

President Coolidge Takes White House Job Soberly

More Engrossed in Affairs of Government Than of Political Campaign and Putting in Steady Hours at Desk When Few Officials in Washington

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Washington, July 23.—With a little more than half of his cabinet to assist him, President Coolidge appears far more engrossed in the affairs of government these days than in the details of the coming campaign.

He is "carrying on" at the White House at a time when other Presidents generally have left Washington far behind to seek recreation in cooler climes.

There is absolutely no indication as yet that Mr. Coolidge is to take the active part in the campaign that was at first proposed. Perhaps the death of his young son may have something to do with his present state of mind, but there are friends of the chief executive who say he has never believed a president should make a bitterly partisan fight for reelection.

Never of a robust appearance, Mr. Coolidge gives his callers these days the impression of a tired man. The lines of his face seem a little deeper than they were a year ago. The weather in the capital during the past few days has been unusually warm, but the president, accustomed as he has been to the braising atmosphere of New England, has uttered no word of complaint.

There is a marvelous amount of grim determination in his wary, slight physique and the reserve strength of an unemotional disposition is serving him in good stead at this time. The White House physicians report the president in excellent physical condition as the campaign approaches and make light of the appearance of fatigue which has caused some comment among White House visitors.

The Republican Party managers say that as the campaign seems to be developing there will be little occasion for any strenuous effort on the part of Mr. Coolidge. From what they have heard of Mr. Davis' plans, the G. O. P. leaders feel that Mr. Coolidge may "rest on his oars" for a large part of the time. They have heard for instance that the Democratic nominee will make taxation and economy in government two of the big issues of the campaign. The leaders say the Republicans already have accomplished a reduction in taxes and have put the most rigid economy into effect in government.

Mr. Coolidge realizes of course that the Democrats will attempt to claim full credit for the recent tax reduction because of his stand for the Mellon plan as against the legislation finally passed by Congress and approved by the executive. It will require a great deal of education—more the Republicans say than is possible in a two month campaign—to enable the man in the street to differentiate between one tax plan and another. The important fact to the Republicans is that Secretary Mellon and President Coolidge recommended tax reduction and tax reduction was accomplished under the present administration.

The president still believes in the Mellon plan and is prepared to defend it in such campaign speeches as he will feel called upon to make. Further Mr. Coolidge intends to recommend the Mellon plan anew to the next session of Congress, regardless of what the results may be at the polls in November. The president will point to his own record, and that of President Harding, on all matters of government economy. So if the Democrats are preparing to stress these issues, as the Republicans now profess to believe, the coming campaign may prove far from exciting and colorful.

The LaFollette-Wheeler organization is expected to furnish about all the fire works which may be exploded between now and election day, but it is the Republican plan to ignore this third ticket. That was the meaning of Chairman Butler's statement that the Republican campaign would be uniform in all sections of the country. There is to be no fight against the independents as such. The Republican scheme of campaign is wholly an affirmative one. The effort will be to keep President Coolidge "sold" to the American people.

Mr. Coolidge is quietly formulating his speech of acceptance to be delivered the evening of August 11. He has plenty of time and will not rush the manuscript. The president feels that this will be his one great contribution to the campaign. As a matter of fact it is the only political speech for which he is scheduled at this time. It may be October before he speaks again, except for occasional short addresses by radio.

There is no disposition on the part of Chairman Butler or other leaders of the party to urge a more strenuous campaign pro-

MANY FAILED OF PROMOTION

Caused Chiefly by Irregular Attendance, Lack of Study and Too Much Time on Streets.

Supt. S. L. Sheep gave out some enlightening figures Thursday in regard to school attendance and promotion.

"The total number of white children between the ages of 6 and 21 years in Elizabeth City, according to the census, is 1,965; of colored children between these ages, 1,492.

"The number of white children enrolled in the city schools is 1,272; of colored children 959.

"The average daily attendance of white children is 1,054; of colored 725.

"The total number of white children promoted at the end of last season was 1,116; of colored 457."

The low percentage of promotion for both white and colored children is the most interesting and the most serious of the foregoing facts. This was caused in many instances, Mr. Sheep explains, by irregular attendance, which ought, of course, to be avoided as far as possible.

An unfavorable cause perhaps was that some parents moved away during the school season and the children did not finish the year's work.

But the last reason, and one that should be prevented, is that pupils did not do the proper amount of study and spent too much time on the streets at night.

