

WHAT PASSED BETWEEN COOLIDGE AND FORD?

After Ford's Visit to the White House He Had Praise on His Lips For Coolidge.

(By Wallace Bassford.) Washington, D. C., May 6.—In this series of articles there was pointed out last December the curious sequence of events surrounding Mr. Ford's visit to the White House to confer with Mr. Coolidge, his departure with praise on his lips for the "great man in the Presidency," shortly followed by his definite rejection of the idea of himself becoming a candidate, his flat-footed announcement for Coolidge and by the President's message to Congress urging that action be taken toward disposing of the Muscle Shoals Dam.



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There was at that time no proof of a dicker—merely a very suspicious concatenation of circumstances. The developments of the last few days add more circumstances and some real evidence, sufficient to draw a pretty accurate bead on what must have been an interesting event. The new evidence converts a strong suspicion into a stronger presumption.

Senator Norris has never been accused of being a Democrat; he never voted for a man in his life who could be so accused; he is a Republican of life-long habit. In investigating the question as to what should be done with Muscle Shoals, Senator Norris' Committee uncovered the fact that James Martin Miller had sent to the Editor of Ford's Dearborn Independent and to Ford's secretary a telegram of deep import and compelling interest. The telegram read as follows: "In private interview had with President Coolidge this morning he said incidentally: 'I am friendly to Mr. Ford, but wish someone would convey to him that it is my hope that Mr. Ford will not do or say anything that will make it difficult for me to deliver Muscle Shoals to him, which I am trying to do.'"

Senator Norris' Committee also learned from the carefully kept White House records of the President's engagements that Mr. Miller did have an interview with the President on the day the telegram was sent. Of course the President denies that he made such a statement to Miller. In a controversy involving veracity the White House is usually supposed to possess a great advantage, but if the whole people knew Mr. Miller as he has been known to hundreds of public men and journalists in Washington for a number of years, that advantage would disappear. No man enjoys the confidence of those who know him better than James Martin Miller, and he states in the most positive manner that he quoted the President word for word. Now comes the Ford headquarters with the statement that Mr. Miller was not on the Ford payroll, though it was stated in Washington six months ago that Miller was representing Ford here in certain delicate matters. The Ford offices also state that they receive hundreds of such telegrams daily and pay no attention to them. It is another curious circumstance that after the sending of that telegram Mr. Ford did not give out any more interviews assailing Secretary of War Weeks; it would appear that a word to the wise is still sufficient. It would also seem that when such telegrams begin to take up too much room a boy should be put on the job of sorting them into white and yellow piles to be baled, even if not read.

What has become of that fine cohesive spirit the Republican party used to display in the old days when they could always talk and vote as one man whenever there were inviting spoils to be divided? No party was ever shot to pieces, while matters on which they have split are not of the cleanest and purest. For instance, that window-busting family row in Pennsylvania, where the old Ferguson machine, (the same that voted the bartender's bulldog in an election some years ago and stole six millions on the building of one State capital) under the leadership of Vane, joined with the Mellon crowd to carry the Coolidge delegates to victory over Governor Pinchot. It was a knock-down-and-drag-out fight between the wets and the dries, Pinchot leading the dries and the wets making the fight for Coolidge delegates. Of course no one is surprised at finding Mellon on the wet side—he is understood to have gained much of his wealth through the operation of the Old Overholt distillery at Broad Brook, Pa. When it burned there was enough whiskey in it to furnish a moderate jag for two millions of men. A New York Congressman spoke to this writer the other day of the famous dinner of the Police Lieutenants' Association in New York two or three years ago, which was held at The Commodore, a hotel commonly spoken of as a Mellon property. The newspaper men were barred from the dinner, but they evaded the score by printing the tale broadcast the next morning of how under each table there was a basket filled with neat flasks of Old Overholt.

The President is still making every effort to smooth the ruffled feathers of Japan, and it is just as well that he do so just at this time, since it develops from the testimony of the officials of the Navy that after three years of Republican administration we find ourselves with a navy incapable of assembling a fleet that can keep up a speed of ten knots per hour in a calm sea in time of peace. A careful comparison of the ships and guns will show that we could not meet Japan at sea with hope of success. Under the terms of Harding's peace conference we scrapped magnificent vessels provided by the last Democratic Congress but allowed Japan to complete the Mustu, the most powerful battleship on the seven seas.

The High Cost of Living is vanquished; Easter egg dyes showed a drop in price this spring.

