

BLEASE SPEAKS; WOMEN LEAVE

SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR USES STRONG LANGUAGE.

In Richmond Speech Executive Again Uses Expression "To Hell With Constitution," and Ladies Leave.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Gov. Blease of South Carolina denounced the constitution in language so strong at the afternoon session of the governor's conference today that most of the women in attendance, including nearly a dozen suffragists, left the hall and did not return until he had resumed his seat. Gov. Blease was elaborating his views on the negro in connection with the divorce question and had just spoken in characteristic style of Jack Johnson when Gov. Carey of Wyoming, evidently provoked by the South Carolinian's declaration that he did not believe in educating the negro, asked him if he did not take an oath when sworn in as governor that he would stand by the constitution which guaranteed equal rights to all men. As the Wyoming executive resumed his seat amid applause Gov. Blease paused, then, turning to the newspaper men, he asked them to be careful to get his reply straight. He also requested that they refrain from stating that he was excited. "For," he said, "I have the reputation down in South Carolina of being a fighter and a cold blooded fighter at that." Again facing the audience, he yelled out to Gov. Carey: "Yes, I took an oath when I became governor; but I say, 'To hell with the constitution' if it stands in the way of me and protection to the white women of South Carolina." No sooner had he uttered these words than the women began to file out, among them being Mrs. B. B. Valentine, president of the Equal Suffrage league of Virginia, and Miss Mary Johnston, one of the leading suffragists. Gov. Blease went further declaring that he would even tear the constitution in threads if it failed to afford white women protection. Incidentally he said that he regarded the negro of South Carolina as his friend and he believed if they all could vote, fully 75 per cent of them would cast their ballots for him in an election contest. He had no apologies to make, he said, for any view he had expressed and if any one doubted that the majority of the people of South Carolina were not with him they had only to consult the results of the recent gubernatorial election in that State.

Speaking on the divorce question, he said he was proud of the fact that no divorces were allowed in South Carolina, he was also proud that a negro could not marry a white woman in South Carolina. If Jack Johnson had attempted such a thing in South Carolina, he said, doubted if a grand jury action would have been necessary to give him his deserts.

FELLOW GOVERNORS DO NOT FOLLOW HIM.

Gilchrist Especially Takes Exception to Blease's Advocacy of Mob Violence Expressed.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 5.—Fully half of the 50 women in attendance at the conference of governors this afternoon hurriedly departed from the meeting when Gov. Cole L. Blease, for the second time defending the policy of lynching negroes guilty of criminal assault, shouted: "To hell with the constitution." Gov. Blease's declaration was made in response to a question asked by Gov. Jos. N. Carey of Wyoming. Gov. Carey desired to know if the South Carolina executive had taken an oath to uphold the constitution and laws of his State, and if these laws did not protect negroes as well as whites. "I will answer that question," replied Gov. Blease. "When the constitution steps between me and the defense of the virtue of the white women of my State, I will resign my commission, tear it up and throw it to the breeze. As I have said before, 'To hell with the constitution.'"

When the several women present arose and left the hall, Gov. Blease ceased speaking. Among the women who made their exit were the wives and daughters of several governors attending the conference.

Gov. Albert W. Gilchrist of Florida took exception to Gov. Blease's remarks. Rising to his feet he declared "the first thing that indicated a manly man or a womanly woman is thoughtful consideration for other people." His remarks were greeted with cheers from the audience.

Referring to the lynch law doctrine Gov. John F. Shaffroth of Colorado said: "One mob can do more injury to society than 20 murderers, because lynching permeates the entire community and produces anarchy. The influence of mob law is most reprehensible. When laws are made it should be the duty of the governor to enforce them whether he approves or not. When the law prescribes hanging for an offense, and a man is found guilty, he should be hanged whether white or black and there is no excuse

for mob law. I conceive it to be our duty as governors to declare for law and order."

During the afternoon session papers were read by Gov. Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada and James H. Hawley of Idaho on uniformity of divorce laws. This subject was under discussion when Gov. Blease spoke. After defending the law of South Carolina where no divorce is permitted, he proceeded to discuss the race problem and declared that the inferior race always is swept away by the superior race. Gov. Blease also again defended his pardon record.

