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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

Minnesota Election Is Making Republicans Ill; Democrats Feel Bad, Too

Indications are That Farmer-Labor Man's Majority is Fully 50,000

DEMOCRATIC SECRETARY SEES CHANCE FOR PARTY

Senatorial Sweep for Progressivism Follows Michigan Congressional Landslide

WASHINGTON, July 17.—The reaction on the election of Magnus Johnson, the following fall of Minnesota was great today. Republican leaders were sick to the stomach and the Democrats whistled to keep up courage. Republicans feel that their party lines are being swept away by the radical current and are preparing to take advantage of any lull in the attack. Conservative Democrats fear that their party leaders will rush away after the Johnson's Brookharts and the like, but everybody agrees that "Mr. Johnson" is Magnus calls himself did a good day's work on the old Republican organization.

Frank A. Hampton, secretary and treasurer of the Democratic senatorial committee made this comment: "On yesterday I predicted the election of the Farm Labor candidate, Magnus Johnson, as United States senator over the Republican candidate in Minnesota by a majority of 25,000. My reports today indicate that the majority will reach 50,000. The defeat of the Republicans in Minnesota by a third party undoubtedly foretells the overwhelming defeat of the Republican party in the presidential election next year. The farmers vote upon which the Republicans have always relied heretofore seems definitely lost to the Republican party."

"Any progressive candidate for president is certain to sweep the great northwest next year, judging by the vote in Minnesota on yesterday, when Michigan and Minnesota, which are as strongly Republican states as South Carolina is a Democratic state defeat the Republican party in the congressional election in Michigan three weeks ago, and in the senatorial election in Minnesota yesterday, the hour of the doom of the Republican party is at hand. The Democratic party has only to be progressive and honest to be assured of overwhelming victory for its presidential candidate in 1924."

"As for us Democrats in the ranks, why, we are just preparing to turn the screws out."

It might be said that the result of the election in Minnesota is very emphatic vindication of the policies of the Democratic senatorial committee which stood at all times in favor of real cooperation with the Farm Labor party. The Democratic candidate for the senate, a very able man, Mr. Carey, provided a place for those conservative Democratic votes to go that could not be cast for Mr. Johnson."

Plurality May Be 75,000

ST. PAUL, July 17.—Further returns today from the United States senatorial election in Minnesota yesterday indicated the plurality of Magnus Johnson, farmer-laborite, would exceed 70,000 and might mount to 75,000.

LAFOLLETTE DELIGHTED MADISON, July 17.—In the election of Magnus Johnson to the United States senate yesterday, the people of Minnesota fired a shot which will be heard in every section of the country according to a statement issued today by Senator Robert M. LaFollette, who supported Mr. Johnson.

"The people of the great northwest have again spoken their conviction that if representative government is to survive in the United States private monopoly must be driven out of control of their government." The statement says: "The notion with which the reactionaries comfort themselves—that the election of Johnson expresses merely a sectional protest of disgruntled farmers and working men against present condition and government policies—as a ridiculous delusion."

FAIRMONT TOBACCO MART OPENED YESTERDAY WITH SMALL OFFERING IN POOL

Only Poor Grades Came in and Selling Was Deferred

INDEPENDENT HOUSES WILL OPEN IN AUGUST

FAIRMONT OFFERING POOR (Special to the Star) FAIRMONT, July 17.—The Co-operative Tobacco Marketing association opened here yesterday to receive tobacco from its members, using as headquarters the warehouse room a part of the old Fairmont warehouse, occupied last year by the pooling interests. A very limited amount of tobacco was brought in by the farmers and this was of an extremely poor grade, so the sales were made. Only the poor grades of tobacco were ready for market. The manager this year is a Mr. Baker. He succeeds Worley and Jones, managers last year. The corps of bookkeepers have arrived. The independent warehousemen have made an announcement that they will open August 1. The independent ware-

Germany Prints Money to Burn

BERLIN, July 17.—(By Associated Press.)—Forty-one German printing plants working day and night, disgorged 17,563,819,142 marks worth of fresh paper money every hour during the first week in July, according to figures available today. The total paper currency in circulation on July 7 was 20,341,782,968,000 marks, an increase of 2,950,720,616,000 over June 30.

