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SECRETARY WILSON'S VISIT.

WHAT A WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT THINKS OF IT.

Sumter is Signally Honored by Acceptance of Invitation to Attend the T. P. A. Convention Next Month.

Perhaps not again in many years will the people of South Carolina have with them a man who is the head of so gigantic an undertaking as will be the case when James Wilson, secretary of Agriculture, goes to Sumter on May 9 on the occasion of the meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association.

As already stated in this correspondence Mr. Wilson promised Congressman Lever several days ago that he would go to Sumter. At first he declined saying that his pressing engagements would not permit him to leave Washington while congress is in session and that besides if he accepted one invitation he would be wanted at all school commencements to come off this year. Mr. Lever, however, would not take no for his answer. He used every argument to persuade the secretary to visit South Carolina and was finally successful.

This visit is really no ordinary matter. Mr. Wilson consistently declines all such invitations and has promised to go to Sumter only because of the possibility that union between him and the Governor's representative in Congress—Mr. Lever. It will be a big occasion for the "Game Cock" city, and a large crowd should be on hand.

Representative Lever has been greatly pleased from his accustomed place in the house during the past week. His enforced absence has been noted by many people, who have asked where the little congressman from South Carolina has gone. When told that he was ill there have been many expressions of regret and sympathy.

Mr. Lever is the friend of the newspaper man, and all of the southern people know there will be something worth writing about when he is around. He likes the newspaper men, and they are fond of him. He has never reached the state when he felt too proud to come out of the house sent for an ay that he had no news when asked for it if he had none. Now he has sent a newspaper man away feeling any other way than better for having seen him. He is the correspondent's friend always.—P. H. McG. in The News and Courier.

PARK BILL NOT DEAD.

Supporters of the Measure Hope That Measure Will Yet Pass.

Washington, April 18.—Although reports have gone out that the house committee on the judiciary has voted to kill the Appalachian ark bill, they are erroneous and a decisive vote on the project will not be taken until next Wednesday, according to the best information that could be secured today.

"You may say," stated W. L. Hall, of the forest service, "that the bill is not yet dead by any means. I had a talk today with Congressmen Brantley, of Alabama, and Currie, of New Hampshire, both enthusiasts on the subject of having congress act favorably on the matter, and they said that a decisive vote would not be taken before the middle of next week. It is also reported that Representative Littlefield, of Maine, has made an unfavorable report on the bill, but that also is erroneous.

"The vote, when taken, will be close, but I am informed that we still have a good chance to win."

This statement disposes of the many reports that have been sent all over the country to the effect that the bill was dead. A majority of the committee on judiciary may vote against it when a vote is taken, but it cannot be said until such action is actually had that the measure is certainly knocked out.

White Chairman Jenkins has made an unfavorable report for himself it is not a committee report.

PREDICTS IT WILL BE TEDDY.

CONVENTION FORECASTS MADE IN WASHINGTON.

President of League of Republican Clubs Declares People Want Roosevelt for Another Term and that he will be the Unanimous Choice of the Chicago Convention.

Washington, April 20.—The speech of Senator Foraker made a few days ago on the Brownville matter has made two things apparent to present-day students of politics. Those two things are that the Republican party is further from nominating Secretary Taft for the Presidency now than it has ever been, and the other is that unless all signs fall President Roosevelt will be named to succeed himself in the White House despite the many denials to such effect made by him.

It is not hard to see, if one will follow ordinary events, that it will be almost impossible to nominate Secretary Taft unless he can patch up a truce with practically all of the other Presidential candidates, and little if any of that sort of work has been done up to this time. On the contrary, all the Anti-Taft men are persistently fighting him now as they have ever done, and though the Taft managers are still making their week-end reports of an optimistic nature they must be discounted to a very large extent. Taft cannot get any help from the camps of opposition, and the best that could happen at Chicago, should he still maintain his lead until that time, would be a deadlock. That would bring Roosevelt to the front as the man who could probably stem the tide that will undoubtedly again for Johnson, Gray or Bryan.

