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AN ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY.

Our readers will remember that Don Caffery of St. Mary, formerly a witness in Mr. Sanders' behalf in "refuting" what Mr. Sanders termed "campaign slanders," submitted in a public speech at Donaldsonville certain specific accusations against Mr. Sanders himself.

These Mr. Sanders subsequently denounced as "false and contemptible." What immediately followed is a matter of history, but Mr. Caffery in an address before a large audience in Washington Artillery Hall, New Orleans, reiterated the accusations in detail, submitting at the same time numerous letters, records, etc., to sustain his charges.

Immediately Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Sanders' campaign manager, pleads a suspension of public criticism and public judgment until Mr. Sanders can answer the accusations, which Mr. Estopinal promised the public for his principal.

The duty of this reply is assumed by a Doctor Sanders, a brother to the Lieutenant Governor, who, for his client, admits Don Caffery's accusations one and all, and then proceeds to the task of a laborious explanation covering five printed pages of an ordinary newspaper!

What a miserable attitude is this, in which Mr. Sanders permits his representatives to place him! He denied in toto these accusations as false and contemptible, and when driven to bay he admits them to be true, but pleads justification and mitigation!

Truly the efforts and ways of a crooked politician are devious!

LINING UP.

Real Democracy is going to have a chance at last, as it is now conceded that Mr. Bryan will lead the party from this time on. Even Watterson of the Courier-Journal gives it up and applauds the Nebraska in these words: "It can not be denied that Mr. Bryan has made a steadfast fight, that he is a clean, typical American, that his following is compact and enthusiastic, and that even among the masses of the Republicans he is as so many political assets at a time when the public mind is so unfixe and variable, party lines and discipline so loose, and the popular mood and tense so impressionable."

Continuing, the colonel says that it is idle to dispute his leadership, and calls upon Democrat to close up. Only a few days ago the Washington Herald, a paper not friendly to Mr. Bryan, tells the secret of his popularity with the masses. Says the Herald: "With all his shortcomings, political and his career, like Roosevelt's, is characterized by political shortcomings—the people believe in him, respect him, and give implicit faith to him, if not to all his theories. The rank and file of the party trust his leadership—trust it as they have trusted no other leadership in more than two decades. And it is the candid opinion of this newspaper that, in the forthcoming presidential race, if Roosevelt persists in eliminating himself, Bryan will have a magnificent opportunity to reach the goal. His strength is indefinitely greater than that of any other Democrat—North or South."

ANOTHER WAY.

This is the way the esteemed but organized Winnfield Sentinel puts darkness on its people: "The most remarkable proposition that has occurred during this campaign is the charge made by Don Caffery Jr., the ex-Republican candidate for Governor, against Lieutenant Governor Sanders, which was denounced by Mr. Sanders as false and contemptible, after which Caffery made a bluff by offering to challenge Mr. Sanders, which Mr. Sanders called. Then Mr. Caffery, the Republican guardian of the Democratic party, proposed to produce the proof of his charge. What do we get? A statement made out by a disgruntled and discharged employe."

Now, Mr. Caffery produced such proof that ex-Republican Estopinal, Sanders' campaign manager, asked a suspension of public opinion until Sanders (not the Sentinel and his other organs) could answer. The proof was court records, court decisions, the sheriff's books and Mr. Sanders' own notations! Get the record straight.

Mr. Sanders' brother has replied to Don Caffery's charges. "Replied," mind you, not answered.

During the coming impertinence of the question, but when will Mr. Sanders answer Caffery?

GAME NEAR DROWNING.

Mrs. Taft and Other Persons Had Close Call.

BILLOWS GRAPPLE CRAFT.

Tender Conveying Passengers to the President Grant From Boulogne Hit by Heavy Sea and All but Sent to the Bottom of the Deep.

