

**WILL LECTURE IN GEORGIA AND NEIGHBORING STATES.**

I am glad to announce that I will start on an extensive lecture trip through Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia immediately. The towns booked in Georgia are as follows: Demorest, Morris Station, Quitman, Molena, and Carrollton. The plan of campaign is to stay one week in each place and close with the lecture to men only on Papal Moral Theology and Priesthood Corruptions. All lectures are free except the last night. All I ask from the local people is a place to speak. This campaign will be conducted indefinitely and other communities should write for dates immediately. Let us make this campaign year a great year in Patriotic work. A strong effort will be made in these meetings to extend the circulation of The Jeffersonian and The Menace. As my mail is forwarded daily communities desiring lectures should write me care the home office Milan, Ill. I will answer the falsehoods of Collins who recently spoke in several Georgia towns and cities.

Yours for a free nation,  
WM. LLOYD CLARK.

**WILL THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAKE A MARTYR OF THOS. E. WATSON?**

The proposed action of the Department of Justice at Washington, in prosecuting Thos. E. Watson, in some other State, for alleged publications in the Frank case or against the Jews or Catholics or Foreign Missions, and the protest of the Georgia Congressmen, is entitled to more deliberate consideration.

This proposed prosecution by the Department of Justice seems so flagrantly violative of the fundamental principles of this Government that it must "cause us pause." The personality of Watson is a mere incident to the fundamental question involved.

One may, or may not, approve his publications in the Frank case—his flaying of the Jews—his arraignment of the Catholics or his attack on foreign missions. They are nothing relatively to the governmental precedent that would be established if he were indicted and prosecuted, as proposed, in another State.

If the Catholic Church cannot proceed and progress in its benevolent work regardless of Watson's attack, then it should be dissolved.

If the Jewish race cannot continue, serene and undisturbed, to their great destiny and laugh at Watson's attack on them, it should become extinct.

If the contributors to foreign missions cannot continue in the great spiritual uplift of the human race and smile at Watson's criticism, then such missions should be discontinued.

Greater minds and stronger men, by pen and fire and sword, for centuries, assailed the Christian religion with all possible Watsonian unfortunate vindictiveness, yet, its votaries persevered, unswerving and undismayed, quietly diffusing its ineffable light of truth on mankind, and illustrating the axiom that "the blood of the martyr is the seed of the church."

This Government is itself a protest against the proposed action of the Department of Justice—judicial tyranny.

Our ancestors on the other side were the victims of kingly judicial tyranny, and the Bill of Rights in the early State Constitutions and the subsequent recital of rights in the Federal Constitution is more pronounced against judicial tyranny than any other form of oppression.

The Legislature may become demagogic and the executive may grow dictatorial, but if the judiciary is independent, just and impartial, justice to the citizen, and oppression is impossible.

Our forefathers were searched, seized and imprisoned without warrant and held without bail. Their

trials were delayed to coerce confession, and they were sequestered to foreign jurisdictions for conviction.

They were tried without due process of law, and, if acquitted, in the excess of judicial tyranny, they were again put in jeopardy for the same offense.

They were tortured to wring from them their own incrimination, and were denied the right of counsel, and the list of witnesses against them.

They were denied the liberty of conscience, as well as the liberty of speech.

These and other fundamental wrongs assembled our ancestors on the plane of Runnymede, and afterwards drove them to this country, and this Government was more of a protest against such fundamental wrongs than it was to establish a republican form of government.

Some of our forefathers may have felt some misgivings about a Republican form of government, but all agreed as to the denial of these fundamental wrongs and the guarantee of these fundamental rights.

Among, and one of the most vital of these rights, was the right of any person accused of crime to a speedy trial by a jury of his peers—of his neighborhood—and not of his State and county, or district.

The people are almost unconsciously jealous of judicial tyranny—from this their forefathers suffered and fled.

