

SURROUNDED BY DEEP MYSTERY

Vanishing Letter Concerning Controller Bay Matter

WAS WRITTEN BY RYAN

Addressed to "Dick" Ballinger and signed "Dick"—President Taft Expresses Confidence That His Brother Charles P. Taft, Did Not Try to Influence Him.

Washington, July 11.—The story of a vanishing letter, both addressed and signed "Dick," from Richard S. Ryan, of New York, to Richard A. Ballinger, then secretary of the interior, purporting to show that Charles P. Taft had influenced his brother, President Taft to forward the alleged attempt of the Guggenheim interests to acquire Controller Bay, the only outlet for large coal fields in southern Alaska, figured in a congressional inquiry begun yesterday.

The testimony before the house committee on expenditures in the interior department, and statements from the white house and from Chas. P. Taft's office failed to lift the mystery enshrouding the alleged letter. Commissioner Bennett, of the general land office, testified that he knew nothing of it and that he would not necessarily know of its existence and such a letter was not recalled in any other quarter. The letter was not to be found in the files, though Miss M. F. Abbott a newspaper writer, who will testify later, says she copied such a document from the official files.

President Taft has expressed confidence that his brother never communicated with him on the subject, either orally or in writing.

Miss Abbott, already subpoenaed as a witness, probably will appear before the committee Wednesday.

Among the witnesses the committee will summon is Ashmun Brown, a Seattle newspaper man, who was private secretary to Secretary Ballinger, and who, according to Miss Abbott, was present when she saw the alleged Ryan-Ballinger letter.

It was stated at the white house that a careful search of the files in the executive offices failed to reveal any record bearing in any way upon the Controller Bay affair.

The most important development yesterday was the testimony of Commissioner Bennett, that the claimants represented by Richard S. Ryan, of New York, said to represent the Guggenheim interests, had benefited by the omission of one provision in the final official papers. Mr. Bennett said that when the executive order opening the Controller Bay land to entry reached his office it contained a provision under which entrymen could not file on the land for 60 days after the order was issued. In consequence of this, the provision was lost or eliminated before the final promulgation of the order.

Arrested for Selling Bonds Without License

Raleigh, July 10.—Following the recent arrest of C. C. Whitehead, at High Point last week on the charge of selling investment bonds without the state license from the state department of insurance under the act of the recent legislature, at the instance of the state commissioner of insurance, that official has directed the arrest of parties at Asheville who have been there some time selling or trying to sell bonds in the North Mecklenburg Realty and Investment company. Commissioner Young says he proposes to put forth every effort to see that this law is enforced.

Increase in Automobiles in State.

Raleigh, July 11.—The multiplication of automobiles in this state is something remarkable. Twenty-two new machines were registered with the secretary of state today and one day last week there were 46 new registrations. During the ten days of July there have been 326 registrations.

GETTING READY FOR VETERANS

Wilmington Preparing for State Reunion in August

Wilmington, July 11.—From the number of notifications which are being received by those in charge, it is expected that attendance records of the past few years will be broken when the state organization of United Confederate veterans meets here for the annual session. The convention will meet the first week in August, and it is expected that there will be at least two thousand visitors. The greater part of these will be battle-scarred veterans who fought and suffered in the great conflict between the states in defense of their beloved southland. This yearly meeting is looked forward to with great interest by the old veterans and it is proposed to make their visit here one which they will long remember.

The joint committee is now hard at work on arrangements for the convention and plans are progressing rapidly. Captain W. P. Oldham, to whom reports as to boarding and lodging for the veterans are being submitted stated today that fine progress is being made with this feature of arrangements for the convention. There are a number of boarding houses and restaurants which have granted reasonable rates for entertainment of the veterans during their stay in the city.

As has been announced before Cape Fear Camp United Confederate Veterans of this city will make arrangements to pay the board and lodging of any of the veterans who are unable to do so themselves. In order that this may be availed of by the veterans it will be necessary for those who expect to benefit by this policy to notify the camp here promptly so that all arrangements may be made.

Much interest is being displayed in the convention by the various camps throughout the state and Wilmington figuratively and literally is waiting to receive the honored visitors with wide-open arms and that cordial spirit of hospitality which ever marks the attitude of this city toward the stranger within her gates.

