

# LILLEY CALLED ON TO MAKE GOOD HIS CHARGE

## House Appoints Committee to Investigate Alleged Corrupt Influence

## Lilley Incensed at Speaker Cannon

WASHINGTON, March 6.—A resolution providing for the investigation of charges made by Mr. Lilley, of Connecticut, that members of the naval affairs committee had been unduly influenced in recommending certain submarine torpedo boats was reported to the House of Representatives today by Mr. Daisell, of Pennsylvania, from the committee on rules and adopted by the House. The subject had been under consideration by the committee for two weeks. The resolution follows:

Whereas, Mr. George L. Lilley, a Representative from the State of Connecticut, on his responsibility as a member of this House before the committee on rules has, among other things, stated in substance that the Electric Boat Company of New Jersey and their predecessors, the Holland Boat Company, have been engaged in efforts to exert a corrupting influence on certain members of Congress in their executive capacities and have, in fact, exerted such corrupting influence:

Therefore, be it resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to investigate the charges made by said Geo. L. Lilley of corrupt practices on the part of said company and members of Congress with respect to legislation and that said committee shall have authority to send for persons and papers, to take testimony at Washington or elsewhere, either before the full committee or any sub-committee thereof. Said committee shall report as speedily as possible with such recommendation, if any, as the committee shall meet.

Accompanying the resolution was a report declaring it to be due the House and its members that an investigation should be made. Speaker Cannon announced the following as the committee to conduct the investigation:

Messrs. Boutell, of Illinois; Stevens, of Minnesota; Olmstead, Pennsylvania; Howard, of Georgia, and Broussard, of Louisiana.

Without a dissenting voice the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lilley was present, but made no remarks.

The committee report by Mr. Daisell accompanying the resolutions say, referring to the resolution of inquiry introduced by Mr. Lilley: "There was nothing on the face of the resolution that charged corrupt or even improper methods on the part of the Electric Boat Company in connection with legislation or proposed legislation," but that on the next and succeeding days newspaper articles appeared in which Mr. Lilley was quoted as charging corrupt practices, and "thereafter numerous alleged interviews with Mr. Lilley appeared in certain newspapers of the country coupling the names of members of the House with the Electric Boat Company and legislation in its interest. Following upon these publications Mr. Lilley, at his own instance, appeared before the committee on rules and admitted the authenticity of an interview in the Washington Post, but repudiated all others, and made a statement which is submitted herewith as a part of this report.

In that statement charges are made of corrupt practices on the part of the Electric Boat Company in influencing members of Congress and legislation, and of such character, taken as a whole, as to lead your committee to conclude that it is due to the maintenance of the dignity and integrity of the House and its members that an investigation into the charges made by Mr. Lilley should be made."

Shortly before the adjournment of the House Chairman Boutelle got his committee together and partly organized it. He said afterward that the organization would be completed at a meeting to be held tomorrow, when the question of whether to make the committee's sessions public or private would be decided.

Report that Representative Lilley was recently incensed by the action of Speaker Cannon in not making him a member of the committee, and that he had expected to be named as its chairman, gained circulation and became a topic of discussion after the committee assignment had been announced. Mr. Lilley himself refused to discuss the situation.

# THIS COMPANY LOOKS LIKE IT MEANS BUSINESS

## Atlanta & Carolina Ry. Asks Right-of-Way in Ten New Counties

## Trolley Projected Atlanta to Augusta

ATLANTA, Ga., March 6.—That the Atlanta and Carolina Railway Company, which intends building a trolley line from Atlanta to Augusta and possibly on to Columbia, S. C., means business is indicated by an amendment that has been made to their charter. It gives them the authority of the State to enter several counties not included in the original charter and to make use of streets in several important Georgia towns.

The new counties included are Newton, Columbia, Richmond, Lincoln, Walton, Oconee, Clarke, Oglethorpe, Wilkes and McDuffie. They also ask that they be allowed to use the following Atlanta streets:

of the best known business men of this city. He is survived by a widow and several children.

Georgia Populists. ATLANTA, Ga., March 5.—The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Georgia Populist party will be held in the Senate chamber at the capital March 24 for the purpose of naming delegates to the national convention to be held in St. Louis April 2. The call was issued by J. J. Holloway, chairman.

Requisition for W. G. Thompson. ATLANTA, Ga., March 6.—Governor Smith signed a requisition on the Governor of New Jersey this morning for the person of W. G. Thompson, a young white man recently arrested at Burlington, in that State, for embezzlement at Savannah. He will be brought back for trial in Chatham Superior Court. He was treasurer of the Palmer Hardware Company and was prominent in church work.

A reward of \$100 will be paid for the capture of Thompson. The proclamation giving it was issued only about a week before the man was arrested.