Gov. W. W. Kitchen of North Carolina announced that there had not been a lynching in that State in six years and expressed the belief that there should be conviction in practically every case where there is a lynching.

Gov. Mann of Virginia stated that he would call out every militiaman in the State if necessary to protect a man under arrest and give him a fair trial.

Movement for the improvement of rural life were discussed this afternoon by Gov. A. O. Eberhardt of Minnesota, Gov. Herbert C. Hadley of Missouri, Gov. W. H. Mann of Virginia, Gov. George W. Donaghey of Arkansas and Gov. Joseph M. Brown of Georgia.

Divorce law problems were also discussed by Gov. Joseph M. Carey of Wyoming and Simeon E. Baldwin of Connecticut.

Miss Mary Johnston, the novelist, addressed the conference on equal suffrage.

It was announced that Ambassador Myron T. Herrick will be one of the speakers tomorrow morning on the subject of rural credits.

MUCH INTEREST IN BOWLING.

Excitement Intense During Three Games—Match Won by Team No. 2.

The excitement, cheering, feeling, rivalry and interest in the three bowling games between teams No. 2 and No. 3 at the Y. M. C. A. alleys was intense all the way through—in fact so much was it so that it reminded one more of one of the old time Surter-Camden baseball diamond scraps than anything else that can be thought of.

The members of the two teams not engaged in the game were there in force and were all shouting uproariously for Team No. 2, Team No. 3 having up to that time been undefeated in three previous games, and the opposing teams being anxious for its downfall from the top of the list.

The three games were all good ones. In the first game Team No. 2 won by 9 pins. The second game also went to this team, this time by 23 pins and the third contest closed with Creech's men seven pins ahead in the game, but leaving them 25 pins behind in the match. The games, it will thus be seen, were all extremely close and the interest in each one was intense up to the very last as it was uncertain even then which team would come out ahead.

The Y. M. C. A. officials and the members of the teams are very much elated at the interest taken, and hope for even a larger crowd of rosters next time. The next game will be played Monday night between teams No. 1 and 2.

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SOUTH CAROLINA ONE OF THREE

Where Reciprocal Insurance Laws are Operative—Commissioners Meet.

New York, Dec. 3.—The adoption by all the States of a uniform system for regulation of fraternal insurance was the chief subject for discussion at today's session at the national convention of insurance commissioners. Twenty-five States are represented in the gathering. The convention is an adjourned meeting of the convention held in Spokane, Wash., in September.

Several bills prepared by sub-committees will be discussed at length before the commissioners adjourn. A bill for reciprocal insurance in all the States proposes to fix the standard of solvency of all except life insurance companies and make it possible for all such companies to operate in every State. At present reciprocal insurance laws are in force only in Kansas, South Carolina and Louisiana.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.

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NO SPLIT IN BALKAN LEAGUE.

GREECE ACTING IN INTEREST OF BALKAN STATES IN REFUSING ARMISTICE.

Believes That Conference of Nations Will be Able to Settle Difficult Problem—Financial Question Will Enter Into Consideration.

London, Dec. 5.—Greece still is standing out from the armistice but it is explained both from Sofia and Athens that this separate action is undertaken in agreement with the allies, to prevent Turkey from profiting by the armistice to improve her military position.

An unconfirmed report from Athens says the Greeks are continuing their operations against Janina, but elsewhere orders have been received to cease hostilities.

Reports current yesterday in some quarters that arrangements had been made for the revictualing of the besieged garrisons appear to have been inaccurate. Provisioning will not begin until the peace conference has been inaugurated.

The Bulgarian government newspaper Mir, in an editorial today, dilates on the advantages to Turkey of a good understanding with Bulgaria. It declares Turkey's salvation lies not in continuing the war, but in seeking a rapprochement with Bulgaria.

The French premier, M. Poincaré, in a speech in the chamber of deputies in which he reviewed the war and its effect on European interests, indicated that the difficult problems would be solved at the London conference, and expressed the hope that Turkey would speedily recover her prosperity.

He said it would be necessary to determine what part of the Turkish public debt should be taken over by the Balkan states, and added that France probably would arrange special conventions with the allies for the protection of the extensive French in the conquered territory.