Discussing this feature of the Chicago Convention John A. Stewart, of New York, president of the League of Republican Clubs, takes an optimistic view of a Republican ticket with the names of Roosevelt and Fairbanks upon it for first and second place, respectively.

"A month ago," said Mr. Stewart today, "the people of New York were talking little else than Taft and Huges. Now the only name heard is Roosevelt's. They want Huges for Governor. They say he has some problems to work out problems that are not national and that it is his duty to accept another term.

"While I believe that any one of the Republican candidates that have been mentioned, Taft, Fairbanks, Cannon, Foraker, Knorr or Follette—could be elected, there is only one man in the party who can with certainty remove New York State from the list of doubtful states, and that man is Theodore Roosevelt. There is no doubt in the world that the people want Roosevelt to serve another term. The sentiment of the New York convention was for Roosevelt; the sentiment of the Massachusetts convention was for Roosevelt; so was that of the Missouri convention, the Virginia convention and the North Carolina convention. I firmly believe, therefore, that the ticket will be Roosevelt and Fairbanks—as it was four years ago. The one must go against his inclination and the other another his ambition for another four years.

"I will admit that at this time it seems probable that Secretary Taft will be nominated. He is in the lead of all the candidates. He is a big, fine, able and likeable man, who would make a great president, but when the people want a certain man for president they are going to have him, and they want Roosevelt.

Effort to Free Thaw.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 20.—The first step in proceedings looking to the release of Harry K. Thaw from the State asylum for the insane at Matteawan was taken today. James G. Graham of Newburg appeared as Thaw's counsel before Justice Morechauser of the New York State supreme court at White Plains and applied for an order directing the superintendent of the asylum to permit Thaw to sign an application for a writ of habeas corpus. The order was promptly issued and it probably will be served at once. According to the usual procedure in such cases Thaw will sign the application for a writ of habeas corpus, which will then be submitted to a justice of the supreme court, probably Justice Morechauser. Such writs are always granted and the date when the writ is returnable is fixed to suit the convenience of the parties concerned. Then Thaw will appear before a justice of the supreme court for a hearing to determine whether he should be released from the asylum as sane. Probably this hearing will be held before Justice Morechauser at Poughkeepsie.

ALDRICH BILL TABLED.

MEASURE WILL NOT BE REPORTED TO THE HOUSE.

House Committee on Banking and Currency Rejects Senate Bill and It Will Probably be Sent, Together With Vreeland Bill, to Committee of Conference.

Washington, April 18.—The Aldrich financial bill will not be reported to the house. The committee on banking and currency, which has had the measure under consideration since it came from the senate today unanimously voted to lay it on the table.

The discussion in committee was brief. It was 10:40 when the committee was called to order and adjournment was taken at 11:30. The only point debated was whether the committee should make a formal report giving its unfavorable action, and the conclusion finally reached was that no reasons should be given. Consequently the committee's report will be a mere statement of the committee.

A DINGY ROMANCE.

Negro Won White Girl Then His Black Wife Tried to Blackmail Her—Was In Army as a White Man.

Washington, April 18.—Representing himself to be a white man, a negro three years ago enlisted in the United States Army Hospital Corps. Meeting a young white girl, he won her affections. Following an estrangement between the white girl and the mulatto, the negro and his black wife who did not appear in the case until a few days ago, attempted to blackmail the white girl by threatening to ruin her among her friends. Such is the story brought out by the girl's appeal to the Washington police, who, because the case was settled out of court, refuse to divulge the names of the principals.

The young woman, who is pretty and about 24 years old, called at one of the precinct stations last night and appealed to the officer in charge to protect her from the blacks. She told her story as follows:

"I met this man about a year ago, before his enlistment in the hospital corps was out. He was then a non-commissioned officer. He asked permission to call on me, and after talking to him for a while he told me that he belonged to a good family in the southwestern part of the country, and hinted that he had left his home when quite a boy. His story was very plausible. After he had called upon me several times we became attached to each other, and he gave me his photograph. Then came a quarrel, and I did not see him for some time.

