

DAVE BLAIR BACK IN WASHINGTON TO WATCH HIS CHANCE

Winston-Salem Man Seemingly Had Things Going Well But Something Slipped

SECRETARY MELLON TO SEE THE PRESIDENT

Will Accompany Tar Heel Seeker Of Honors To White House Today; Job Seekers Through White House, Even Though President Steals Away To New York

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Washington, April 19.—Again the name of "David H. Blair, Winston-Salem" on the register of arrivals at the Raleigh Hotel. It was a significant entry following the fact that on Friday last the North Carolina candidate for Commissioner of Internal Revenue left Winston-Salem after a lengthy visit with not altogether rose-colored prospects. That he is back so soon meant something was doing, as I looked at the matter, for Dave could hardly be traveling from North Carolina to Washington just for the trip or for his health.

And the afternoon's developments showed that I had guessed right, for it came to my knowledge that it was by invitation of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that Mr. Blair had returned to Washington; that Secretary Mellon had wired him to come. The two were in conference for quite a while this afternoon and evidently talked of the appointment. And it is known also that Dave with Secretary Mellon is to see the President tomorrow morning. It looks now as if there was to be an appointment very quickly and that the North Carolinian has the inside track for the position.

Yesterday I told the News and Observer readers that it looked to be a good bet that Dave would be laid on a bet tonight. But Tuesday has passed and no appointment of Commissioner of Internal Revenue was forthcoming as expected. The last development previous to Dave's arrival was that President Harding and Secretary of the Treasury Mellon were looking for a \$100,000 man to fill the post and so far as a scanning of the reduced list of known seekers for the place, there was no \$100,000 man on it. And it is reported that the job has already been offered to some of these reported \$100,000 men, with no takers of the post. And there are some who wonder exactly what it meant by a \$100,000 man.

As Millard F. West, the assistant commissioner, has been drawing a government salary of a very modest figure in comparison with \$100,000 and is reported as having a strong backing from Kentucky and some other states, he is in some quarters as being the probable choice for the place, the wonder grows at the \$100,000 man talk.

White House Visitors Jolted
Office seekers who sought the easy chairs in the White House ante chambers today were stung, for President Harding left for New York at 9:30 this morning to be the chief figure in the business methods of the Simon Bolivar monument. Evidently quite a lot of the pie charts are not newspaper readers as they would have known that their visits today would be "love's labor lost." But they were on the job all the same in goodly numbers. The White House office force shooed 'em away gently and had a look of relief generally on their faces, for they are a hard worked lot of fellows nowadays and need a day or so of rest. But the main building staff had to get up just the same for visitors from far and near kept up the "rattle all around" through the rooms of the White House, while "Laddie Boy" was put to work in wagging his tail in response to head petting of young and old.

Score another hit for the Wilson administration. Secretary Mellon's announcement that a dividend on government life insurance of not less than \$1, per \$1,000 of insurance would be paid in cash on the \$700,000,000 of permanent converted insurance shows that the business methods of the War Risk Insurance have been first class, despite captions of Republican criticism during campaign days. Earnings of \$1,000,016 have been apportioned for this purpose and policies that have been in force two years on the anniversary date this year will receive the amount of two yearly dividends. During the war the total of insurance written on the lives of soldiers, sailors and marines amounted to \$40,000,000,000, while at the end of 1920 there remained in force \$2,322,360,500 of war time insurance. And the Wilson appointee as director of the War Risk Insurance Bureau, Col. R. G. Cholmley-Jones has been reappointed by the Harding administration, a proof of Democratic efficiency.

Compliment Sam Rogers
Sam L. Rogers, of North Carolina, just resigned as Director of the Census, is receiving many letters expressing regret that he leaves the government service. Chairman James W. Good, of the appropriations committee, a Republican from Iowa, expressed his regrets and says:
"I always felt that your administration of the bureau was marked by a high efficiency and economy, and I am very glad to know that when the census has been completed it will be possible for you to return to the Treasury a considerable part of your personal appropriation." In the warm-up of the vice president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, a professional statistician, compliments Mr. Rogers in unreserved words on the wise and successful direction of the Bureau under his charge, that he had known Directors for thirty years and that no other man had made so excellent an administrator. Chief Justice

SECRET MARRIAGE OF TAR HEEL REVEALED

Former Wilmington Man With Bullet In Brain Wedded Richmond Typist

Richmond, Va., April 19.—The secret marriage of William L. Turner, 35, formerly of Wilmington, N. C., to Miss Ruth Vera Ford of South Richmond, a pretty typist in the office of the State Department of Labor, came to light today when his mother, Mrs. Estlin Merritt, of Wilmington, arrived here in response to news that he had shot himself in the head with a pistol in a moment of despondency, believed to have been caused by a recent attack of influenza, complicated by pneumonia and throat trouble.

