

BEN TILLMAN REPLIES

Declares Roosevelt Misquoted Inspector's Report

South Carolinian Declares He was Guilty of No Action Inconsistent With Honor or Obligation as Senator—Imputes Attack to Hatred.

Applauded by the galleries when he entered the senate chamber to reply to President Roosevelt's remarks in respect to his connection with Oregon timber land, Senator Tillman read his prepared remarks with little attempt at oratorical effect. He was accorded careful attention by senators on both sides of the chamber, the public and private galleries being taxed to their full capacity.

He declared that the president had been actuated by motives of malice and revenge in attacking his course in connection with the Coos Bay (Ore.) land grant, and argued that he was guilty of no action inconsistent with honor or his obligation as a senator. He charged that the president misquoted the inspectors' report. Taking up the president's statement concerning Dorr, a land agent, making his filings through Reeder & Watkins of Marshfield, Ore., Mr. Tillman said:

"It will be noted that I accused Dorr in the senate of being a swindler, and asked the postoffice department to issue a fraud order against him, Dorr declared in his circular: 'So sure is Senator Tillman of our success that he has subscribed and paid the necessary fees for a quarter section for himself and ten other sections for ten of his nearest relatives.' It was this bold and outrageous falsehood mainly that caused me to denounce Dorr as a swindler as well, and to declare in the senate that he had no warrant for the assertion.

"Let us suppose for a moment that I was guilty of a falsehood in declaring that I had not undertaken to purchase any land. What did that have to do with Dorr's transparent and open use of the mails to induce men to send him money to purchase land? Dorr's declaring that I had paid the fees is an absolute falsehood, and the postoffice inspectors, while they searched the records for entries at Coquille, noted that Reeder & Watkins had filed several hundred applications, but nowhere mentioned that any had been filed in my name or for me. Therefore the falsehood is proven on Dorr, and yet the president declared the assault which Senator Tillman made on Mr. Dorr was, according to the report of the inspectors, a wanton assault made to cover up Senator Tillman's own transactions.

Admits Considering Land Purchase.
"In doing this he makes a false declaration, for the inspectors nowhere say any such thing as above quoted, which can be proven by an examination of their report. Now, about the lying. My letter of Feb. 15, of which the president has secured a photographic copy, antedated by four days my statement in the senate that I had not bought any land or undertaken to buy any, and the president considered this positive proof of falsehood. I did not say I had not considered the purchase of land; I did not say I had not contemplated the purchase of land, because I had done both. I was perhaps disingenuous, but a moment's thought will convince any honest minded man that, as I had not signed any papers, had not paid any money, had taken nobody's receipt, the usual process by which one 'undertakes' to buy land, I was speaking accurately and not falsely. Everything hinges on the meaning of the word 'undertakes' and my use of it."

Senator Tillman went into details as to his transaction with Lee, and declared Lee was empowered only to examine the land. After examining the proposition he said he became convinced it was a "very doubtful proposition," until Mr. Lee showed him a letter from Reeder & Watkins, which Mr. Tillman said had been stolen from his desk, probably by some of the secret service sleuths.

HOUSE REBUKES PRESIDENT.
Tables So Much of His Message as Reflects on Its Members.

After having made him the target for criticism, with here and there words of commendation, the house of representatives, by a vote of 212 to 35, rebuked the president by tabling so much of his messages as reflected on members of congress in connection with his recommendations regarding the secret service detectives, and also declaring it to be the sense of the house that they shall decline to consider any communication from any source which is not in its own judgment respectful.

The president made public details of an investigation by postoffice inspectors and secret service agents of Senator Tillman's connection with an alleged "land grab" in Oregon. As he presents the evidence to Senator Hale, in response to the latter's request to the heads of the various executive departments for a statement of the operations of the secret service, the president undertakes to show: That Mr. Tillman used his influence as a senator in an effort to force the government to compel a railroad corporation to relinquish its control of land grants in the United States in order that he might profit through the sale of some of the land; that he used his government privilege in numerous instances in the use of private business.

TAFT ON PROPERTY RIGHTS.

