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MR. TAGGART'S BIG CLAIM.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Oct. 5.—Attention has frequently been called to the caution always shown by Chairman Taggart when it came to making campaign claims and prophecies. Perhaps then it is altogether noteworthy that to-day Mr. Taggart declared that New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana are no longer doubtful, and that Wisconsin may now be placed in the doubtful column. Mr. Taggart's statement was made at national Democratic headquarters, where he was asked about the result of the canvass made by the national committee in all the so-called doubtful States. This canvass, it has been stated, was completed a few days ago and the results were considered at a meeting of the national committee yesterday.

"The canvass showed very satisfactory conditions," said Mr. Taggart, "and we are all very much pleased with the result."

"Can you give any figures on New York?"

"No, I don't care to give any figures, but New York State is safe for Parker. It has been removed from the list of doubtful States."

"How about New Jersey?"

"New Jersey is no longer a doubtful State. It will go for Parker."

"What do you think about Connecticut?"

"Connecticut is all right, too. It is not to be classed as a doubtful State."

"Do you consider Indiana doubtful?"

"Indiana was doubtful at one time, but the danger is passed. It is no longer a doubtful State."

"What do you think of Wisconsin?"

"That is one doubtful State."

Judge Parker spent most of the day at Hotel Seibert, conferring with Democratic leaders. Mr. J. C. Buxton, of North Carolina, was among those who called on the Democratic candidate.

FRANCIS E. SCHLER DEFEATED.

Members of the North Carolina colony here regretted that Francis E. Schler was unsuccessful in his fight for renomination to Congress in the Harlem district. He was defeated by Franklin Leonard, Jr., who, the local papers agree, has proposed to contribute liberally to the campaign fund.

Congressman Schler's family was for a number of years prominent in the social and political life of the Old North State. Shortly after coming to New York Mr. Schler became prominent in Tammany politics, but he found difficulty in competing with men who possessed wealth and long acquaintance here. He was given the nomination in the Harlem district at a time when the nomination was very hotly sought after, owing to the large Telegenic majority. Mr. Schler was not, however, cast down. He was reporting for one of the morning papers, and continued to work by day, but by night he conducted a whirlwind campaign that resulted in Democratic victory. Since Mr. Schler has transferred to the Democratic side, he has been Republican majority to one that can be safely counted on by the Democracy, there sprang up a warm contest for the nomination and it went to the highest bidder. The result was not count much in politics up this way. It is all a cold-blooded proposition, with money as an important, if not chief factor, in every detail.

BRYAN'S MISSOURI TOUR.

Washington, Oct. 5.—The Democratic national committee, has announced that William J. Bryan will begin his speaking tour in Missouri on October 19th, spending three days in the State, and speaking there for four times a day. He then goes to Indiana, where he will remain until the 26th, making several speeches a day. The 21st and 22nd he will spend in West Virginia, after which he will return to the West to fulfill engagements which were made for him some weeks ago. Mr. Taggart said it had not been decided whether or not Mr. Bryan would speak in New York.

A story published in the morning papers to the effect that negroes were to be brought into Indiana from Kentucky and Tennessee to vote in the public election, which was called for Mr. Taggart's attention. He said that the Democrats of Indiana are wide-awake and will not permit any such tricks to be played upon them.

WISCONSIN BOLTERS LOSE.

State Supreme Court Decides That the LaFollette Ticket is Entitled to Preference Over the "Stalwart" Republicans.

Madison, Oct. 5.—The Supreme Court today decided the LaFollette ticket retains the right to preference. Marshall Dodge and Winslow were for the LaFollette faction. Chief Justice Caspary dissented.

The decision by Justice Marshall says that the legal tribunal for determining controversies between Republican nominees, under the Wisconsin statute, is the Republican State central committee of the various counties, but giving exclusive jurisdiction of the court is, therefore, limited to determining whether the decision of the committee was affected by jurisdictional defects.

The tribunal created by law to determine the factional dispute in question for the guidance of the Secretary of the State having assumed jurisdiction, the court decided, free from jurisdictional infirmities, that the nominations headed by Robert M. LaFollette for Governor, are entitled to preference to the ballot of the name Republican ticket. It is the duty of the Secretary of State to act accordingly certifying both sets of nominations to the various county clerks, but giving to those headed by Robert M. LaFollette for Governor preference as aforesaid.

At the Wisconsin State convention held May 18 last, 106 delegates were given seats. Of these, 10 were contested.

The "Stalwarts" charged unfairness, and nominated a separate ticket. The Secretary of State to compel the Secretary of State to put the "Stalwart" ticket in the regular Republican column on the official ballot.