London, Dec. 10.—A wireless telegram from the steamer President Grant, in the English channel, flashed this information:

Mrs. Taft, wife of the American secretary of war, joined her husband on board the steamer at an early hour Monday morning off Boulogne. On the trip out of the harbor on a tender the party had an exceedingly narrow escape from wreck. Mrs. Taft, Mrs. George Wheeler, wife of the second secretary of the American embassy at Tokyo and other passengers on the President Grant boarded the tender Holland Sunday night within the harbor works at Boulogne. Very heavy seas were running. The Holland was caught in one. A great wave broke her rudder and the small tender drifted in darkness. She was tossed about like a cork and rolled almost on her beam ends. There was danger of capsizing or being dashed on rocks. The passengers were thrown about in every direction. Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Wheeler were crouching in the captain's cabin when some fixtures above them came down with a crash. Fortunately they were not injured. Near the lighthouse the Holland managed to get a grip with her anchor and this improved the situation. Repairs were hurriedly made. The President Grant came in at 3 o'clock and the passengers from the tender was transferred without further incident.

ALL SHUT DOWN.

New Yorkers Paraded Streets or Strolled In the Parks.

New York, Dec. 10.—New York's blue Sunday will be remembered for a long time. For the first time in the history of this city 350,000 people, who usually attend some form of amusement on that day, were forced to amuse themselves by walking on the streets or in the parks. There was not a theater, a concert hall, dance hall or lecture hall open in the city. The 400 penny and nickel arcades, that usually do an enormous business on Sunday, were closed. Even donkeys that carry children on their backs for a small fee in Central park rested. It is estimated that actors, musicians and employes of various entertainments that usually open on Sundays lost \$75,000 by forced closing of every amusement in the city was \$150,000.

The board of aldermen will meet and remove the cause of the difficulty in so far as it is possible for it to do so. It is thought conditions next Sunday will be considerably improved from the view point of amusement seekers.

COTTON GINNED.

Census Bureau Has Issued Bulletin Up to First of This Month.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The census bureau has issued a bulletin showing the total cotton crop of this year's growth ginned up to Dec. 1 to be 8,338,854 bales as compared with 10,027,868 bales for the same period last year and 8,639,663 in 1905. Ginneries in operation numbered 26,876. In this bulletin round bales are counted as half bales. The statistics of cotton ginned up to Dec. 1 include 154,341 round bales for 1907, 227,145 for 1906 and 239,770 for 1905 and 81,695 for 1905. Distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1907 by states is: Florida, 19,696; Georgia, 27,738; South Carolina, 7,707.

There were ginned 7,300,665 bales to Nov. 1 last. The percentage of the crop ginned up to Dec. 1, 1906, was 77.20 and in 1905, 82.8.

Bills by Texas Congressmen.

Washington, Dec. 10.—In the house Mr. Cooper introduced a bill detaching Shelby county from the Tyler division of the Federal court and attaching it to the Beaumont division; also a bill making Sabine Pass a port of entry. Mr. Sherman introduced a bill providing for amendment for violating the anti-trust law; also a bill to improve the method of distributing government lands; also a bill for world competition in devices to prevent railroad wrecks.

Cyclists Collide.

New York, Dec. 10.—During a terrific sprint in the sixth hour of the International six-day cycle race Harry Reynolds and James Benyon, Irish-English team, in relieving each other collided and both were so painfully injured they were unable to continue. Reynolds is suffering from a severe contusion of the forearm and Benyon bruised about the body and lower limbs.

R. E. Lee Promoted.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 10.—Robert E. Lee, chief clerk of the general passenger agent, has been appointed assistant passenger and ticket agent of the International and Great Northern railway in place of George D. Hunter, who has left for New York to be the eastern passenger and freight agent of the Texas railroad.

Depository at Greenville.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Cortelyou, at the request of Congressman Randall, made the Commercial National bank of Greenville a government depository.

MASONS WOUNDED.

Baptist Clergyman, Mother and Wife Are Shot.