Says Time Has Come When Line of Limitation Must Be Drawn.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 12.—President Elect Taft was the guest of the local bar association last night. Mr. Taft's remarks on the United States supreme court attracted much attention. In his speech Mr. Taft asserted that the supreme test of our present civilization was to come in the present and the two succeeding decades in the form of a survival or destruction of the right of private property.

"We have reached the time when we must recognize certain limitations," he said, "which previous conditions did not require assertion of, in the form of a statutory law upon the use of private property wherever it is represented in combinations of capital. We must recognize that those combinations may be hurtful and must fall to our profession, with arguments in the courts by the judges themselves, by the arguments of lawyers in the legislatures, to lay down the line of limitation which shall inhere as little as possible with the individual freedom of property on the one hand and shall stay the progress toward injurious combination and in jurious monopoly on the other.

"This problem is now on and therefore I state it with solemnity and seriousness. We have got to work it out more or less by experiment, but in that working out we have got to depend on the clear headed, both at the bar, on the bench and in the legislature, to reach a solution. And I have no doubt it will be done."

INDIANA SENATOR FIGHT HOT.

Rumors of Attempted Bribery Are Under Investigation.

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—Rumors of attempted bribery in connection with the contest for the United States senatorship are under investigation by Elliott R. Hooton, prosecuting attorney of this county. It was reported to Mr. Hooton that two legislators had been approached by a representative of one of the senatorial candidates. The prosecutor says if there is any basis for an investigation the matter will be laid before the grand jury.

John W. Kern is conceded the lead on the first ballot, but the highest estimate placed on the candidate's strength on the first ballot by rival forces is twenty votes.

RAILROAD ON AUCTION BLOCK.

Missouri River and Northwestern to Be Sold at Rapid City.

Rapid City, S. D., Jan. 12.—The Missouri River and Northwestern railroad, commonly known as the Crouch line, will be sold at this place today by C. O. Bailey, receiver, of Sioux Falls. The road is the short line through the Black Hills, connecting the Burlington road with this city, and has been in litigation for some years. The road is bonded for about \$1,000,000 and receiver's certificates of \$300,000 are out. The upset price has been fixed at \$75,000 in order to insure a sale, but the road will unquestionably bring a much higher figure than that.

LESSON FOR AMERICA.

British Labor Leader to Speak in Carnegie Hall Tonight.

New York, Jan. 12.—Carnegie hall will be crowded tonight with men and women interested in the cause of labor, who will hear an address by the Hon. J. Keir Hardie, chairman of the Labor party members of the British house of commons.

Mr. Hardie, who began life as a coal mine laborer, is a frequent visitor to America. He will speak tonight as the guest of the Civic forum. His subject will be "A Revolution in British Politics and Its Lesson for America."

Night Riders in Jail at Jackson.

Six night riders sentenced to death at Union City, Tenn., and two sentenced to twenty years in the state penitentiary have been placed in the Jackson jail and will be held in close confinement to await action of the supreme court, which will meet in Jackson next April.

McVey to Succeed Merrifield.

Grand Forks, N. D., Jan. 12.—Franklin McVey, chairman of the Minnesota tax commission, was chosen as president of the University of North Dakota at the session of the board of regents. President Merrifield will retire from the university next June.

Stoessel Applies for Pardon.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—General Stoessel, Rear Admiral, Neboogatoff and several others of the officers of high rank now in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, have applied for pardon or commutation of their sentences. No action has yet been taken.

Blizzard in Three States.

Reports from western Missouri, southeastern Kansas and northeastern Oklahoma say a severe blizzard is sweeping over those sections and as a result great loss of live stock is feared. The storm is marked by a heavy fall of snow.

Vancouver Is Shaken.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 12.—A distinct shock of earthquake was felt in Vancouver and in many other cities on the coast. A telegram from Victoria says that buildings were shaken there to a noticeable degree.

Mahmout Defeats Olsen.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Yusuff Mahmout defeated Charles Olsen in straight falls in a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match here.

CHURCH COLLAPSES.

All Members of Congregation Killed or Injured.

Pillars of Ancient Edifice Give Way During Services—Cry of Earthquake Causes Wild Panic Among Villagers. Sixty Persons Badly Injured.

