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SUTHERLAND COMES TO THE DEFENSE OF REED SMOOT

Declares Colleague Has Lived Clean and Fought Polygamy.

BELIEVES IN THE HOME

House Passes Senate Bill to Prohibit Campaign Contributions.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Senator Sutherland today came to the defense of his colleague, Senator Smoot of Utah, defending his right to retain his seat in the United States senate.

Opposed Practice.
Smoot himself, said Sutherland, had always insisted that the practice of polygamy should be abandoned. He had never been a polygamist, and not a line of testimony could be found which indicated he had ever advocated polygamy.

His Life Clean.
He said Smoot's whole life had been clean and above reproach; that the demand of petitions that he should be removed from the senate in order that he might not, from that exalted place, make war upon the American home, had no justification whatever.

To Prohibit Contributions.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The senate bill to prohibit corporations from making contributions to campaign funds was passed by the house yesterday after a lively debate, in which the democrats landed on the republicans heavily. Williams of Mississippi, Robinson of Arkansas and Hardwick of Georgia took the lead in the attack, criticizing former Republican National Chairman Cortelyou for his alleged activity during the last presidential campaign in soliciting contributions from corporations.

Called Upon to Refund.

Mr. Hardwick called upon the republicans to refund to "widows and orphans" the \$48,000 contributed by the New York Life Insurance company, the facts of which were brought out in the recent insurance investigation in New York. He referred to Mr. McCall, late president of the company, and "Andy" Hamilton, who was said to have received money from insurance companies for use in politics. Mr. Sherman of New York put into the record that both of these men were democrats.

Mr. Williams declared it to be a still sadder commentary on the evil practices of the republican party, when it could go outside its own ranks "to corrupt."

Neither Give Nor Take.

The bill makes it unlawful for any national bank or any corporation organized by authority of any laws of congress to make a money contribution in connection with any election to any political office or for any corporation whatever to make a money contribution in connection with any election at which presidential and vice presidential electors or a representative in congress is to be voted for, or any election by any state legislature of a United States senator. One of the provisions added by the house makes such corporation, upon conviction, punishable by a fine of not exceeding \$1,000 and not less than \$250, or by imprisonment for a term of not more than one year or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Will Cut Pension Agencies.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Upon the recommendation of Commissioner of Pensions Warner the number of pension agencies probably will be reduced and an annual saving of \$104,500 effected.

The pension appropriation bill, as reported to the house yesterday, reduces the number of agencies from eighteen to nine. The offices abolished are those at Milwaukee, Detroit, Des Moines, New York, Pittsburg, Augusta, Me., Concord, Mass., Knoxville, Tenn., and Louisville, Ky.

Sell Chinese Children.

Washington, Jan. 22.—"Chinese boys and Chinese girls are sold in the San Francisco market every day like horses and mules," was one of the statements made by Representative McKinlay of California before the house committee on foreign affairs which is considering the Perkins bill to modify the Chinese exclusion act. Mr. McKinlay urged that only a few great companies, which brought such young Chinese to this country in practical slavery, would profit by any modifications of the exclusion act, and said the majority of Californians are opposed to any tampering with the present law.

Higgins Slowly Sinking.

Olean, N. Y., Jan. 22.—While former Governor Higgins passed a fairly comfortable night, he is slowly sinking.

FLOODS AT APEX

Crest in Ohio Reaches Louisville and Decline is Expected From Now On.

CAUSE OF MUCH SUFFERING

Levee on Wabash River Breaks Near Terre Haute and Several Towns Are Flooded.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 22.—Cheering information was given out by District Forecaster Walz this morning that the flood in the Ohio had reached its crest and that the water, which has done so much damage and caused intense suffering among the poorer residents of the city, would begin to subside by tonight.

Wabash Breaks Levee.

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 22.—The break in the Wabash river levee a mile south of this city near the village of Taylorville has widened from 15 feet last night to several hundred feet today, and the surrounding country for miles is inundated and the river is still rising. There are 1,000 homeless people from the villages of Taylorville and West Terre Haute, the majority of them being in a pitiable plight, with neither food, clothing or shelter from the weather. As far as known no drownings occurred.