SHERIFF SHOT BY YEGGMEN

Who Dynamited Railroad Safe and Secured \$1

Asheville, July 11.—The station of the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio railroad at Marion Junction was dynamited early Monday morning and practically wrecked, the iron safe having been demolished, the windows blown out and the roof torn off. Only \$4.00 was in the safe at the time and this was taken by the robbers, supposed to consist of three men.

The wreckers placed dynamite on top of the safe and blew a hole in it, filling the hole afterward with dynamite, and blew the safe open, incidentally wrecking the station. Sheriff Marchburn, of Marion, county seat of McDowell started in pursuit of the robbers with bloodhounds, but the robbers eluded them, coming in the direction of Asheville.

Last night when a Southern freight train pulled into Old Fort three men were seen to alight. The sheriff, who had come to Old Fort in pursuit, attempted to talk to the men, when one of them ran and commenced firing. Sheriff Marchburn was struck in the ankle and painfully injured. A posse of citizens of Old Fort took up the pursuit, and one of the posse, a carrier boy, name unknown, was shot in the arm. The robbers escaped to the mountains followed by almost the entire male population of the village.

Sheriff Marchburn was taken to his home at Marion for medical treatment and several of his deputies went to Old Fort, where they arrived at 2 o'clock today to take up an organized search for the desperadoes.

Recorder Announces Sensational Contest

The Great Popularity Subscription and Voting Contest Begins Today With \$1,500 In Rich Prizes to Be Given Away Absolutely Free. \$425 Cote Piano First Prize.

The Recorder announces to its many friends the beginning of the most tremendous popularity and contest ever attempted by a newspaper this far south.

\$1,500 in rich prizes will be given away absolutely free to those participating in this great enterprise.

The prizes are handsome and valuable and well worth every moment of the time spent in securing them. What the Contest is For.

This voting contest is launched to increase the subscription list of the Recorder and to assist the Recorder to reach its aim by being the best and newest semi-weekly in the state, and second best to none in the south.

To do this the management conceived the idea of giving away several magnificent premiums to the men, women, girls and boys who are willing to assist in this sensational campaign. This plan has called in consultation the very best deliberation of the recorder affords.

How Contest Will Be Conducted.

For the purpose of conducting this contest on the best principles and business plan, the Recorder has entered into a contract with The American Music Company of Jacksonville, Fla., a firm that has a famous reputation for conducting many contests throughout the south, and their interesting and modern business is a guarantee to all the contestants of absolute fairness in every respect.

The American Music Company is represented by Mrs. Edna Morris, a very efficient and popular contest manager, who has had much experience in this work. Mrs. Morris will have entire charge of the contest and of the subscription department and any one wishing to take part in the contest or desiring to learn the particulars will receive all information by writing or phoning Mrs. Morris at the Recorder office.

If you want a beautiful Cote Piano for your home and at absolutely no cost to you, nominate yourself and start to work at once. Remember an early start wins many a race.

The contest manager urges every one who is considering entering the contest to do so at once for there is sure to be a great response to this announcement. Prizes such as the Recorder's offering do not go begging.

Following are the rules governing the contest:

1. All collections made by contestants must be paid to the contest manager within one week or votes will not be allowed.

2. Subscribers are cautioned to demand a receipt for all money given to contestants.

3. The contest manager's signature must be affixed to votes before same are of value in the contest.

4. Ballots cannot be bought. The contest will be run on a square basis for all, votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions either prepaid or renewals, or by sending the Free Ballot from the paper.

5. No employees of the Recorder or a member of his or her family will be permitted to participate either as a candidate or voter in the contest.

6. Candidates will not be restricted to any territory, but may secure subscribers anywhere.

7. Only nominating coupon entitling the nominee to One Thousand votes will be allowed each contestant.

8. Voting cast on minor prizes that will be offered in the contest will also be counted on the piano and furniture but only votes secured in at advertised time will be counted on minor prizes.

9. Votes cannot be transferred to another contestant.

10. Contestants must agree to accept all rules and conditions.

11. Any contestant who becomes dissatisfied and tries to create a discord in the contest, his or her name will be dropped from the race.

12. Any question that may occur between contestants will be settled by the contest manager and his decision will be final.

13. The right to reserve or reject the name of any contestant for cause, also to alter these rules, should occasion demand.

14. Under no condition will the nominator's name be divulged.

15. Contestants may withhold their votes until they wish to cast them. Until they are cast your standing will not be published.

The manager will be always ready to explain anything regarding the contest.

Very respectfully,
EDNA MORRIS,
Contest Manager.