During Sabbath services, an ancient church near St. Gallen, Switzerland, suddenly collapsed, burying the worshippers in the ruins. Practically all the members of the congregation were killed or injured. A wild panic followed, those who escaped rushing through the fields shouting that an earthquake had overtaken the village. Other villagers joined in the outcry and were with difficulty calmed. After an hour's exertion the fire company of the place extricated forty corpses, but it is still believed there are a number under the timbers. Sixty persons were badly injured.

The collapse was caused by the time worn pillars in the underground crypt giving way.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS 25 MEN.

Disaster in Leiter's Colliery at Zeigler, Ill., Due to Electric Spark.

A gas explosion, in which twenty-five men lost their lives, occurred in Joseph Leiter's famous colliery at Zeigler, Ill. A spark from a trolley pole of an electric motor coming in contact with a pocket of gas is assigned as the cause of the explosion.

The Americans killed in the explosion include Willis Warner and Albert Kerr, foremen; James Patterson, Joe Richardson, Fred Morgan, J. O. Evans, Gilbert Jones, Joe Tate, James Phillips, John Cassay, Aaron Jereoll, Tom Hubbard, Cebe Pucket and Charles Smothers.

Mr. Leiter personally conducted the first relief party that descended into the mine to recover the dead bodies. The lone survivor of the explosion was an Italian youth, who escaped unharmed.

An expert who has been experimenting with the gases in the mines at Zeigler left last week, confident that he had placed the mine in safe condition to be operated.

The men entombed were engaged in clearing away the debris caused by the recent fires in the mine.

The bodies taken from the mine are badly burned and identification is difficult.

The explosion was peculiar. No noise or shock was heard or felt at the opening of the shaft, only a puff of smoke. The engineer noticed the smoke and realizing that an accident had happened, summoned aid.

ITALIAN DEPUTIES VOTE RELIEF.

By an Overwhelming Majority Chamber Passes Measure.

The special meeting of the Italian chamber of deputies, which was called to consider measures of relief for the devastated provinces of southern Italy, was marked by eloquent expressions of sympathy and grief at the terrible disaster. The government relief measures, which were entrusted to a parliamentary committee, were finally adopted by a vote of 406 to 5. The dissenting votes were greeted with howls and hisses, while prolonged applause followed the announcement of the result.

Some of the members, particularly those who participated in the rescue work, criticized the relief organization, especially the decision to entrust it to the military authorities. The proclamation of a state of siege in the stricken zone was denounced on the ground that it contributed to the isolation of towns and villages.

Deputy Felice, whose brother was killed at Messina, shouted during the course of a fiery speech: "If I had been in charge we would have saved half of Messina."

Ruins Give Up Their Dead.

The bodies of nearly a hundred men were taken from the ruins at Messina Monday, all in an advanced stage of putrefaction. At Reggio, however, firemen during their excavations, came upon a five-year-old boy, who was apparently uninjured. He had no idea of the length of time he had been buried, and it is possible that he was entombed by debris in one of the later shocks.

U. S. Squadron in Italian Waters.

The United States battleship Connecticut arrived at Naples Sunday. Her sisterships of the special squadron sent to the relief of the earthquake sufferers, the Vermont, Kansas and Minnesota, accompanied the Connecticut to Messina, but did not come into Naples. They proceeded to Ville Franche.

Former Nebraska Couple Asphyxiated.

J. C. Welles, field superintendent for the Fort Collins sugar factory, and his wife were found dead in bed at their home, about two miles from Fort Collins, Colo. Apparently both had been overcome by coal gas. Before coming to Fort Collins, Mr. Welles and his wife lived in Nebraska.

Use Guns With Fatal Effect.

In a pistol fight at Silver City, Miss., D. B. Sproles, a prominent planter, was perhaps fatally shot, and Vess Davis, a negro, was instantly killed. Davis opened fire on the white man.

Lincoln Pallbearer Dead.

John Conness, former United States senator from California, and the last survivor of the pallbearers of President Lincoln, died at Boston.

BERT TAYLOR GIVES HIMSELF UP

In Jail in California Waiting Word From Nebraska Officers.