DOLLIVER NAMED BY IOWA REPUBLICANS

Name of Governor Cummings Not Placed Before Caucus to Nominate United States Senator.

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 22.—Jonathan Prentice Dolliver was unanimously renominated United States senator from Iowa last night. Just three minutes from the time Chairman Hopkins gavel tapped for order the preliminary business had been transacted, and Senator Dolliver's name was being presented to the caucus, and the lurking fear that Governor Cummings' name might be sprung at the last moment had disappeared.

Senator Hopkins was chairman of the joint caucus. Representative O. H. Holmes of Kossuth, a clergyman with a piercing voice and impressive delivery, placed the name of Senator Dolliver before the caucus. Senators Erick and Smith of Mitchell seconded the nomination, and then the caucus, with a hurrah, ratified the nomination.

MINERS CHOOSE DELEGATES

Illinois Man Selected to Attend International Congress.

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—Indianapolis was selected as the next meeting place of the convention of the United Mine Workers to be held in January, 1908. Thomas Burke of Illinois and Patrick Gilday of Pennsylvania were elected delegates to the international congress next summer in Salzburg, Austria. A resolution asking for legislation by which voters may directly instruct their representatives in national, state and municipal offices by direct nomination, direct election and the right to recall was adopted.

Indianapolis, Jan. 22.—The annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America closed today. The tellers' report on the election of international officers showed all the old officers reelected.

ARKANSAS GOVERNOR IS ILL

John S. Little, Who Was Inaugurated on Friday, Suffers Collapse.

Little Rock, Ark., Jan. 22.—Governor John S. Little, whose inauguration occurred on Friday, suffered a physical collapse yesterday at the state house. He was removed to a couch in his private office, where stimulants were given him, and an hour later was removed to his home. Attending physicians have given orders that he must not undertake the duties of his office for several weeks.

ISLAND ENGULFED

Tidal Wave of Jan. 11 Swallowed Simalu With Loss of 1,200 Lives.

The Hague, Jan. 22.—The tidal wave which devastated some of the Dutch East Indian islands, was announced Jan. 11 practically engulfed the island of Simalu. According to the latest information Simalu has almost disappeared. It is said probably 1,500 persons lost their lives. Violent earth shocks continue to be felt.

TILLMAN AND CARMACK ON VERGE OF PHYSICAL CLASH IN SENATE

Trouble Follows Humorous Sketch by South Carolina Man Which Offends Tennesseean—Crisis Averted and Both Make Apologies.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The most sensational episode in the United States senate since the personal encounter between Senators Tillman and McLaurin in the spring of 1902 occurred yesterday afternoon. "Pitchfork Ben" again occupied the center of the stage, but retired to second place when Senator Carmack of Tennessee, also a democrat, arose and in a few sentences administered to the Carolinian the bitterest, most humiliating tongue-lashing that has been heard in the senate chamber during the term of the present generation of members.

On Point of Violence.
At a moment when Carmack, ghastly white with indignation, and Tillman, fiery-red with feeling, half faced each other and physical hostilities seemed on the point of supplanting the battle of words, the galleries, densely packed with persons drawn by the prospect of

a sensational day over the Brownsville affair, were cleared; the scores of members of the lower house crowding the floor were hustled out; the doors were locked, and then for two hours the senate proceeded to repair its wounded dignity and to read Tillman a lecture on his general offending behavior of long continued duration.

Apologize and Withdraw.
At 6 o'clock the doors again were thrown open, and Tillman and Carmack in open session made perfunctory apologies and withdrew their remarks from the record.

Early in the afternoon Tillman, taking his cue from a newspaper editorial describing him as the "burnt cork artist of the senate," carried out the minstrel simile by adding the other star performers to the program. It was intensely personal and Senator Carmack was one of those to take umbrage.

Why should the theologian say he has reached the fixed point in his research? The speaker likened the theme of science to the mariner feeling his way carefully and slowly into a harbor overhung with fog. "That is precisely what the men of science are doing," said President Eliot. "They know how slowly, painfully, patiently the must make their way. The theologian takes a different attitude. He sees in the fog of mystery a thing to be believed. The scientific man is going to rule. Before long it will be only his way that will command the respect of thinking people."