The aluminum coinage in circulation increased in the same period from 1,000,000,000 marks to 2,200,000,000. It is officially stated that no note under the face value of 1,000 marks will be printed in the future, as it costs more than the note itself actually is worth to print any of the smaller denominations. The production of a 100-mark note costs many times its face value and a 500-mark note is worth no more than the paper used.

A curio collector is said to be paying from five to ten times the face value of certain old 100-mark and 500-mark notes, declaring those printed from copper plates are the only ones acceptable abroad, as the latter one, printed from type, are refused because they are too easily counterfeited. This is discredited in some quarters in the belief that counterfeiters would lose money by producing false notes of such low denominations.

NEW PRISON LAW IS CALLED INOPERATIVE BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Allows Old Method of Finance to Stand and Avoids Extra Session

By BROCK BARKLEY. RALEIGH, July 17.—The "boner" Chapter 156 of the 1923 session of the legislature is inoperative so that the state's prison will continue to sustain itself from its own revenues, according to an opinion today by Assistant Attorney General Nash, thereby relieving the threat of a special session of the general assembly.

Mr. Nash's opinion was delivered to Treasurer B. R. Lacy this morning, and Superintendent George Ross Pou was instructed to continue the method of financing the prison that has been in effect for years.

Contract Foreman Is Beaten at Pembroke

By R. M. NORMENT. LUMBERTON, July 17.—W. C. Court-

accy., foreman of a contracting firm constructing a school building at Pembroke, was brought to a local hospital in an unconscious state yesterday. From all accounts he was taken out by a band of three or four men, ordered to change his ways and then beaten severely.

One arm had been broken and his face was picked up in the road unconscious.

SKIDDING AUTO KILLS CHILD GREENVILLE, S. C., July 17.—The two-year-old child of Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Walker, of Centerville, Ala., was killed, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. R. C. Goo-

son and Miss Helen Moore, Woodrow, N. C., injured when the Walker auto on the Durham bridge road, 14 miles from here today.

Superintendent Graham Speaks Before Y. M. C. A.

Maj. W. A. Graham, superintendent of the New Hanover public schools, spoke to the Y's Men's club last night at its meeting in the Y. M. C. A. He told about the various kinds of schools in public school system from the state to the county. He prefaced his address with a few remarks on good citizenship and the duty and the privilege of each member of the club in acquainting himself with the most important public enterprises. The social program was in charge of P. L. Sutton, President. Mr. E. M. Daniels had charge of the business session.

PACKET STORE FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN; CAUSES \$4,000 LOSS

Started in Rear of Rediron Sales-room at 11:30 Last Night

STOCK WORTH \$8,000 L. ABLOVITZ STATES

Firechief's Head Cut by Falling Glass in Forcing Front Door Open

The Rediron Packet store, belonging to Louis Ablovitz and located on South Front street, between Orange and Dock streets, was practically destroyed by fire last night about 11:30. The amount of the loss, as estimated by Mr. Ablovitz, is not less than three or four thousand dollars. He was carrying a stock which he valued at \$8,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

According to Fire Chief Schnibben, the fire had its origination in the rear of the store. It was discovered by L. T. Long who was passing. Patrolman T. Faircloth turned in the alarm which brought the firefighters to the scene. As he was trying to shove the door to the building open, Chief Schnibben was cut on the head by falling glass. The wound was about two inches in length. It did not retard the chief's progress in directing the firemen.

COAST LINE AGENTS AT NORFOLK TODAY

Convention to Be held at Hotel Southerland With Officials Present

Atlantic Coast Line railroad officials of the first division will hold a conference tomorrow in Norfolk. The meeting was called by A. C. Kenley, freight superintendent of this city. He left last night for New York and will arrive in Norfolk tomorrow in time for the conference.

The officials who will be present are claim agents and committees of the first division, comprising Richmond, Norfolk, Fayetteville and Columbia. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Southerland in Norfolk, about one hundred agents, commit-

No Federal Cots For Confederate Hosts

By H. E. C. BRYANT. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 17.—North

Carolina ran counter to Federal law today in two requests on Uncle Sam. Senator Overman was told that Dr. A. H. Fleming of Louisiana could not use postal trunks to send out his literature advertising the Louisiana fair. There is no provision for any such mail service.