Cleburne, Tex., Dec. 10.—Just as Rev. W. E. Mason, pastor of the East Henderson Street Baptist church, his wife and mother got out of their buggy Saturday night after attending revival services, a man approached Mr. Mason and fired at him twice. One bullet struck the clergyman below an ear, ranging around the skull and coming out. A second one hit him over the heart, but some object prevented it entering. A third bullet struck Mr. Mason's wife two inches below the left nipple, causing what physicians said would prove a mortal wound. Mrs. E. C. Mason, mother of the minister, was shot in the left side of the face, causing an ugly wound. A. M. Morgan, who came to the Masons' assistance, was fired at and returned the shot, both missing. The man doing the shooting fled.

After the injured parties were taken to the house, and while half a dozen physicians were ministering to them the telephone rang. A girl responded. A man asked "how many he had killed." The miss, in fright, dropped the receiver.

While bandaged the Rev. Mr. Mason stated that Curtis, his brother, did the deeds. He said his brother, some days ago, had tried to borrow some money from him, and it was unable to comply. It is alleged the brother is mentally deranged.

The whole country is bowed with grief, for King Oscar was something more than a ruler of his people, and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace was dipped to half mast there was a moan of an-

MINES CATCH FIRE.

Fifty-Three Corpses Brought Up to the Surface on Sunday.

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 10.—Fire broke out Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in mines and 9, stopping efforts to bring to the surface the bodies remaining under ground. Up to that time fifty-three corpses had been taken out. Fairmont Coal company estimates the dead at 391, but citizens say the fatalities far exceed that number. Mayor Moore has issued an appeal for aid to the people of West Virginia.

There were a number of funerals Sunday, and the attendant scenes were truly pitiable.

A majority of Sunday's funerals were held from the little Polish Catholic church, located between the two mines, where three priests officiated. The clergy refrained from making any reference to the catastrophe, and the commitment services at the grave were as short as possible. There were no carriages and no flowers.

Many women believe their husbands or sons will be still found alive, and refuse to leave the vicinity of the mine. When bodies are carried from the mine these women become almost insane. One woman overheard a man say that most of the bodies were badly mutilated. With a piercing cry she fell to the ground and was carried to her home nearby. Sunday night she was still in bed.

An American woman who lost her husband refuses to believe he is dead. She has put clean linen on his bed, and insists that he will be brought to her. "I know he is injured, and nobody can take care of him like I can," she says. She prepares his meals regularly, neighbors say, as she has done for years, thinking he may return at any moment.

JAGUAR ATTACKS BOY.

Powerful Animal Tears the Arms of a Mexican Lad Terrific.

San Antonio, Dec. 10.—Felipe Jimenez was attacked and badly wounded by a jaguar at the Lyric theater. The house was crowded. The boy was standing near the animal's cage when the jaguar reached his paw through the bars and caught the boy's arm. The powerful claws literally tore away the biceps. The boy screamed loudly, and as he jerked away from the animal his body was covered with blood. He fainted from pain, fright and loss of blood. The attack frightened women in the audience very much, and one or two fainted. Jimenez was employed by the man doing the animal act, and was allowed inside the barriers. He had been warned repeatedly not to get close to the jaguar's cage, as the animal was known to be vicious.

PRELATE LOW.

Bishop Forrest is Critically Ill at San Antonio Hospital.

San Antonio, Dec. 10.—Bishop Forrest is critically ill at the Santa Rosa hospital. His physicians say there is little hope for his recovery. Prayers for his restoration to health were offered in every Catholic church in this city Sunday morning. Bishop Forrest is greatly beloved in southwest Texas, where his life's labors have been spent.

Passenger Has Smallpox.

Victoria, Tex., Dec. 10.—A passenger train from San Antonio was detained here several hours and thoroughly fumigated on account of a passenger having smallpox. The passenger was a white man from San Antonio, and was detained at Placedo, four ten miles south.

Assailant Slain.

Cameron, Tex., Dec. 10.—While officers were attempting to quell a disturbance in a negro restaurant a Mexican attacked City Marshal Hooks ruttling his coat and collar. Another officer killed the Mexican. Constable Huffman was placed under \$200 bond.

Bank Reopens.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 10.—The Kliff State bank of Kildars, which closed its doors following the suspension of the National Bank of Commerce in Kansas City, has reopened. The owners ascertained that they were able to resume business in good condition.