RELIGION MUST BOW TO SCIENCE, SAYS PRESIDENT ELIOT OF HARVARD

Boston, Jan. 22.—President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard university, speaking before a meeting of Congregational ministers in this city on the subject of "Ecclesiasticism, Ritualism and Creeds," emphasized his position against anything and everything that stands for finality in religion.

"Outside of what is called religion," he said, "there is no place where absolute truth is fixed. There is an irresistible trend toward the belief that truth cannot be fixed. In the region of philosophy and metaphysics there is an incessant flux; in chemistry, zoology, botany, no one for a moment believes that the end has been reached."

STEAMER IS BEST SHEA JURY QUILTS

Wins Over Gasoline Automobile in Opening Races at Ormond Beach

WITH HALF HORSE POWER MAJORITY FOR ACQUITTAL

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 22.—The real racing in the fifth annual international automobile tournament began today with four events scheduled. The beach is in splendid condition and the weather fair and pleasant. The five mile event, standing start, was won by Blakely in a 70-horse power gasoline car; time, 4 minutes 25 seconds.

The five miles event, flying start, open to all weights and powers, was won by Marriott in a 30-horse power steam car in 3 minutes 4.5 seconds.

Steam Car Wins Mile Race.
Ormond, Jan. 22.—The mile event for touring cars was won by Durbin in a steam car in 53.25 seconds.

Five-Mile Match Race.
The five mile match race between a 30-horse power steamer and a 70-horse power gasoline car was won by W. R. Files in the steamer in 3 minutes 51.45 seconds.

He said a call for a fresh venire of men might be asked for today, and the work of obtaining a new jury begun without delay.

LYNCHERS ORDERED TO FURNISH BOND

Tennesseeans Must Enter Personal Recognizances at Chattanooga to Come Before Commissioner.

Washington, Jan. 22.—In the contempt case of Sheriff and others, charged with complicity in the lynching of Edward Johnson, a deputy of the United States has entered an order directing each of the 28 defendants to appear before the district court for the eastern district of Tennessee and enter into a personal recognizance for his personal appearance. The testimony in the case will be taken by a commissioner.

KNOCKS OUT SALOON MAN

Dubuque Mayor Smashes Villifier, Knocking Him Down.

Dubuque, Iowa, Jan. 22.—Mayor Schunk yesterday knocked down John Stieber, a saloonkeeper, and threw him from the executive office because the latter had cursed him for his Sunday closing stand. Stieber, when told that the mayor intended to continue to keep saloons closed from 11 o'clock Saturday night till 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, reviled Schunk and the police. A single blow on the jaw silenced the liquor dealer.

GRAFT IN COUNTY

Grand Jury Expected to Dig Up Some Fresh Sensations at Peoria.

SAID \$50,000 WAS TAKEN

Padded Pay Rolls and Jail Registers and Other Queer Things Reported to Exist.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 22.—Charges of graft by D. E. Potter, former sheriff, and members of the board of supervisors, which, it is predicted, will rival the Dougherty expose 18 months ago, are being investigated by a grand jury, which was impaneled a week ago. It is declared that revelations will be made of dishonesty and theft that will involve many county officials.

Fifty thousand dollars is the lowest estimate of the reported loss to the county. Those in a position to know declare it will go much higher. This much, it is reported has been developed by the grand jury's investigation. Ten days more, it is announced, will be required to get to the bottom of the affair.

Fictitious Prisoners Carried.

Thus far it has been developed, it is said, that the pay rolls have been padded systematically and that the names of fictitious prisoners have been carried on the books of the county for years. The bills have been allowed by the supervisors. The chairman of several committees, supposed to have audited the bills, are under suspicion. They have been summoned to appear before the grand jury.

According to the books of the sheriff for the last four years just twice the number of names have appeared on his books as there have been actual prisoners. The money allowed on these bills by the supervisors has amounted to \$3,000 a year. This is only one item which has been investigated.

Buys Fancy Articles.

