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BARR'S ACTION CAUSES WIDESPREAD COMMENT

All Over Virginia the Effort to Humiliate Harry St. George Tucker is Depreciated.

EVERYBODY AWAITS DEVELOPMENTS

Leading Papers Freely Criticize Director General's Step, and Mr. Tucker's Return is Expected to be Signal for Contest—Governor Says He is Not in Muddle.

Everywhere in Virginia the action of Director General James M. Barr in depriving President Harry St. George Tucker of his duties and powers as director of ceremonies at the Exposition, is attracting adverse comment. Mr. Tucker's personal friends are not the only ones indignant over the action. The leading newspapers of the state have freely condemned the director general's step, and there seems to be every reason to believe that the matter will not be allowed to drop without an effort to prevent the humiliation of the Virginian who has heretofore played the part of host at the Tercentennial.

Mr. Tucker is still at Portland, Me., where he went last week to attend the American Bar Association, and it is probable that nothing will be done until he returns. In the meantime Mr. Barr is having nothing to say in regard to his action.

This trouble, which is said to have been brought on directly by a dispute as to social precedence between Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Tucker, seems to have been the culmination of Mr. Barr's efforts to "clean-out" all traces of the former management of the Exposition. Since he took charge the director general has steadily been lopping off official heads, some of which undoubtedly should have been kept off before, and now he has taken the final step, depriving the president of the sole rights and prerogatives left to him under the new regime.

The action has caused a general discussion of Mr. Barr and his methods, and some of the criticisms are anything but favorable. Developments will be awaited with interest, especially in Virginia.

Who Mr. Barr Is.

In an article discussing the situation, yesterday's Richmond Journal had the following reference to Mr. Barr: "In 1901 Mr. Barr was the junior vice-president of the Aetna, Teneke and Santa Fe Railway. He was given the position of vice-president and general manager of the Seaboard Air Line, and came to Richmond to undertake his new duties in the spring of that year. Four years later, in a pamphlet published by the Seaboard president, Mr. John Skelton Williams, of this city, Mr. Barr was accused of 'mismanagement, blunders and deceptions.' Charges were made attacking his voracity, and his management was characterized as 'a record of scandal and incapacity.'"

"Mr. Williams offered to submit this controversy to a board of arbitrators for adjustment, and offered to make public an ample retraction and apology for his remarks should he be found to be wrong in his deductions. Mr. Barr remained silent and did not challenge the president's charges."

"In his circular Mr. Williams stated: 'So far as Mr. Barr is concerned, the facts, figures and documents presented seem to us to prove him so incompetent and reckless, so regardless of the truth, that his statements and predictions and estimates are unworthy the serious consideration of business men. Every charge we have made against him is proved.'"

"Mr. Barr resigned his position with the Seaboard, and was later dropped from the board of directors."

Governor Not in Muddle.

A report was circulated in the effect that Governor Swanson had become mixed up in the muddle, but this the Governor emphatically denies, in the following statement, given on yesterday in Richmond: "The statement that I have participated in the matter in any way is absolutely false and without any foundation whatever. I have not interfered with or concerned myself in the management of the Jamestown Exposition. Both Mrs. Swanson and myself have had all we could do attending to the Virginia features of the exposition and have had no time or disposition to go outside of this. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barr and Mr. and Mrs. Tucker have been uniformly invited to all entertainments given by us, and we have attended entertainments given by Mr. and Mrs. Tucker. They were at the dinner given to Prince Wilhelm, occupying seats of

honor at Prince Wilhelm's table, have only seen Mr. Barr once since he has been director general, and that was some weeks ago in connection with conditions at Pine Beach.

"This matter is entirely one for the exposition company and one in which I have had nothing to do, have not had and will not have anything to do. My relations with Mr. Barr and Mr. Tucker are pleasant, and I will continue to cooperate to make the exposition a success and a credit to the state.

"I have not had and will not have anything to do with any dissensions that may exist in connection with the management of the Jamestown Exposition. The entertainments and hospitality given by the exposition company are wholly separate from those given by me and the members of the Virginia commission. I have no knowledge of any differences or misunderstandings except such as appear in the papers."

