

TILLMAN OPENS FIRE AS BLEASE IS SEATED

Charges Prisoners Are Freed Only Through Governor's "Pardon Mongers."

ATTACK IN LEGISLATURE

South Carolina Executive Raps "Aristocrats" and Makes Accusations in Address.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 21.—Cole Blease began his second term as Governor of South Carolina today with a characteristic speech of invective and denunciation. In turn he was bitterly attacked in a letter from Senator Tillman, which was read in both houses of the General Assembly.

Senator Tillman's letter was read at 11 o'clock, just before the inauguration. It was expected to be in answer to a letter which had been sent to the Governor by Senator Tillman and W. W. Blount, editor of the State, charging the Governor with participating in a conspiracy to defeat the Governor's re-election.

Governor Blease made his inaugural address. He scored the "aristocrats" and said they would applaud the "little show girls" but when the Governor of South Carolina used the word "aristocrat" he said, "Ain't it awful!"

He charged that the president of the University of South Carolina attempted to secure an appropriation from the Federal Government from Winthrop College, and called on the Legislature to investigate the alleged incident.

Senator Tillman in his letter denigrated Blease as a demagogue and called attention to the fact that Benjamin A. Hays, chief counsel for the Southern Railway in South Carolina, had his home in the Governor's mansion. And he asks the Governor to pardon the "little show girls" unless he applies to the Governor's lawyer friends.

When the Senator replied to the charge that he conspired with Gonzales to secure Blease's defeat, he said he had obtained copies of telegrams sent by Mr. Gonzales to his Washington correspondent, F. H. McIlwain, in which the editor told him to correspond to Blease for the purpose of publishing a letter written by the Senator to Harrison Ferguson of Spartanburg asserting that the reelection of Blease would be a disgrace.

It was on these telegrams that Blease based his charge of conspiracy. Tillman, denying the charge, calls attention to the feud between the Tillmans and the Gonzales family, which some years ago led to the killing of S. H. Gonzales by Lieut. Gov. James H. Tillman, the Senator's nephew.

The people of South Carolina will understand the relations between the Gonzales brothers and the Tillmans, says the Senator. "The feud is of long standing and all well informed people know that proposition the Tillmans are had and with what relentless energy and with what ability the Gonzales brothers have prosecuted their case. I do not wish to stir the ashes of this feud anew, and I have no purpose in calling attention to this long standing quarrel. Gov. Blease says that he did not believe that I had conspired with any conspiracy whatever to elect Mr. Gonzales. But I know that some of the Tillmans or read some of the Tillmans' private telegrams to him which some of Blease's friends stole out of the wires. Right here I will ask Gov. Blease to answer point blank. How did he get copies of Gonzales' telegrams to McGowan? He is such a hypocrite for the terms of honesty in politics will be honor bright, tell us what he did."

Being a low type of man himself he does not realize and cannot conceive how any one else can be honorable, clean and above board.

"I am among the Americans and among the other men I have ever read of who were equal to Blease in hounding the people. He has persuaded thousands of good South Carolinians to believe that the Tillmans are the only clean patriotic citizens, into believing that he is their best friend and that Tillman's mantle has fallen on his shoulders. He is a past master in the use of a demagogue. He knows that when the angry passions of the masses are aroused they lose their reason. He desires to come to the State as he boasted he would do at Spartanburg in December last, and feels complimentary on him to aggravate contention in South Carolina as much as possible."

Senator Tillman says that Blease's charge against him of jealousy "is so ridiculous that I cannot bring myself to consider it seriously. Ben Tillman 'knew' of Cole Blease. It is unthinkable and were I to answer it seriously I should be convicted in the minds of all sensible people in South Carolina of the charge of feebleness of mind.

Whether my mind is feeble or not I shall judge for myself. I shall wish to have it to any jury in South Carolina. Bleasites or others, whether Ben Tillman is feebled in mind or the Blease is crazy."

After disposing of the Governor's charges against him, Senator Tillman then makes charges against the Governor, among others that Blease, who in six years has pardoned or paroled more than 100 convicts, dispenses clemency through "pardon brokers." Senator Tillman says:

"I have all information obtainable by me in this case, no man in South Carolina has presented an application for pardon unless one of his (Blease's) pardon-brokers has received a fee for it."