The dispute between Austria-Hungary and Serbia arising out of the Balkan war, which has threatened a general European conflict, will have been steered into a safe channel and the peace of Europe will be maintained if, as announced today, Serbia has definitely decided to leave her case in the hands of the great powers.

With the adhesion of Austria-Hungary, the proposal of Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary to call a meeting of the ambassadorial clearing house has received practically unanimous welcome.

FRANCE STANDS BY FRIENDS.

Premier Says That His Country's Rights and Interests in Near East Must be Respected.

Paris, Dec. 5.—That France in the present European crisis is working side by side with her ally, Russia, and her friend, England, stands out clearly in the important address delivered by Premier Poincaré to the committee of foreign affairs in the chamber of deputies today. The French premier spoke plain words on the European situation when he said to the committee:

"We stand by our allies and our friendships."

M. Poincaré was enthusiastically applauded by his hearers for having constantly labored for the "moral patrimony of France."

In his references to the future the premier said evidences pointed to a settlement of pending difficulties but declared it was difficult to speak of the future and said it would be foolhardy to indulge in prophecies.

France's position in the tense European situation was summed up by Premier Poincaré in a few words, He said:

"France's programme is: First, continuity in our foreign politics and consequently the practical and preserving operation of our alliances and friendships.

"Second, sincere and continued efforts to secure the peace of Europe.

"Third, above all, the firm and calm resolution to secure respect for our rights: 1. maintain our national government free from all attacks."

The French premier's address not only had been carefully prepared but had been submitted previously to a special session of the cabinet, as it was realized that a speech similar to those delivered by the British premier and the German chancellor was awaited with anxiety.

Premier Poincaré pointed out that he was not free to speak without restriction.

He wanted to affirm, however, that France wished that her alliances and friendships should find a new proof in their force and in their efficiency.

France, the premier said, consulted England and Russian advice, before acting and always acted with them, and he added: "Shall continue to

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Referring to the future, M. Poincaré said:

"All the evidence goes to show that a general settlement of the pending difficulties will be effected sooner or later."

The premier added:

"The variations of the point of view between a certain power and the Balkan allies and among the great powers themselves doubtless can not, however, be solved peacefully without a common conference where all the problems will be discussed and weighed."

France, he continued, occupied a special position with reference to Turkey. France was the principal creditor of Turkey and possessed heavy financial and economical interests in the Ottoman empire. If the allies should annex part of Turkey, they must, said the French premier, be held responsible for Turkey's public debt. The question of how this was, he said, now being examined by the powers. In this regard he said France would negotiate directly with the Balkan allies, stating in a friendly manner that they must respect French moral and material rights in Turkey.

TURKS MAY SEEK REVENGE.

Grave Fears Felt by Foreigners in Smyrna.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Possibility of danger to American life and property in Turkey was forecast in official dispatches received here today stating that foreign subjects in Smyrna, Asia Minor, feared an outbreak in that city if the Turkish soldiers returned after a disastrous peace. Grave fears apparently exist in the minds of foreigners in Asia Minor that the vanquished Turkish soldiers upon their return may seek revenge for their defeat by falling upon foreigners whose sympathies have been with the allies.

PLAN FOR ALBANIA.

Turkish Council Prepares Scheme of Autonomy.

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—The Turkish council of ministers has prepared a scheme of autonomous government for Albania which has been submitted to the sultan for imperial sanction. The proposal to hold in London the negotiations for peace between Turkey and the Balkan allies emanated from the Turkish government, who, besides desiring they should be held on neutral ground, also wished to have the advantage of the advice of Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of state for foreign affairs.

GREECE TO SIGN.

Reported That Hellenic Government Will Accept Pact.

London, Dec. 5.—An armistice between Greece and Turkey is to be concluded in a day or two, according to a news agency dispatch from Constantinople.

DEFEATED TURKS.

Soloniki, Dec. 5.—A force of Greek troops today defeated and severely punished 1,000 Turks who were pillaging the village of Boyatsio. The Turks were said to have lost 350 men killed and wounded. The Turks were accused of carrying on guerrilla tactics, pillaging, burning and committing outrages.

His Case Exactly.

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