Give the Children a Chance.
A child is a wonder. This has been demonstrated by work done by small children in newspaper contests throughout the country.

Why don't you nominate your child in the Recorder's great popularity and voting contest? In many contests children win out, as they have a distinct way of appealing to the subscribers. Surely it would be a profitable vacation if your child should win a \$425 piano to be given away in the Recorder contest.

Scale of Votes.
Votes will be allowed on new, renewal and back subscriptions according to the following scale:

Scale of Votes.	5 months	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	7 years	10 years	15 years	25 years
500	1,000	2,000	4,000	7,500	10,000	13,000	20,000	40,000	75,000	100,000

COL. CAMERON WELL PLEASED

At Calling of Election for Bonds for Farm-Life School

"I am certainly glad you fellows got the board of county commissioners to call that election for a farm life school," said Colonel Benjamin Cameron at the station this morning as he was preparing to board the train for Raleigh.

"Durham county must be one of the first to secure the school. There are only ten of these schools to be established this year, and Durham county must have one of these. Durham county has always prided itself on being progressive. If it is to keep up this reputation, we must have one of the schools."

"Where do you think the school should be located?" Colonel Cameron was asked.

DESERT FARM AND COUNTRY

People Are Fast Flocking to Cities, Says Census Bureau

Washington, July 8.—The people of the United States are steadily deserting the country and the farm for the turmoil and delights of the city and town, according to statistics made public yesterday by the census bureau. During the past ten years the percentage of people living in cities or other incorporated places of more than 2,500 inhabitants, increased from 46.5 to 46.3 of the total. Twenty years ago only 38.1 per cent of the total population lived in such incorporated places.

In classifying the 1910 census returns the bureau calls that portion of the population in incorporated cities or towns of 2,500 or more inhabitants urban and the remainder rural. On this basis, in 1910, 42,623,383, or 46.3 per cent of the total lived in urban territory, and 49,348,883, or 53.7 per cent in rural territory.

Death of a Little Child.
The eight month old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Vickers died about noon Sunday at their home on Proctor street. The funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Barrett and the interment was at Maplewood.

NO END TO LIST OF CANDIDATES

Delegations See Governor in Interest of Their Friends

Two of the latest delegations to wait on the governor in the interest of candidates for the corporation commissioner's office to succeed the late Henry Clay Brown were from Northampton county and from Raleigh, the former in the interest of Captain Thomas W. Mason and the latter in the interest of E. L. Harris, of Raleigh, who is being pressed by the Merchants Association, he being the state secretary. The Northampton delegation was composed of B. S. Gay, C. G. Peebles, J. A. Warrell and Sheriff Joyner. The Raleigh delegation for Harris included J. V. Simms, E. E. Broughton and J. B. Pierce.

A number of new candidates are being added to the list of those being pressed upon the governor for consideration. J. Rom Smith, of Randolph county, and G. B. D. Parker, of Duplin county, being the latest. Major H. A. London, of Pittsboro, is not a candidate in the sense that he has any formal application with the governor. However, his friends have ascertained that he would accept and are urging the governor to give him the place. Ex-Judge A. C. Avery has presented to the governor the claims of Former Commissioner Pearson, of Morganton.

The friends of Captain Tom Mason believe that if the governor does not decide to give the place to his close personal and political friend, E. L. Travis, of Halifax, that it will certainly go to Captain Mason. Many are taking the view that the appointment of Captain Mason would give pleasure to practically every element in the democratic party.

Fifty Persons Driven Insane by the Heat

Washington, July 10.—Driven insane by the intense heat of the past week, fifty persons, twenty of them women, are being held in the Washington asylum hospital for observation. Dr. D. Percy Hickling, chief consulting physician at the hospital, expresses the belief that most of the patients will recover.

DEATH OF AN AGED CITIZEN

Mr. M. L. Carlton Died at His Home Sunday Afternoon

Mr. M. L. Carlton, one of the oldest residents of Durham, died at his home on East Trinity avenue Sunday afternoon after an illness of several months. His death was due to a complication of diseases and was not unexpected. At his bedside at the time of his death were his three children, Luther M. Carlton, of Roxboro; N. C. Carlton and Miss Toia Carlton, of Durham, and Mrs. Carlton.