KING OSCAR NO MORE.

Aged Monarch of Sweden Has Departed This Life.

RULER OF MUCH ABILITY.

Gigantic In Stature and Most Democratic In Disposition, Never Existed There a Potentate More Esteemed by His Subjects.

Stockholm, Dec. 10.—Oscar II, king of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning. The death of the venerable monarch occurred in the royal apartment of the palace where, surrounded by members of his family, including Queen Sophia and the crown prince, Oscar Gustave, and high ministers of state, the inevitable end had been awaited, while outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads and tearful eyes long after the announcement came of the death of their well-loved sovereign.

The whole country is bowed with grief, for King Oscar was something more than a ruler of his people, and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace was dipped to half mast there was a moan of an-

gush from the assembled multitude, and many of them cried: "Oh, our dear old king is dead!" King Oscar was the most democratic ruler that ever lived. Oscar II, king of Sweden, and previous to 1905 king of Sweden and Norway, was born Jan. 21, 1829. He was the third son of King Charles XIV. of Queen Josephine, daughter of Prince Eugene of Leuchtenburg, and grandson of Marshal Bernadotte. Oscar II succeeded to the throne at the death of his brother, King Carl XV., Sept. 18, 1872. He was married June 6, 1857, to Queen Sophia, born July 9, 1836, daughter of the late Duke William of Nassau. Four children survive King Oscar—Crown Prince Gustave, born June 13, 1858; Prince Oscar, born Nov. 15, 1859; Prince Carl, born Feb. 27, 1861; and Prince Eugene, born Aug. 1, 1865.

He never made any attempt to conceal the humble origin of his family, and whenever he traveled to the south of France he made it a point to visit the little house at Pau, where his grandfather was born. A tablet over the door of the little one-story house bears this inscription: "The peasant, Charles Bernadotte, who subsequently rose to be field marshal of France and ultimately King Charles XIV. of Sweden and Norway, was born in this cottage in 1762."

In appearance, however, King Oscar was every inch a king, and there is no sovereign in the world who was more stately and more regal in bearing than he was. In height King Oscar stood six feet two inches, taller than most of his subjects who, as a rule, are tall men. His eyes were blue, distinctive of his race.

Prince Gustave, who took the oath as king in the afternoon, was married Sept. 20, 1881, to Princess Victoria of Baden-Baden. Their eldest son, Prince Gustave, was married June 15, 1905, to Princess Margaret Victoria of Norway. Prince Oscar renounced his succession to the throne and married March 15, 1888, Ebba Mneek, of Fulke Lia. In the years 1892 and 1893 the late King Oscar steadfastly opposed the preparations of the Norwegian parliament for a separate consular service which led to Norway Oct. 26, 1905, declaring the union of Sweden and Norway dissolved.

The new king most resembles his father in gigantic stature and in light Saxon blonde features. The young monarch is not unused to the affairs of state, as he has frequently acted as regent during the illness and absence of his father.

Marshal Killed by Negro.

Midville, Ga., Dec. 10.—Marshal Brinson was shot and killed by a negro whom he had reproved and summoned to appear in court. He was shot three times. The negro fled to the swamps.

Demise of Aged Divine.

Dublin, Tex., Dec. 10.—Rev. E. A. Bailey, a superannuated Methodist clergyman, died here.

Howard Acquitted.

Waco, Dec. 10.—John Howard, charged with criminally assaulting his fifteen-year-old niece, Lillian Matthews, at Mart, was acquitted.

Soon Settled.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Coalition parties will support Chancellor von Buelow.

MINERS PROTEST.

Western Federation Issues Statement About Goldfield.

Denver, Dec. 10.—The executive board of the Western Federation of Miners issued the following statement concerning the present controversy between the Goldfield Mine Owners' association and the Goldfield Miners' union:

"On Dec. 6 President Roosevelt issued a proclamation ordering Federal troops to Goldfield, Nev., ostensibly for the purpose of protecting life and property. That there was ever any danger to personal property is emphatically denied by officers of Esmeralda county and by the merchants and citizens of Goldfield. The only reason for the present trouble was the decision of the mine owners to force upon the miners a scrip that would not be taken at par by the railroad companies, the Well-Fargo Express company, the stores or boarding houses.

