

FARMER VOTE TO TELL TALE

And Taft Managers Are Hopeful Because Clear Weather May Keep Them From the Polls.

CAMPAIGN ACTIVITY WITHOUT PRECEDENT

Republican Fight Bitter and Bryan Has Vigorously Assailed Gov Harmon on Stump.

Columbus, O., May 21.—Taft managers declared the clear weather with which the primary day began indicated the president's victory.

Activity in the Ohio campaign is said to be without precedent in the present presidential contest.

Woodrow Wilson, Governor Harmon's only opponent, did not enter the state.

President Taft and Governor Harmon last night went to their homes in Cincinnati.

Dubs Roosevelt "The Bolter." Dayton, O., May 21.—President Taft's seven days of speechmaking through Ohio came to an end here last night with a final plea to republicans of his own state to give him their support at the primaries and to defeat Colonel Roosevelt, whom Mr. Taft dubbed "the bolter."

Mr. Taft appealed all day long in practically every one of the dozen speeches he made for republicans to consider and keep in mind Mr. Roosevelt's Cleveland speech where the president said he prophesied a bolt.

He asked republicans to remember how long that party had existed, what it always had stood for and to decide for themselves whether or not they wished to see it disrupted to "traffick the ambition of one man."

Taft in Cincinnati. Cincinnati, May 21.—Taft was at his brother's home today receiving callers. The president voted early at a voting place in the third ward. He leaves for Washington at 3 o'clock this afternoon and prepare immediately for the New Jersey campaign.

NO AMBASSADORSHIP SAYS FRANK MUNSEY

Denies Report That Roosevelt Has Promised Him Reward in Event of His Election.

New York, May 21.—Frank A. Munsey today authorized the denial of a statement recently published that Roosevelt had promised him the British ambassadorship in the event of his election. Munsey says he is not working for Roosevelt for personal reward.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED FOR THE FOURTH TIME

Burglars Again Crack Safe at Merrick, N. Y., Getting \$800 Cash and Stamps.

Merrick, N. Y., May 21.—Burglars for the fourth time in a few months today blew up Postmaster Birch's safe here, stealing \$800.00 in cash and stamps.

BURGLARS GET \$12,000

Blew Postoffice Safe at St. Cloudville, O., and Drive Away With Contents.

St. Cloudville, O., May 21.—Burglars today blew open the postoffice safe here, securing \$12,000, and escaped in a buggy.

The Presbyterian Convention.

Louisville, May 21.—The Northern Presbyterian church general assembly today proceeded with consideration of the report on a new intermediate catechism and other technical tasks.

MRS. ASTOR RETURNS TO HOME IN ENGLAND



New York, May 21.—Mrs. Ava Willing Astor, the first wife of the late Colonel John Jacob Astor, has left for her home in England.

With Mrs. Astor was her daughter, Miss Muriel Astor, and Miss Astor's governess. Several of Mrs. Astor's friends were on hand to say goodbye to her, and her son, Vincent Astor, was the last to leave her side just before the steamship left her pier in New York.

JURORS ARE SELECTED FOR WYTHEVILLE TRIAL

Claude Allen Facing Murder Charge for Hillsville Tragedy.

Wytheville, Va., May 21.—The selection of 16 tentative jurors to try Claude Allen for the murder of Judge Thornton L. Maguire in the Hillsville courthouse last March was completed before luncheon recess. At the afternoon session announcement was made of four men who had been agreed upon for elimination from the list, leaving twelve to listen to the evidence and decide young Allen's case. The trial will be expedited.

ARRESTED FOR PLOT

Federal Commander at Nogales Accused of Complicity in Revolutionary Conspiracy.

Washington, May 21.—The federal commander at Nogales, Mexico, was today arrested for complicity in a revolutionary plot launched by political exiles at Nogales, Arizona. According to war department advices, 23 persons have been arrested at Magdalena, Sonora.

Belgian Airman Crosses Channel.

Dover, England, May 21.—H. Crombers, a Belgian airman, crossed the English channel from Neluport today.

RADEKER PARTY IN CAR WRECK

Miss Radeker, W. S. and J. R. H., Miss Ida Hamilton, Mr. Artz, W. T. Dodd, All Injured.

TUMBLING OFF BANK WHEN CAR WAS RACING

None of the Injuries Appear Very Serious — The Ladies Were Thrown Clear of the Machine.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Charlotte, May 21.—While racing along at top speed on the beautiful Macadam highway three miles north of Charlotte this morning at 10:30 o'clock W. T. Dodd, chauffeur for the Radekers of Asheville, attempted to pass the car of Oscar F. Hege of Winston-Salem, with whom he was racing, and ran the handsome new \$5000 Pierce Arrow car off the Macadam and down a 10 foot drop. The car turned turtle and settled on its right side, the occupants miraculously escaping instant death.

In the car were Col. W. S. Radeker, Miss Carrie E. Radeker, Miss Ida Hamilton, J. R. H. Radeker, and W. P. Artz, all of Asheville, and the chauffeur, who is a New Yorker. Miss Radeker and Miss Hamilton were thrown clear of the car. The two men stuck to it. Miss Radeker was only slightly bruised, while Miss Hamilton's shoulder was badly wrenched and her knee sprained.