Mr. Carlton was born in Wake county 62 years ago. In 1876, while still a young man, he engaged in the furniture business in Durham, owning the first furniture store that was operated here. Later he engaged in farming in Wake county, but removed to Durham again 12 years ago. He was engaged in contracting and building until his health failed some time ago. He was a member of the North Durham Baptist church and was also a member of the Odd Fellows.

The funeral services will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 5 o'clock and the interment will be at Maplewood cemetery.

The pall bearers are: J. B. Elliott, A. L. Phipps, S. J. Rogers, W. D. Holland, J. D. Pridgen and J. P. Woody.

Plate Glass Window Replaced.
The plate glass at the R. A. Baldwin and Son store, which was broken by the storm several weeks ago, is being replaced by Contractor I. G. Lawrence.

INSTITUTE FOR THE FARMERS

Will Be Held at County Home Monday July 31st

QUESTION BOX A FEATURE

Farmers are asked to bring books and pencils and take notes—Prizes will be given for best loaf of bread; Best Corn and Finest Pig Exhibited.

A farmers' institute will be held at the Durham county home Monday, July 31, under the auspices of the state department of agriculture. The institute will be held by Mr. Franklin Sherman, of the department of agriculture and assistants who will discuss agricultural topics of interest to the farmers.

The institute will begin at 10 o'clock on Monday morning and will continue throughout the day. In the afternoon a question box will be opened and a general discussion held. The farmers are requested to bring books and pencils to take notes on whatever topics interest them.

A woman's institute will be held also on the same date and at the same place. The institute will be conducted by Mrs. C. R. Hudson and others, and a number of topics of interest to the farmers' wives and daughters will be discussed.

A premium of \$1 will be given for the best loaf of bread baked and exhibited by a girl or woman living on the farm. Premiums of \$1 each will also be given for the best five ears of pure bred corn and for the best pure bred pig between 8 and 12 weeks of age exhibited by a man or boy living on the farm.

263 Horse's Burned to Death in Chicago

Chicago, July 10.—Fire of unknown origin early Sunday destroyed the stables of the Arthur W. Dixon transfer company, burned two hundred and sixty-three horses to death and caused \$500,000 damage. Scores of firemen narrowly escaped death when the roof caved in.

Fire Sunday afternoon destroyed the furniture warehouse of the W. C. Reebie & Bros., causing \$100,000 damage. Hot weather made the work of the firemen doubly onerous.

Tobacco Sold in Only Five Towns in June

Raleigh, July 11.—Sales of leaf tobacco were reported from only five markets in North Carolina during June, this month being always one of the very shortest of the tobacco year. The total sales were 286,307, the towns and their sales being: Winston-Salem, 157,360; Reidsville, 17,851; Durham, 6,340; Mt. Airy, 3,094; Stoneville, 2,632.

DRUGGISTS TO MEET

North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association at Morehead City.
Morehead City, July 11.—The North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association meets at the Atlantic Hotel here tomorrow for a three days' session. Prof. James H. Beall, of Ohio, considered one of the most able pharmacists in the United States will address the association Wednesday evening in the convention hall of the Atlantic Hotel. At least 200 of the leading druggists of the state are expected to hear him. The Atlantic Hotel gives a masked ball on Thursday evening complimentary to the association.

Seven Deaths in Richmond.
Richmond, Va., July 11.—Seven deaths from the heat this summer, four during the present spell, are listed by the city health board. This record is unprecedented in the history of Richmond.

Mr. Mabry to Atlantic City.
Past Exalted Ruler W. A. Mabry of the Durham lodge of Elks left this afternoon to attend the grand lodge meeting at Atlantic City.

Free Voting Certificate

This is a separate and distinct vote from the "Nominating Coupon," and any Contestant or Nominator may collect as many as possible and vote them.

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Name of Candidate to be voted for

Of _____ State _____

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This Free Voting Certificate must be in the Recorder office not later than Friday, 12th July 1911.

THE DURHAM RECORDER CONTEST MANAGEMENT.

Hardware Dealers to Meet

Convention Being Held at Asheville, 100 Delegates Expected.

Asheville, July 11.—The Hardware dealers of the Carolinas met here in annual session today and will continue in session through Friday. A very large attendance is looked for, and, in fact, about 150 delegates have already arrived. It is expected that fully 4000 delegates will be in attendance and dealers expect the convention to be of more than usual importance.

Nomination Coupon

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DURHAM, N. C.

I WISH TO NOMINATE AS CANDIDATE IN YOUR CONTEST

NAME _____

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