NAVY KEEPS NEW TORPEDO INVENTION PROFOUND SECRET

Ordnance Bureau Refuses Details of Exploding Torpedoes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Secrecy is maintained at the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, regarding the new torpedographic device for exploding submarine mines which Harry Stenffeben a French submarine expert, today submitted to the government for its consideration. Mr. Stenffeben, who arrived in New York on the Touraine yesterday, came direct to Washington to arrange for a series of tests which is to be made at Newport in the near future. He has come here at the request of prominent naval officers who are convinced that his invention has considerable merit and should be carefully examined by ordnance experts.

Further than to say that the device was to be tested and that the department was impressed with its simplicity, ordnance officers would make no comment today. The fact that Mr. Stenffeben has come here at the request of the government and that neither ordnance officers nor Mr. Stenffeben himself will divulge his plans argue that his invention is at least being seriously considered.

Inventions and devices of this character are received weekly in large numbers at all the bureaus of the Navy Department. There is seldom any hesitancy on the part of the officials to explain the impracticability or possible value of these inventions. It is only when the government requests special investigation into some device that the bureaus feel that absolute secrecy must be maintained.

MRS. DUNLAP DEAD.

Daughter of Dr. J. W. Ayler Passes Away at Chevy Chase.

Mrs. Fanny Ayler Dunlap, wife of Mr. George Dunlap, died yesterday morning at her home, Chevy Chase, Washington, D. C., after a lingering illness. Mrs. Dunlap's mother, Mrs. J. W. Ayler, of this city, was called to Washington last week on account of her daughter's illness and was at the bedside when she died. Dr. J. W. Ayler, father of the deceased, left last night for Washington.

Mrs. Dunlap lived here with her parents before her marriage and had a wide circle of friends in the city. She is survived by her husband and two little children.

Thanks Heaven Backed by Troops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—"Southern Republicans do not like the candidacy of Secretary Taft for the Presidential nomination in 1908," said Internal Revenue Commissioner Capers in reply to an inquiry. The Republicans of the South are for Theodore Roosevelt, and insist on his re-nomination next year.

In view of the recent activity of the Secretary of War and the known fact of his candidacy for the nomination, this statement from a Southern Republican is interesting.

Thanks Heaven Backed by Troops.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—Emperor Wilhelm, in replying to an address of welcome by the burgomaster of Hanover yesterday, said: "We have to thank the gracious dispensation of heaven and also the swords of our trusty troops that it has been possible to maintain peace so long."

Conductor, Nunnally Dead. CHESTER, VA., Aug. 27.—Thomas S. Nunnally, who was in the employ of the Tidewater railroad, as a conductor some time, died this morning in the home of his father, Richard Nunnally, of consumption. Conductor Nunnally was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was about 26 years old.

FRENCH AND MOORS HAVE ENGAGEMENT

Party of Shahts Make Sharp Attack on the Camps But Are Repulsed by Artillery.

BEARING DOWN ON CASABLANCA

Large Force of Native Cavalry Said To Be Surrounding the Seaport Towns—In Engagement the French Did not Suffer Any Loss—French Sending Out Cheerful News.

(By Associated Press.) CASABLANCA, Aug. 27.—A sharp engagement between the French and the Moors took place yesterday afternoon about six miles from General Druide's camp. A reconnaissance party of Shahts came in touch with the enemy, who opened a heavy fire on the cavalrymen. The latter replied with effect but retreated. Reinforcements with artillery were forwarded to the scene of the fighting and the Moorish force was driven back into the hills. No loss on the French side was reported.

The Moors began to form for another attack when about three miles away, but a few well directed shells quickly dispersed them. As a result of the reconnaissance made by Gen. Druide, the Arabs have entirely drawn off and normal conditions in Casablanca are being resumed.

Bearing Down on Casablanca.

(By Associated Press.) MORROCCO, Tangier, Aug. 27.—It is declared here that a large body of native cavalry have been seen bearing down on Casablanca from the direction of Morocco City. Melainin, the fanatical priest, has left Tangier and it is reported that he is going to Fez.

