

ADAMS WINS CHAIRMANSHIP

476 VOTES ON THE FIRST BALLOT

BLACKBURN, 297; HARRIS, 84

Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, of Greensboro, Chosen Chairman of Republican State Executive Committee, Receiving Majority on First Ballot in Stormy Convention in Gate City—Fight Was Interesting From Beginning and Blackburn Died Hard—Appointment of Douglas as Greensboro Postmaster and Blackburn's Refusal to Meet Hackett Had Some Weight Against the Congressman—Col. Virgil S. Lusk, of Asheville, Made Permanent Chairman of Convention—Gathering Marked by Some Sensational Incidents—Blackburn Introduces Resolution to Move Up Expiration of Grandfather Clause to 1920—The Nivals Shake Hands—Side-Lights on an Interesting Political Meeting.

Special to The Observer. Greensboro, July 10.—Judge Spencer B. Adams is chairman of the Republican State executive committee. His vote over and above that of Blackburn and Harris at the end of the first ballot was 35. The victory came at 9 o'clock to-night.

The convention came on like a noisy lion but passed off like a lamb. Blackburn was hopeful yesterday and indifferent onlookers could not form any opinion about what the result of the fierce contest would be. The appointment of Robert D. Douglas as postmaster of Greensboro and the failure of Blackburn to accept Hackett's challenge for a joint debate contributed to the defeat of the young congressman.

Blackburn died hard. He has some of the finest elements of a brilliant fighter in his make-up. His organization was superb. He can give his friends credit for loyalty. But he had such men as Adams, Butler, Duncan and Skinner to battle against. Carl Duncan held the men of the lost in line. Adams felt confident of victory. He said three weeks ago that he would win with hands down. He did.

From the time that the convention was called to order until the vote on the chairmanship was announced the Republican fight was interesting. Some of the delegates misbehaved, but on the whole they controlled their tempers well. The contest was a lively one. Under the circumstances those who took part in it did well to observe the order that they did. The leaves in at work to-night and the Republicans will be found fighting as one man at the coming election.

DELEGATES WORN OUT. The delegates wore themselves out Monday afternoon and night, traveling, talking and yelling. They moved around lazily yesterday morning. Now and then, before the convention adjourned, a Blackburn party would cry out in the street in the Adams headquarters former party leaders were busy holding conferences and sending out runners to put up the fences that the Blackburn men were reported to be tearing down. Over the way, at the Benbow, Blackburn's men were at work. They had off their coats and labored at their tasks.

ENTRANCE OF THE STARS. At 11:30 the opera house, where the convention was to be held, began to fill. At noon Blackburn, bearing his coat on his arm, swaggered down the aisle. His cohorts cheered lustily as he made his way to the stage, around the front seat of the middle tier of seats, and up to his seat among the Wilkes delegates. His hair was parted in the middle; he wore a seggie shirt, a clear and bright complexion. Everybody was asked to stand and hear a prayer by Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Greensboro.

A few seconds after Blackburn had taken his seat, at the conclusion of the deliberate stroll, Judge S. B. Adams quietly came up on the platform, from the rear, and immediately called the meeting to order. He explained that the call for the convention had been made in a clear and bright manner, and that he would not be moved by personal attacks, nor will I bandy abusive epithets with any one.

THE DEWEY ARRIVES SAFELY. Secretary Bonaparte Congratulates Commander Dewey Upon His Successful Campaign. Washington, July 10.—Secretary Bonaparte to-day sent a cable message of congratulation to Commander Hoxley, at Olongapo, for the successful management of the dry dock Dewey on his long voyage from Chesapeake bay, in which he said: "Department deeply appreciates and sincerely congratulates you and the officers and men under your command upon the successful termination of such a difficult undertaking so admirably and excellently accomplished."

The Dewey sailed from Solomons Island, Chesapeake bay, December 23, last, on its perilous voyage of more than 13,000 miles. The average speed was over 100 miles a day, while in motion. Commander Harry H. Hoxley was to-day detached from command of the supply ship Osceola and from command of the expedition which towed the dry dock Dewey to the Philippines and authorized to return to the United States.

Yellow Fever Appears in Havana. New Orleans, July 10.—Reports from Havana to the State board of health say that two cases of fever, supposed to be yellow fever, were found in Havana to-day and that one case of yellow fever developed there July 4. The fever outbreak at Nips, Cuba, which was at first reported as suspected, was announced as definite fever in Havana to-day. The reports came from Louisiana health inspectors stationed in Cuba.

RUSSIAN TROOPS MUTINY

Cavalry Regiment Barricades Itself in Barracks and Beats Off Attacks of Local Troops.

Osnes, Russia, July 10.—Agrarian strikes occur daily and are alarmingly spreading in the southern provinces. The revolting peasantry are now evidently organized and led by professional propagandists, who are clandestinely importing arms. In an interview to-day a marshal of the nobility of Kherson, expressed the firm conviction that the situation is inevitably and rapidly becoming worse.

IN UNION STOCK YARDS

Secretary Wilson is Much Pleased With State of Affairs.