Although it had been planned to keep the marriage a secret a while longer, Mrs. Turner deemed it best to break the news to her mother-in-law without further delay after the latter's arrival in Richmond. The marriage was performed January 15, last, by Rev. Joseph Williams of the Third Presbyterian church. Since then Mrs. Turner has continued to hold her position at the State capital.

TWO MILLION BOND ISSUE FOR ROADS

Mecklenburg County Carries Election By Over Two Thousand Majority

Charlotte, April 19.—Mecklenburg county today voted two million dollars bond issue for the building of hard surfaced roads. With only one precinct to hear from, the majority for bonds was 2,161 out of a total vote of 8,290. The majority for bonds in the city of Charlotte was 710. The bond issue failed to carry in the county precincts. The entire bond issue will be used in the building of hard surfaced roads.

CATAWBA VOTES \$500,000 IN BONDS FOR ROADS

Hickory, April 19.—Hickory Township gave four hundred majority for half million dollar bond issue for roads. Today's scattering returns from county indicate bonds have carried by slight plurality. Two years ago Hickory Township gave two hundred majority against the same proposition.

TWO EDITORS NOMINATED IN WILMINGTON PRIMARY

Wilmington, April 19.—With one precinct to hear from James H. Cowan, former editor of the Wilmington Dispatch, has been nominated mayor of Wilmington in the primary today over the entire field by 439 majority, and the precinct yet to come is said to be strongly for him. Joseph E. Thompson, former editor of the Wilmington Star, candidate for commissioner of finance, has been nominated over D. N. Chadwick and Mrs. Lillian Rogers by the large majority of 1,525, with one box to come in which he is said to be strong.

How Jackies Fought U-Boats With Mother Goose Rhymes

By JOSEPHUS DANIELS
Former Secretary of the Navy
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"Quack! Quack! Quack!"
I can imagine Herr Teufelsdröck, of the German intelligence department, solemnly setting down the strange words.
"Hey, diddle-diddle-diddle."
The cat and the fiddle.
That must have been as puzzling as "Ride-a-cock-horse to Banbury cross," "Little Jack Horner sat in his corner," "Jack and Jill went up the hill," and similar extraordinary statements picked out of the air by listening Germans, and sent to Berlin for translation and for study by their code specialists.
What did the herr professors make of them?
What did they make of such seemingly meaningless combinations of words as "corn-mush" and "high-low-jack"?

HEFLIN WANTS TO USE ALLIED DEBT IN ROAD BUILDING

Alabama Senator Would Turn Every Red Cent Into Construction Of Highways

ADDRESSES GOOD ROADS MEETING IN GATE CITY

County Unit System Condemned As Inefficient Way Of Securing Adequate Roads; Notable Road Experts Address National Convention Of Good Roads Boosters

(Special to the News and Observer)
Greensboro, April 19.—Every red cent that the Allies owe the United States should be devoted to the building of good roads," declared Senator J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, in a speech before the good Roads Association here today.

"I do not care how many millions or billions of dollars the debt totals, Congress should unanimously endorse the issue and turn the money over to the National Bureau of Good Roads," he declared.

This idea was given several rounds of applause by the packed courtroom of good roads delegates.

Favors Co-operation Plan.
"In the event Congress fails to turn this money over to the cause of good roads, it behooves every intelligent citizen to literally compel Congress to appropriate \$100,000,000 to carry on the co-operation plan of highway construction in the United States," he asserted.

Three speeches were made during the morning hours. Besides Senator Heflin, Mrs. Wallace B. Edmundson, of Alabama, and William P. Blinn, of Cleveland, Ohio, delivered effective addresses and were greeted with vociferous approval.

Senator Heflin declared that when the country turns back to the farm talk of bohemism and anarchy will be heard no more. He believes that the country will turn back to the farm when better roads are provided for the rural districts.

The Senator left at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon for Washington, saying that he was forced to be back at the capital for the session of Congress tomorrow.

Women Want Good Roads.
Mrs. Wallace B. Edmundson, of Alabama, spoke for a few minutes, using as her topic, "Woman's Part in Highway Construction." Mrs. Edmundson pointed out the fact that the women of the country now have the ballot and are going to see that the roads are improved. She mentioned the fact that farm women are everywhere rising in arms against the boundary of mud that has bound them for many years and declared that this bond of mud would be shaken off. Everywhere, she pointed out, the influence of the women of both the country and city is being felt in the life of the land and the full force of this influence will be felt when it comes to highways.