Senator Simmons was notified that the law prohibits the loan of cots and beds belonging to the army and navy. Winston-Salem had asked for these to help out with the Confederate Veterans reunion.

DEPENDENT WOMAN SUICIDES NEW YORK, July 17.—Despondent over debts caused by her husband's inability to obtain work, Mrs. Josephine Antoinette Driggs, yesterday turned on the gas in a bedroom of their home in Jamaica, caused the death of their two children and then slashed her own throat with razor. Driggs told police there had been no money in the house for several weeks and very little food.

RUPPERT DENIES SALE NEW YORK, July 17.—Colonel Jacob Ruppert president and sole owner of the New York Yankees today flatly denied newspaper reports that Harry Frazee, the theatrical manager who recently disposed of his majority interest in the Boston Red Sox, would become associated with him in the ownership of the American league champions. "I own every share of the New York Yankees stock," Col Ruppert said.

Norfolk's Boy Bandit Tells How He Escaped

PETERSBURG, Va., July 17.—With the modest frankness of a school boy and his laughing brown eyes sparkling with the comedy of his adventure, Benjamin Liverman, the Norfolk "boy bandit," who escaped from the state penitentiary last night and who was pentitentiary here today told how he planned his escape and detailed the manner in which he walked through the trap laid for him by penitentiary authorities last night.

M'ADOO ON STAND IN FOREST'S GRANDSON SPEAKS BEFORE KLAN

MORSE TRIAL TELLS OF FIRM'S ENORMOUS FEE

Scion of Leader of Clan Before War Talks to Grand Dragons

WASHINGTON, July 17.—For two hours, William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, occupied the witness stand in federal court and detailed his relations with Charles W. Morse, the shipping operator on trial for alleged wartime fraud. Report that his appearance would make important disclosures packed the court.

His brief cross-examination by District Attorney Gordon told of the relations of Mr. McAdoo with officials of the Wilson administration. The law firm of McAdoo, Cotton & Franklin, of New York, the witness testified, became counsel for the Morse interests after he left the cabinet. The firm served as counsel for the Virginia Shipbuilding Corporation, operating a yard at Alexandria, Va., and for the Groton Iron Works, another shipyard in Connecticut, and aided the Morse shipping interests in securing coal tonnage contracts abroad.

Mr. McAdoo said he had no stock in the Morse companies. His firm, he said, had received total cash fees of \$82,000, and held unpaid obligations of the Morses for a like amount.

SENTENCE COMMUTED BECAUSE OF INSANITY

W. W. Campbell Who Murdered Oteen Telephone Operator Gets Life Term

Morning Star Bureau. RALEIGH, July 17.—Governor Morrison this afternoon commuted from death to life imprisonment the sentence of W. W. Campbell, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Annie Smathers, Oteen telephone operator. The prisoner is insane. Hence the commutation.

The governor based his decision on a report, signed by Dr. Anderson, McCampbell and Faison, superintendents of the hospital for the insane at Raleigh, Morganton and Goldsboro, respectively. The crime for which Campbell was sentenced to die was committed May 1, 1922. The trial took place at the July term, 1922, in Buncome, and Campbell was sentenced to die October 11, 1922. He appealed. He lost and the governor set the date for July 12, this year later granting a respite until October 12.

The governor's statement issued in connection with the commutation follows: "In this case, from information received from the keepers of W. W. Campbell, I became very doubtful of the sanity of the prisoner, and requested Dr. Anderson, superintendent of the state hospital at Raleigh; Dr. McCampbell, superintendent of the state hospital at Morganton, and Dr. Faison, superintendent of state hospital at Goldsboro, to examine the defendant and report to me their opinion. They most emphatically express the opinion that he must have been insane at the time he committed the crime. I, therefore, commute the sentence of death to life imprisonment in the state prison."

Kearns Rather Favors Labor Day Mixup on American Soil

NEW YORK, July 17.—Whether Jack Dempsey will defend his heavyweight boxing title next time in the United States or the Argentine, probably will be determined tomorrow when Jack Kearns, the champion's manager, confers with Tex Rickard, promoter, and Luis Angel Firpo, the South American challenger. Rickard yesterday advanced a proposal to stage a Firpo-Dempsey contest in Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine, around November first, but Kearns has expressed a preference instead for two title bouts in this country, one with Firpo about Labor day and the other with Harry Willis, negro, at Chicago, shortly before the world's baseball series.