Chicago, July 10.—Secretary Wilson continues his investigation on the Union Stock Yards and made a trip through several plants before breakfast. He seemed to be satisfied with what he saw. "It seems to me," said the Secretary, "that the yards are working with commendable vigor to make improvements and I understand there will be no more strikes. The government wants them."

REPLIES TO TILLMAN

Mr. Fraser Lyon Issues Card in Reply to Statements Made by the South Carolina Senator.

Observer Bureau, 209 Main Street, Columbia, S. C. Mr. Fraser Lyon, although still quite unwell, to-night made public a card relative to the attack on himself by Senator Tillman. Mr. Lyon has received a censorious statement in reply but makes an orderly statement in which he says: "About the incident in question, I have employed a detective to report on what he could find relative to all disseminating of this kind of matter and in writing reported to the sub-committee that he had been misled. I saw the card and immediately that time connected officially with the Mill Creek Distilling Company had given to Governor Tillman a plan. It was the duty of the committee, I saw, to make into such a report. It will be humiliating to me to know that, at a public meeting, I have been rightly accused of stating a falsehood, and that I have always stated the truth and that the State cannot substantiate his charges. I am sorry to see that he is tempting to do so—the shaft which he had intended to be deadly to me will fall on the head of the man who has deceived the justice-loving people of South Carolina. I will say that it is my purpose to be one of the worst criminals in the State, and I will not be moved by personal attacks, nor will I bandy abusive epithets with any one."

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MOORE HAS A TRAGEDY

MAN MEETS MYSTERIOUS DEATH

Young Man Identified Only as Phillips, Supposed to be From Greensboro or High Point, Dies in Raleigh Hospital From Unknown Cause—Nothing Known of His Relatives—Nor of the Tragedy—First Victim Over Raleigh and Southport—Farmers Meet in Annual Convention—Raleigh News Notes.

A mysterious tragedy has occurred in Moore county and one of the men to the affair lies dead here in a local undertaking establishment awaiting a more positive identification and orders from the authorities of that county. All that is known of the affair is that a young white man, by the name of Phillips, apparently near 30 years of age, was attacked by some one, was beaten over the head with a piece of iron or some such deadly weapon and lies dead as a result—dead here among strangers to whom he is unknown. The affair is supposed to have happened at a place where a construction gang is at work in Moore county. The wounded man was brought to Raleigh and was carried to Rex Hospital, where he had every attention and underwent an operation which was performed by Dr. R. S. McGeachy, of this city. There is no local clue to the real name of the dead man, except the bare name of Phillips, which was on the head were very badly crushed and the blood vessels were terribly torn away and bruised. Death came this afternoon, after the surgeon had requested the coroner of Moore county the remains of Phillips were shipped to Aberdeen this evening for an inquest. A minute examination was made by a physician in Raleigh in the rooms of an undertaker. On account of rumors to the effect that the wounded man received no attention yesterday after having been run over by an engine tender, the surgeon of the Seaboard road, The Observer's correspondent talked over long distance phone and was told that the man's condition was recognized and that the surgeon planned to send him to Raleigh, where all was done that could be done. Phillips was placed in the baggage room at 7 o'clock in the evening and was brought to Raleigh on a late train this morning. Two Raleigh men paid the expenses in moving him and taking him to the hospital here and their statement varies from that made at Aberdeen.

FARMERS IN CONVENTION

The attendance of farmers at the opening session of the convention at noon to-day was largely discouraging. The opening address was delivered by Hon. L. S. L. Patterson, commissioner of agriculture, and was well received. The address was given at his best in an enthusiastic address of welcome, wherein the farmers heard the just laudation of their calling. The response to the Governor's address was given by Charles C. Moore, president of the association, who had also made a name and reputation by his work as president of the cotton growers' association. The formal afternoon session was held at 3 o'clock, at which time the attendance was greatly augmented. The Charlotte and Mecklenburg county party was made up of something more than 25, which was a record for the State. The Green Band, that crowd arrived in Raleigh over the Southern road this morning. The Secretary of State chairs the Southern Star Wood Filler Company, at Greensboro, as the capital stock. The incorporators are A. Grace, H. H. Emmons and R. B. Sams, the charter of the Wilkesboro Jefferson Turnpike Company, Wilkesboro, was amended, and the capital stock was increased from \$10,000 to \$125,000. The incorporators are J. E. Finley, president; F. D. Hackett, secretary; T. B. Finley, all of Wilkesboro.

SLAYER SURRENDERS

Aged French Fisherman Tells New Orleans Police That He Killed a Fellow-Fisherman in Self-Defense.

New Orleans, July 10.—Paul Gazeau, an aged French fisherman, came to this city and surrendered himself to the police, saying that last night he killed a fisherman known as Marianne, on the bank of Bayou Bienvenue, in a dispute over a woman. The two men engaged in a dispute yesterday over the right to fish in the stream and last night after dark Marianne is said to have put two loaded guns in his boat and drifted down to his rival's cabin and opened fire. Gazeau returned the fire, killing Marianne.