"Imagine my distress when yesterday a coal-black negro appeared at my house, and, calling for me, demanded that I relinquish her husband's photograph. I denied knowing anything about her husband until she told me his name, and then the whole terrible truth dawned upon me.

"I was powerless to comply with the request, for when I went to search for the picture I could not find it. She then threatened to go to my friends and expose the fact that I had nearly married a negro—and a negro with a black wife at that."

The police official had no authority to arrest the man, but he sent for him. When the negro arrived, he was put through a course of sprouts. He looked like a white man, and would probably deceive the casual observer. The police official plainly said to him that, in enlisting in the hospital corps as a white man, he had committed perjury, and that unless he ceased his persecution of the young white woman he would be arrested.

"If I ever hear of you so much as looking at the girl again," said the police officer, who is from Virginia, "I'll send you to the penitentiary, and do my best to get your wife a jail sentence."

And so another of the many striking cases which rarely see the light of day was settled out of court.—Baltimore Sun.

TILLMAN IS IMPROVING.

Condition of the Senior Senator Seems To be Steadily Improving.

Atlanta, Ga., April 20.—Senator B. R. Tillman is feeling in splendid condition today. He took his usual morning walk, about three blocks, and has spent most of the day on the piazza out of doors. His improvement seems to be steady.

—That's the Answer—"Why is your husband so irritable at home?" Inquired the amazed visitor. "Because he knows it's safe to be," answered the long-suffering wife.—Kansas City Journal.

CZAR CANNON SUSTAINED.

REPUBLICANS UPHOLD HIS RESOLUTION ACTION.

Williams' Resolution Tabled By a Vote Of 146 to 119 It is Held That No Breach of Privilege Was Committed.

Washington, April 20.—With the exception of Messrs. Cooper and Nelson of Wisconsin (Republicans) the house of representatives today by a strict party vote declared that the action of Speaker Cannon last Saturday in summarily adjourning the house was not "a breach of the privilege of the house affecting its safety, dignity and the integrity of its proceedings." The declaration was made when a resolution by Mr. Williams, holding such a breach to have been committed, was tabled, 146 to 119. The vote was preceded, by statements by both Mr. Williams and the speaker. After disclaiming that as a result of the episode there would be personal breach between him and the speaker, Mr. Williams maintained that the action was an unprecedented parliamentary act. On the other hand Speaker Cannon called attention to the dilatory tactics of the minority leader for the past two weeks and said it was the speaker's privilege and his duty to sweep aside a dilatory demand and declare the house adjourned.

The Republicans put through an amendment to the rules making any day "suspension day" and substituting a majority for a two-thirds vote to pass any measure. Messrs. Williams and DeArmond bitterly opposed the rule. Mr. Daiseil, its author, notified the Democrats that they could trust to their imaginations for any legislation they would get this session.

Following the adoption of the rule, several conference reports were agreed to and one or two bills passed. The Democrats forced repeated roll calls during the day.

At 5:13 p. m., the house took a recess until 11:30 a. m., tomorrow.

SHUT DOWN OF YARN MILLS.

Spinners' Association Takes Drastic Action to Restore Market to a Fair Price Level.

Charlotte, N. C., April 18.—Although resolutions were adopted at the meeting of the Southern Hard Yarn Spinners' association held here today to withhold from the public the conclusions of the conference, it is learned late tonight that a virtual agreement was reached to shut down all plants for a period of 60 days. At the end of that time another conference will be held to consider the situation and decide whether further curtailment is necessary. Approximately 1,500,000 spindles were represented at the meeting, which was harmonious. Nothing but a complete shut down, in the opinion of the mill owners, will place the market on a fair price level. The shut down will throw thousands of operatives out of employment and work great hardship to them and indirectly to large business interests as well.

Resolutions bearing upon the curtailment plan and also relative to the prices of yarns were adopted at today's meeting, but these the secretary refused to make public. The action taken today is in line with the resolutions and decision of the executive committee of the North Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' association held here recently.

STATE WILL BORROW MONEY.

After Pensions Are Paid Out There Will be Nothing for Ordinary Expenses.