An investigation of the books shows that the county has been paying for fancy soaps by the case, hairpins by the gallon, razors by the dozen, and many other articles, which were charged up to the use of the jail prisoners, but which, the grand jury believes were hardly necessary for prison use.

Charles Engler, chairman of the building committee, who O. K.'d these bills, is the proprietor of a barber shop. He has been asked to explain why the prisoners needed so many toilet helps. That several deputies under former Sheriff Potter were in connivance with the prisoners is also charged. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Philip Ellis, who was arrested in 1904 on a charge of wife abandonment. He was sentenced to three months in jail by Judge Stiemmons. He appeared before another court a few days later and swore that he had served his full term. He is charged with perjury and will be recommitted to the jail. At the time of his arrest Edward Peters was deputy in charge of the jail.

Try to Call Off State's Attorney.

Desperate efforts were made to suppress the investigation. State's Attorney Scholes was invited to a conference last week and asked whether if the money were made good the prosecution would be stopped. He refused to have anything to do with the offer and said he would push the case to the limit.

Charles E. Johnson, former sheriff, started the investigation. When he made public the charges he was ridiculed. So strong was the pressure against him that he was charged with insanity. He was taken before County Judge Stiemmons and tried, but was found sane and freed.

Since then other efforts have been made to stop the investigation. Scores of witnesses have been subpoenaed.

PAY MORE SOON FOR FINE WRITING PAPER

Largest Manufacturers Decide on Increase of 10 Per Cent in Price of Higher Grades.

Holyoke, Mass., Jan. 22.—An increase of prices of all grades of fine writing paper amounting approximately to 10 per cent will soon be made, according to an announcement by one of the largest writing paper manufacturing companies in the country. The present cost of fine writing paper ranges from 4 to 20 cents a pound and some extra fine qualities much higher. The new paper grade will not be affected by the increase. Other firms are expected to follow the lead of the larger corporation, which in its 20 mills in this city and elsewhere manufactures more than 75 per cent of the left-dried paper.

COAL SITUATION UP TO PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 22.—The coal famine situation in North Dakota has become so serious Senator Hansbrough will confer with President Roosevelt tonight to see if some means cannot be found to relieve the situation.

SWETTENHAM CONVEYS HIS THANKS TO UNITED STATES

A CHANCE IS SEEN

Church Urged to Take Advantage of Famine to Further Work in China

BY RELIEVING THE DISTRESS

Agent of American Bible Society Cables Urging a General Appeal Here.

New York, Jan. 22.—The American Bible society has just received the following cablegram from Rev. John R. Hykes, D. D., agent of the society for China:

"Notify all boards of the Shanghai Missionary association that 274 members, representing 19 bodies, urge an appeal for famine relief through all the churches.

"A million and a quarter are starving. Refugees are already flocking to the cities. In this district three million are destitute. Many millions are affected.

"Place in responsible hands.

"The general relief committee, representing all interests in this part of the east, unite in placing the work of relief entirely in responsible hands of missionaries.

"This is the opportunity of the century to impress China."

Shows Denver is Victim of Rates

Evidence Given Commerce Commission Show Most Remarkable State of Affairs.

Denver, Col., Jan. 22.—Evidence intended to show rate discriminations against Denver was submitted yesterday to Commissioner Prouty of the interstate commerce commission. George J. Kinzel, a Denver manufacturer, submitted tables which illustrated different methods of figuring out comparative tariff rates. Some of the tables showed that certain commodities could be shipped from eastern points through Denver to San Francisco and Salt Lake and back to Denver at a less rate than direct to Denver. He suggested that this might explain in part the shortage of cars throughout the country.

The railroads cited to appear, so far, are the New York, New Haven & Hartford, New York Central & Hudson River, Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Cincinnati & St. Louis, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, Michigan Central, Erie, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, Chicago & Northwestern, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Coast Line, Denver & Rio Grande, Rio Grande Western, Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, Union Pacific, and Wash.