Stating that he was worried to distraction with being hunted as the perpetrator of crimes at Minden, Kearney county, Neb., for which a price of \$1,900 hung over his head, a man giving his name as Bert M. Taylor, surrendered himself to a Southern Pacific passenger brakeman at Redlands, Cal., on whose train he was riding, and is locked up in the jail at San Bernardino, Cal., waiting word from the Nebraska officers.

Taylor related a story of the death of his two young sisters-in-law after a brutal assault upon them, the murder of one of them and the final destruction of the home by fire after kerosene had been poured over the bodies of his victims. The crime was committed on April 18, 1908. Both girls were rescued from the flames, but the eldest died on May 8. Taylor denies his own guilt and asserted that James Martin, a man with whom he had trouble, had committed the outrages and then laid the crimes to him. He said that Martin had assaulted and bound him in his room before attacking his sisters-in-law. Taylor said Martin told him that he had been careful to arrange so that the blame would fall upon him (Taylor) and then fled from the country, fearing injury to himself, and followed Martin for many months through different states in an effort to overtake and capture him. He lost all trace of him in Wichita, Kan., after which he went to California.

CALHOUN PLACED ON TRIAL.

Bearer of Historic Name Accused of Bribery.

San Francisco witnessed Tuesday the unusual spectacle of the calling for trial on a criminal charge of a grandson of a vice president of the United States and the bearer of one of the greatest names in the history of American statesmanship.

The accused man is Patrick Calhoun of New York, San Francisco, Cleveland, Pittsburg and other cities, grandson of John C. Calhoun and probably the most prominent figure in the street railroad world of the United States. The charge against Calhoun is bribery in connection with the granting of a franchise to his San Francisco company by the board of supervisors. The case was called before Judge William Patrick Lawlor in the superior court.

Calhoun is president of the United Railroads of San Francisco. The bribery with which his name is connected has caused the conviction and sentence to imprisonment of Abraham Ruef, former "boss" of San Francisco, and Eugene Schmitz, former mayor of the city.

TELLS OF STANDARD'S METHODS.

Gave Customers of Independent Dealers a Reduced Rate.

Several witnesses testified in rebuttal in the government hearing at New York to dissolve the Standard Oil company of New Jersey as an alleged violator of the anti-trust laws. The proceedings were enlivened by the reappearance of Frank B. Kellogg, the government counsel, and Moritz Rosenthal, counsel for the Standard Oil company, both of whom have for some time been absent from the hearing.

Charles K. Smith, head of the Charles K. Smith Oil company of Philadelphia, related the history of the oil war waged in recent years by the Standard and the independent dealers and how the Atlantic Refining company, a Standard subsidiary, visited his customers, offering them a reduction of half a cent per gallon below the local rate, while charging the quoted rates to its regular customers.

TOT ADMITS BANK ROBBERY.

Ten-Year-Old Boy Arrested After Five Weeks' Chase.

Charged with looting the Noel State bank at Noel, Mo., Oliver Billings, aged ten, was arrested at Joplin by Sheriff Carnell, culminating a five weeks' chase. The tot entered the bank through a rear window while Cashier Kissler was at his noonday meal and looted the cash drawer of its contents, \$92. The boy, in his confession, bragged of taking the money and hiding it under wagon scales.

The boy stated he was given a nickel hire by a man to execute the burglary, but this implication is scouted by Sheriff Carnell.

DORANDO WINS MARATHON.

Smallwood Quits Race at St. Louis After Covering Dozen Miles.

Dorando Pietri won the Marathon race at St. Louis Monday night, contesting with Percy Smallwood of Philadelphia, who quit the race after covering twelve miles, eight laps, because of his left leg hurting him. Dorando made the 26 miles and 385 yards in 2 hours, 44 minutes and 32.5 seconds, ten seconds slower than the world's indoor record. He finished strong.

Mulai Mohammed Dead.

A dispatch from Tangier says that news has been received from Fez reporting the sudden death of Mulai Mohammed, brother of the sultan, and at one time pretender to the Moroccan throne. There are rumors that he was poisoned.

Fatal Collision in Missouri.

A passenger train crashed into the rear of a freight train on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad at Walnut Grove, Mo., resulting in the death of Dewitt Davis, sixteen years old, and severe injury to a number of others.