STRESSES NEED OF BARRIERS TO STEM IMMIGRATION TIDE

Secretary Hughes Recommends Rigid Steps To Restrict Immigration

SUBMITS DOCUMENTS TO CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS

Report Of Secretary Taken To Reflect Need Of Immediate Passage Of Immigration Bill; Makes Particular Reference To Admission Of Undesirable Alien Element

Washington, April 19.—Rigid restriction of immigration was recommended today by Secretary Hughes in official documents transmitted to Congress. They were interpreted by House and Senate leaders as reflecting increased need for the immediate passage of the immigration bill reported today by the House committee, limiting admission of aliens for fourteen months beginning next May 10 to 3 per cent of each nationality resident in the United States in 1910. Debate in the House will begin tomorrow under special rule.

"Our restriction on immigration should be so rigid," Mr. Hughes' report said, "that it would be impossible for most of these people to enter the United States." Particular reference was made to undesirable classes from Balkan cities, Armenia, Russia and Georgia.

The report said 606,232 passport visas were granted by American consuls in Europe for the year 1920, reflecting a stimulated desire in most European countries to emigrate to America before anti-immigration laws were passed. The principal restraining influence was said to be lack of funds due to depreciated currency values.

Thousands Want To Emigrate.
"The director general of police of Roumania," the report said, "has issued an order excusing all Jews from military service and permitting their discharge from the army if they desire to emigrate to America."
In Roumania 1,500 persons were awaiting examination for permission to come to the United States, it was said, while 35,000 awaited third-class accommodations.

Leads and Lithuanians leaving the Balkan States, Mr. Hughes said, were largely people from the slums, the vast majority of them "Jews of an undesirable type."
In the Russian Caucasus "it may be accepted as nearly literally true," Mr. Hughes said, "that every Armenian family which has enough money to get away from the region of Armenia will ultimately endeavor to emigrate to America. Russians and Georgians are likely more and more to emigrate to the same haven."

The great bulk of emigrants to the United States from this district are highly undesirable as material for future American citizens.
The report estimated 5,000 Armenians and 20,000 Syrians were awaiting passage from Bagdad and that despite difficulties of emigration from Germany, the number desiring to come from that country had doubled in the last year compared to any similar period since the war ended.

Senator Jones, Republican, Washington, introduced an amendment to the immigration bill in the Senate today which would compel all immigrants to the United States to take passage only on vessels flying the American flag.

TO GET \$100,000 RADIUM GIFT



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At the request of Vice-President Coolidge, President and Mrs. Harding have agreed to present to Mrs. Marie Curie, the Polish scientist who is to visit this country next month, \$100,000 worth of radium purchased by popular subscription by American women for her use in research work along curative lines. Mrs. Curie won world-wide fame for her discovery of radium. The presentation will take place at the White House May 20. The above photo of Mrs. Curie was taken in her laboratory at College de France, Paris.

Urges Legislative Steps For Developing Aviation

Harding Approves Report Of National Advisory Committee For Aeronautics

REGULATION OF AIR NAVIGATION STRESSED

Extension Of Aviation By Government Agencies Emphasized By Committee

Washington, April 19.—Recommendations for the development and regulation of aviation, drawn up at the request of the President to Congress today, with the executive's approval and in the expectation that legislation will be enacted to carry the program into effect.

The report to the Senate and House was accompanied by a brief message from the President, in which he explained that he had solicited from the committee suggestions for regulation of air navigation, air routes to cover the entire United States and co-operation among the various departments of the government concerned with aviation.

The committee recommended that the Army and Navy continue to control their own air services, that the Postoffice Department be authorized to establish new air routes and that a Bureau of Aeronautics be established in the Department of Commerce to foster commercial aviation.

Urges Appropriations.
Congress was urged to appropriate \$2,000,000 for use during the next two years by the War Department in establishing air routes, and to grant explicit authority to the Postoffice Department to establish air ways other than the route between New York and San Francisco, which it is contended by some is alone authorized by existing law. It was particularly urged that the department be authorized to establish an air route between Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul and another between Chicago and St. Louis.

The report emphasized the advisability of encouraging inventive skill in aeronautics and urged that continuous research under the direction of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics be conducted with the view of utilizing new ideas concerning aviation.