"Neither would the mine owners agree to guarantee that they would redeem this scrip at any time in the future.

In refusing to accept this worthless scrip in exchange of their hard labor, the miners of Goldfield are taking a manly stand against the usurpation of governmental functions by unreliable banking firms which assume the right to set aside the legal money of the nation.

"We desire to call the attention of the American people to the disaster at Monongah, W. Va., where 500 coal miners were murdered by the capitalist system in its greed for profits. Had President Roosevelt been as anxious to enforce the mining laws in West Virginia, had he considered as well the protection of the lives of those miners by demanding the mine owners to safeguard their employes against unnecessary dangers as he is to send the regular army to crush an organization whose only aim is to better their condition and make happier the lives of the working class, 500 blackened corpses would not today be laid upon the altar of greed at Monongah, W. Va., around which weep widowed wives and orphan children.

"We protest against this action of President Roosevelt, knowing that he was animated by personal hatred against the Western Federation of Miners and its officers. The moving of troops on a peaceable community must be regarded at least as hasty and ill advised, and we call upon the working class of the country to protest against this unprecedented action of mimic warfare."

Fireman Fatally Hurt.

Montgomery, Dec. 10.—A half closed switch caused a Louisville and Nashville passenger train to be wrecked in the yards here. Tom Loving, the negro fireman, was fatally injured and three mail clerks badly cut and bruised. The engine hit a train of loaded cars that caught over.

Peary President.

New York, Dec. 9.—Commander Robert E. Peary was elected president of the Explorers' club at its annual meeting, but was unable to be present owing to a sharp attack of quinsy, which confined him to his bed.

Costa Rica Next Year.

City of Mexico, Dec. 10.—International Sanitary Conference of American Republics meets two years hence at San Jose, Costa Rica.

BREVITIES BUNCHED.

Galveston is to have a new theater—the Colonial. By 65 majority Miller county, Missouri, went dry. Herman Bulgerin of Seguin, Tex., fatally shot himself in the head. Official prohibition majority in Potter county, Texas, was sixteen.

Fifteen negroes, charged with gambling, were arrested Sunday at Dallas. Five miles west of Calvert, Tex., Bettie White, a negro girl, burned to death. C. E. Wheeler, a traveling salesman, was asphyxiated in an Oklahoma City bath room. Rev. Cyrus McCollom, fifty-seven years a Methodist clergyman, died at Sapulpa, Okla.

By a gas explosion in the Minnequa Steel works at Pueblo, Colo., five employes were killed. Upshur county, Texas, remains dry by about 400 majority. Every precinct but one went pro.

Forty employes in the car department of the Southern Pacific shops at Houston were laid off. Rube Waddell, the pitcher of the Philadelphia American Baseball league club, is wintering at Mobile.

In a runaway near Crawford, Tex., Mrs. Edward Nelson was killed. A husband and five children survive. Felix Ball of Oklahoma City, injured by Santa Fe train at Celeste, Tex., was taken to Dallas, where he died.

While hunting near Fayetteville, Ark., with a negro boy named Charles Vaughn, Earl Spencer, a white lad, was accidentally shot and killed. Two hundred and one indictments have been returned at Kansas City against theatrical managers and players charging Sunday law violation.

Elihu Root, Jr., of New York, son of the secretary of state, and Miss Alada Stryker, daughter of the president of Hamilton college, Clinton, were married on the 8th.

At Hannville, La., Nicoline Gehlbil and her brother, Leonordo, charged with complicity in the murder of little Walter Lamana of New Orleans, were given death sentence.

At 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning Mrs. Louisa Taft died at Milbury, Mass. Her late husband, Alphonso Taft, was secretary of war and attorney general in the Grant cabinet; also minister to Austria and Russia.