"Josiah Flynt" Dead.
Chicago, Jan. 22.—Josiah Flynt, a well-known author of many magazine articles over the pen name of "Josiah Flynt," died Sunday night at the Kaiserhof hotel, 266 South Clark street, where he had been living for two months while writing a series of articles exposing the poolroom system of gambling and the gamblers' trust, as the result of his investigations in New York and Chicago.

Mr. Willard's vitality had become too weak to respond to medical treatment and he died in the evening. Death was caused by a complication of pneumonia and kidney disease.

Look Alike: Marry Same Man.
St. Louis, Jan. 22.—Two women, each claiming to be the wife of Frank Bocklage of this city, and who look enough alike to pass for sisters, have united to prosecute the man they claim has married and deceived both of them.

Knute Nelson Re-elected.

El. Paul, Minn., Jan. 22.—Knute Nelson was today elected to succeed himself as United States senator from this state.

Rock Island Road Awarded Contract

Fast Mail Long Carried by Burlington to Be Changed According to Omaha Report.

CULLOM IN AGAIN

Re-elected by Illinois Legislature for Fifth Term—Ratify Tomorrow.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 22.—Shelby M. Cullom was today elected United States senator for the fifth term. The vote stood 44 for Cullom, and 7 for former Justice Carroll C. Boggs.

In the house the vote was: Cullom 88, Boggs 61, Daniel R. Sheen (prohibition) of Peoria 2.

The houses meet in joint session tomorrow to ratify the election.

Surprising Message on Aid Extended to Kingston.

NO WORD TO ENGLAND

Home Government Continues Ignorant of Reason for Slap at Davis.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The state department made public the following cablegram, received at 9 last night:

"Jamaica, Jan. 20.—Hon. Elihu Root, Secretary of State, Washington: Jamaica is profoundly grateful to your excellency for the expression of sympathy and for the very practical aid so kindly brought by Admiral Davis and entire service of the squadron of the United States navy.

(Signed) "GOVERNOR."

Writing on Swettenham.

London, Jan. 22.—The British government and nation, having shown the strongest reprobation of the attitude of Governor Swettenham of Jamaica in bringing about the withdrawal of the American warships from Kingston, chief interest now centers in the governor's long deferred reply to the British government's urgent demand for an explanation of his conduct which will give the first adequate means of determining the government's final course in repudiating or commending the governor's action. This explanation had not been received during the early hours of the day.

Britain in Davis' Debt.

London, Jan. 22.—By a singular coincidence Admiral Davis happens to be an officer to whom England heretofore has felt the deepest gratitude, as his course, while acting as American member of the international arbitration court at Paris upon the sinking of the British fishing vessels in the North sea by the Russian fleet, practically was decisive in shaping a decision favorable to Great Britain.

Some phases of the arbitration were not stated at the time, as they might have proven irritating to Russia. It is known that Admiral Davis' staunch support of the British contention turned the scales at the decisive moment. His views were accepted by the Austrian admiral, whose vote, with that of the British member, Admiral Baumont, made a majority, which determined the character of the final decision.

Declined Honor.

King Edward on the conclusion of the court communicated an invitation through the British ambassador at Paris, to Admiral Davis to come to Buckingham palace, where marked honors would have been shown him. But the desire to avoid anything which might be construed as wounding Russia led Admiral Davis not to accept the invitation.

It is supposed that if Governor Swettenham had any reasonable justification for his extraordinary letter to Rear Admiral Davis he would not delay in placing his government in possession of the facts; therefore his silence is regarded as a confession of weakness of his case, or an evidence of compunction at having adopted an inadvisable course.

May Recall Governor.

Practically all the ministers are adopting a highly appreciative attitude toward the United States, and it cannot be doubted that the incident will be settled, probably by the recall of Governor Swettenham, or at least disavowal of his action and apology to Rear Admiral Davis.

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ROCK ISLAND ROAD AWARDED CONTRACT

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Omaha, Neb., Jan. 22.—The Omaha postoffice has been notified by the government that after Jan. 24 the Rock Island will carry the fast mail between Chicago and Omaha. For 20 years consecutively the Burlington held this contract. The award to the Rock Island was made on the grounds that its train reached Omaha from Chicago one hour earlier than does the Burlington.