An independent and just judiciary is the surest bulwark and safeguard of the life, liberty and property of the citizen, and will so continue, unless it should degenerate, as in the past, into a mere arm of the Administration, merely to do its bidding and wreak its vengeance.

It can defy the strong and protect the weak—it can guarantee justice and preserve the rights of the citizens, or, as the arm of the executive, it can strangle the citizen to silence and suppress the liberty of the press.

It can guarantee to every citizen the right of trial by a jury of his peers of the vicinage, or it may sequester him to some remote jurisdiction where the citizen is helpless and judicial vengeance is sure.

The formation of this Government was such a protest against these fundamental wrongs that in the division of the judicial functions of the nation and State, these vital rights were not only firmly guaranteed, but it was expressly provided in the Federal Constitution that:

"In all criminal prosecutions the accused shall enjoy the rights to a speedy and public trial by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crimes shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, etc."

This is plain language and while in the latter day juggling of words it may be, by special pleading, tortured into meaning that the citizen may be manipulated to another State for trial, its original meaning and purpose by the fathers seems clear and unambiguous.

We might say that, for the first time, Watson embodies, as against this proposed prosecution and his sequestration into another State for trial, by the Department of Justice, a fundamental principle—that is, a protest against judicial tyranny.

A just, impartial and independent judiciary and the right of trial by a jury of his peers of the vicinage is the last anchor of any government for the safety and security of the life, liberty and property of the citizen, and to lift this anchor to reach and prosecute Watson will tend to ultimately engulf us all.

If it should be the purpose of the Department of Justice to deny Mr. Watson a trial by a jury of his peers of the vicinage by sequestering him into some other State, and if this purpose should be consummated, it will make Watson, against his consent, the exponent of the fundamental principle of antagonism to

judicial tyranny, and the ultimate political result in this State will be difficult to forecast.

This is more vital to Georgians than the charge that his sequestration and trial in another State would be an insult to the State.

The one is fundamental, the other is mere politics; however, where a fundamental principle is stirred by political prejudice and passion, it makes an irresistible force within the sphere of its influence.

We trust that the Department of Justice will forego its proposed purpose and if Mr. Watson has committed any offense against the postal laws, let him be prosecuted in the jurisdiction which it has already recognized and elected.

If he is guilty, a Georgia jury will convict him—if he is innocent, a Georgia jury will acquit him, but if this were in doubt, it were better for ninety-nine guilty men to escape by a regular trial, rather than the Department of Justice should conscript the courts of another State to serve its purpose and openly violate one vital principle of our fundamental law and thereby bring the Federal judiciary into distrust and disrepute by making it a vindictive machine for oppression and persecution.—Athens Banner.

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(Answer.)