PUBLISHED HIS OPINION TO SILENCE THE CLAMOR

Judge Jones Says That Boast of Alabama Officials To Defy Law Caused Him to Act.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Aug. 27.—Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the Federal court, has issued a signed statement to a newspaper in which he defends his action in the celebrated blankie instruction in the Louisville and Nashville railroad case. Judge Jones charges newspaper reporters with having done him injustice in their reports of incidents in connection with his injunction.

"A grave injustice has been done me, and the court over which I preside," says the statement, "by the publication of a story from this city dated August 24th. This story is a report of what the attorney general of Alabama said as to a case being improperly prejudiced by an opinion published on the granting of the restraining order before the day set for the hearing of the preliminary injunction."

The court not being advised that the power of a court of equity over criminal prosecutions was in any way denied when the preliminary injunctions were granted, in an elaborate opinion dealing with the main issues, contented itself with citing a few leading authorities.

"Under these circumstances the court felt it an imperative duty to file an opinion and give it to the press, which would tend to remove clamorous impressions which had been excited by the boasting of local officials that they would defy the orders of this court, and in this way strengthen respect for the law. It did so, in the opinion complained of, justifying these late orders."

"No man has greater cause than I to love the people of Alabama. My whole life, I hope, proves that I have appreciated and to the best of my ability repaid their trust. When a youth I freely shed my blood in its service, and at different times for twenty years risked my life at the head of its citizen soldiery."

ROCKEFELLER HAVING HARD TIME GETTING HIS \$73,900

Failed to Tell in His Affidavit Where He Started From When He Went to Chicago.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 27.—John D. Rockefeller is having his troubles to collect \$73,900 from the United States government for his travelling expenses and witness fees in the recent hearing in the Federal court before Judge Landis. In making application for the amount due him, Mr.

Rockefeller declared that he had traveled 119 miles to attend the session of the court. He did not say, however, whether he came from Pittsfield, Mass., or Cleveland, Ohio. Actually, United States Marshall Hoy knows that the claimant came from Pittsfield, but officially he does not know, and Mr. Rockefeller will not get his money until the marshal obtains official information on this subject.

Protect Negro From Lynching

EASTON, PA., Aug. 27.—There was much excitement about the county jail at three o'clock this morning, due to a rumor from South Bethlehem that a party of determined iron workers had left to come to the county seat and take William Handy, a South Carolina negro, from jail and lynch him. Warden Collins aroused and armed all the deputies and trustees, put the double bars on all the entrances to the prison and had the entire police force stationed about the jail. After waiting until dawn for the arrival of the supposed lynchers, the officers were dismissed.

Took Her Pup to See Prince

NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Mrs. Aurel Batonyi, formerly Mrs. Burke Roche, swept on the Newport tennis court carrying in her arms a big white Spaniel, whose neck was encircled with a high starched collar studded with diamond pins.

The famous Casino courts were crowded all the Prince Wilhelm hon-tonnes being on hand except Mrs. Oden Godek, who had said to have been too fatigued after the recent high-ton to attend any functions for a while.

James G. Penn Dead.

(By Associated Press.) DANVILLE, VA., Aug. 28.—James G. Penn, a wealthy tobaccoist and capitalist of this city, died at his home here today after a long illness from a complication of diseases. He was 61 years of age and was closely identified with the large cotton mill, the manufacturing and tobacco interests of this city.

Disturbances in Ireland.

(By Associated Press.) DUBLIN, Aug. 27.—Tonight's issue of the Official Gazette contains proclamations by the Lord Lieutenant-in-council, declaring that certain counties and districts are in a state of disturbance, and empowering the Lord Lieutenant to order extra forces of police to those parts of the country.

Today's Exposition Program.