PRICE OF COTTON JUMPS OVERNIGHT

New York, July 23.—Cotton prices on the local market jumped from 51 to 58 points overnight. This represented a rise of more than \$10 a bale in two days.

CATHOLIC BISHOP DYING AT BELMONT

Gastonia, July 23.—Right Reverend Leo Hall, bishop of North Carolina, died at Belmont, N. C., yesterday afternoon at Belmont Abbey, a retreat for the archdiocese of America, at Belmont, N. C. He was 72 years of age.

MISS ALICE ASTOR WEDS OROLENSKY

London, July 23.—Miss Alice Astor, daughter of Lady Ribblesdale and the late John Jacob Astor, was married today in Prince Charles, London, to Prince Orolensky, son of the late Russian Emperor, Nicholas II.

BOSTON CHOSEN BY SOILS OF REVOLUTION

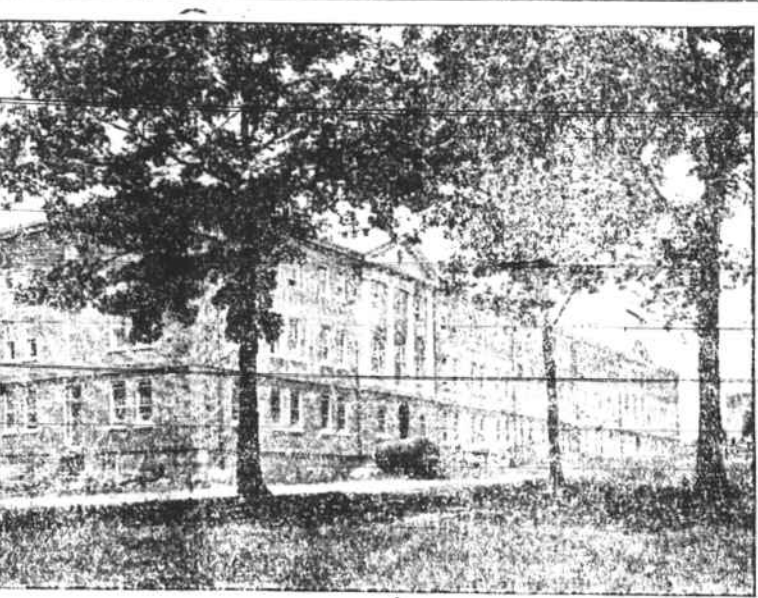
San Lake City, July 23.—Marvin H. Lewis of Louisville was yesterday elected president of the Soils of Revolution at the closing session of the organization's annual congress here.

WATERMELONS ARE HERE IN FLENTY

Six thousand watermelons from Chowan and Washington counties were docked at the Flora Wharf here Wednesday morning. This is the largest number of melons to be docked here at one time within the last five years.

The melons were brought here in schooners by F. C. Spruill, Bailey Biggs, and W. P. Patrick of Washington County and W. T. Copeland of Edenton. Mr. Patrick, arriving here and finding the city stocked, took out for Norfolk at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning with 2,800 melons on board his schooner.

NEW DORMITORY AT STATE COLLEGE



The first building in a new dormitory at State College, N. C., is shown in this picture. Thoroughly modern in every respect, including the plumbing and heating, it will be ready for occupancy in the fall. The building was designed by the architectural firm of Robert C. Taylor, of New York, and the construction was done by the company of Sanford, the contractors.

DUES FROM WOUNDS ASSEMBLY HAS FINE SESSION

Baltimore, July 23.—George Gross, one of the four youths convicted of murder of Louis C. Howe, was yesterday elected president of the Dues from Wounds Assembly. The assembly had a fine session at the Hotel Hamilton in Baltimore.

CHOWAN COLLEGE MEETING SAID TO SURPASS THAT OF ANY SUCH GATHERING HELD IN STATE

Marion, N. C., July 23.—The Chowan Baptist Association held its first session at Chowan College Wednesday night with an attendance of 100 members. The session was held in the new building at the college.

WASHINGTON HAS MAH JONGE RAID

Washington, July 23.—Washington's first mah jonge raid was held today resulting in the arrest of 15 Chinese and the seizure of various ivory wands and paraphernalia.