The list of pensioners who will receive their share of the State appropriation this year is being rapidly completed and will be ready for the various county boards shortly. As a result it will be necessary for the State to borrow about \$300,000. There is at present enough in the treasury or due from the franchise tax collections to pay the pension appropriation, amounting to \$250,000, but the ordinary expenses of the State amount to about \$60,000 per month and on July 1 there is the semi-annual interest on the public debt, amounting to about \$85,000, to be paid out. This will make a loan necessary and until taxes are sent in during the fall months the State will have very little to pay the ordinary running expenses. A large loan will give a lower rate of interest and it is probable that it will be about \$300,000 this time.

Miss Roosevelt may run an engine and be made an honorary member of the union, but papa's attitude toward the railroads remains unchanged, whatever it is.—New York Mail.

AIKEN REMAINS WET.

ANTI-DISPENSARY FORCES LOSE BY FIFTY-FIVE VOTES.

A Hard Fight Was Made But With Three Small Boxes Yet to be Heard From the Vote Stands 877 to 822.

Aiken, April 15.—The election, held here today as to dispensary or prohibition, resulted in a victory for the county dispensary by a very small majority. With all but three small boxes heard from the dispensary has a lead of 55, and it is probable the other three boxes will run the majority up to 100 or more.

Great interest was taken in the election all over the county. Although the weather was threatening a large crowd was around the polls in Aiken all day, among whom were many ladies. About the time the returns began to come in it began to rain but notwithstanding this large crowds assembled around the bulletin boards and waited for the returns, which came in rapidly. It was a close election.

MR. CANTEY SARCASTIC.

Complaint Filed Against Northwestern Railroad by Attorney of Summerton Makes Strictures Upon Accommodations.

Columbia, April 20.—Mr. J. J. Canthey, counsellor-at-law, of Summerton, makes some drastic strictures upon the Northwestern railroad, in a letter to the railroad commission. He says:

"I desire to call your attention to the fact that Northwestern continues to charge three cents per mile, despite the fact that other railroads in the state are charging only 2-1-2 cents per mile for passengers. I desire also to call your attention to the fact that the two passenger coaches, the coach for white people and the coach for black people, are not only dangerous but hardly decent. Some time in March this road put on a very respectable coach for white people, but even this has been taken off.

"Now I wish to say that I do not think anybody objects to paying three cents per mile railroad fare, but it appears to me if the Northwestern is allowed to charge more per mile for railway fare than the other roads in the State, the Northwestern should be made to put on safe and decent passenger coaches for both white and black travelers. What do you think about it?"

Mr. Canthey's complaint will have due attention at the next meeting of the commission.

The Northwestern is one of the small roads exempted by the commission from the requirements of the 1-2 cent tariff. Its total averages is only 71 miles, as follows: Sumter to Wilson's Mills, 33 miles; Millard to St. Paul, 4 miles; Sumter to Camden, 30 miles. Col. Thomas Wilson, of Sumter, is president and superintendent. The road's gross passenger earnings last year were only \$19,630, this including mail, baggage and express.

MR. LYON IN WASHINGTON.

Attorney General at National Capital—Refuses to Talk Dispensary.

Washington, April 17.—Attorney General Lyon is in Washington today but will not discuss the dispensary situation.

South Carolinians residing in Washington as well as those who come here from time to time are greatly interested in this matter and are watching for future developments. Mr. Lyon was at the Capitol this morning, and as stated, would not talk for publication.

TOLAND BOYS CONVICTED.

Tried at Special Term of Court in Lexington.

Lexington, April 14.—Ned and Brack Toland, the two negro boys who killed Mrs. Frances Ellisor at Cayce, across the river from Columbia, on Wednesday, February 26, were convicted here today of murder in the first degree and Judge James W. DeVore sentenced them to hang on Friday, May 1. The defendants practically admitted their guilt, though an effort was made to put the weight of the responsibility on Ned, the older of the two. The defendants were arraigned at 10 o'clock and received sentence at 5:40 this afternoon.