- HEPTASOPH DAY Conventions Meeting. American Osteopathic Association. Firemen of Virginia. Sigma, Sigma, Sigma.
- Special Features of the Day. 8 to 9 a. m.—Drill Twenty-third Infantry.
- 9 a. m.—Heptasoph Day exercises at Auditorium.
- 9 a. m.—Special Piano and violin Recital, Mr. Shafter and Mr. Pionts, Convention Hall.
- 11 a. m. to 12 m.—Concert, Exposition Band, Pure Food Building.
- 1 p. m.—Violin and Piano Recital Mr. Karl J. Pionts and Edwin M. Shonert, Auditorium.
- 4 p. m.—Basket Ball, Athletic Field.
- 4:30 p. m.—Wilmington Zouaves, War Path.
- 4 p. m.—Organ Recital, Mr. T. M. Mather, Auditorium.
- 5 p. m.—Drill Battery D, Third Artillery.
- 6 p. m.—Drill Twelfth Cavalry.
- 9:30 p. m.—Wilmington Zouaves, War Path.
- Stated Program Every Day. 7:30 a. m.—Gates open. 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.—Concert Exposition Band, Main Gate.
- 10 a. m.—And hourly thereafter Exhibition of weather bureau, Earthquake recorder, Government Building A.
- 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.—Concert, Phinney's United States Band, Raleigh Square.
- 11 a. m.—Preparation of large weather map from reports from all sections of the country, Government Building A.
- 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Session of Children's School Farm.
- 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band Concert, Raleigh Court.
- 12 m. to 2 p. m.—Session of Model School.
- 1 p. m.—Biographic and Stereoscopic Exhibition, Scenes on Indian Reservation with lecture, Interior Department, Government Building A.
- 2 p. m.—Biographic exhibition and lecture, scenes in Yosemite Valley, Government Building A.
- 2 to 4 p. m.—Phinney's United States Band, Auditorium.
- 2:30 p. m.—United States Life Saving Service Drill at station.
- 3 p. m.—Illustrated lecture "Reclaiming the Desert" by Mr. C. J. Blinched, U. S. R. S. Interior Department, Government Building A.
- 4 p. m.—Illustrated lecture "Yellowstone National Park" by Mr. E. C. Culver, Interior Department, Government Building A.
- 5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band Concert, Reviewing Stand.
- 7 to 9 p. m.—Combined Bands, Reviewing Stand.

FIGURES TO SHOW THAT SOUTHERN IS A LOSER

Comptroller Plant of Company Presents a Table Giving an Estimate of the Road's Receipts.

WITNESS APPEALS TO THE MASTER

Former Congressman Woodward, Counsel for North Carolina, More Than Pressing in His Questions—Inter-State and Intra-State Traffic Again Playing Important Part.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—The direct testimony of Comptroller Plant of the Southern Railway, in the North Carolina rate hearing, was completed today and considerable progress was made in the cross-examination which was conducted by former Congressman Woodward for the State of North Carolina.

Most of the afternoon session was taken up with questions by the North Carolina state counsel put to Mr. Plant concerning the reports made by him to the North Carolina Corporation Commission of the operations of the Southern railway in that state.

Mr. Woodward pressed his questions so strongly to Mr. Plant that the latter said he felt called upon to ask the protection of master in chancery against the state's leading counsel. Mr. Plant asserted that Mr. Woodward asked him questions for the evident purpose of drawing erroneous conclusions, which he said he did not propose to answer.

Mr. Woodward asked Mr. Plant whether upon any of the quarterly reports made to the North Carolina Railroad Corporation for the four quarters ending June 30, 1906, there was any statement that the operating expenses intra-state business were approximations.

"The reports were not made by me," replied Mr. Plant. "They were attested by me." "Are they not sworn to by you, Mr. Plant?" he was asked.

"That is true," replied the witness. When asked if it was not his duty to make these reports to the Corporation Commission, Mr. Plant said it was his duty to see that they were prepared and filed.

"They were sworn to by me as correct to the best of my knowledge and belief," Mr. Plant added.

Reverting again to his first question as to the reports to the North Carolina Commission, Mr. Woodward asked Mr. Plant if there was anything in the report of the operations of the North Carolina Railroad made by the comptroller for the year ending September 30, 1905, indicating that his statement of the operating expenses incident to intra-state business was an approximation. Upon examining the report Mr. Plant said the report did not show any notation on it that the figures were approximations. He added that it was practically impossible to determine with mathematical accuracy the total amount of expenses to do intra-state traffic as distinguished from all traffic.