The title holder's manager, however, said tonight he was open to the proposition and might accept Rickard's South American offer if no better one was in sight. At any rate, he has promised the promoter he will make his decision tomorrow.

Promoters who hold boxing at the Yankee stadium are anxious to have a Willis-Dempsey match at world's series time.

Auction Tobacco Sales At Lumberton August 1

By R. M. NORMENT. LUMBERTON, July 17.—The local tobacco market will open for auction sales of tobacco August 1. There has been considerable confusion as to the opening date here, since July 24 was recommended as the opening date of the South Carolina belt at a recent meeting of tobacco warehousemen at Asheville. The Star and Banner warehouses will be open to receive tobacco on and after July 24, however.

Forest's Grandson Speaks Before Klan Detailing Origin

Orders Principles to Be Made Public

Endorsement made of Women of the Ku Klux Established in Arkansas

ASHEVILLE, July 17.—General Nathan Bedford Forrest, grandson of the famous Confederate cavalry leader of the same name and head of the Ku Klux Klan that flourished during the Civil war reconstruction period, addressed the conference of grand dragons and great titans, now in session here, this morning, on "The Original Ku Klux Klan."

No place for the next annual convention of state officers will be selected at this meeting, this being left to imperial officers, although Denver, Colo., Portland, Ore., and Indianapolis, Ind., have extended invitations, officials state. Reports of committees Wednesday will end the convention. Resolutions stating the principles and purposes of the order and setting forth plans for the coming year are being framed by a special committee and will be made public before the meeting adjourns, the publicity man states.

Endorsement and support of the women of the Ku Klux Klan, a kindred order established recently at Little Rock, Ark., were given in a unanimous vote today. Members of the Asheville Klan, said to have been members of the original Klan, are reported to have spoken today.

Subjects and speakers at today's session, as announced by the publicity man, follow: Fred L. Gifford, grand dragon of the realm of Oregon, on "The responsibility of Klan-raft to the American boy," speaking of a children's home being financed and built by klanemen of Oregon; the grand dragon of Arkansas on "American womanhood"; one of the great titans of Texas on "The responsibility of citizenship"; the grand dragon of South Carolina on "The regulation of immigration"; the grand dragon of West Virginia on "The heritage of American institutions"; the grand dragon of Oklahoma on "The definition of Klan-raft"; the dragon of Mississippi on "A spiritual interpretation of Klan-raft"; the grand dragon of Colorado on "The klaneman's obligation as a patriot to his country, his home and his fellow man."

Today morning's session, it is announced, will be devoted largely to a round table discussion of klan problems, conducted by the imperial klanigraph and the imperial klanigraph.

PLAGE FOR BIG MILL WILL BE FIXED TODAY

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Flogged Woman On Stand At Lumberton Identifies Her Hooded Assailants

Was Tipped of Visit Just Before Masked Men Came in Ford

HEDGEPTH TESTIFIES THAT HE WAS AT HOME

Jurors Fill Bar and Are Sworn in Platoons; Eight Are Farmers



George Hill Lewis, above, has the distinction of being licensed radio operator No. 1. He was the first, in 1911, when the operator's license law went into effect, to receive the license which he values now more than any other part of his property. Lewis is a graduate of Annapolis and was assigned to the radio division of the U. S. navy in 1910. At present he is employed at station WLW in Cincinnati.

MRS. VANDERBILT HAS FINISHED STATE TOUR

Head of State Exposition Says She Met With Fine Response Here

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, president of the North Carolina state fair association has just completed her tour of the state. On her return to her home she says that while on the campaign for the closer cooperation of the community, county and state fairs she met gratifying response in Wilmington and other towns in the eastern part of the state.

She made the trip in approved "stump speaking" style, traveling by automobile so that she could make better time. Her poke bonnet hat caught the fancy of her audiences, and many a Tar Heel farmer is ready to wager that she is going to make the fair this year the big success that she has in mind. Certainly she will fit those who heard her speak can aid her in realizing her ambition, it is declared, for these farmers found that she is a real womanly woman without frills or furbelows.