J. R. H. Radeker was pinned under the machine. The car was on his right thigh and his left ankle and shoulder were badly sprained. W. Scott Radeker was bruised about the body and had slight abrasions about the head. Mr. Artz was bruised slightly. Mr. Dodd's arm and leg were hurt.

On Way to New York. The automobile was badly damaged. The radiator was smashed, the windshield shattered, the fenders, lamps and two doors were badly bent and broken. It is estimated at the garage where the car was later towed into that it will take \$500 to repair the damage.

A passing car picked up the injured tourists and hastened with them to the Selwyn hotel here where after an examination by a surgeon it was announced that there were no serious wounds and that all members of the party would be out again in a day or two. The party was en route from Asheville to New York. They arrived in Charlotte at 10 o'clock and left after a brief stop for breakfast. They set out for New York over the National highway and soon came up with Mr. Hege, who offered to show them the way and it was very soon afterward that they began to race with the above results.

Another Narrow Escape.

In talking of the accident Colonel Radeker told of an experience last night a few miles north of Gaffney, S. C., which might have proven more disastrous than today's wreck. The car was plugging along at a high rate of speed on a new Macadam road the driver got into the mud and before he could turn back choked the engine. The young ladies left the car and walked down the highway about 25 feet where they discovered that the Macadam came to a sudden end. Investigating they found that a bridge over the creek had been washed away and that there was a clear drop of 30 feet from the Macadam road. There was not a sign nor any indication to travelers that anything was wrong and the party would have been dashed to certain death had not the mud hole stopped them in their journey.

C.V.T. RICHESON ELECTROCUTED

Murderer Goes to Death Chair Without Faltering and He Calmly Answers Minister's Questions.

CROWD ABOUT PRISON IN A POURING RAIN

Medical Institutions Will Not Be Permitted to Study the Brain of Girl's Poisoner.

Boston, May 21.—Douglas Richeson of Chicago, brother of Clarence V. T. Richeson, who paid the penalty for murdering Avis Linnell in the electric chair at the state prison just after midnight, claimed the body today. Before the remains were turned over to relatives it was necessary that Medical Examiner McGrath perform the autopsy required by law.

During the forenoon reports that the brain and other organs might be given to medical institutions for examination and study were declared untrue. Richeson's body will be taken back to his old home in Virginia if his last wishes are carried out and buried beside his mother's grave in the little cemetery at Amherst courthouse. The last words as the remains are lowered to the grave will be said by Rev. Herbert Johnson, Richeson's spiritual adviser.

After he was taken to the death house, one of Richeson's last requests was that Johnson accompany the body to Virginia. Johnson will carry final messages from Richeson to his relatives.

Richeson left no will. During the hours preceding death he gave directions for disposing of his personal effects. His library he left to clerical friends. In executing Richeson it was only necessary to apply the current once. After his death Friday it was feared the prisoner would be unable to stand the final strain. On the way to execution his steps did not falter. He answered questions about his faith in God without flinching. In a pouring rain over 1000 people stood outside the prison walls this morning for hours awaiting word that the execution had taken place.

The Electrocuting.

The current was turned on at 12:10 and the prisoner was declared totally dead at 12:17. The former Baptist clergyman was outwardly calm when he entered the death chamber and he maintained his composure while the straps were being adjusted as he sat in the electric chair.

Richeson walked to the chair erect, eyes straight ahead until he sat down. Then he closed his eyes and kept them shut until the end.

Seated in the chair, he was asked a series of questions by the Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, his spiritual adviser.

During his answers he said: "God will take care of my soul and I pray for all. I forgive everybody." The last of the questions was: "Are you willing to die for Jesus' sake?" The reply, in an even, well modulated tone, was simply, "I am willing to die."

When the officials and witnesses of the execution entered the death chamber after walking through the prison yard in a pelting rain they heard sounding through the walls the strains of song. It was Richeson and his spiritual advisers, Mr. Johnson and Chaplain Stebbins, singing. Distinctly audible as they closed were the words: "For I know, what e'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."

Richeson Left His Cell, Smiling.

Richeson left his cell, smiling at 12:08 o'clock. Before starting on the death march he shook hands with William A. Morse, his counsel, who at the last moment had been admitted as Continued on page two.

Talk of Governor Black In Role of Dark Horse



FRANK S. BLACK.

New York, May 21.—Prominent republicans who have been in New York in the last few days have mentioned the name of Frank S. Black, formerly governor of the Empire State, as a possible third or compromise candidate for the presidential nomination in case the fight between President Taft and Theodore Roosevelt results in a deadlock in the Chicago convention.

CLUB OWNERS DISCUSS STRIKE OF THE TIGERS

Navin Attempting to Have Cobb Reinstated as Soon as Possible.

Philadelphia, May 21.—The American league in a special meeting today fined each member of the Detroit baseball club \$100 for refusing to play last Saturday and Monday.

