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PRESIDENT'S HANDS BOUND BY TRAITORS

12 SENATORS THWART ACTION

RECALCITRANTS JOIN IN DISGRACEFUL FILIBUSTER TO DEFEAT ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL GIVING WILSON POWER TO ARM SHIPS.

As a result of one of the most amazing scenes ever enacted in the United States Senate, a fight is being made, at the solicitation of President Wilson, to change the Senate rules so that a filibuster by members of a minority never may be able to thwart the will of the majority. It is proposed that debate on any question may be halted at any time two-thirds of the Senators present so vote.

As the last session of the Sixty-fourth Congress was dying on Sunday last, 12 Germanized members of the Senate, after an all-night filibuster, prevented 76 others from passing the armed neutrality bill that would have given the President authority to arm American merchant ships and take other necessary measures to protect American lives and property on the high seas from Teutonic aggression.

Denounce Their Action.

This last act of the Senate's minority, whose names are embalmed in the editorial column, is denounced by the President and his spokesmen as the most reprehensible in the history of any civilized nation. To make the stigma worse, this act of treachery, may call it treason, was committed after it had been made known to the world that Germany previously had plotted to induce Mexico and Japan to join her in waging war against the United States, a scheme that Germany officially has admitted.

These twelve senators have been branded as traitors by the people, press and pulpits of the country. They also have been repudiated as "misrepresentatives" by their State legislatures and constituents. The honorable 76 senators who proved themselves true Americans signed a manifesto, just before the disgraceful close of the session, in which they declared their support of the bill that would have given the President the authority he asked. They deplored and condemned the filibustering that had throttled the will of the people.

President Gives Warning

President Wilson, in a statement referring to the action of the disgraced twelve, said that means of action must be provided to save the nation from disaster. He warned the people that war may be near and denounced the filibusterers as a little group of willful men representing no opinion but their own. Three of them already are out of the Senate.

The special session of the Senate in which the fight is being made to change the rules convened Monday and the matter was placed in the hands of a committee consisting of five Democrats and five Republicans. The proposed change was approved several months ago by the rules committee, but no action was taken during the last session. It is believed that the awakened sentiment of the country in favor of a change will bring definite results.

CHANCE—HOXTER.

Miss Lydia Hoxter, the attractive daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Hoxter, of Maltapex, and James Chance, a popular resident of Chester and son of Mrs. Mary Chance, were married Wednesday evening, February 28, at the home of the bride, Rev. G. S. Thomas officiated and, though the night was stormy and the roads muddy, a large throng was in attendance. The couple received many handsome and useful presents. A reception followed the ceremony and among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoxter and Mr. and Mrs. Emory Palmer, Jr., Mrs. Mary Chance, Mrs. Mary E. Hoxter and Mrs. Norman Meekins; Misses Elizabeth Palmer, Myrtle Coleman, Loretta Porter, Beatrice Palmer, Edna Edenfield, Emma Hoxter, Emma Lane, Mildred Lane, Helen Porter, Elizabeth Harris, Rorie Hoxter, Margery Hoxter, Elizabeth Hoxter, Anna Hoxter, Beatrice Chance and Angie Legg, and Stanley Lane, Charles Lane, Jr., Frank Lane, Albert Porter, Hill Hoxter, Leonard Hoxter, Alvin Millner, John Porter, William Porter, Jr., Olin Lewis, Wallace Chance, Calvert Hoxter, Edgar Benton and Luther Hoxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chance will make their home in Chester.

CONSTABLE IS FINED

MARION COUNCILL PAYS $5 FOR ASSAULT ON FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF SEWARD.

Much commotion was caused on Commerce street last Saturday night as a result of a personal encounter between Constable Marion Councill and former Deputy Sheriff T. Frank Seward. At a hearing immediately afterward before Magistrate Robert Coursey, Constable Councill was fined $5 and costs. Because of criticisms of Mr. Councill that he was alleged to have made, Mr. Seward was strongly lectured by Mr. Coursey.

