

## Standard Oil Man Explains How Letters Were Stolen --McLaurin's Statement.

New York, Sept. 30.—A new phase of the discussion of the so-called "Standard Oil correspondence," made public recently by William R. Hearst, was entered upon late today, when John D. Archbold, vice president of the Standard Oil company, made a statement to the Associated Press setting forth details of the alleged theft of correspondence from his files. Former United States Senator John Lowndes McLaurin of South Carolina also entered the field with a signed statement declaring his attitude in the matter of the correspondence between himself and Mr. Archbold.

Mr. Archbold said: "In response to many inquiries as to the theft of letters from my files the following may be made known:

"Over three years ago a report reached me that certain of my letters had been offered for sale to a newspaper of this city, ostensibly stolen letters. Examination showed that some letters were missing and that they could only have been taken by some one not only familiar with the office details, but highly trusted. The party on whom suspicion fell stoutly denied all guilt. A little later, however, a man who represented himself as acting between the thief and those to whom the letters had been sold proposed to return some of the letters for a consideration. His story was that the idea of the theft had been conceived by his brother, who had at one time been in the company's employ, and that this brother had induced the employe already suspected to accept the theft. According to the go-between's story he had disposed of the letters, or some of them, to two men, who purchased them on behalf of Mr. Hearst's newspaper, The Journal. Not only had stolen letters been thus traded for, but the thief was induced to carry off one or more letter copying books, many of whose pages he claims were photographed, other pages being removed altogether. The books in question were, the go-between said, returned after 48 hours. It is impossible to say how many were stolen and sold in this way. The thieves worked at their leisure.

### MR. MCLAURIN'S STATEMENT.

Mr. McLaurin, who has just reached New York, gave out a signed statement, in part as follows:

"An effort has been made to create a political sensation by the publication of certain correspondence between Mr. John Archbold, vice president of the Standard Oil company, and myself. For that correspondence I have no apologies to make. At the time the letters were written I had the honor to enjoy and am proud still to possess the friendship of Mr. Archbold, for whom I have the highest regard. At the time the letters were written I was engaged in a bitter struggle in which was involved not only my own political future, but the economic and political principles for which I stood and which, stated briefly, meant the emancipation of the South from the ignorant prejudice of Bourbonism and the 'bloody shirt' into the freedom of an enlightened self interest and the progress of an intelligent industrialism.

"In the support of these prin-

ciples and the hope of this progress I saw then no impropriety in enlisting, if practicable, the assistance of the most progressively administered, and the most intelligently officered, corporation that human intelligence has yet produced.

## Executive Committee Can't Make Nomination

The State: Gen. Willie Jones State chairman of the Democratic party, has called down the executive committee of Lexington county for nominating a county superintendent of education to succeed the late J. D. Farr, who was nominated in the regular primary. It will be recalled that Farr, after the primary, killed himself, and the executive committee, without ordering another primary, met and ordered placed upon the regular Democrat ticket for the November elections the name of A. D. Martin. Protest was made against this and yesterday Gen. Jones ruled that it was in violation of the rules and insisted that a regular primary be held and that some one be nominated by the Democratic voters for the regular ticket.

## Postoffice Inspector Shot

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 30—Postoffice inspector Charles Fitzgerald of this city was shot and dangerously wounded today by W. A. Sorsby, clerk in the Clinton postoffice.

Fitzgerald had been to Clinton two days checking up that office of which Mrs. Cabanis is postmistress. Sorsby married her daughter and has been running the office. Fitzgerald is said to have checked him up short several hundred dollars and started back to his home in Jackson. While on the way to the train Sorsby suddenly appeared before him, stuck a pistol to his side and fired before his victim could raise his hand.

## Death of Mr. John G. Magill, of Chester.

Mr. John G. Magill, a prominent citizen of Chester, who, we believe, was a relative of the Magills of Lancaster county, died at his home in that city last Tuesday night, aged 69 years. In noting his death the Chester correspondent of the Columbia State says of Mr. Magill:

He had been in failing health for the past 12 months. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and information. For more than 20 years he filled very efficiently the office of magistrate of Lewisville township. He served through the War for Southern Independence, a valiant and faithful soldier in Company A. Seventeenth regiment, South Carolina infantry. He survived by his wife, and three grown children, Mrs. W. F. Buchanan and Mrs. S. S. McNinch of Charlotte and Mr. Cnas. Magill of Fort Mill, and several younger children. Funeral services were held this afternoon by Rev. C. E. McDonald; burial in Evergreen cemetery.

## Child Dies of Diphtheria.

Little Mary Ellen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Lynn, of the Bell Town section, died Tuesday, of diphtheria, aged 2 years and 11 months. The remains were buried Wednesday at Bethel church.

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## Hearst Fires More Shots at Foraker and Haskell

Denver, Col., Sept. 30—In a speech consuming less than 30 minutes, W. R. Hearst, chairman of the Independence national committee, tonight resumed his charges against Senator Foraker of Ohio and Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma, and read additional letters and affidavits bearing upon the charges.

Two letters addressed to Senator Foraker and signed by John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company, in which were enclosed certificates of deposits for \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively, each bearing date of 1900, were read.

In support of his contention that Gov. Haskell was a member of the Citizens' alliance of Muskogee, Okla., Mr. Hearst read an affidavit, dated September 21, 1908, and signed by Morgan Carroway of Muskogee, who declared that he was secretary of the alliance and had received money for dues from Mr. Haskell and had frequently talked of politics to be pursued by the alliance with reference to organized labor. A letter from John Farrell of Muskogee was also read, saying that the signer was selected as sergeant-at-arms of the alliance through the influence of Mr. Haskell.