Mrs. Vanderbilt in her addresses explained that the proper function of a state fair or any fair for that matter is not the amusement of pleasure seekers but the development along proper lines of education in agriculture, industry and general knowledge.

She ventured to say that there is no other state on the Atlantic seaboard that can present so much in the way of natural resources as North Carolina and she ventured further to predict that a state fair of a state-wide basis and financially organized would do more for North Carolina in five years than a million dollars spent in any other way. Even as it is last year's fair brought favorable comments from as far north as New Hampshire and as far west as Wisconsin.

The logical conclusion of the program of the agricultural society, she said, is to build up an institution that will belong to the state and that will adequately represent the state.

SEVEN CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM PRISON FARM, ONE J. J. PEAKE, A MURDERER

Lone Guard in Charge of Halifax Gang Fires Gun Ineffectually

ONE GUARD ABSENT WITH SICK PRISONER

(Special to the Star) RALEIGH, July 18.—Breaking from a squad working in the field on the Halifax state prison farm, seven white prisoners made a successful getaway this morning in the face of gunfire from the lone guard in charge, according to an official report from the farm to Supt. George Ross Pou, of the prison system, this afternoon.

One of the seven was J. L. Peake, sentenced July 22, 1922, from Forsythe county for second degree murder. A hundred dollars has been offered for the capture of Peake. His escape today recalled reports in Winston-Salem a week or two ago that he had made a

getaway, the report at that time proving erroneous.

According to the report received by Superintendent Pou, 18 men were taken from the farm and taken to the barracks. One guard going with him, the other was left in charge of the squad. The prisoners made the break and the guard opened fire. One man threw up his hands and yelled that he was shot, but did not stop. Mr. Pou is making a thorough investigation to determine if there was negligence.

Peake, serving the longest term of the seven who escaped, is 29 years old, 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 133 pounds and has brown eyes, dark red hair and fair complexion. His forefinger on the left hand is scarred and the end of the finger is withered and drawn.

His parents reside in Ridgeway, S. C., and he has a wife in Chattanooga, Tenn. He murdered an insurance man of Winston-Salem.

Another long termer, for whom a \$50 reward has been offered, is Hardy Sisk of Rockingham, sentenced last May 17 for second degree murder. His mother resides at Madison.

Witnesses Fill Bar. Defense witnesses completely filled the bar and they were so numerous they had to be sworn in platoons. Six women testified Mrs. Purvis bore a bad character in their community and Mrs. Mary Surles, Mrs. Nobles and Mrs. George Branch declared on cross-examination they approved of the flogging administered to the woman. Solicitor McNeill elected to go to trial on the basis of the two indictments which allege kidnaping, secret assault with deadly weapons, assault and battery with intent to kill and pointing a pistol. The kidnaping charge is a felony and if convicted the punishment of the men is in the discretion of the court. The maximum penalty is 20 years imprisonment in the state prison.

The Ku Klux Klan was squarely joined. Despite objections from the defense questions pertaining to the Klan were injected in many instances. One man was disqualified for jury duty on the ground that he had been driving a taxi in several parts of the county for H. L. Tallaferr, alleged agent of the Invisible Empire, who is under bond of \$5,000 to answer charges of attempting to intimidate state witnesses in the case.

Hedgepath Takes Stand. John Hedgepath was the first of the defendants to take the stand and he swore the only Ku Klux meeting he ever attended was to hear lectures. He denied any connection with the order and declared he was at home during the time the whipping is alleged to have occurred.

Stephen McIntyre, of the prosecution, secured the admission from him that although he was an alderman of a town of Proctorville he made no effort to find out the perpetrators of the crime beyond talking with his sister, Mrs. Watson, one of the victims of the mask and torch lash. His sister, he declared, told him she did not know who whipped her.

No extraordinary difficulty was experienced in selecting a jury and one was empaneled before before court adjourned for the noon recess. A thrill went through the crowded court room when J. A. Campbell, a regular juror, admitted he had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but Solicitor McNeill begged his pardon for questioning him on that score when it was learned he had joined the order of reconstruction day.

Farmers on Jury. The jury hearing the case is composed of seven farmers and merchants (Continued on Page Two.)