According to the best information obtainable, the fight, if such it could be called, grew out of these alleged criticisms, said to have been made by Mr. Seward after the arrest of Rev. J. D. Jackson, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, on a charge of attempted burglary of the Arlington Hotel. This arrest was made following the alleged entering of the hotel by Constable Councill and the negro minister, who is now under bail for the action of the grand jury at the May term of the Circuit Court.

Saturday night, it is said, Constable Councill approached Mr. Seward and questioned him about these alleged remarks, it being reported that, as a former officer of the law for many years, Mr. Seward had criticised the manner in which Rev. Jackson's apprehension was brought about.

After but a few words had been spoken, it was testified, Mr. Councill attacked Mr. Seward, who fell to the ground. Curtis Seward, the latter's son, William E. Forsyer and Constable John P. Williamson then intervened and the combatants were separated and taken to Magistrate Coursey's office, where, it is said, the fight came near being renewed.

NEARLY SHOCKED TO DEATH BY LIVE WIRE

ROY PYLE IS REVIVED BY L. D. SHANK'S FIRST-AID METHODS.

While working on the electric lines conveying the municipal plant's current along Chesterfield avenue to Centreville Landing, Roy Pyle, night engineer of the electric plant, was nearly shocked to death Monday morning when he accidentally grasped a live wire. Only prompt first-aid methods, administered by L. D. Shank, manager of the plant, saved Mr. Pyle's life, it being said that he otherwise would have died before medical aid could have reached him.

Messrs. Shank and Pyle were repairing wires that had been damaged by the storm of Sunday. The latter had been working up poles and in trees in front of the high school and, he said, later had been handling, for about half an hour, the same wire that shocked him. It was believed to be dead, but from the way it knocked out Mr. Pyle when he touched an exposed part, it is thought he must have received the full force of the 2,300 volts it usually carries.

As soon as Mr. Shank saw Mr. Pyle fall to the ground, he leapt toward him, and, realizing that he was in a critical condition, at once started resuscitation treatment, using artificial respiration. After about five minutes of hard and earnest work, Mr. Pyle began to show signs of recovery and soon was able to stand up and, later, was able to walk to his home. He has fully recovered from his shock.

FOUND ILL IN ALLEY

EDWIN P. GRAHAM, OF BOOKER'S WHARF, IS STRICKEN WHILE IN BALTIMORE.

Queen Annes county friends of Edwin P. Graham, of Booker's Wharf, were glad to hear this week that he has recovered in the Hahnemann General Hospital, Baltimore, from an apparent stroke of paralysis. On account of his age, 66 years, it was feared his illness might be critical.

Mr. Graham, who has been buying and selling potatoes, went to Baltimore last week, leaving John N. Sparks, of Church Hill, in charge of his property interests at Booker's Wharf. He was found unconscious, early Saturday morning, in an alley in rear of the 600 block of North Gilmor street and was removed to the hospital in a police ambulance.

After recovering consciousness, Mr. Graham told the hospital physicians that he came to Baltimore Wednesday of last week to sell some goods and that he later collapsed at the corner of Light and Baltimore streets. He could give no explanation of how he came to be in northwest Baltimore or what had become of his pocket-book, containing $21, which was missing.

Mr. Graham returned home this week and has resumed his duties at Booker's wharf as agent of the M. D. & V. steamboat lines.

FARMER MEETS HIS DEATH AT CROSSING

DRIVES IN FRONT OF TRAIN

JESSE PHILLIPS IS KILLED NEAR BARCLAY BY NORTHBOUND PENNSY ACCOMMODATION—THE WHEELS GRIND HIS HORSE TO BITS AND WRECK BUGGY.

While on his way Tuesday morning to deliver milk at the Sudlersville cooling station, Jesse Phillips, a well known farmer living near Barclay, was struck and instantly killed at Roe's Crossing by the northbound passenger train of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Queen Annes and Kent branch. His horse was ground to bits beneath the wheels of the locomotive and coaches and his buggy was wrecked.