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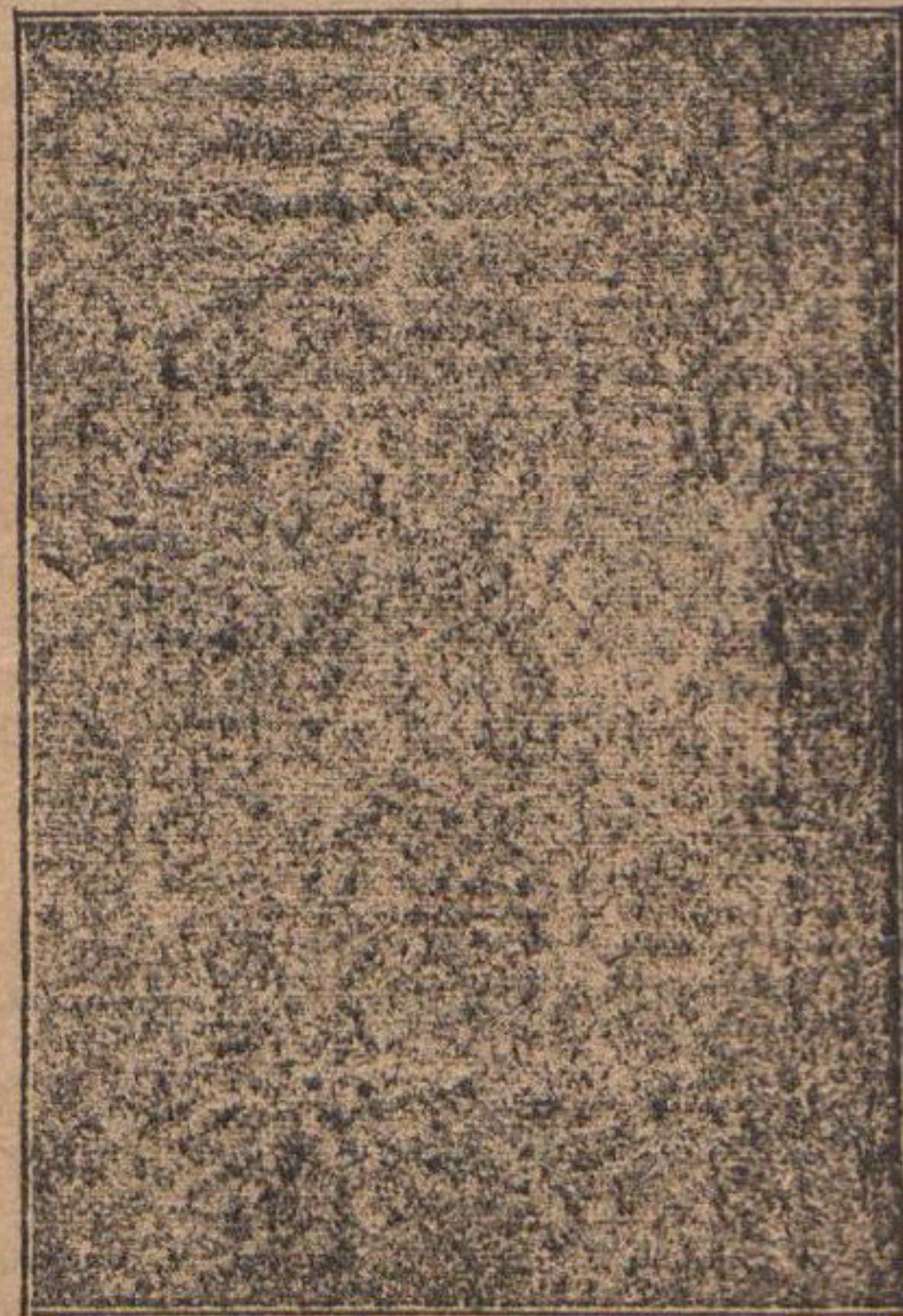
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Major C. E. McGregor  
Writes a Letter to  
the Macon Tel-  
egraph.

Play on McDuff and D—d be he  
Who First Cries Hold, Enough."

To The Macon Telegraph:

The tone, language, and intention of the editorial entitled "Something Else Again," in your issue of the fourth instant, and the one appearing on the 18th, entitled "The Journal—T. E. W.—The Party," evinces to my mind an effort to re-nstate John M. Slaton in Georgia politics by excommunicating Thomas Watson and his influence at any cost. In as much as you have honored me by mentioning me by name, as one of the fifteen or twenty thousand "Old Guard" scattered throughout Georgia who "will win or lose, sink or swim with Watson," I claim the right to the use of your columns, notwithstanding you have heretofore refused it, in a feeble effort to expose, criticize and refute our un-American effort to instill into American citizens the Monarchical doctrine that "The King (Wilson) can do no wrong," and that an American citizen has no rights which tyrannical democratic administration is bound, by the American Constitution to respect. All of which rights your editor attempts to ridicule by sneering allusions to the Hero-Barons who wrung, by force of arms, Magna Charta rights from King John.