HEMINGFORD

Postmaster W. F. Walker, Editor.

J. J. Smith is again under the doctor's care.

Mr. Beekley enjoyed a few days' visit with his sons this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd were business visitors to Alliance Tuesday.

F. E. Olds returned to Chadron last week after a two weeks' visit here.

Beryl Walker was out of school all of last week with sore throat and grippe.

The friends of Mrs. H. Hall will be pleased to know that she is improving.

Ira Scriboer was a west bound passenger Tuesday, going over home for a short stay.

Miss Lettie Carey went down to Alliance the fore part of the week for a few days' stay with her sister.

Miss Gertrude Olds resumed her place in school this week after quite an absence on account of sickness.

Miss Anna Hopkins is assisting with the household duties at the Miller home during Mrs. Miller's absence.

Miss M. E. Walls of Cedar Rapids arrived here Wednesday and is visiting her cousin, Mrs. C. A. Burlew.

T. S. Roche, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Hollinrake, returned to his home the first of the week.

Miss McIntyre arrived here last week. We are informed that she will be employed in the Wildy department store.

The Commercial hotel is closed at present undergoing repairs it will be open to the public again in a short time.

Miss Bertha Burleigh returned to her claim near Lakeside the first of the week after spending the holidays with home folks and friends here.

The ten-month-old child of Mrs. Emma Elder fell upon the stove Sunday afternoon and was badly burned about the face. It is hoped the little one will soon recover.

The Minstrel Jubilee company gave an entertainment at the school house Tuesday evening to a good-sized audience. They are fine in their line and deserving of a good crowd wherever they go.

Miss Majorie McCarthy returned to Black Hawk, S. D., last Saturday after a short stay here. Miss McCarthy made many friends during her short stay here.

FAIRVIEW.

J. B. Hadly was the guest of Russel Nye Sunday.

W. I. Lawrence is on the sick list at the present writing.

John Betzold is assisting Wm. Kline haul hay and lumber.

Mrs. Ab Curry is reported to be very sick with the mumps.

F. M. Nason and wife went to Alliance Friday returning Sunday.

The recent cold spell has been hard on the potato cellars and stock.

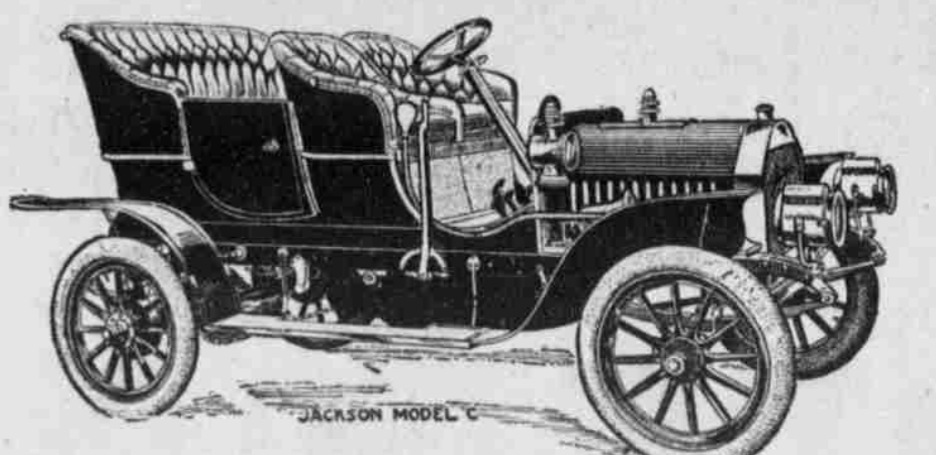
Miss Opal Russel, who is teaching in the northeast district, spent Sunday in Alliance.

Wm. Kline of the sand hill district was a Fairview caller the first of the week after a load of grain and spuds.

John Lawrence and son Wm. returned home Sunday after a very enjoyable visit of two weeks with friends in and around Dalton, Sidney and Lodgepole.

Robt. Shanks came out to go to work on Mr. West's house Thursday but was taken suddenly ill and is now under the care of a physician at his home in Alliance.

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