

## Al Smith Seems Only Hope N. Y. Democrats

### If Election Day Were Tomorrow Indications Now are that New York Would Go Republican by Large Majority

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 12.—No better opportunity is usually afforded to get a line on Empire State politics than the state fair, especially on Governor's Day.

The writer found the New York state political problem wrapped up in Governor Al Smith. On whether he runs or not depends the fate of the national ticket of the Democratic party.

So the natural thing to do was to find out if possible from the governor himself what he intended to do. He was sitting in the grand stand presumably watching the trotting races but alongside of him were Norman E. Mack, national committee man, and William H. Kelly, state committee man, who engaged the governor in debate on the subject of whether he should run for another term. Messrs. Mack and Kelly ably defended the affirmative while the governor forcefully argued in the negative.

Norman Mack beckoned and the writer was invited to join the discussion.

It wouldn't be proper to disclose what was said but even so a solution of the perplexing problem would be no nearer.

The leaders, especially those to whom it means much to have the state ticket pulled through, know Al Smith can help them. They fear no other candidate can. They do not profess incidentally to know how much Al Smith could help the national ticket but they think he would help it some.

Now as for the governor, he owes much to his party and wants to continue to be of service to it. But he has had two terms and engaged in three vigorous campaigns. There is no glory in the governorship which he has not already enjoyed. And there is a prospect of much more to do and to do in a legislature not entirely Democratic. Besides, the governor is anxious to get back to private business. Public service is not remunerative to the honest official—it is usually a burdensome expense.

It is no secret that the governor doesn't want to run again. He has told many people that. He is sincere about it. If he had his way, he will make speeches for Davis and retire from the governorship. But will he have his way? The practical politicians are pleading with him. Would he put himself in the position of refusing aid to the state and county tickets all along the line in an hour of distress? If he hopes for political advancement later on, will he receive the same wholehearted support from the organization that he now enjoys or will there be resentment because he did not make the fight this year? Could he hope to be leader of a party which might harbor the thought that it would be in power but for his retirement?

Al Smith is a creature of almost unparalleled popularity in politics. The people who are for him love him and those who are against him are numerically smaller than any Democrat in New York state has had in generations. But this is a Presidential year when straight tickets are voted. And New York is normally a Republican state. Four years ago Al Smith made a remarkable run. He was only 60,000 behind Harding who carried the state by a million votes. But he was just behind just the same. Some Republicans well informed and unprejudiced, conceded today Al Smith's strength to be so great that he might even win the governorship this time, even though Coolidge carried the state.

And there's the rub. Would the politicians of other states accuse Al Smith and Tammany Hall of bad faith if the state ticket won and the national ticket lost? It's a risk for any one to take who may want to be in the good graces of his party.

If, on the other hand, Coolidge carries New England and other neighboring territory by a uniformly heavy vote and New York shows a lesser margin as between the state ticket and the Davis-Hardy ticket it would be apparent that Al Smith had helped the national cause by making the race. To that extent would he ingratiate himself with the party moguls as having played the game irrespective of whether he wins or loses the governorship.

Many Republicans are mistakenly assuming that Al Smith doesn't want to run because he fears being beaten. What he really fears is that if he runs he will be elected. And that means two more years of hard work with the possibility that two years hence the chieftains of the party may be after him again to make the race for United States Senator or something else to help the local

## PERSHING ENDS ACTIVE SERVICE

### Last Signal Honor Paid Great General Is Announcement Made by the President.

Washington, Sept. 13.—General John J. Pershing ended his 42 years of active service at noon today with a last signal honor paid him in the issuance of an executive announcement by President Coolidge expressing the nation's indebtedness to him for the service which won him the leadership of the American forces in the World War.

Only in rare instances in history in which a retiring officer has reached the highest rank has there been precedent for the honor conferred upon General Pershing in the executive order in which the President extended him "new thanks of a nation for his eminent services."

The President added that he felt "certain that I voice the sentiment of the entire citizenry of the Republic in wishing him long life, happiness and prosperity in the retirement he has so richly earned."

Washington Sept. 13.—With a speech of farewell, John J. Pershing, general of the Armies of the United States, retired at midnight last night from active duty.