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ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up by J. C. Colo at Gilliam, La., and estrayed before the undersigned authority, one light red cow and calf, cow about 7 years old, calf one year old; cow marked crop off left ear, hole in right ear, split out. Owner will come forward, prove property and pay charges, or the same will be sold at Gilliam, La., on Saturday, December 14, 1907, as the law directs. F. B. HAYNES, Justice of the Peace, First Ward Caddo Parish, Louisiana. November 10.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up by Anthony Jackson about two miles south of Forbing and estrayed before me, the undersigned authority, one black jennet about 12 or 13 hands high, blind in right eye. The owner will come forward, prove property and pay cost, or the same will be sold at Forbing, La., on Saturday, December 14, 1907, at 12 o'clock m. W. B. DANIEL, Justice of the Peace Eighth Ward Caddo Parish, Louisiana. The Caucasian, Nov. 13, 1907.

VENIRE For the First District Court, Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana. For week commencing Monday, December 9, 1907: 3 Willis, T. W. 1 Atkins, C. H. 4 Yoast, J. W. 4 Cooper, W. C. 3 Attaway, R. 4 Galvin, M. C. 4 Billie, R. 5 Bryson, R. A. 4 Youngblood J. D. 4 Garrett, Geo. 2 Dell, Oscar. 2 Hill, J. W. 1 Germany, C. B. 8 Teacle, C. C. 3 McCain, E. L. 2 Crowe, D. 7 Norment, R. H. 4 Brown, A. P. 4 Pate, L. J. 4 Lide, D. M. 3 Kent, J. R. 1 Clements, L. 2 Pitts, A. L. 8 Robinson, W. H. 4 Coty, T. D. Jr. 4 Booher, Milo. 1 Graves, John V. 5 Vaughan, J. B. 2 Browning, J. D. 4 Jaquet, Emile. November 6, 1907. J. B. ARDIS, LEVI COOPER, F. H. GOSMAN, C. MONCURE, Jury Commissioners F. A. LEONARD, Clerk and ex-Officio Jury Commissioner. A true copy. F. A. LEONARD, Clerk. November 10.

SHERIFF'S SALE. No. 11,502.—In the First Judicial District Court in and for the Parish of Caddo, Louisiana: Wiener-Loc Grocery Company, Limited, vs. Steve Terry. By virtue of a writ of fieri facias to me issued from the Honorable First Judicial District Court of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in the above entitled and numbered suit, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction, for cash, according to law, without the benefit of appraisement, at the principal front door of the court house of Caddo Parish, Louisiana, during the legal hours for sales, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1907, Lot 18 of block 2 of the Currie Subdivision of the City of Shreveport, as per map in book 20, page 413, in the office of the clerk of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Said property seized and will be sold to satisfy the amount specified in the writ, say for the sum of \$75.00, with interest thereon from October 8, 1904, at the rate of 8 per cent per annum until paid, and all costs of suit. J. P. FLOURNOY, Sheriff. Caucasian, Nov. 12, 1907.

LIQUIDATION NOTICE. No. 10,257.—In First District Court, Parish of Caddo, State of Louisiana: R. Lee Richardson Printing Company, in Liquidation. Notice is hereby given that B. H. Lyons has this day filed his final account and tableau of debts in said liquidation, and unless opposition be made thereto within the time specified by law the same will be duly homologated as prayed for. Witness the Honorable A. J. Murff, judge of said court, this 16th day of November 1907. W. M. LEVY, Deputy Clerk. November 19.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up by I. W. Miller on the B. Cash estate, about two miles north of Caspiana, and estrayed before me the undersigned authority, one dark brown mare mule, about 15 hands high, white collar marks, also white saddle mark; no brands, 15 or 16 years old. The owner will come forward, prove property and pay cost, or the property will be sold at Caspiana on Saturday, December 28, 1907, at 12 o'clock m. W. B. DANIEL, Justice of the Peace Eighth Ward Caddo Parish, Louisiana. The Caucasian, Nov. 21, 1907.