A coroner's jury, summoned by Magistrate William Harrington, met at Sudlersville, whence the body of the unfortunate man was carried, and rendered a verdict that Mr. Phillips, who was 55 years old, came to his death by being struck by the passenger train about 8.15 o'clock. No comment on the question of possible blame for the fatality was made by the jurors.

Fireman Sees Him.

According to reports of the accident, Mr. Phillips was driving along the road from Barclay to Sudlersville and, where this highway parallels the railroad track, he was first observed by Fireman Redden, of the passenger engine. Mr. Redden expected him to stop, but as the train neared the crossing and Mr. Phillips did not check his horse, the fireman called to Engineer Nugent, telling him to blow his whistle. Mr. Nugent said he did, but the train was nearly upon Mr. Phillips, running at about 25 miles an hour, before he could shut down his brakes.

These slightly halted its progress and, as Mr. Phillips then appeared to notice his danger, he was seen by Mr. Redden to partly rise from his seat in the carriage and pull back on the reins. This action resulted in the horse being halted directly in front of the locomotive, which ran it down. The buggy was torn loose from the animal and, with Mr. Phillips in the top, was hurled 15 feet away.

Dies In Few Minutes.

As soon as possible, the train was stopped and the trainmen, accompanied by Robert M. Hopkins and other passengers, ran back to the scene of the accident. They found Mr. Phillips with a bleeding wound on his forehead, but he gave no other sign of injury. Within a few minutes after they reached him, said Mr. Hopkins, he groaned, gasped several times and died without a struggle.

It is supposed that Mr. Phillips had forgotten about the train being due and that, owing to the possible rattling of his milk cans, he did not hear its bell and whistle. There is a conflict of information as to whether or not his buggy had a storm front, some saying that it had, and that Mr. Phillips' body became entangled in it, while others said there simply was a rise to the carriage and that this fell over the fatally injured man.

Inquest Is Held

With the hope that Mr. Phillips might not be beyond medical aid, his body was placed aboard the train and taken to Sudlersville. There, it was found that he was dead and Magistrate Harrington notified the trainmen that he would hold the inquest when the train came down Tuesday morning. The testimony of Messrs. Nugent and Redden was taken and the verdict quickly rendered.

When the locomotive reached Centreville on its return, its pilot still was spattered with blood of the horse, a rib of which was wedged in the mechanism. It was taken out and the engine was wasted to remove all traces of the fatality.

Funeral services for Mr. Phillips were held at 1 o'clock Thursday at his late home, conducted by Rev. Homer Welch, pastor of Ingleside M. E. Church South. Interment was at Sudlersville. A widow, three sons, Rembert, a member of the Barclay firm of Butler & Phillips; Roy, at the corner of whose farm he met his death, and John Phillips, who resides at home, and one daughter, Mrs. Alfred Ervin, of Wilmington, Del., survive Mr. Phillips.

JOSEPH C. NORMAN

Joseph Clarence Norman, son of the late Samuel O. and Mary E. Norman, died last Saturday at Rosewood Sanitarium. His body was brought to Stevensville Monday morning and buried in the family burying ground.

Mr. Norman was in his thirty-first year. One sister, Mrs. H. P. Breeding, and an aunt, Miss C. Lynda Bryan, survive him.

THIEF AGAIN ACTIVE

BURGLAR ENTERS LOWE HOME WEDNESDAY NIGHT, THROUGH KITCHEN WINDOW.

Another mysterious burglary is engaging the attention of the Centreville police, the South Commerce street home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. C. Lowe having been entered some time between the hours of 8 and 9.20 or 9.45 and 10.30 o'clock Wednesday evening. The robber got little booty and left no clue, but Constable George A. Whiteley is investigating the case.

Entry to the house was obtained through a kitchen window in the rear. This was "jimmied" open without breaking the mechanism, a screw-driver apparently having been used. The bold robber stood on a wooden box and a tin can, it seemed. He was shielded from the view of any persons passing on Kidwell avenue by a screen of lattice-work.