## Flat Creek Citizen Bitten by Mad Dog.

Kershaw Era: Mr. A. G. Caston, of the Flat Creek section, was bitten in the hand by a strange dog on last Friday while on his return to his home from Kershaw, where he had been to sell cotton. On Sunday morning the dog died and Mr. Caston left the same day for Atlanta, carrying the head of the dog with him. On yesterday his brother, Mr. J. B. Caston, received a telegram from him stating that the dog had rabies and he would remain for treatment.

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## Fatal Explosion at Spencer.

Spencer, N. C., special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: Two men killed outright, two so badly hurt that they can hardly recover and fifteen or more slightly injured, with a destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property, is the result of a terrible blow-up this afternoon of the house in which the Southern Railway Company kept stored its powder and other explosives used in connection with the work at its large shops here. The plant is badly wrecked and work is at a standstill for some time.

## Tar Heel's Horrible Suicide.

Morganton, N. C. special in the Charlotte Observer of Oct. 1.—From details which have just reached Morganton from the country the most horrible suicide that ever occurred in the State occurred Monday night about six miles from here.

Will Mull who had been despondent and drinking heavily for some time past went to his home after dark in company with Ed Mull, a companion, and while in a drunken fit he drove his family from home with a razor and when things got quiet he and his companion went off to sleep. Ed Mull the companion was aroused by Will, who was

piling the bed clothes and furniture on the fire, and was told to get out or he (Ed) would be burned up. Ed tried in vain to get the man to leave the burning house but he would not. Ed went to the window and saw Will crouched in one corner of the room sullenly waiting his doom. Will soon raised himself up and with a cry ran into the midst of the flames and was consumed.

## Presbytery on Rev. Mr. Carmichael's Resignation

Extract from minutes of recent called meeting of First A. R. P. Presbytery held in Charlotte, as published in current issue of Associate Reformed Presbyterian:

Rev. O. W. Carmichael tendered to the Presbytery the resignation of his charge, and in this connection resolutions from Lancaster and Shiloh were read acquiescing in this request. After some discussion this relation was dissolved, and the following resolution, offered by Rev. Wm. Duncan, was adopted:

That the Presbytery take occasion to remind these congregations that they have not proceeded according to the Presbyterial law and usage; and have overstepped the bounds of their prerogatives in presuming to "terminate" by their own action, the relation existing between pastor and people, and further, we remind all congregations under our supervision that the matter of dissolving pastoral relations is the work of the Presbytery and not of the congregation.

Rev. O. W. Carmichael asked and received permission to pursue further his studies for nine months in some Seminary.

## Bryan Again Writes Roosevelt.

Rock Island, Ill., Sept. 29.—"I have lived in vain if your accusations have lost me a single friend," said William J. Bryan, in a letter addressed today to President Roosevelt, replying to that of the president, written Sunday last.

Mr. Bryan points to his record and declares that it is sufficient answer to the insinuations of the chief executive that he is in sympathy with or controlled by the trusts.

Reverting to the charges against Gov. Haskell, Mr. Bryan says that the president, in response to his request, did not deign to suggest a tribunal which could determine those charges, but instead proceeded to pass judgment upon him, and he informs the president that the occupant of that high office can not deny to the humblest citizen the right to protect his reputation and vindicate his name in the courts.

## Teddy's Got Enough

Washington, Sept. 30—President Roosevelt will not reply to the latest letter of W. J. Bryan given out by him last night at Rock Island, Ill. Secretary L. E. stated today that the president felt that inasmuch as Mr. Bryan's letter was simply an attack upon him personally there was no reason why he should answer it.

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## \$8,000 in Gold Said to Have Been Found in Safe of Late James F. Bailes.

"A bulky bag of gold containing \$8,000 of the yellow metal was found in the bottom of the late Mr. J. P. Bailes' safe when those having charge of the disposition of his estate opened it at the Bailes' home near Fort Mill, S. C., a few days ago. This money was in an out-of-the-way place in the bottom of the safe, where it had been, some of it at least, for more than a score of years. Its discovery came as a surprise, although members of the family had an idea that there was a pile somewhere. Mr. Bailes, who was a most provident man, was known to reserve all the gold that came into his possession but no one believed that he had accumulated such a sum. Aside from this sum in ready cash, Mr. Bailes left an estate consisting of 2,000 acres of fine land and from \$20,000 to \$30,000 in stocks, etc."

Mr. Bailes' estate is valued at something like \$100,000, most of which is in lands. He made a will a short time before his death and divided his holdings equally between his five children.—Charlotte Observer.

## More Ginners are Warned.

Huntsville, Ala., Oct. 1.—Night riders, or persons who are represented to be night riders, have posted warnings on gins in the northern part of this county and in Lincoln county, Tennessee. "We warn you not to gin any more cotton until further notice," is the placard placed upon the door of the Rogers gin at Newmarket, Ala. The same notice was posted on the door of the Davidson gin in the southern part of Lincoln county.

## Mad Stone Failed to Save This Child.

Comer, Ga., special in Atlanta Journal: The 5-year-old daughter of Henry Guest is dead of hydrophobia at their home about six miles from this place. The little girl was bitten three weeks ago, and was taken to a physician, who applied a mad stone. Soon afterwards, however, she began to go into convulsions, which lasted at intervals until she died.

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## New Way to Force Preacher to Resign.

Houston, Texas, Oct. 1.—Having failed with every other means of making their pastor resign, negro members of Good Hope Baptist church tried the efficiency of two dynamite bombs, one placed beneath the pulpit and the other in the collection plate, as it was being passed around.

The one beneath the pulpit exploded, and Rev. Fred Morgan, who sat there was severely cut about the face and head. The other was hurled through a window before it exploded. A general exodus followed, in which several children were trampled upon and hurt.

The County Farmers' Union met here yesterday in the court house. If any of its proceedings are given out for publication, the matter will appear in our next issue.