## JUDGE DAVIS AT BLACKWELL SUNDAY

Judge John Warren Davis, of the New Jersey Federal Court of Appeals, whose home is at Trenton, but who for the last week, with his brother, Rev. Q. C. Davis, Baptist pastor at Albemarle, has been assisting Rev. Romulus Hall in an old fashioned revival at Berea, the old home church of the Davis brothers, four and a half miles from Elizabeth City, will speak Sunday at Blackwell Memorial Baptist church at the evening service. Crowds that have been overflowing the church auditorium at Berea have been attending the revival, and many others who would have been glad to hear Judge Davis have been prevented from doing so because they fell there would be no room for them at Berea. Many of these will doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity to hear Judge Davis at Blackwell Memorial Sunday night.

The annex and gallery at Blackwell Memorial will be opened Sunday night, if necessary, so that all who attend may find seats.

## NEW MACHINE SHOP REBORING CYLINDERS

No longer is it necessary for owners of gas engines in Elizabeth City or at points down the sound to send their engines to Norfolk or a more distant city to have the cylinders reground. This work is now done here at Clark's Machine Shop and Gas Engine Works on Riverdale Drive on the site occupied by the old Jet Davis machine shop for many years.

Equipped with a modern cylinder regrinding machine, this shop claims to put cylinders in such good condition that they actually run better than when new. General repair work is done on this new shop, but the regrinding of cylinders is its specialty. The proprietor, C. H. Clark, with several years experience in repairing marine and automobile engines, having made a particular study of making as good as or better than new out of old ones.

Mr. Clark not only knows his business but is abreast of the times in realizing the value of newspaper advertising. He has an advertisement in this issue of The Advance.

## ON MOTOR TRIP

Leaving Saturday afternoon for a tour by motor car of Western North Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. Hersey L. Williams, 223 West Herring street, were accompanied as far as Chapel Hill by Mrs. Williams' brother, Johnnie Williams, who will matriculate at the University of North Carolina for a degree. Johnnie Williams is a son of John T. Williams, 109 East Cypress street, and was a member of the class of 1923 at the Elizabeth City High School.

## STATE TOOK PART IN DEFENSE DAY

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—Many cities and towns throughout North Carolina yesterday observed Defense Day with parades of veterans and with speeches.

## WRITES TELEGRAM THEN ENDS HIS LIFE

New York, Sept. 13.—After writing a telegram formally announcing his death to friends, Louis M. Wachtel, salesman of Steubenville, Ohio, drank poison in his room at the Hotel McAlpine today and was dead when the ambulance surgeon arrived.

## COURT MARTIAL ON ACCOUNT OF BARON

Norfolk, Sept. 13.—The Atlantic fleet arrived here yesterday afternoon and a court martial will be held on the Texas at once to determine how the Dutch baron, Von Westerholt came to this country several weeks ago smuggled in on that vessel in defiance of the immigration laws.

## CHINESE FIGHT IN SPITE OF RAIN

Shanghai, Sept. 13.—Rival forces of the warring China military governors battling for the possession of Shanghai disregarded the traditional rule against fighting in the rain today when firing was resumed at Kwangtu, 15 miles west of here while that area was being soaked by a new storm. Canton, Sept. 13.—Dr. Sun Yat Sun, head of the South China government, accompanied by a regiment of troops departed for Schichow today in the northern part of Kwangtung Province, the greater part of which is under his control.

## GAITHER BACK FROM ALASKA

### Spent Five Years in Mission Work in Far North, Acquiring Title and Family While Away.

Back from five years of mission work in Alaska, bringing home the wife who four years ago met him at Seattle for their marriage and two children born above the Arctic circle, Rev. Burgess Wood Gaither, who acquired his title as well as his family after entering mission work in the Far North, was greeting old friends on the streets Friday and Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Gaither is spending a short vacation with his mother, Mrs. Gaither at Hertford, before leaving for the seminary of his church at Alexandria, Virginia, for a year's study. He was here Friday afternoon and Saturday morning for a visit to his brother, W. G. Gaither, and family, returning to Hertford Friday morning. So far as he now knows he will return to mission work in Alaska when he has completed his course at the seminary.

