

CLASH OF AUTHORITY

Between Federal and South Carolina Governments.

TOPIC OF WEEK AT CAPITOL

France Honors Dr. Joseph Dunn by Making Him an Officer in the French Academy—Other News of Interest From the National Capitol.

WASHINGTON, August 2.—By far and large the most discussed topic in Washington today is the clash of Federal and State authority in North Carolina. Speculation is rife as to the outcome of the matter, and many and varied are the opinions expressed by politicians and others who have made a study of the situation and have summed up its possibilities. All are agreed, however, that it will require extremely delicate handling if the difficulty is to be adjusted without serious consequences, and officials of the administration therefore are loath to commit themselves, refusing to express any opinion. Aside from the possibility of a serious conflict between the Federal and State governments and all which that might involve, the political aspect is of vast importance. Men of foresight, who have analyzed the matter minutely, point out that the result of the next Presidential election easily may hinge upon the manner in which the situation is handled or developed, as, in the event of a serious clash, there undoubtedly will be a more or less popular demand for a recession to conservatism and anti-imperialism, the trouble being attributed by some at least to the mania for drastic and revolutionary legislation which has become epidemic in Washington and the capitals of several States. Whatever the outcome, the problem certainly will prove a knotty one, and the Administration officials have more than a light summer task in effecting its solution.

France has just honored a Washington educator by appointing Dr. Joseph Dunn an officer of the French Academy because of his researches in Breton folk lore and his interest in Breton literature. Dr. Dunn has been a prolific contributor to the best magazines on these subjects, and his articles have been so well received in France that the government finally decided to confer the appointment. He is one of the youngest Americans ever to receive the title, being only 30 years old. Distinctions from foreign governments are falling fast these days on scientists and educators in the national capital. Only a few days ago Oscar P. Austin, chief of the government bureau of statistics and occupant of the chair of commerce and finance in the George Washington University, was made a member of the Royal Commission of Statistics of Belgium, an honor that is seldom conferred upon foreigners and especially upon Americans. It is only natural, however, that these honors should come to Washington, where the opportunities for research have attracted so many scientific men of national and international reputation. Because of the presence of these men here, Washington is regarded as the logical location for a typically American university, a position that George Washington University aspires to fill, and which the Administration officials from President Roosevelt down believe it is amply able to do.

Simultaneously with the institution of a suit this week by the government against the "powder trust," comes the charge, in an open letter to the President, that the Georgia disaster was not, as the navy board concluded, due to a flareback of the gases, but to inferior powder which was fraudulently foisted upon the government by "switching" samples that is, furnishing a lower grade powder than the sample furnished to the government for test. The charge is made by Robert S. Waddell, president of an independent powder company of Peoria, Ill., who also suggests to the President that a time-limit be established by the Navy, prohibiting future efforts on the part of the men behind the guns to "break the record" in rapid-fire target practice. This suggestion apparently might be adopted by the Department without injury to the service, and with benefit to the gunners, for whether or not the powder was inferior, it is certain that had not the gun crew been endeavoring to establish a new record for rapid and accurate firing, the accident which entailed the loss of so many lives, would not have occurred. It is not known as yet what action will be taken on the charge made by the Illinoisan.

Another clash of State and Federal authority came this week, and although it is of interest to those familiar with

OUR WEEKLY FASHION LETTER

A TIMELY REVIEW OF THE LATEST MODES (Special) By JUDIC CHOLLET

FASHION GLEANINGS.

Shantung Tailored Frocks Modish. Little Coatee of Lace.

Tailor robes of shantung for morning wear are very stunning made with a walking skirt arranged in double box plaits, severely pressed. The coat is a kimono bolero caught in at the waist with a smart belt.

Little coatee of pongapour or china silk, with loose Japanese sleeves with gold slipped over a lace blouse, are very smart.

The advent of the colored yoke and cuffs contrasted with the rest of the blouse means that many a remnant not sufficient for an entire waist can be utilized.

The latest turndown collars are being worn as high and as closely fitting as



OF PONGEE AND SILK—5685, 5496.

possible, and the thin material of which they are made—that is, the turnover part—prevents them from being clumsy.

Large sleeves that attain the proportions of balloons may be upon us in the fall.

Light biscuit, sand color, putty and similar shades are prominent among the new leather belts, and they harmonize well with the pongees and other fabrics of this tone that are so popular.

