair.

Expects to Beat Jones.

"I am going to be reelected," said Governor Bleese, when asked if he would say anything concerning politics. "I will beat Jones by a bigger majority than the one by which I defeated Featherstone, and if Tillman's man Richards is a candidate I will beat them both."

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