Candidate Will Withdraw.

Milwaukee, Oct. 5.—There was rejoicing in the quarters of the LaFollette contest committee in this city tonight on the receipt of news from the Supreme Court. Chairman Goldin announced that he had no statement to make at the present. Samuel Cook, who heads the "Stalwart" candidate for Governor, will withdraw.

THREE RAILROAD VICTIMS.

SWITCH ENGINE HITS FREIGHT.

Capt. Wise, Switchman Walter Zeigler, and a Negro Coupler Named Jack Goodall, the Victims.—Freight Train No. 73 Suddenly Stopped Last Night Near the Vance Street Crossing and the Switch Engine, With Three Men Standing on Board, Crashed Into the Caboose. Zeigler Killed Instantly, and the Other Two Men Died Shortly After in the Hospital—Alleged Cause of the Disaster.

Three men, all Southern Railway employees, were killed last night about 10 o'clock at the water tank near the Southern Railway crossing at Vance street, in the southeast part of the city, by the crashing of a switch engine into the rear of freight train No. 73, south-bound. Conductor Wise, whose home was in Columbia, S. C.; Walter Zeigler, a young white man employed as a switchman, and a negro, named Jack Goodall, a coupler, were the men who met death. The negro died almost instantly, his legs being virtually severed from his body. Capt. Wise lived but a few minutes after he was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital, and young Zeigler expired about an hour later there. No one else received any injuries.

The freight is always a heavy train and last night it consisted of about 15 cars. As is generally the case, the freight, upon leaving the Southern yards shortly before 10 o'clock, gets up some headway of its own power, and then is pushed out of the city with the assistance of the switch engine. This was done last night. The long line of cars attached to No. 73 had gained some momentum when it neared the water tank, and the switch engine, with the three men standing on the running board, it was said, came after it, expecting, of course, to make its connection with the rear of the caboose with ease. But something went wrong. Trainmen said that the draw-head of the heavy freight engine blew out, and suddenly the brakes became set and the long train virtually came to a standstill. With the switch engine bearing down only a short distance away. There was not even time for the three men to jump to safety.

The switch engine crashed into the caboose and it was killed it and crushed the men on the running board. As soon as possible, an ambulance was sent from the Presbyterian Hospital. First, Capt. Wise was taken away, and he managed to live just about to get there. Before he was taken away, bystanders heard him say: "Now I'll quit the road for good. All my men have got killed." His injuries were internal and he probably had no idea that he was hurt so seriously—that he was soon to "quit the road" for good and all.

The news of the disaster reached the masses of people uptown very slowly and not very many people were at the scene for a long time after. There was no wreckage beyond the comparatively small bit of it represented by the crushed rear of the caboose, which was hauled away in order to clear the freight train No. 73, leaving here at 10:05, was held up for about 30 minutes until the track was cleared.

Zeigler, who was a strapping youth, died at the hospital, about five minutes before his brother, William Zeigler, arrived there. The short line of the train was left at the station, and the dead man and unmarried.

Capt. Wise was a very popular man and was under 30 years of age. Jack Goodall, a switchman for the Seaboard Air Line.

The Southern officials here made arrangements for the preparation of the bodies for burial. It is supposed that the body of Capt. Wise will be sent to his old home in Columbia, and that the remains of young Zeigler will be buried in Elmwood Cemetery.

HORSE DEALER CONVICTED.

BLACKLEY GETS FIVE YEARS.

Appealed to the Supreme Court and gave \$4,500 bond—New Members of the Retail Merchants' Association—Retail Merchants' Association of Raleigh—Retail Merchants' Association of Raleigh.

Blackley was sentenced to five years in the State Prison for a conspiracy to defraud the Raleigh Dispensary. The Raleigh Dispensary, a corporation organized under the laws of North Carolina, was organized for the purpose of selling and distributing medicine and other goods to the poor of Raleigh and the surrounding counties. Blackley was one of the organizers and was in charge of the dispensary.

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POISONED BY ICE CREAM.

NONE WILL DIE, BUT FIVE ARE FAIRLY ILL—Trying to Secure Continuation of the Death Sentence of a Young Man Convicted of Poisoning His Wife—Missing Augusta Man Said to Have Come This Way.

Col. Fred A. Olds, who has been out of the city for the past three weeks, has arrived at Chase City, Va., from a six-day stay at the World's Fair and expects to return to Raleigh in the next few days and take up his newspaper work at the Raleigh Dispensary.