Philadelphia, May 21.—With the Detroit baseball players strike, growing out of Ty Cobb's suspension, settled, American League club owners gathered in special session here today to consider the affairs and assess fines against the players for transgressing the rules by refusing to play on Saturday. Owner Navin of Detroit promised the players he would do his utmost to have Cobb reinstated as soon as possible and have the league act for better protection on the playing field.

Navin will also urge that incidents occurring on the field be investigated before a player is suspended.

President Navin of the Detroit club, it is understood, will adhere to his promise to pay the players' fines. Ty Cobb was ordered to prepare an affidavit of what occurred at the ball game in New York. It was decided by the league that all club owners take steps to have baseball grounds better policed, and take such action as will prevent a recurrence of last week's affair. Johnson left for New York to obtain affidavits from the man attacked by Cobb and from witnesses. When these are obtained along with other evidence, Cobb's reinstatement will be decided.

Amateur Aviator Killed.

Xenia, O., May 21.—Fred J. Southard of Xenia, amateur aviator, fell 100 feet near Osborne today and was killed instantly. Southard, aged 40, had just bought a Wright aeroplane. His body was crushed.

CONTRADICTS WITNESS IN THE ARCHBALD CASE

Stenographer Refutes His Statements as to the "Silent Party" Letter.

Washington, May 21.—The relation of E. J. Williams, one of the leading witnesses in the house judiciary inquiry into charges against Judge R. W. Archibald of the Commerce court, was the subject of testimony given yesterday by Miss Mary Boland, stenographer in the office of W. P. Boland of Scranton, Pa., accused of the jurist.

Miss Boland swore that instead of W. P. Boland having dictated the letter of March 13, 1912, in which a reference was made to a "silent party" in the Katydid culm bank deal, now claimed to have been Judge Archibald, Williams was the author of it. Williams corrected his testimony Friday so as to make it appear that Boland dictated the letter. Miss Boland declared that Williams asked her to write the letter one day when Boland was absent, told her what he wanted to say, that she complied with his request and the next day submitted the letter for his approval. She said he signed it and she tore off the letter head, because it was written on the paper of the Maroon Col. company with which Williams had no connection.

Miss Boland read to the committee memorandum she had jotted down in her note book during the last few months of remarks Williams had made as he dropped into Mr. Boland's office. The notes were not stenographic reports, but mere memoranda.

Many of them credited Williams with saying he had just left Judge Archibald's office after talking about culm bank deals or that he was going to see some one at the judge's request about culm deals.

STONE SCORES G.O.P. LEADERS

Criticises Manner in Which Taft and Roosevelt Are Conducting Fight for Nomination.

BELIEVES THE STRIFE WILL DEFEAT PARTY

Declares Clashing Ambition of Two Former Friends Brings Obloquy on American People.

Washington, May 21.—Senator Stone of Missouri today addressed the senate on "The Modern Damon and Pythias and correlated subjects pertaining to current politics." Senator Stone, referring to Taft and Roosevelt, said it had been a case of "two souls with but a single thought; two hearts that beat as one" until the "slimy and poisonous serpent of ambition, crawled across the path they were walking and divided them. Both tasted the bitter-sweet of power and liked it overmuch. Both were tempted and both fell.

"So instead of peace we have had war," the senator continued, "war, with knives and knives to the hilt. As consequence of this ferocious contest the country and world have been treated to a series of spectacular vaudeville stunts in politics without parallel in the country's history.

"Mr. President, passing over the personal and party aspects of this miserable squabble is it not a truly sad spectacle we are witnessing. These world-famed republican leaders have been for months circling the country abusing each other like pickpockets in language akin to the vernacular of a fish market, even something worse. The world outside looks on aghast. The press and reading public of all enlightened nations, cartoonists, lampshades and so on."

"To the senate's amusement Mr. Stone read at length samples of "polite exchanges of compliments" among the republican candidates. He said he must grant that President Taft "inately a gentleman," evidently was reluctant and slow to enter upon "this ruffian fight." He asserted, however, that the last word in "this black chapter of American history" would be written at Chicago.

"I cannot believe that after this storm of strife and exposure the American electorate will consent to return the republican party to power." He concluded with the statement that democratic candidates were conducting themselves with dignity and a sense of propriety.

BILL PASSED TO CURB COTTON SPECULATION

House Bill for Reports as to Acreage and Yield Adopted.

Washington, May 21.—Determined to curtail speculation in cotton, congress today passed a bill providing for exact information in the spring as to the number of acres of cotton in cultivation and in autumn as to the production from the same acreage. The house put its seal of approval on the legislation when it accepted the senate amendment to the house bill making reports unnecessary on the condition of the cotton crop in August, September and October.

Official Table of Buncombe County Democratic Primary Election, 1912

Table with columns for various offices: Congress, Judge, Senate, Representatives, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Tax Collector, Treasurer, County Commissioners, Auditor, Board Education, Constable. Rows list various precincts like Asheville, No. 1, Asheville, No. 2, etc., with corresponding vote counts.