Mr. Plant Discusses Alleged Discrepancy.

Mr. Plant discussed an alleged difference of \$165,465 in the earnings of the Southern Railway in North Carolina for the year ending June 30, 1906 as contained in the report of North Carolina Railroad Corporation Commission and as stated in Mr. Plant's testimony yesterday.

Mr. Plant explained that the difference apparently was attributed to the fact that the commission's report made no mention of the intra-state business on the Atlantic and Danville nor of the traffic hauls of the North Carolina Railroad, and that therefore, the tabulation did not include all earnings for which the Southern Railroad has made reports to the corporation commission.

Mr. Plant contended that the price of labor on the Southern has increased very materially during the last five or six years and that wage concessions had been made since June 30, 1906, to the employees of that system.

Statement Presented by Witness.

Mr. Plant presented a tabulated statement giving an estimate of the increase in wages to employees in 1906 as compared with the previous year, which aggregated \$1,044,000. The increases were for the entire system, but they applied equally to North Carolina.

per cent. In reply to a question the witness said that there was not enough balance over fixed charges to declare a five per cent dividend on the preferred stock of the Southern and that that rate of dividend had not been declared during the present year.

RELATIONS WITH VENEZUELA SAID TO BE VERY ACUTE

Bermudez Judgment and Other Questions May Lead to a Disagreement with Caracas.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Relations with Venezuela have again arrived at such an acute stage that the policy of the United States must be shaped henceforward by President Roosevelt and Secretary Root. The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Adee, has received from the American minister, Mr. Russell, at Caracas, confirmation of the press dispatches telling of the imposition of a \$5,000,000 fine upon the New York and Bermuda Asphalt Company for aiding the Matos revolution.

Moreover, the Venezuelan government still remains obdurate in the face of a third request from the United States for arbitration of the pending disputes between the two governments. It is stated that in the third answer sent to Mr. Russell, Venezuela simply recalled his attention to its second answer to the suggestion of arbitration and stated that Venezuela could not arbitrate the question involved. One is the dispute of the New York and Bermuda Company. Another is that the desire of the United States that the award made by the Dutch umpire of the mixed tribunal which adjudicated the claim of the Orinoco Steamship company be revised.

Since the third attempt to obtain acceptance of the principle of arbitration has failed the question has now passed into the hands of President Roosevelt and will be one of the questions to be settled this fall. Indications are that the government is on the verge of another rather delicate disagreement with Venezuela.

ASKS BAR ASSOCIATION TO ENDORSE UNWRITTEN LAW

Resolution Was Introduced by a Boston Lawyer and It Created Considerable of a Stir.

(By Associated Press.) PORTLAND, MAINE, Aug. 27.—Shortly before the adjournment of the American Bar Association today, a decided stir was caused by the introduction by Henry S. Dewey of Boston, of a resolution containing articles of faith with reference to the unwritten law. The resolution which was indefinitely postponed, was in part as follows: "The American Bar Association in convention assembled declares the following articles of faith, namely: "That the ever living God is the supreme judge of the world."

"That this Association teaches that every good law is in harmony with the unwritten law, so-called."

"That the unwritten law, so-called, is the word of God."

"That the real foundation of the common law of England, so-called, is the unwritten law, so-called, and that the unwritten law is the real foundation of all good laws since the beginning of the world, the foundation of common law, common sense, common justice throughout the universe."

WILL ENDEAVOR TO HAVE BROKERS' OPERATORS QUIT

Southern Telegraphers Ask President Small of the Union to Make Such a Move.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—A proposal to nail out all the telegraph operators employed by brokerage firms, regardless of whether these firms have signed the union scale or not is the latest in the strike of the telegraphers.

President Small today received a message from Southern Telegraphers urging that this step be taken. He replied that the men must remain at work until they had received further instructions from the governing body of the union and at the same time called a meeting of all the men employed in brokerage houses in New York for tomorrow afternoon at which time the question of whether they will join the strike will be discussed.