SECRETARY JOB STAYS WITH ELIZABETH CITY

Two Hundred New Members Added to Chamber of Commerce as Result of This Week's Drive but Additional Fifty Yet Wanted Says President Sheep

The Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City, N. C., has reported around two hundred new members secured, making a total of five hundred who are now members of the organization which assumes the continuance of the Chamber of Commerce and the retaining of Mr. Jones as its secretary.

The Chamber of Commerce, like any other business organization, requires to be placed on a good financial basis. It is a selling organization just as any mercantile house. The Chamber of Commerce calls the community not only to the prospective investor, but also to itself. If the projects which are now on the Chamber of Commerce are to be completed without the addition of more people interested in Elizabeth City, the Chamber of Commerce will be unable to carry on its work.

The Chamber of Commerce is now in the process of organizing a new Chamber of Commerce in the rural sections as we want to make this not an event for Elizabeth City only, but for our Albemarle section.

SUED FOR STEALING WIFE'S AFFECTION

Statesville, July 23.—Ray W. Adair, who was arrested last night from the residence of John L. Adair, charged with the theft of a woman's affection, was yesterday indicted by the grand jury on a charge of stealing the affection of a woman.

PORTABLE USED IS IDENTIFIED

Typewriter on Which Leopold and Loeb Write Ransom Letter Figures in Hearing at Chicago

Chicago, July 23.—Continuing the police tip of a machine used to write the ransom letter, a portable typewriter similar to that on which was written the ransom letter, was identified as the machine by Robert Frank, father and uncle and was identified as of similar make to that sold to Leopold and Loeb.

Chicago, July 23.—Elizabeth Sattler, maid in the Leopold home, identified the underwood portable typewriter which she had assembled the machine in the room of her employers.

She added that she had seen Nathan Leopold, Jr., use such a portable typewriter. It was this kind of machine the ransom letters were typed on.

Miss Sattler was called by the state in the hearing which is to determine the penalty Nathan, Jr., and Richard Loeb are to pay for the slaying and murder of Robert Frank.

Four Chicago University students, classmates of Leopold in the law school, were called to tell what they knew of the typewriter, but the best they could do was to say that the machine was a portable.

Mrs. J. T. Stalling and son, James, have returned from Norfolk where they have been spending several days.

DR. SMITH BETTER AFTER ACCIDENT

Rock Springs, Wyoming, July 23.—The condition of Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Washington and Lee University, who was injured in an automobile accident last Friday, continues to show improvement.

LUMBER TREND UPWARD

New Orleans, July 24.—There has been a marked increase in demand for Southern pine and orders are at the highest point reached since January, exceeding production by twenty per cent. As a result of this improvement, the short stacks on hand, mills are expected to increase working time and the number of employees.

SIX LOSE LIVES AS HOTEL BURNS

Ranger, Tex., July 24.—Six persons are known to be dead, 18 are in a hospital, and one boy is missing as the result of fire which destroyed the entire McCleskey hotel block here today with a property loss estimated at more than a million dollars.

TRIAL POSTPONED FOR LUNACY PLEA

Richmond, July 24.—The trial of Walter Snyder on charges of killing his bride and throwing her body in the James River was today postponed until July 28 in order to allow the defense time to prepare a plea for appointment of a lunacy commission.

NO TRACE OF MONEY FROM THE SAFE AT CENTRAL FILLING STATION AFTER SATURDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY MORNING HAS BEEN RECOVERED, ACCORDING TO I. E. BARTON, PROPRIETOR OF THE STATION.

An odd circumstance connected with the robbery was that the thief, according to Mr. Barton, transferred a number of checks from the safe to the cash register and threw two or three more checks under the safe.

JOE SWINDELL UNABLE TO ARRANGE BOND

Joe Swindell, in jail here nearly a month charged with a crime against childhood, who was reported as likely to be able to arrange bond when this bond was fixed in recorder's court, following the preliminary hearing, at \$7,500, was still in his cell Thursday, with the probability, now that Superior Court is less than four weeks off that he will remain there until the trial.

TEXAS COTTON STANDS SHOW MUCH VARIATION

Houston, July 24 (Special).—Cotton stands in Texas show considerable variation today. The cotton planted early is doing well but late plantings need rain.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 24.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, middling 34.75, a decline of 55 points. Futures, closing bid, July 25, Oct. 23.40, Dec. 23.44, Jan. 23.45, March 23.65.

New York, July 24.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 35.10, Oct. 29.20, Dec. 28.25, Jan. 28.10, March 28.20.