The case of J. C. Blackley for the embezzlement of \$5,000, proceeds from the sales of horses, on trial for the past few days, was given to the jury this afternoon. Blackley's defense was that the defendant was a partner in a business, and that he was not there for a subsequent investment and lost the money. The jury returned a verdict of five years in the State Prison for the defendant.

16 COLUMBIA PEOPLE SICK.

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Observer Bureau, Hotel Jerome, Columbia, S. C., Oct. 5.—Fourteen boarders at the Hotel Jerome were poisoned at Mrs. M. G. J. Williams' boarding house Sunday by eating ice cream made from canned pineapple in which too much acid had been used in the manufacturing process. None will die, but five are fairly ill. Some half a dozen who ate the cream were not affected. Still others who were indolent that day escaped by reason of eating lightly of the cream. Those still ill from the effects of the poison are Miss Ida Dougherty, Mrs. Mary Alexander, Miss May Anderson, Mr. Meete Muller and Mr. Cottrell. The two servants who ate the cream are the sickest of all; they are still in bed. Mr. and Mrs. Williams and three children to whom Mrs. Williams said a peck of cream were affected, but they are all up-to-day. One of the little girls escaped because she was suffering too much from a caterpillar bite to eat any food in the house. She is now up, very sick in the beginning. It was up to Mr. C. D. Miller went back to work today. Mr. and Mrs. L. Burnett both ate the cream, but only he was affected. Mr. Albert E. Fugle, the well-known correspondent for the Herald, was at the secret societies, and Judge J. M. Clark, who was indisposed and touched the cream only lightly and for that reason both escaped. Half a dozen physicians have been having a strenuous time with the doctors since Sunday, and for a day or so some of the patients were badly frightened, but none now fear serious results.

OVERMAN'S STRONG SPEECH.

Special to The Observer.

Lincolnton, Oct. 5.—I am invited to address the merry-go-round here and I addressed his father's ghost. It is no joke, "you may take the whole of me" in the morning and by where you please. It is a repertoire of "I have heard it all before" and the other two or three. I will give you the whole of me for a while to-night after I have finished my speech for the merry-go-round. I will give you the whole of me for a while to-night after I have finished my speech for the merry-go-round. I will give you the whole of me for a while to-night after I have finished my speech for the merry-go-round.

THROUGH BURNING TRESTLE.

Several Coaches of a Passenger Train on the Augusta Southern Burned. Baggage Master Killed and Eight Injured.

Washington, Oct. 5.—A passenger train on the Augusta Southern Railroad ran into a burning trestle near Mitchell, Ga., 69 miles from Augusta, early today, and one man was killed and eight others injured. The sixty-foot trestle was entirely destroyed by the fire and the engine, compartment cars and two coaches were burned. The injured were taken to Mitchell where physicians were waiting. All of the baggage and mail was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown. Traffic was stopped by transferring trains to other trackage.

The dead man is W. S. Shurley, white baggage master, injured internally and died in an hour.

The injured are: J. H. Wrenny, engineer of Augusta; C. D. Davis, conductor of Tonnille, Ga.; T. B. Harper, mail clerk, Augusta; N. S. Neville, fireman, Augusta; C. H. Marks, passenger, Hillsboro, Ga.; Will Jones, colored, passenger, Chalkley, Ga.; A. J. Diemer, Augusta; G. I. Kelly, passenger, Mitchell, Ga.

M'CLELLAN MAKES REMOVALS.

All Five Members of the Civil Service Commission and a Park Commissioner Lose Their Positions—Collier Made President of New Commission.

New York, Oct. 5.—William F. Schmitt, commissioner of parks for the borough of the Bronx, of Greater New York, and the five members of the civil service commission, were summarily removed from office to-day by Mayor McClellan. The removal was made after an investigation of charges made before the mayor by the Civil Service Reform Association. These charges allege that Schmitt exploited political influences in his departments for political purposes by discharging certain employees and employing others in violation of the civil service rules, "with the co-operation of the civil service commission."

Half an hour after these officials were removed, the appointment of a new board was announced, with Bryn Mawr Coler, former controller, as president. The president of the board is the only salaried member and receives \$5,000 per year.

Greek Steamer Founders and 17 are Drowned.

London, Oct. 5.—The Greek steamer Clementine, bound from Irbra for Antwerp, foundered recently 23 miles northwest of Ouessant. Seventeen members of the crew, including the captain and other officers, were drowned. Eight survivors landed at Leloux, Portugal.

TUNNELERS STRIKE DAYLIGHT.

Great Stumbling Block to Completion of New Line N. R. Removed.