Mrs. B. W. Gaither, before her marriage was Miss Penelope Weddell of Tarboro. The Gaither-Weddell wedding took place at the home of Bishop Rowe, Bishop of Alaska, and an interesting coincidence is the fact Archdeacon Fred B. Drane of Alaska is now on his way to Seattle where he is the home of Bishop Rowe he is now Miss Rebecca Wood, daughter of Frank Wood of Edenton, who with Mrs. Wood will accompany his daughter to Seattle for the wedding.

## DAWSON NAMES AN ADVISORY STAFF

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—John G. Dawson yesterday named an advisory committee of the Democratic in the State campaign here. W. H. Dall of Greenville will represent the first district.

## MRS. WILLIAMS DEAD

Mrs. John Williams died Saturday, 2:45 a. m., at her home on Halls Creek road about six miles from this city after several weeks illness. Mrs. Williams was about 39 years old and is survived by her husband, two children, Frances and Carroll, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Seymour of this city, and a number of nephews and sisters. The funeral will be at the home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Daniel Lane of the City Road Methodist Church and interment will be made at Hollywood Cemetery.

## FUNERAL MRS. MILLER

The funeral of Mrs. H. F. Miller, who died at the home of her son, Zeb Miller, 616 Hunter street, Thursday morning, was conducted at the home Friday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. C. B. Culbreth and interment made at Hollywood Cemetery. The pallbearers were: Messrs. J. B. Leigh, Charles Sanders, C. L. Lister, J. L. Pritchard, L. B. Twiford and John Wells. Among those from out of town here to attend the funeral were her husband, H. F. Miller of Buxton; her sons, Fred, Erskine and Alton Miller of New York City; Mrs. Rebecca Jennette and Mrs. Euzella Felton of Washington and Miss Olga Miller of Buxton.

## CARL BLADES IN HOSPITAL

L. Carl Blades, 607 Pennsylvania Avenue, is in a Norfolk hospital, where he was operated on for appendicitis upon his arrival there from Philadelphia on a Bay line boat Saturday morning. Mr. Blades, it is reported, was taken with appendicitis on the trip, down the bay and was rushed to the hospital as soon as the boat docked.

## CONVICTS HOLDING OFFICERS AT BAY

Sumter, S. C., Sept. 13.—Six escaped convicts, reported to be provided with arms and ammunition, are surrounded in a clump of woods a few miles from Sumter by rural policemen. The officers have asked for reinforcements from here.

## STUDIO OPENS MONDAY

Miss Elizabeth Baker's music studio will open Monday, Sept. 15. Pupils please register at once for hours, 8 East Main street, next door to Southern Hotel.

## TRAINING SCHOOL COMES TO A CLOSE

### Surpassed in Interest, Attendance, and Quality Work Done—All Expectations of Managers.

The Elizabeth City District Standard Training School for Sunday school workers closed its first annual session at the First Methodist Church Friday night. This school, which began Sunday night, had a most successful week, surpassing in interest, attendance, and quality of work done, the expectations of the local board of managers, under whose direction the school was held. It was attended by workers of the city and from schools over the district, some coming 50 miles in order to take advantage of this training opportunity, made possible by the Methodist churches of the district with the co-operation of the Sunday School Board of the North Carolina Conference.

Following two class periods Friday night, a brief communion service was held in the Sunday school auditorium, presided over by Rev. C. B. Culbreth, chairman of the board of managers, at which L. I. Gobbel, of Durham, conference superintendent of Sunday school work and director of this training school, announced the number of certificates of credit earned and other interesting facts concerning the school's work. Short talks were made by Mr. Culbreth, Judge J. B. Leigh, J. L. Outlaw, and W. A. Hooper, expressing gratification at the results of the school, thanking the faculty for their work, and requesting that a similar school be held next year. By a rising vote the school asked unanimously that such a school be held in 1925.