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ALBANY, Jan. 21.—Former Adjutant-General Verbeck tonight filed with the Sulzer commission of inquiry charges against the abandonment of the civil funds of the second battalion, Field Artillery, at the Gen. Gen. O'Ryan's command that organization. He urges the necessity of an investigation to ascertain whether the large amounts expended in the maintenance of officers at restaurants and in the purchase of cigars and liquor were for the benefit of the civil fund. It is also used in the attempt of Gen. O'Ryan to secure a salary of \$5,000 a year.

The majority of the orders of Gov. Sulzer, which General Verbeck ordered during the Dix-Verbeck-O'Ryan controversy, is questioned by Gen. Verbeck. He asked the commission of inquiry to look into this matter.

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Governor Talks of Claims for Reappointment of Republican Official.

JUSTICE IN JOB GIVING

No Right Left if Mere Change of Administration Is to Empty an Office.

THURSDAY, Jan. 21.—If men are to know that a mere change of administration is to empty an office, no matter how they have deserved to be appointed, there is not anything of justice or public right left. This statement toward appointments came at the conclusion of a hearing which gave this morning to delegates representing labor organizations in various parts of New Jersey.

They came to urge him to name John T. Cosgrove of Elizabeth as State Commissioner of Labor to succeed Lewis T. Bryan, a Republican, whose term is about to expire. Cosgrove is a Democrat and now serves as a member of the Employers Liability Commission.

Samuel Botterill, a member of the executive council of the State Brotherhood of Carpenters and Builders, was spokesman for the delegation and he advanced the claims of Cosgrove not only as a competent man with knowledge of the desires of union labor but also as a Democrat.

"May I say kindly," said Mr. Botterill, "that we demand that labor may be recognized in this instance?" Gov. Wilson replied:

"There is another side in the matter which must be taken into consideration in justice and in consideration of public service. Public office is not worth anything, gentlemen, if an entirely satisfactory fulfillment of the duties of an office does not entitle a man to consideration for reappointment. If men are to know that a mere change of administration is to empty an office, no matter how they have deserved to be reappointed, there is not anything of justice or public right left. I feel to the full extent of the argument you have made in favor of Mr. Cosgrove, but I haven't a clean slate to write on. If we were creating this office your arguments would be different. I am bound to consider the claim of a man who has devoted his life to the service of his country and order of spirit to the service of his people as well as to the service of his country as well as to the service of his people as well as to the service of his country."

While I shall be happy to consider the claim of Mr. Cosgrove I owe it to myself to say this. I think you want a little far to do not need to say to this company that I entirely recognize the aspirations of labor and that I entirely recognize the rights of labor, but as the responsible appointing officer I am bound to consider the name of a man who has made good in the eyes of the people and who has made good in the eyes of the people and who has made good in the eyes of the people."

The members of the delegation were somewhat taken aback by the plainness of the Governor's language and said a moment before Mr. Botterill said: "Would it not be justice and would it not be graceful?"

"Gracefulness is easy and justice is hard," replied the Governor. Mr. Botterill then said that he hoped the Governor would depart from the beaten path.

"The beaten path leads to scooping every office," said Gov. Wilson. Gov. Wilson's letter explaining that the commission is evidently a misunderstanding of his position regarding the proposed reappointment in the rotunda of the Capitol. It was reported to the committee that Mrs. Wilson and the daughters of the President-elect would take no part in such a reception.

"That is a mistake," wrote Gov. Wilson. "If the reception is held they will of course be there with me. I have merely asked that they be excused from the handshaking, because it would be a pretty hard job for them to stand all afternoon and do that."

When it was mentioned that the "turkey trot," the "grizzly bear," the "bunny hug" and other terphichorean vagaries were being ascribed as in part responsible for the abandonment of the inaugural ball the Governor said: "There is not a word of truth in it. My reasons for asking that no ball be held were clearly set forth in my letter."

Gov. Wilson has no regrets over the fact that the inaugural committee has decided finally to give up the ball. He said today:

"I am glad to hear it. I am glad to have been the instrument through which the elimination of that institution was accomplished."

Dudley Field Malone, who has been

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