

SENATOR TILLMAN DECLINES

Will Not Attend Luncheon to President Taft in Columbia.—Not His Idea of Hospitality.

The State, 24th.

The State last night received the following copies of letters from Senator B. R. Tillman, the first having written across the blank space at the bottom these words, "This is for publication if you see fit. B. R. T."

Secretary's Office,
Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 22, 1909.
Hon. B. R. Tillman, Trenton, S. C.

Dear Sir: In order that the committee in charge of the arrangements for the visit of President Taft may complete plans now pending, will you kindly inform this office if you will be present on that occasion and if you expect to attend the luncheon to be given in his honor.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) C. W. Moorman,
Secretary.

United States Senate.

Trenton, S. C., Oct. 22, 1909.
Mr. C. W. Moorman, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Columbia, S. C.
Dear Sir: I have your letter of October 22. I replied yesterday to a previous letter explaining the situation in regard to my acting on the reception committee on November 6, and I await your answer to that before deciding whether I will go to Columbia at all or not.

As for attending the luncheon, I received an invitation some days ago, signed James A. Hoyt, to attend the luncheon accompanied with an invitation to send a check for \$10. This may be a new way of conducting entertainments in South Carolina that will find favor in the future, but it is wholly contrary to all ideas of courtesy and self-respecting hospitality that I have ever heard of in the State, and I do not propose to lend any aid or countenance to it. If the city of Columbia is too poor to entertain the president decently it ought not to attempt it; if it wants to ask contributions from outsiders, that is a different thing; if it wants outsiders to bear the expenses and insiders enjoy the glory, that is another thing. I have known Mr. Taft very pleasantly some eight or ten years, and I have dined with him quite often, both as a guest and as a host, and I do not feel like encouraging the departure from South Carolina's reputation for decency and hospitality which this transaction involves. I did not respond to Mr. Hoyt's invitation, but treated it with silent contempt. But inasmuch as you have asked the point blank question, and it seems to be the official scheme to ask men to meet the president and have them pay the expenses, I tell you emphatically: No, I will not attend the luncheon.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) B. R. Tillman.

What a Member of Committee Says.

The central committee, arranging for the reception here of President Taft, consists of Gov. Ansel, Mayor Reamer and Wm. E. Gonzales. The governor is out of the city, and Mr. Gonzales was late last night called up at his residence. Senator Tillman's letter was read to him over the telephone, and he was asked for a statement of the committee's position.

"The committee will engage in no discussion of this matter," he said, "until the guest of honor on November 6 has come and gone. Columbia will welcome the president, but Columbia is not assuming to be his host at luncheon. The identical invitation was sent by the Chairman of the invitation committee to Senator Tillman as was sent to the governor and the other members of the central committee. There is no 'free pass' for the hosts; the deadhead list is suspended.

"The letter from Secretary Moorman, to which Senator Tillman has made this answer, was sent at the direction of the central committee for the excellent reason that the committee, in recognition of his official position, planned to have Senator Tillman accompany one of the president's party in an automobile and act as his escort into luncheon, and it could not perfect its arrangement until it knew whether Mr. Tillman would be present. His right to decide is unquestioned, and the declaration will cause no embarrassment whatever.

"Neither the people of Columbia nor the people of South Carolina who cherish the honor of city and State need have any fear that in the entertainment of Mr. Taft in Columbia there will be lacking dignity, good taste or evidence of good breeding."

The State yesterday (Saturday) morning contained the following editorial, setting forth the relation of Columbia to the entertainment:

The Coming of the President.

President Taft will visit Columbia on November 6 and will upon that day break bread with his entertainers, the citizens of South Carolina, in the State house.

Almost to the day 117 years and six months before, George Washington, serving his first term as the first president of the United States, came to Columbia and dined in the State house with his South Carolina entertainers.

Other presidents have "passed through" Columbia, but during that period of more than a century no other president of the United States has been a guest within the gates of South Carolina's capital. It may be said, therefore, that the visit of Mr. Taft will be an "event" as unusual as it could well be.

There is a feature of the president's entertainment at luncheon which may also have marked the hospitality extended to President Washington, although there are probably no records extant to shed light upon that earlier dinner. While President Taft will come to Columbia at the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce, in which the municipality, through its council, and the State, through the governor, joined his entertainment will not be an "official" function. Nominally the guest of the State and the city, his real hosts will be certain citizens of Columbia and certain other citizens of the State of South Carolina.

Statement by Chairman Hoyt.

When shown Senator Tillman's statement last night, Mr. James A. Hoyt, chairman of the invitation committee, said:

"I would be delighted to assume entire responsibility for the whole matter, but in justice to the central committee I have to say that in all its actions the invitation committee has been guided by the instructions of the central committee, consisting of Gov. Ansel, representing the State of South Carolina; Mayor Reamer, representing the city of Columbia; and Mr. William E. Gonzales, representing the Chamber of Commerce. These instructions were that no complimentary tickets were to be issued whatever. The letter accompanying the invitations was sent with every invitation, including that sent to Gov. Ansel himself who promptly responded with his check for \$10 and received ticket No. 2.