BISHOP CAPERS WEAKER.

Columbia, April 21.—At 1 o'clock this morning Bishop Capers was rather weaker and is believed to be steadily sinking. The tax upon his strength during the past few hours has been great and unless there is a rally it is not believed that he can last many hours longer.

BAKER ELECTED PRESIDENT.

SUMTER PHYSICIAN HONORED BY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Sixtieth Annual Convention of the South Carolina Medical Association Adjourns After a Successful Session In Anderson—Dr. Cheyne Re-elected Secretary.

Anderson, April 16.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the 60th annual convention of the South Carolina Medical association adjourned. The next convention will be held in Sumterville and will be presided over by the new president, Dr. S. C. Baker, of Sumter.

A session of the convention was held at 10 o'clock this morning when Dr. Richard C. Cabot of Boston delivered an address on "Psycho-therapeutics." This address was pronounced the best ever delivered before the society and at its conclusion the association made Dr. Cabot a life member and voted him hearty thanks. A number of scientific papers were read and discussed this morning. The following doctors submitted papers: E. W. Carpenter of Greenville, W. C. Black of Greenville, T. L. W. Bailey of Clinton, Julian Carroll of Summerville and A. B. Patterson of Barnwell.

The house of delegates met at noon to elect officers and to decide the next meeting place. Invitations for the next convention were received from Laurens, Orangeburg and Summerville. Summerville won on the first ballot.

Following were the results of the election of officers: President, S. C. Baker of Sumter; first vice president, H. R. Black of Spartanburg; second vice president, W. H. Nardin, Jr., of Anderson; third vice president, A. T. Baird of Darlington; secretary, Walter Cheyne of Sumter; treasurer, C. P. Almar of Charleston. The following were elected members of the council: First district, J. T. Taylor, of Colleton; third district, O. B. Mayer of Newberry; seventh district, F. M. Dwight of Sumter county. The following were elected members of the examining board for licenses: Second district, Harry H. Wyman, of Aiken; fourth district, H. L. Shaw of Fountain Inn; sixth district, J. L. Napier of Bennettsville; members at large, Mary L. Baker of Columbia. Dr. C. F. Wyche of Prosperity and Dr. Walter Cheyne of Sumter were elected delegates to American Medical association convention in Chicago. Dr. F. L. Potts of Spartanburg, Dr. J. T. Taylor of Adams Run and Dr. Walter Cheyne of Sumter were appointed as committee on scientific work. Dr. W. A. Boyd of Columbia, Dr. LeGrand Guerry of Columbia and Dr. R. B. Epping of Union were elected members of the public policy and legislative committee. Dr. J. L. Dawson of Charleston was appointed chairman of a committee to organize a branch of the National Anti-tuberculosis league.

COAL STRIKE SETTLED.

Two Hundred Thousand Striking Miners to Go to Work Monday.

Toledo, Ohio, April 19.—Two hundred thousand idle miners will go to work next Monday. An amicable agreement between miners and operators was reached today by members of the scale committee, and this agreement was later ratified by the joint meeting of miners and operators. Both sides are satisfied with the results of the conference and they adjourned with the best of feeling between the parties. The agreement provides for a general resumption next Monday, the adoption of the old rate of 90 cents a ton for mining coal, a referendum vote to be taken by districts and a call of the committee to receive the returns of the vote, the referendum being on the proposition to make the agreement to hold for two years, an eight-hour day, the referring of all local differences as to prices and conditions to the districts for settlement, an invitation to Illinois operators to join in the next Inter-State convention, and that the next Inter-State conference be held in Toledo in February, 1910.

BISHOP CAPERS' CONDITION.

Was No Better Yesterday Although He Did Not Appear to be Worse.

Columbia, April 20.—The news from the bedside of Bishop Capers last night was a little more encouraging. He had had a sinking spell about daylight Sunday, but rallied during the day. However, his rest is secured by the administration of pain-relieving opiates and it is feared that unless a marked change takes place dissolution will be a matter of a few days. It may be said that while he is no worse than he was Saturday, yet he is no better.