The most virulent enemy of T. E. W., if he has Georgia blood in his veins will unite in resisting so usurpatory an act by the Wilson administration,—an act more heinous and destructive of liberty than a Republican administration, dominated by the Negro-loving Thad Stevens, earned sanction in the darkest days of the reconstruction period, when the Military Governor of Georgia, attempted to force Kirksey and other citizens of Columbus to trial in Atlanta when the alleged crime was committed in Columbus. Even a military despot in that case recognized the doctrine of "Circles of Villages" which your Alien editor so flippantly ridicules.

Soon after the execution of the legally imposed death sentence upon Leo M. Frank, I suggested to you an investigation of a rumor current in Atlanta, might develop an understanding or a tentative agreement entered into by the William R. Hearst influence representing the rich Jews, and John M. Slaton, Governor, to secure Slaton the nomination for Vice-President upon the National Democratic ticket, if he, the then Governor, saved the rapist and murderer, Leo M. Frank, from the death penalty then pending. You declined publishing the suggestion, stating you had "decided after publishing Judge Adams' letter defending Slaton's commutation act to exclude the Frank case from your columns," or words to that effect, but you didn't play fair, for the very next day or two or three days thereafter your Atlanta News Bureau teemed with it, and the unfortunate Frank case, now unearthed by Wilson's administration to compel a citizen of Georgia to surrender his convictions to his enemies and the righteous defiance of that citizen to submit passively to such an unconstitutional demand, appears to be the immediate gravamen of your frenzied editorials.

I cannot say, nor could I prove by positive testimony, that such an understanding or tentative agreement existed, but I believe there is sufficient circumstantial evidence to warrant a "true-bill" and that there is more truth in the said rumor than as "ere dreamt" of in your philosophy, Horatio.

Listen: in violation of his oath, he, Governor Slaton, invaded the judiciary department; assumed the right of judge to re-hear evidence; empanelled himself as trial juror to pass on the guilt of a thrice legally sentenced criminal; rendered a verdict of innocence; then reassuming the functions of Governor, he declared the judgements of State and Federal Courts null and void, and instead of sustaining his own verdict of "innocence" by granting Frank his freedom, he stultified his verdict by commuting to imprisonment in the State Farm, from whence Frank's friends could liberate him at their good pleasure. That the Vigilantes got there first and executed the legally imposed death sentence, was no fault of Slaton. He performed his part of the contract or agreement and because Frank's racial friends were too slow to prevent the execution, did not act as an estoppel to the performance of the other side of the agreement, viz: The nomination of Slaton on the Democratic National Ticket. Did Hearst's and Frank's friends get busy?

Follow Slaton as he envelopes himself in winter wraps and flees from Georgia (where he needed vindication) and makes a bee line for where? California—the Ancestral home of the said William R. Hearst, where Slaton is banqueted by Frank's friends and toasted as Georgia's great and only immaculate son. Into other Western and Eastern states he journeyed, abusing the juries and courts of Georgia and posing before deluded newspaper readers as a great Georgian who was not afraid to violate his oath and defame his State, when it took all of that to free a thrice death-sentenced Jew, rapist and murderer. Thus inviting his deluded hearers to reciprocate by elevating him politically. Where and when? Not in Georgia, but in the Democratic Presidential Convention.

Is not that one reason why you and the Atlanta Journal say "He (Thomas E. Watson) should not have the slightest thing to do with naming the delegates to the National Convention—and he shall not?" How will you prevent him, unless Reagan and his Slaton committeemen violate the recommendations of the National Democratic Committee and star-chamber the selection of national delegates instead of having them elected by the people through the white primary?

You affect to have great fear and horror of the Georgia negro at the polls in a general election, but you have no adverse criticism of a Democratic Administration which puts a Georgia negro in charge of a Governmental department in Washington City and makes him the boss over the white women employed therein. Nor did you inform your Georgia readers of that damnable fact.