Though the night was moonlit, no suspicious person was observed about Mr. Lowe's premises by occupants of the residences of Mrs. Clara L. Tucker and E. E. Moyer, both of which are close to the scene of the thief's entry.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe left their home at 8 o'clock to go calling. Mr. Lowe returned at 9.20 and sat in the library reading until 9.45, when he left to escort Mrs. Lowe home, where they arrived at 10.20. Upon going into the kitchen, almost immediately afterwards, the robbery was discovered.

No suspicious noise had been heard, but Mr. Lowe armed himself with a revolver and made an investigation. He found only the boxes on which the robber had stood. Some closets in the kitchen had been opened and examined, but, so far as could be ascertained, the only articles taken by the intruder were some clothing belonging to Hallie Ayres, the negro maid.

NEW MILK TESTER

M. M. MORRISON SUCCEEDS J. S. REIFSNEIDER, WHO WILL FARM ON KENT ISLAND.

Succeeding John S. Reifsneider, who resigned to start farming on his estate, the Thompson farm, on Kent Island, M. M. Morrison arrived this week to take up his duties Monday as official milk tester of the Queen Annes County Cooperative Cow-Testing Association.

Mr. Morrison comes highly recommended. He has been stationed for some time at the New Jersey Experiment Station, at New Brunswick, N. J., and is said to be thoroughly grounded in his knowledge of dairying. He was recommended to the local association by G. E. Walcott, a dairy husbandman of the United States department of agriculture, now attached to the Maryland Experiment Station at College Park.

Mr. Reifsneider recently announced his purpose to resign, having decided that he preferred active farm life and County Agricultural Agent E. F. White immediately communicated with Mr. Morrison, who will work in cooperation with Mr. White in advancing the interests of the dairymen of this county. Both will be active in extending the scope and membership of the new Queen Annes Dairymen's Association, soon to be formed.

NEW STATION MAY BE BUILT THIS YEAR

PENNSY SAID TO HAVE PLANS

UNVERIFIED REPORT STATES RAILROAD CONTEMPLATES IMPROVEMENT DURING 1917—THE BUILDING MAY FOLLOW MASSEY MODEL.

Centreville may be presented this year with a handsome new station to take the place of the antiquated structure that now serves the needs of passengers travelling over the Pennsylvania Railroad from this vicinity.

Reports, not verified as yet, are to the effect that the railroad company has decided to build a commodious station. It is expected to be of concrete, with a stucco finish, and to be ample to meet the requirement of the fast growing traffic.

Many More Passengers.

Since unsatisfactory schedules and commercial needs have interfered with the former large number travelling between Queen Annes county and Baltimore, there have been many more passengers using the Queen Annes & Kent branch to travel to Wilmington, Philadelphia and other northern points.

For years, the present station has not been suitable for the purposes of the travelers and there have been many complaints about its lack of accommodations. It is said that the new structure will be lighted by electricity, also that it will have separate lavatories for men and women. There are reports that the station will be modelled after the new building recently completed at Massey, though it likely will be larger.

No Official Information.

C. S. Thomas, local agent for the Pennsylvania, said Thursday that he had heard reports a new station would be built this year, but that he had received no official information on the subject. It is known, however, that the Pennsy is contemplating improvements here, for letters have been received in various Eastern Shore towns, asking information as to the availability of electric service.

In a recent communication, the railroad officials requested reports as to the possibility of charging storage batteries. It was intimated that these batteries would be used to run the trains, the batteries being in service during the day and recharged at night. Nothing definite in the way of reply yet has been received.

BROWN—QUIMBY.

Miss Mary Blanche Quimby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Quimby, of near Ruthsburg, and Irvin T. Brown, of Salisbury, were quietly married late last Saturday afternoon in the parsonage of Grace M. P. Church. Rev. G. J. Hill, the pastor, officiated and the ceremony was witnessed by the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown later left for Easton by automobile and that evening boarded a train for Salisbury, where they will make their home.

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