Prospects of a mutually satisfactory settlement of the strike appear to be no more promising today than they were a week ago.

Washington Bucket Shops Closing.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Several of the proprietors of brokerage concerns, which have been under the suspicion of doing a "bucket shop" business have indicated to the district attorney their intention to discontinue business and close their offices. Assistant District Attorney Given said today that by the end of the present week no bucket shop would be in operation in this city.

Nelson Morris Dead.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 27.—Nelson Morris, the well known packer, of this city, died today after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Morris was a victim of heart disease complicated with kidney trouble.

FLEET WILL MAINTAIN SPEED OF TEN KNOTS

Cruising at That Rate Decided Upon as the Most Economical for Fuel for the Ships.

BELIEVED COAL WILL COST \$900,000

Assistant Secretary Newberry Wishes Navy Had Twenty-five More Colliers Than It Has—President Expects to Ask the Next Congress for Large Additions to the Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—With the return to Washington of acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry the work of preparing for the cruise of the battle ship fleet and the torpedo flotilla from Hampton Roads to San Francisco is now being pushed ahead with vigor.

President Roosevelt has written a letter giving his views as to some of the arrangements he thinks desirable, and the bureau chiefs in direct charge of the preparations have been shown this letter.

So far as possible American colliers will be chartered. The scarcity of American bottoms at reasonable prices is so great, however, that foreign bottoms may be forced upon the government. The perennial difficulty which the navy encounters with the collier question prompted Mr. Newberry to remark:

"I sincerely wish the navy could have twenty-five new colliers. If I had my way I would have a collier laid down to every navy yard that could build one. They are badly needed."

From this time on the preparation of the Panther, which is to be equipped with a repair ship to accompany the fleet, and the Glacier and the Culgoza, which will go along as supply ships, will be pressed. The Culgoza and the Glacier will carry enough fresh beef to last the fifteen thousand officers and men from Hampton Roads to San Francisco.

The tank ship Arcthusa will convey the torpedo flotilla on its cruise to San Francisco, which will be over a course closer to the coasts of South America than that of the battleships. The destroyers will coast from commercial establishments at the various ports of call. The battle ships must be coaled entirely by colliers. It is estimated that with four large colliers in each port a division of four battle ships may be coaled each day, the disagreeable operation requiring thus four days for the entire fleet. Liberty will be given freely to the men at Rio Janeiro and Callao.

Secrecy as to Coal Supply.

It was stated today there will be considerable secrecy as to the coal supply at each point, as well as the facilities of the government for transportation, in order to prevent any advance in price which contractors might ask if they knew there was a shortage of available transports at any point. The estimate of 100,540 tons of coal required for the voyage means an initial expense of more than \$900,000 for fuel alone.

It is frankly admitted that no plans have yet been made for the return of the fleet from the Pacific. An inquiry which would take the battle ships entirely around the world was submitted to the President, but it was not adopted.

Many persons here interpret this as meaning the President is not at all sure the ships will return from the Pacific. These persons believe that after some time, on the coast, the entire battle ship fleet probably augmented by the new battle ship Nebraska, will cruise 7,000 miles to the Philippines.

President Roosevelt is expected to ask the next Congress for unusually large authorizations for increase of the navy. It is believed the battleships to the Pacific and the consequent stripping of the Atlantic will be an object lesson to Congress of the desirability of a navy large enough to defend both oceans at the same time. Advocates of the "two ocean standard" are expected to seize the opportunity to urge a liberal increase of naval strength.

Tobacco Plant Shuts Down.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Aug. 27.—Officials of the American Tobacco Company stated today that the shutting down of the company's factory in Cincinnati is permanent. It is claimed that the closing of the plant is caused by the unsatisfactory condition of the labor market. Many of the employees will be sent to other points.

More Yellow Fever in Cuba.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 27.—Five new cases of yellow fever have broken out at Cienfuegos according to a dispatch received at the War Department today from Chief Surgeon Taylor at Marianno, Cuba.