

# NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

## Uplift Plan Among Girl Workers Fails



at the contemplation of such a wondrous opportunity to be improved and struck speechless at the thought of having such great ladies take an interest in them, decided that it would be necessary to give the bureau girls some special opportunities to get used to the overpowering thought. So it was proposed that some of the young women should be invited to visit some of the benefactresses in the homes of the latter and learn how it was all done, observe the method of eating ice cream with a fork and taking soup out of the side of the spoon, and such like correct little wrinkles.

Somehow this didn't much appeal to the girls, either; they rather opined that their table manners were good enough, and didn't feel the need of being further impressed with the splendor of being patronized by ladies who used gold dinner services.

But the federation committee worked away earnestly, and finally the explosion came. The committee found 50 of the women in the bureau would have to be dropped out of the service before the moral average would be raised to the point where contact with the federated benefactresses could be established at all.

That settled it. Every woman and girl in the bureau resolved herself into an indignation meeting. It was what all had been expecting, they declared. Those society women who wanted to convert working women into butterflies, of course, couldn't understand. Why should they be expected to? They had meant well enough, but really they could hardly be commended for tact and diplomacy.

## Agricultural Experts Make Discovery



pecially prevalent in the newer dairying sections of the middle west. In one region this trouble occurs so frequently that it is spoken of among commission men as the fishy belt.

"The immediate cause is generally ascribed to the presence of trimethylamin in the butter," continued the experts, so the sleuths got on the track of this and found it "not guilty." Next they tackled old nactis, and this, too, proved an alibi. Then they inoculated the butter with the third suspect, bacterium lactis aerogenes, and it, too, was proved innocent. The bulletin finally concludes that the cause is as about as follows, to-wit: "Fishy favor is caused by a slow, spontaneous chemical change, to which acid is essential, and which is favored by the presence of small amounts of oxygen. Its immediate cause is a particular substance produced by the oxidation of one of the combinations of the acid developed in the ripening of the cream. The substance oxidized may be the result of a hydrolysis of the cream."

And here is the climax: "The remedy: Fishy favor may be prevented with certainty by making butter from pasteurized sweet cream."

## Secretary Latta Startles Congressmen



ident came off; but Mr. Latta suddenly lost his voice and had a hard time unloading his impedimenta and the proper formal speech. He managed to get through it, and in time—by reason, of course, of the constant practice during the Roosevelt administration—acquired a commendable nonchalance about it.

But he never dreamed of appearing in any other costume than the long and dignified black frock coat of statesmanship. It was supposed that garb was as necessary for him as the flowing robes of black which add something to the terror with which the supreme court judges inspire a lawyer appearing before them for the first time. What, therefore, was the astonishment when he appeared the other day in a natty sack suit and delivered his message with the ease of a telegraph boy with a message?

One explanation offered is that Mr. Latta has to make the trip so seldom nowadays that he can't arrange always to have the long skirted coat handy.

## Aldrich to Quit Senate at End of Term



known. While the tariff bill is under consideration, the financial legislation, in charge of the national monetary commission, is making little apparent progress, although considerable work is being done by experts employed by the commission to gather data for its use.

Next autumn Mr. Aldrich will make a trip through the country, delivering a number of speeches, or addresses, as he prefers to call them, explaining the work of the monetary commission, its plans for the reorganization of the monetary system, consulting with bankers and business men and explaining his views.

Early this year Mr. Aldrich addressed a chosen audience at the home of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler on this subject. In the autumn he will visit Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and probably other financial centers, where he will address like audiences on the subject.

# PRESIDENT TAFT ATTENDS CHARLOTTE CELEBRATION

Three Days' Carnival in the North Carolina City Marks the Anniversary of the Famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Charlotte, N. C.—With three days of military drills, band concerts, speeches, athletic contests and other kinds of entertainment, the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration has been celebrated, and all North Carolina is happy in the knowledge that its pet legend has been recognized by the president of the United States; for Mr. Taft gave the occasion the official sanction of his presence and was the chief feature of the celebration.

The carnival began Tuesday noon when the Charlotte fire companies gave an exhibition of their skill and speed. At three o'clock there was a drill by a body of United States cavalry and a band concert at the fair grounds, followed by a league ball game. The evening was given up to a drill by the Charlotte drum corps and a concert by three bands.

Wednesday was designated as governors' day and the main event was the delivery of addresses by Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina and the chief executives of several other states, at the fair ground. These were preceded by a big athletic meet and followed by a cavalry drill, military maneuvers and band concerts, with another ball game thrown in for good measure.

Two events made the evening notable. The first was a May musical festival at the Auditorium which enlisted the services of a number of excellent soloists and a large and well trained chorus. The second was an illuminated parade given by the Order of Red Men.



President Taft.

President Taft Arrives. Just at ten o'clock Wednesday morning the booming of a 21-gun salute by the Charlotte artillery notified the people that President Taft had arrived on his special train. Nearly all the inhabitants and the thousands of visitors were at the station, and as Mr. and Mrs. Taft alighted from their car they were greeted with a mighty roar of applause. A special reception committee took the distinguished guests in charge and conducted them to the Selwyn hotel, where they were welcomed by Gov. Kitchin, Senators Simmons and Overman and the mayor of Charlotte.