Pongee trimmed with light brown silk is a pronounced favorite of the season. The gown illustrated is of this material. A bit of velvet on the collar of the jacket gives character to the whole, and frills of ribbon form the bows.

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WHIMS AND FANCIES.

Parisian Neckwear—Colored Handkerchiefs For Neck Fixings. A great variety of laundered collars

the pro and con of the old question of State's rights, it can hardly attain the magnitude of the North Carolina conflict. A soldier stationed at Fort Brandy, Mich., near Sault Ste. Marie, while firing on a deserter who was attempting to escape arrest, missed his mark and killed a Canadian girl who was crossing the reservation. Remembering the trouble which the Homer Grafton case caused, the military authorities immediately placed the man who did the shooting under arrest, and he will be tried by court martial. The civil authorities have in the meantime demanded his surrender for trial in the State courts, but this was refused by the War Department. Notwithstanding that the shooting occurred on a military reservation, the civil authorities claim jurisdiction by reason of the fact that the country is at peace and the military therefore should be subservient. However, the Supreme Court of the United States established a precedent in its decision of the Grafton case, and the State courts will not be allowed to have custody of the man. The Grafton case, it will be remembered, centered round his shooting of two Filipinos on a government reservation and his subsequent conviction for manslaughter by the civil courts after his acquittal by court martial. The case was appealed and eventually the Supreme Court held that the second trial was illegal in that the defendant was twice in jeopardy for the same act.

Contained in five short lines in a circular report this week is to be found a whole sermon on the benefits of water transportation. The gist of the matter is a comparison of rates on galvanized iron and cement from England to Johannesburg. The report is made by Consul R. F. Mosher, of Elizabeth, Cape Colony. It seems that the cost of transporting galvanized iron from England to Natal, seven thousand miles, is \$6.07 per ton. The charge by rail on the shipment from Natal to Johannesburg, 403 miles, is \$20.77, or more than four times as much, although the distance by sea is nearly fifteen times as great. From and to the same places, a barrel of cement costs \$9.88 and \$4.78, respectively. These

figures are enlightening, and bear out the contention made by the National Rivers & Harbors Congress, which has discovered that the difference between rail and water rates in this country is practically as great, water transportation on the average being one sixth of that by rail, and, on the Great Lakes, much less. This saving to shippers in the United States would be much greater were the waterways of the country developed so as to admit of steady navigation. The National Rivers & Harbors Congress is working to this end, and is urging upon Congress the necessity for appropriating \$50,000,000 a year to prosecute such work. The organization's special director, John A. Fox, at present is visiting the various sections of the country seeking the moral and financial support of cities, communities and shippers; its secretary, Capt. J. F. Ellison of Cincinnati, also is at work in endeavoring to increase membership so that the influence of the organization may be made more potent by the time the Sixtieth Congress convenes.

With the christening of the new battleship Utah, the Navy Department will have exhausted its stock list of names for Uncle Sam's big war craft, and will have to face a serious problem of finding suitable names for the battleships of the future. Although the United States possesses only 29 battleships, every State except Utah at present has a namesake among our navy. This is explained by the fact that only recently have the names of States been reserved for battleships; prior to the enactment of the law providing that only battleships should bear the names of States, it was the practice to use the names for vessels of other classes. To change the names of all vessels bearing State names would call forth all the superstitious fears which a sailor feels concerning a ship that has been renamed, and it is therefore likely that Congress will be asked to decide what shall be done in the matter of naming the battleships which it may authorize to be built.

Such bizarre sleeves are being worn, some of them being drawn down under the high belt and fastened with buttons to the skirt, some draped across on to the back of the bodice. They are more like draperies than sleeves.

Touches of black are introduced upon gowns this season regardless of



FOR THE OUTDOOR GIRL—5350, 5135.

their color or fabric. In fact, velvet ribbon in very dark colors is among the smart decorations, but when lighter colors are used they are a shade darker than the material.

Gowns of chiffon cloth often have trimmings of coarse embroidery outlined with little traceries of black gize ribbon. On a white model accented with vandyked founces of coarse embroidery the traceries are very effective.

A golfing gown is seen in this cut of mustard colored linen trimmed with white frills. While all the tan, brown and mustard shades are smart, there is a decided feeling for blue, dull green and raspberry red.

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