FARMER NEWS

Mr. Henry Welborne and family, of Greensboro, were visitors at Farmer for a short time Sunday afternoon.

Farmer school closed April 29, and the teachers, Misses Leary, Pearson, Jervis, and Spencer, left on Thursday for their respective homes.

A large crowd attended the sale of Mr. E. N. Howard on Thursday of last week. Mr. Howard will make his home in Mt. Gilead.

Miss Lizzy Clay, of Caldwell county, was the guest of Rev. G. H. Clay last week, returning home on Saturday.

Mr. Ray McRae, of Mt. Gilead, made a short visit to friends in Farmer Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Kearns spent Sunday with Mrs. Kearns' mother, Mrs. Julia Plummer, at Hannersville. Mr. John Cranford, of Tennessee, spent several days last week visiting relatives in this section. Mr. Cranford was raised near Farmer, but had not visited his old home in more than thirty years. He is a brother of Mr. S. C. Carnford.

Messrs. L. C. Elliott, T. E. Luther, and T. L. Miller, with their families attended commencement exercises at Star on the 30th. Mr. J. S. Loflin also attended. Miss Dallas Elliott and Mr. Herbert Luther were members of the graduating class there.

Chapel Hill Men Grateful For Co-operation In Randolph

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 29, 1924. The Courier.

Through the columns of The Courier we want to thank the business men of Asheboro, Franklinville, Worthville, Randleman, and Ramseur, who have helped to make possible the publication of our bulletin on Randolph County. With their help we have succeeded in raising enough funds to pay for printing the bulletin and we are therefore sending it to the printer in a few days. These men have proved that they are vitally interested in the progress of Randolph, and that they are working to help make it a better place in which to live. The following places of business contributed to this fund:

- The First National Bank, Asheboro. Asheboro Chair Company, Asheboro. Randolph Chair Company, Asheboro. Asheboro Hosiery Mills, Inc. Asheboro. Cox & Lewis Hardware Company, Asheboro. Crescent Furniture Store, Ramseur. Ramseur Pharmacy, Ramseur. Watkins-Leonard Hardware, Ramseur. Randleman Drug Company, Randleman. The Courier, Asheboro. Standard Drug Company, Asheboro. The People's Bank, Randleman. Asheboro Printing Company, Asheboro. The Bank of Randolph, Asheboro. Asheboro Hardware Company, Asheboro. Hasty's Cafe, Asheboro. Asheboro Bank and Trust Co., Asheboro. Asheboro Drug Company, Asheboro. Ingram Filling Station, Asheboro. The Bank of Ramseur, Ramseur. Ramseur Broom Works, Ramseur. E. L. Hedrick, Asheboro. Asheboro Bakery, Asheboro.

NOTICE OF RESALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Randolph County, North Carolina, made in a certain special proceeding entitled D. L. Fox, Admr. of Cora M. Fox, deceased, vs. L. M. Fox and his wife, Anna J. Fox et al, the said being No. 438 on the Special Proceeding docket of said County, the undersigned commissioner will at 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday, the 27th day of May, 1924, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, at the court house door in Asheboro, North Carolina, all the certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the aforesaid County, said State and being more fully described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit:

Third Tract: Situate in Randolph County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Jesse Reynolds, Dallas Frazier and others and bounded as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone, running North 1 degree 13 minutes 27 chains to a stone; thence East 8 degrees 3 minutes South 32 chains and 25 links to a stone; thence South 42 chains and 50 links to a stone; thence West 2 degrees 10 minutes 17 chains and 34 links to a stone; thence North 2 degrees 10 minutes 21 links to the beginning, containing one hundred and thirty-one (131) acres more or less. This tract is one that was conveyed to Michael Wood by Margaret Wood by deed recorded in book 63 page 480 Office of Register of Deeds for Randolph County. This land is being resold by reason of an advanced bid having been placed on the same. This the 29th day of April, 1924. I. C. MOSER, Commissioner. 2t 5-8-24.

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Tom Tarheel says that the shrubbery which his wife planted about the house last fall certainly is beginning to look pretty now.

Miller & Rhoads advertisement. Features the text: 'Your kind of a store', 'THE most convenient and interesting store in Richmond. More than forty departments, each one like a little shop in itself. You can get right off the train, go directly to Miller & Rhoads, spend the entire day there and get everything you want for yourself or home. A friendly, hospitable store, where you can always feel free to shop around to your heart's content.' Includes an image of a building and the address: 'Miller & Rhoads, RICHMOND, VA'.

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