After meeting all the committeemen and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Taft, together with Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, the governor and mayor and other distinguished visitors, were escorted by a guard of old soldiers to a reviewing stand and witnessed a great parade of all the military and civic organizations that could take part in the celebration.

Mr. Taft Speaks Twice. A second installment of the music festival in the Auditorium was graced by the presence of the city's guests, and then all returned to the reviewing stand, where President Taft delivered an address. His words were listened to with close attention and frequently elicited loud applause.

Later in the afternoon the president made a speech to the colored people and the students of Biddle university. From 8 to 9:30 in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Taft held a public reception in the parlors of the Selwyn hotel and shook hands with thousands of people.

Military drills, band concerts and other entertainments were provided for the crowds all Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the great celebration closed in a blaze of glory.

Old Controversy Renewed. The people of North Carolina, whose proudest boast has been that their ancestors were the first Americans to throw off the yoke of British rule, now rejoice in the feeling that President Taft has recognized the justice of their claim, but the century-old controversy has broken out afresh. Many historians refuse to accord to the pioneers of Mecklenburg county the honor that is thus accorded them. These historians allude to the story as "the Mecklenburg myth," and thereby arouse the anger of North Carolinians.

According to those unbiased investigators who have looked most deeply into the matter, the Mecklenburgers did hold a public meeting on May 21, 1775, and did adopt resolutions

quite abreast of the public sentiment of that time, but not venturing on the field of independence further than to say that these resolutions were to remain in force till Great Britain resigned its pretensions. In 1793, or earlier, some of the actors in the proceeding endeavored to supply the record from memory, unconsciously intermingling some of the phraseology of the Declaration of July 4, which gave the resolution the tone of a pronounced independency. Probably through another dimness of memory, they affixed the date of May 20, 1775, to them.

Case for Mecklenburgers. The case for the Mecklenburgers is set forth as follows: In 1818 there arose a great rivalry between Massachusetts and Virginia as to which commonwealth should receive the credit for the Philadelphia document, and the controversy was brought up in congress. It was at this time that Davidson, a representative in congress from North Carolina, announced that Mecklenburg county had declared her independence 13 months before the promulgation of the document in Philadelphia.

While the statement created some surprise it resulted in an investigation into the facts as to the Mecklenburg declaration. This inquiry was made by Nathaniel Macon, who presented North Carolina in the senate, and through Gen. Joseph Graham and Representative Davidson, Senator Macon received from Dr. Joseph McKnitt Alexander, the son of John McKnitt Alexander, a full account of "the event," which Dr. Alexander said he had "copied from papers left by his father." This statement, which included the May 20th declaration, Senator Macon sent to Raleigh, N. C., and it was published in the Register on Friday, April 30, 1819.

Dr. Alexander's Story. Dr. Alexander related at length how the farmers of Mecklenburg county in the spring of 1775 had called a convention to be composed of two delegates from each settlement in the county to meet May 19 to devise means for the assistance of the "suffering people of Boston and to extricate themselves from the impending storm." "Official news, by express, arrived of the battle of Lexington," according to Dr. Alexander's report to Senator Macon, and the influence of the news from Lexington, he added, resulted in the unanimous adoption of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence.

The declaration, as written by Dr. Bravard, and approved by the convention on May 20, 1775, reads:

"1. Resolved, That whoever directly or indirectly abetted or in any way, form or manner countenanced the unchartered and dangerous invasion of our rights, as claimed by Great Britain, is an enemy to this country—America—and to the inherent and inalienable rights of man.

"2. Resolved, That we, the citizens of Mecklenburg county, do hereby dissolve the political bands which have connected us to the mother country, and hereby absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British crown and abjure all political connection, contract or association with that nation, who have wantonly trampled on our rights and liberties and inhumanly shed the innocent blood of American patriots at Lexington.

Declared Themselves Free. "3. Resolved, That we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people, are, and of right ought to be, a sovereign and self-governing association under the control of no power other than that of our God and the general government of the congress to the maintenance of which independence we solemnly pledge to each other our mutual co-operation, our lives, our fortunes and our most sacred honor.

"4. Resolved, That as we now acknowledge the existence and control of no law or legal officer, civil or military, within this county, we do hereby ordain and adopt, as a rule of life, each and every one of our former laws, wherein, nevertheless, the crown of Great Britain never can be considered as holding privileges, immunities or authority therein.

"5. Resolved, That it is also further decreed that all, each and every military officer in this county is hereby reinstated in his former command and authority, he acting conformably to these regulations. And that every member present of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer, viz., a justice of the peace, in the character of a 'committeeman,' to issue process, hear and determine all matters of controversy, according to said adopted laws, and to preserve peace and union and harmony in said county, and to use every exertion to spread the love of the country and fire of freedom throughout America, until a more general and organized government be established in this province."

Blessings of a Diet. Nowadays it's a godsend for a man to get rheumatism. Instead of filling him up with salicylic acid, iodine of potash and other atrocities to tear out his insides, intelligent physicians put him on a diet. When they cure him of being a hog they cure him of his rheumatism and everything else from a murderous liver to the disposition of a head.—New York Press.

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