The Democratic President Woodrow Wilson appointed a negro the Judge of the City Court of the District of Columbia, whose duty it is to mete out punishment to white men and white women convicted in said court, and a Democratic Senate allowed confirmation of that gross Presidential insult to the entire South.

Watson's speech in the State Capitol in 1904 put the negro out of Georgia's politics. The Democratic President, Woodrow Wilson, put black heels upon white necks in the District of Columbia in 1914. Yet you damn Watson and praise Wilson. Why?

Is it because Watson, instead of passively awaiting political assassination, exposed the secret effort of Slaton, the Jews, and other political and religious enemies, to have Wilson's supposed Democratic Administration clandestinely secure indications against him in several States outside of Georgia, spring them upon him so soon as the Executive Committee of Georgia announce the date of the Presidential

primary and paralyze his influence? It has that look.

Indict him for what? For publishing the questions Catholic priests put to men and women in the confessional? No. He has been twice indicted for that. On his first trial Judge Foster dismissed the indictment on the demurrer; the second time the Grand Jury refused to indict; the third time the Republican Postmaster-General requested the District Solicitor to let it alone, but Akerman, the Republican Solicitor, with the aid of one of Georgia's Senators, influenced the Grand Jury into acquiescence. Watson appeared in his own defense before Judge Lambdin in December last and a mistrial resulted—the jury standing for acquittal ten, guilty two.

Indict him outside of Georgia, for what? For libel? No. For treason? No. For slander? No. But for defending Georgia against Slaton's treachery and outside slander, by publishing extracts from the salacious evidence which convicted Leo M. Frank of the vilest crime and murder ever committed in Georgia.

Where did Watson get the evidence from? From Volume 141 of Georgia's Supreme Court Reports. Does said volume circulate through Uncle Sam's mail? It certainly does, and it has the approval and copyright of Uncle Sam stamped upon its cover.

You say that "the people of Georgia aren't ready to follow another Aaron Burr or a Benedict Arnold." I fully agree with you, and if Mr. Hearst, the rich Jews, and Jack Slaton's newspapers dare give public notice of his candidacy for any office in the gift of Georgians and submit it to a white primary, 95 per cent. of the votes cast will link the name of Jack Slaton with that of Aaron Burr and Benedict Arnold.

C. E. MCGREGOR.

February 19, 1916.

SOME QUEER FACTS ABOUT THE WATSON TRIAL.

Dear Sir: I have just finished reading Watson's Magazine for January and The Jeffersonian of the 20th instant, and there are some matters about which I want to write you in connection with the recent trial at Augusta.

The man named as W. R. Brannon; Is W. B. Brannon, of Georgetown, Georgia, a post office inspector now stationed at Chattanooga, Tennessee. I understand that Brannon claims his subscription to The Jeffersonian

was bona fide, but I have never been able to change my opinion that he subscribed in order to make himself a witness for the Government.

I do not know who were the two jurors that held out for conviction but I am satisfied that one was P. S. North.

Do you know why? This same Phil North has been trying for more than a year to be made assistant postmaster at Augusta. The politicians were for him, but he stood about 25th on the list of eligibles, so the position was left vacant, and I understand that today Augusta has no assistant postmaster. What is more natural than that if North could bring about your conviction, or at least show his good (?) intentions by preventing acquittal, the post-office department, or the Romanists, would reward him?

A. J. Knight, the inspector that "worked up" the case has received his reward by being put in charge of this reorganization of rural delivery routes.

Mr. Watson, you know the rural free delivery service. Having been the cause of its establishment, can you not now prevent its demoralization? I do not know how much knowledge Postmaster General Burleson has of the candidates which he is changing and the new and intolerable conditions which he is foisting on the rural public. Sometimes I think he is being misled by his fourth assistant Blackslee, or by Knight and others. Knight and his inspector assistants make their "investigations" and the department orders the changes on his recommendation. In the last six months they have utterly destroyed work that has taken years to build up and perfect. If you want to do something for the country people, put a stop to this.

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