Railroad Company Chartered.

# PRITCHARD APPOINTS RECEIVERS FOR S. C. DISPENSARY FUND

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 6.—Application was made to Judge Pritchard in the United States Court this afternoon by counsel in the case of Fleischmann Company vs. W. J. Murray et al. and Wilson Distilling Company vs. W. J. Murray et al for the appointment of a temporary receiver for the South Carolina Dispensary fund. The defendant commissioners were represented at the hearing by Mr. Daniel W. Rountree, of Atlanta, who waived the required notice of motion as to the Fleischmann case, and after hearing the petition the court granted an order appointing the defendants, Messrs. W. J. Murray, C. H. Henderson, Avery Patton, Jno. McSween and B. F. Arthur as temporary receivers for the dispensary funds now in their possession. The petition upon which the motion was granted stated that a bill had been introduced in the South Carolina Legislature directing the defendant commissioners to return the funds now in their hands to the State treasurer.

The commissioners were immediately notified of their appointment as receivers, but up to a late hour tonight only one response had been received, that of Mr. B. F. Arthur, who stated that he would accept and would serve as a receiver. At the hearing tomorrow it will be determined as to whether the appointments made today shall be made permanent.

# WHILE FIRE RAGED 2,000 CHILDREN SUNG AND MARCHED OUT

NEW YORK, March 6.—While a fire raged on the fourth floor of the five-story public school building in 109th street, between Amsterdam avenue and Broadway today, 2,000 pupils marched from the building singing "America" under the leadership of their teachers. The children were engaged in their morning singing exercises when the fire gong rang and they continued to sing as they marched out of the building. There was no sign of a panic, and a few minutes after the first alarm was sounded all the children were assembled in the school yard waiting for the word of dismissal. Fortunately all of the smaller children were in rooms on the lower floors of the building, and many of them did not know of the fire when they were called upon to march out by the regular fire drill. The fire was quickly extinguished after causing \$200 damage.

# BANKERS PROTEST AGAINST CLOSING STOCK EXCHANGES

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Chicago bankers have protested vehemently against the passage of the bills introduced by Senators Gore and Davis, and Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, or other measures interfering with the operation of the stock exchanges of the country or the selling of commodities for future delivery. A petition was presented in the Senate today by Senator Cahoon. It asserts that the passage of any bill of this character would be disastrous to commercial, agricultural and financial interests. The bankers say they are firmly convinced that such a law would inflict loss quite out of proportion to the evils sought to be eradicated, because such a law would interfere with the making of

# MEDIATORS WILL TAKE UP SOUTHERN'S CASE NEXT TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Chairman Knapp, of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Commissioner of Labor Neill, who, under the Erdman law are to act as mediators between the officials of the Southern Railway and their employes, will begin their work in this city next Tuesday. It is likely the conferences between the mediators and the officials and employes of the road will be held at the Interstate Commerce Commission. The conference will be private and it is believed by the mediators that no statement concerning them will be made until a definite conclusion has been reached. The conference will involve purely the question of wages. Representatives of all the organizations of railroad and train men will appear before the mediators and they will be afforded ample opportunity to discuss fully their position. The same opportunity will be afforded the officials of the railway. The mediators will not sit as a board of arbitration, but will act merely as conciliators. It will be their purpose to bring the employers and employes to an amicable understanding and agreement and they express strong hope of a successful issue of their endeavors.

# BODY OF J. O. AMIDON REMAINS UNCLAIMED

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 6.—The body of James Orlando Amidon, who died in a local hotel seven days ago, still lies unclaimed in an undertaking establishment in this city. The body is embalmed and dressed ready for burial and the local lodge of Masons is using every effort to locate the relatives of the deceased, a badge found on the lapel of the stranger's coat indicating that he was a member of that order.

The deceased is said to have a brother named G. Fred Amidon at Framingham, Mass., and a sister named Miss S. O. Amidon at Medbury, N. H., but telegrams to both places failed to elicit any response. In the pockets of the dead man's clothing was found a postal card from the Hawkins Publishing Company of Waterville, N. Y., addressed to the deceased at Miami, Fla. Amidon came here from Greensboro, N. C., about two months ago, previous to which time he is said to have resided in Florida.

# FOUR NEGROES IN ALL LYNCHED ABOUT THE HART MURDER

HAWKINSVILLE, Ga., March 6.—An erroneous report, purporting to be sent from here and published in the State papers today regarding the lynching of two negroes for the murder of Warren Hart and wife is misleading and incorrect. The published report says the negroes were taken from the jail at Hawkinsville, etc. The negroes were never brought to Hawkinsville, but were in the hands of the citizens near the scene of the crime all the while until they were put to death. Report reaches here that they implicated others and that four in all have been lynched. Mrs. Hart has since died.

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