Knoxville, Oct. 5.—Daylight has gone through the famous Dosses tunnel, on the Knoxville, LaFollette & Jellico Railroad, and 92 per cent. of the "blasting" has been removed. This tunnel has been the great stumbling block in the completion of the new Louisville & Nashville line between this city and Jellico, Tenn. It is now thought trifling that the tunnel will be completed within less than the middle of next January.

Great Naval Battle at Port Arthur Reported.

London, Oct. 5.—A news agency here sent out a dispatch dated Tokyo, October 5, saying: "It is reported that the Russian squadron made a sortie from Port Arthur to-day and that a great naval battle occurred. No details are given."

Mistook Wife for Burglar.

Mobile, Ala., Oct. 5.—Benjamin B. Baron, formerly a resident of New York city, and now living here, accidentally shot his wife early to-day, mistaking her for a burglar. The bullet from a large caliber revolver penetrated her left lung and her life is despaired of.

YOUNG MAN HURT.

Piece of Timber Fell on Him at a Railroad Bridge—Moorestville News, Special to The Observer.

Moorestville, Oct. 5.—J. C. Kale, a young man whose home is here, was hurt this afternoon at the railroad bridge at the D. C. Crawley place, on the Mocksville road. He was engaged as a carpenter on the bridge force now at work there under Capt. B. A. Hewitt, and while handling some light timber, a piece fell on his head. He was accidently struck on the back of the head. An ugly gash, four or five inches long, was cut on his head. His back was severely wrenched. He was brought town about 7 o'clock and to-night is resting fairly well on his bunk in a local hospital on the street near the depot.

A very interesting quiet wedding took place this afternoon at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. John W. Clark, in Fallston township, when his daughter, Miss Mona Kate Clark and Mr. I. C. Shore were married. After a sumptuous supper the happy couple left for Fallston to take in the exposition. Miss Clark is one of Iredell's best known women and is admired wherever known, especially here, where she has visited so often. Mr. Shore is a young business man of Shore.

Miss Mary Williams left this morning for Greensboro, where she is to be accompanied by her sister, Miss Lillian Williams, who will spend a few days at her alma mater.

Four Colleges Still in Tennis Contest.

Philadelphia, Oct. 5.—The result of the third day's play in the inter-collegiate championship tennis tournament on the course of the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford, finds four colleges, Yale, Harvard, Columbia and Pennsylvania, still in the running for final honors. Surprises were the order of the day. Yale was well in the fore, as a result of to-day's play.

BRANDISHED NITRO-GLYCERINE.

Sentenced Safe Blower Menaces Duncans and Partner's Estreemy.

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 5.—Francis Duncan and his partner, "Kid" Stafford, were convicted in the Circuit Court today of blowing open the safe at the Lee-Bank and were sentenced to the penitentiary for 15 years—the full limit prescribed by law. The safe was blown open and the contents were thrown into the street. The safe was blown open and the contents were thrown into the street.

SPEECH AT HENRIETTA.

Senator Overman Addresses a Large Special to The Observer.

Henrietta, Oct. 5.—United States Senator Lee S. Overman spoke in Henrietta last night to a large and appreciative audience. The speech was a most interesting and timely one. He spoke of the national politics and the state of the country. He spoke of the national politics and the state of the country.

KILLED HIS SON-IN-LAW.

One White Man Shoots Another in the Back at Dawson, Ga.—Deverton Gunner—Jesse Wall shot and killed Hill Oxford, his son-in-law, last night in Oxford's yard. The coroner's jury to-day decided that the killing was unjustifiable and Wall was brought to Dawson to-night in custody of the sheriff. Wall's statement at the inquest was to the effect that he was reprehending Oxford for neglecting his wife, when Oxford caused him and advanced with an open knife, and that he fired to save his own life.

A wife was found by Oxford's side, unopened, and this, with the fact that he was shot in the back and testimony of eye-witnesses, led to the verdict rendered. Both parties were well-known white men of Terrell county.

Governor Aycock in Western North Carolina.

Special to The Observer.

Hendersonville, Oct. 5.—Governor Aycock delivered a political address yesterday at Hendersonville in this county, to about 300 people. The Governor came to Hendersonville by the night train and was entertained at the Blue Ridge Inn and yesterday morning he accompanied by about a hundred people from this place, attended the meeting at Hendersonville. The Governor went to Brevard, Transylvania county, last evening, at which place a meeting was held. Hon. J. M. Gubler, Jr., was here yesterday and will go to Folk county this evening in State Attorney, and to Curdsville, Va., today.