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA BROUGHT CLOSER TOGETHER

Harding Speaks At Unveiling Of Statue Of Simon Bolivar In New York

STATUE OF WASHINGTON UNVEILED AT CARACAS

Notable Historical Events Joining Hands Of Republics Of North and South America Held Simultaneously; President Proclaims Fundamentals Of Monroe Doctrine

New York, April 19.—The republics of North and South America joined hands across the Caribbean today in two notable historical events commemorating their heroes who showed each continent the road to liberty.

Amid the roar of cannon and the plaudits of a distinguished gathering, President Harding at the bronze equestrian statue of Simon Bolivar, unveiled in Central Park, New York, proclaimed anew the fundamentals of the Monroe doctrine and cited the desirability of standing firmly together for service both to the new and the old world.

Simultaneously in Caracas, Venezuela's capital, President-elect Gomez and the people of Bolivar's native land gathered around the statue of George Washington, which was unveiled with appropriate exercises in Washington Park, a new site to which it had been transferred.

Harding Given Wife's Name.
President Harding's brief visit to New York gave the public its first opportunity to greet him as President with the enthusiasm always reserved for the nation's Chief Executive. From the moment of his arrival until his departure three and half hours later crowds waited good-naturally in the chilly streets through which he had to pass and cheered a cordial welcome.

President Harding was generally applauded when he declared the United States is ready to fight in upholding the Monroe Doctrine.

"The history of the nation since that doctrine was proposed," he said, "has proved that we never intended it selfishly, that we had no dream of exploitation. On the other side, the history of the last decade certainly must have convinced all the world that we stand willing to fight, if necessary, to protect these continents, these sturdy young democracies, from oppression."

The President's arrival at Bolivar Hill was signified by a salute of 21 guns. After he had been escorted to the stand facing the statue, followed by Secretary of State Hughes, Rene Viviani, envoy extraordinary from France, Governor Miller, Mayor Hylan, Dr. E. Gill Borges, Venezuelan foreign minister and host of Latin American diplomats and representatives of patriotic societies of both continents the ceremonies began promptly.

Monignor Michael J. Lavelle, of St. Patrick's Cathedral, offered the invocation.

BRINSON NOT CAST DOWN OVER FUTURE

Congressman From Second District Optimistic Over The Outlook For Democrats

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Washington, April 19.—I had a most interesting talk today with Representative S. M. Brinson of the Second North Carolina district, and we discussed a number of things of moment in National legislation, and matters affecting the future of the Democratic party. Mr. Brinson is not at all cast down over the outlook, and says that he is very much pleased with what he has seen of the attitude of the Democrats since he returned to Washington.

"Instead of depression in the party ranks" he said, "there is evident much of the cheer and of the old time militancy among the Democrats."
"How do you account for this feeling?" I asked him.

"It is to be seen and felt" he replied. "Now that we have had opportunity to inquire into the same contributing to the large Republican vote November, much of a sparty depression has been dispelled. Many Republicans too have discovered the fact that faith in the traditional Republican doctrines was not the cause of the Republican landslide. General unrest, resentment because of operation of laws, made necessary under war conditions, business depression along many lines, dislocation of business generally and the hard experience of agricultural sections, as the nation began to work its way back to a normal status—all helped to swell the opposition vote, but these factors were not all."

Cannot Fulfill Promise.
"A very large part of the vote was won upon promises which cannot be fulfilled. We have now in our view the Republican President and Congress seeking to work out a plan by which some of these promises may measurably be carried out and omissions may be so covered up that the people may be satisfied. As they approach the tariff settlement, lack of unity of purpose has its first expression. The New England manufacturer wants high protection on his finished products and is resisting efforts of western Republicans to secure protection on raw materials such as wool, wheat, etc."

And what about getting back to peace conditions and the Republican attitude on the League of Nations, I asked.

"As they approach the matter on peace settlements it is becoming evident that the 'best minds' who visited Mr. Harding at Marion during and after the campaign were never able to thoroughly harmonize their views. Some will never tolerate any part of the treaty and must have a new document drawn up, one which carries no likeness to the great peace pact which Woodrow Wilson had so large a part in framing. Others, the wiser ones, know that the nations which have come to peace agreements under the terms of that instrument and who are members of the League of Nations will not discard that great treaty and league merely to satisfy a political exigency in the United States.

ORDER INVESTIGATION RAILROAD SITUATION

Washington, April 19.—A general investigation of the railroad situation was ordered today by the Senate, a resolution offered by Chairman Cummins of the Interstate Commerce Committee, was adopted without debate or division.

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