Following the commencement program, refreshments were served in the recreational rooms of the church. Enrolled in the school were 111 bona fide students, and to be counted as enrolled, according to Director Gobbel, one had to attend at least six of the 12 class periods. Sixty-seven certificates of credit on the standard training course were earned. These certificates were distributed among the students as follows: First Church, 24; City Road, 12; St. Mount, 9; South Mills, 6; Mt. Hermon, 2; Newland, 2; Plymouth, 1; Hertford, 2; Columbia, 1; Oak Grove, 1; New Hope, 1; Nashes, 1; Pasquotank circuit, 2; Dare circuit, 1; Bethany, 1; presiding elder, 1. The names of those earning certificates, according to courses are as follows:

"Organization and Administration" of the Sunday School, L. I. Gobbel, instructor; Rev. A. E. Brown, Rev. C. B. Culbreth, Mrs. Robert S. Fearing, Rev. R. N. Fitts, W. S. Forehand, Mrs. L. R. Foreman, Mrs. Wesley Foreman, J. A. Hooper, Rev. Daniel Lane, Rev. W. G. Lowe, P. E. Meekins, W. S. Overman, H. E. Ownley, J. L. Outlaw, Rev. W. T. Phipps, D. J. Spruill, B. J. Wood, J. E. Wood, and Rev. N. C. Yearly.

"Principles of Religious Teaching," Prof. R. N. Wilson, instructor; Mrs. Sarah Adams, Mrs. Kate Blanchard, Miss Lizzie Burnham, Mrs. Pete Daniels, R. L. Daniels, Mrs. J. W. Davis, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Mrs. G. F. Derickson, Mrs. Clay Foreman, L. R. Foreman, J. B. Leigh, Mrs. E. R. Meekins, E. R. Meekins, Miss Mildred Perry, Mrs. M. B. Sawyer, Mrs. M. Leigh Sheep, Mrs. Emily Spence, W. J. Stanton.

"Bible and Organization and Administration," Mrs. C. B. Culbreth, instructor; Miss Pearl Brothers, Mrs. Lillian L. Dulin, Miss Mae Hooper, Mrs. Daniel Lane, and Mrs. J. B. Leigh.

"Primary Lesson Materials and Teaching," Miss Georgia Keene, instructor; Miss Pearl V. Berry, Mrs. L. W. Hooper, Miss Maye Jones, Mrs. W. Johnson, Mrs. Beatrice Meekins, Mrs. Elizabeth Munden, Mrs. M. E. Pappendiek, Miss Ceel Patrick, Mrs. W. S. Riggs, Miss Estelle Sharber, and Mrs. R. D. Wise.

"Junior Lesson Materials and Teaching," Miss Bruce McDonald, instructor; Miss Elizabeth Bagley, Mrs. W. C. Glover, Miss Margaret Hill, Miss Lillian Hooper, Mrs. Willie Hooper, Miss Maude Leigh, Miss Buena Mann, Miss Edith Meekins, Miss Carrie Pappendiek, Mrs. W. T. Phipps, Miss Helen Thorpe, Mrs. E. L. Rodgers, Mrs. Chas. F. Rauff, and Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Being unable to attend all the class periods, Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, who was called out of the city on account of a death, and Rev. F. A. Lupton, of Columbia, who arrived in the city Tuesday, were issued office credit and will complete the course and receive certificates of credit.

To the 67 persons named above will be presented in the various churches by their respective pastors Sunday morning, the certificates of credit earned during the week. Members of the faculty left for their respective homes at the close of the school, Miss McDonald going to Columbia, South Carolina, Prof. Wilson to Trinity College, Durham, Miss Keene and Mr. Gobbel to their headquarters in Durham. Before leaving they expressed very great satisfaction over the way the school was at-

## WILLIAM MEEKINS STAYS IN BEST CITY

### And Unless Elected Governor Isaac M. Meekins To Practice Law Here With Son

Unless Isaac M. Meekins of Elizabeth City should defeat Angus Whitten McLean in the race for Governor of North Carolina in November, a new law firm will probably figure prominently in important litigation in the courts of this district after the elections. This firm is that of Meekins & Meekins, in which the Elizabeth City colon himself is senior partner and his son, William Meekins, the junior member of the firm. The firm's name is already on the doors of a commodious suite of offices in the Hinton Building and I. M. Meekins, according to William Meekins, plans, unless he is elected governor, "which he is counting on rather strongly," says young Meekins soberly but with a smile of a twinkle in his eye, to return to Elizabeth City in November and resume the practice of law.