"Personally I regret that the committee of which I have the honor to be chairman is unable to set aside any choice quarter section seats at the Taft luncheon gratis for our Chesterfieldian senior senator."

Many South Carolinians have accepted the invitations to participate in the entertainment of President Taft at the luncheon.

As a matter of fact, the responses from out-of-town people have been

proportionately much larger in number than from Columbians and the attendance on the banquet insures that it will not be local but a State affair, which it is intended to be, since it is to be given in the State capitol, as well as in the capital city.

The Invitation.

The following is a copy of the invitation sent to Senator Tillman and others asked to participate in the luncheon:

"Columbia, S. C., Oct. 9, 1909.

"Dear Sir: It gives us much pleasure to extend to you an invitation to the luncheon given in honor of the president of the United States on his visit to Columbia, Saturday, November 6. The number of plates is limited to 300 and we are compelled to ask that, if you find it possible to attend you will let us know by October 22, or earlier. No tickets will be issued after that day, and tickets will be issued in order of responses received, up to 300. If you will return this letter, together with your check for \$10, by that date, October 22, a card of admission will be at once sent you. There are no complimentary tickets and no tickets will be reserved.

"Very cordially

"James A. Hoyt.

"Chairman Invitation Committee.

"To.....

".....

"South Carolina."

From Newberry.

In the list of those who accepted the invitation are the following from Newberry:

President J. H. Harms and Prof. S. J. Derrick from Newberry College; Hon. Geo. S. Mower, Dr. Geo. B. Cromer, Dr. O. B. Mayer, Hon. Geo. Johnstone, Mr. William Coleman.

"The Lion and The Mouse."

In the struggle between "Ready Money" Ryder, financial king and Shirley Rossmore, the daughter of the man whom he has intrigued against and who is in love with Ryder's son, Charles Klein has in "The Lion and the Mouse" brought about complications that furnish excellent dramatic material and that give rise to dramatic scenes of an intensity and appeal such as have not been witnessed on the stage in recent years. For the interpretation of its principal characters Mr. Harris shows much wisdom in the selection of an especially fine cast to interpret the play which is worthy in every way of the best actors. The date announced for this production is Monday, October 25.

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(Signed) A. W. McALISTER, President.

SEE WHAT STATE OFFICIALS WRITE:

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Raleigh, March 10th, 1909.

Mr. W. A. McSwain, Newberry, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 9th inst., I would say: The Southern Life & Trust Co., of Greensboro, is chartered in this State and licensed by this department and is considered SAFE and SOUND.

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Yours very truly,

(Signed) JAMES R. YOUNG,

Insurance Commissioner

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia, March 10th, 1909.

Mr. W. A. McSwain, Newberry, S. C.

Dear Sir:

I should say that the Southern Life & Trust Co., of Greensboro, was WORTHY OF CONFIDENCE. By the annual statement for the year ending 1908, now before me, it shows total assets of about \$675,000.00 and surplus to policy holders of capital \$300,000.00 and surplus of \$130,152.00.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) F. H. McMASTER,

Insurance Commissioner.

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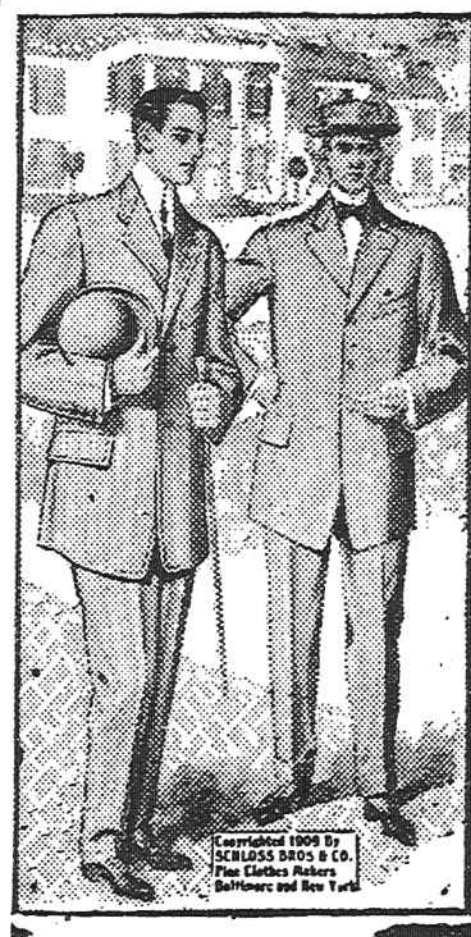
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