William Meekins was graduated from Yale with the degree of bachelor of arts in the class of 1920, following which he took the law course at Harvard and was admitted to the bar in North Carolina last January. Last June he married Miss Marcella Katherine Chapin, daughter of Mrs. Frederick Emmons Chapin of Washington, and the offices of Meekins & Meekins were opened here upon the return of Mr. and Mrs. William Meekins from their honeymoon.

## YOUNG TEACHER IS HELD FOR CRIME

Waynesville, Sept. 13.—Mollie Teague, young school teacher, is in custody here today on charge of strangling to death her infant child soon after it was born Tuesday by tying a cord around its throat. She then proceeded to the schoolhouse and taught as usual. Haywood county officials said she confessed the crime. She is now seriously ill at a boarding house with a guard stationed at her bedside.

## ORGANIZERS SENT TO CAROLINA MILLS

New York, Sept. 13.—Organizers of the United Textile Workers of America whose executive committee is in session here have been sent to the mills of the Manville Jencks Company in Rhode Island and North Carolina, where wage reductions were made recently.

## MRS. NEWBERN DEAD

Mrs. J. M. Newbern of Jarvisburg died at her home Saturday morning. Mrs. Newbern was the wife of Dr. J. M. Newbern and was formerly Miss Lillian Madara Burke of Beaton, Virginia. She had been in poor health for some time but recently seemed to be improving. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## BANDITS GET PAYROLL

New York, Sept. 13.—Two clerks employed by a slaughterhouse company were kidnapped near their office today by five bandits who robbed them of \$10,000 payroll. The clerks were taken in a taxicab to a building five blocks distant where they were relieved of the cash and the bandits escaped.

## MRS. MALLORY WINS

Philadelphia, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Mollie Mallory of New York won the middle state's women's singles tennis championship today, defeating Miss Anne Townsend of Philadelphia 6-1, 6-0.

## CAROLINA MILLS GATHERING MOMENTUM

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—According to reports from cotton manufacturing centers, the curtailment program which has been effective among cotton mills is abating and particularly in this true of the Carolinas, said T. W. Chambliss, Director of Information of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association last night. "The reports show that curtailment is a little less than two thirds of what it was during the summer months."

## PHOTOGRAPHERS TO MEET IN GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, Sept. 13.—The Eastern Carolina Photographers' Association will hold its fifth annual convention here on September 15 and 16. It has been announced here, The territory of the association covers from Durham to the sea, but a number of members of the Western Carolina Photographers Association will be present it was said.

Speakers for the meetings were announced as follows: John J. Blair, director of school housing of the State Department of Education; Dr. J. H. Highsmith, inspector of state high schools; and others. (ended and for the splendid hospitality accorded them by the people of Elizabeth City.

## Tex Rickard Real Winner In Friday Night's Event

### Promoter Made Nearly Half a Million Out of Will-Firpo Match Which, Considering What Fight Was Worth, Was Going Some

ROBERT T. SMALL

New York, Sept. 13.—Tex Rickard won the "battle of the centuries" Thursday night at Boyle's Thirty Acres. The hundred dollar bills rolled into his coffers like rain has been falling on the international polo field. Today he is the undisputed champion money getter of all time. He knocked the fight fans of the greater city for a row of five clips with a big four in front of them and is richer at the moment by something slightly less than half a million dollars. Tex soaked the boys as high as \$27.50 for "ring-side" seats that stretched from the brilliantly illuminated light arena far back into the darkness of the night. Without field glasses many of those at the "ringsides" would not have known what was going on in the squared circle.

Nor would they have missed much if they had forgotten the old games. There was an extremely lady-like boxing exhibition which went the limit of 12 rounds and might have gone on forever if the referee hadn't dropped from exhaustion. He suffered more punishment than either of the fighters. They clung to each other like two lost brothers—two walls of the storm—during most of the evening program and at times they defied the heroic efforts of the third man in the ring to pry them apart.

"Wild Bull of Pajamas" and the brown panther, Harry Wills. And as for Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas, some one in the crowd very properly designated him as the "Wild Bull of the Pajamas."

Harry Wills, giant New Orleans negro, now residing in the wilds of Harlem, claimed that Luis Angel did far by the greater part of the hugging. But the keen observer within hailing distance of that famous "ring-side" noticed that Harry hung on to the bull's wicked right arm just about every time he got. Wills went in to the ring with one idea in his mind—to keep away from that huyauker. In this he succeeded admirably.

Firpo went into the ring without knowing where he was going or what he was going to do. Wild bulls are always like that. And Firpo succeeded, too. He didn't go anywhere, nor did he get any where. Some afternoon when the proverbial camel goes straggling through the proverbial eye of the needle, Luis Angel may get New York fans to pay money to see him in another bout. The rest of his time he might just as well devote to keeping out of jail. If the fans could only have known the excuse the big Argentine was going to make after the fight was over, the evening would have been full of joy for them.

Upset Terribly. Angel said he was in no mental condition to fight. Looking at him in his ring-side glow no one would ever think mental trouble could possibly come his way. Luis said that all the charges of perjury and of violation of the immigration and white slave acts, had upset him terribly. What really did concern the great open space above the fighter's eyes was the fact that a one-time ex-manager had attached most of his share of the night's receipts. Moral worries may be one thing, but financial worries, they do make the Wild Bull wild.

After all it wasn't so much what Luis Angel said on his mind that hurt. It was the big brown flat of the Panther beating a tattoo on Luis' left kidney. Virtually all of the fighting was done in the clinches and except clinches there was nothing else but. The negro knows how to handle himself in tight places. Life in the colored colony of Harlem has taught him that. But he was far from possessing anything that even remotely resembled a knockout punch.

The time he floored Luis in the second round was a chance blow just after a break. He didn't get another chance after that, for the referee made them break clean. As a matter of fact he walked between the two big men most of the time. No wonder he was hanging on to the ropes at the end.

Sullivan The Hero. And if anybody in that Boyle's Thirty Acres won the right to go in the ring with Jack Dempsey it was Referee Danny Sullivan. There was no one else in sight at the end of the twelfth round who had the ear-marks of a coming champion. Jack and Danny would get along fine. They could help each other carry the Bull or the Panther out of the ring after a few moments of mixing with fatalities' newest movie hero.

They called the sewing bee a "battle of the contenders for the contenders for the heavyweight crown." The only contender who

Prince Helped Tex. Tex Rickard had the advantage of a number of preliminary notices that the Prince of Wales would be at the fight. This brought out a lot of people. During the evening there was much discussion pro and con as to whether the prince really was there. Outside of the few thousands who sat within the effective ring, the only thing that was seen, the crowd disappeared in the distant rows like so much mist. It was a weird, mysterious assemblage. We hope the prince wasn't there. He has suffered enough in his young life. Some members of his party were present. Not content with having been robbed of a large share of their jewelry, these titled English folk showed they were gluttons for punishment.

Was Angel All Right. Instead of calling him "Angel-Zel" as he is known, in his native pampas, the announcer insisted upon introducing the Argentine as "Angel." He proved to be all of that, and like Angel's visits, his blows were few and far between. Theda Bara might have profited by an evening. She could have got some points on a hug which would have made her a greater vamp than ever. It was no wonder the customers groaned at the finish. Tex Rickard also has some mental troubles like the bull. He has been robbed of a month for transmitting pictures of the Dempsey-Firpo fight in contravention of the Federal law made and provided. If Tex ever transports the pictures of that Firpo-Wills imbroglio he will have to go before a friendly judge to escape the electric chair. The evening was not without its bright spots. There was the boy who yelled "you can't tell Wills from Firpo without a proffered magnifying glass." And there was the band that played "It Ain't A-Going to Rain No More," with some one singing "How in Hell Can Old Tex Tell It Ain't A-Going to Rain No More."

COTTON MARKET. New York Sept. 13.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 22.45 Dec. 22.65 Jan. 22.12 March 22.57 May 22.60. Spot cotton closed quiet, Middling 23.30, the same level as at the opening. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 22.55, Dec. 22.17, Jan. 22.20, March 22.47, May 22.71.