

EDITOR DOWD HAS LONG LEAD IN THE RACE FOR SPEAKER

Mecklenburg Goes Down to Raleigh in Force to Secure His Election

OTHER CANDIDATES HAVE NOT APPEARED

Caucus Will be Held Tonight to Select Officers For Session of Legislature

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 2.—There is a strong Mecklenburg county delegation here with W. C. Dowd, pushing his candidacy for the speakership of the house, and Dowd is the only avowed candidate for the place actually on the scene at this time.

Dowd Has Long Lead. E. R. McNinch, of Charlotte, who is especially active for Dowd's candidacy, says Dowd is certain of over eighty per cent of the democratic votes for the speakership and that there is a strong probability that he will have a clear field and actually get the caucus nomination by acclamation, all opposition being withdrawn.

Here from Mecklenburg working as they say to make the election of Dowd unanimous are Mr. McNinch, E. R. Preston, J. A. McRae, Cameron Morrison, Horriott Clark and Senator Darr.

Democratic caucuses will be held Tuesday night for agreeing upon who shall have the various posts in the two branches of the assembly. Otis Self of Jackson, and W. E. Brock of Waco, are contending for principal clerk of the senate, T. G. Cobb of Burke for principal clerk of the house. For reading clerk of the senate, Mark Squires of Lenoir is named, and there is no avowed candidate yet for reading clerk in the house. F. B. Arrendell is receptive, C. L. Kirkpatrick is asking for sergeant-at-arms in the house again, with no definite candidate for this place in the senate.

MILLION DOLLARS PER DAY COULD BE SAVED BY ECONOMY

Attorney Brandeis in His Brief in Rates Cases Declares Not Higher Rates that Are Needed But a Pruning Down of Expenses.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Higher standards of efficiency, not increased freight charges, are the paramount needs today of American railroads. This proposition is the essence of the brief filed today with the interstate commerce commission by Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, counsel for the traffic committee of commercial organizations of the Atlantic seaboard in the investigation by the commission of the proposed freight rates by carriers in official classification territory—that part of the country east of the Mississippi, and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers.

The Trend Still Upward. Mr. Brandeis indicates that he considers the great question involved in the investigation to be the statement of President Wilson of the Baltimore and Ohio, that "the tendency of rates will be to continue upward—that is, there will be a progressive increase in rates.

As an alternative to the railroads' practice of combining to increase rates," suggests Mr. Brandeis, "we offer co-operation to reduce costs. Instead of a dangerous makeshift, we offer a constructive policy—scientific management, under which, as costs fall, wages rise."

Can Save Million a Day. In a discussion of "scientific management," it is maintained that the contentions of the railroads that the possibilities of economy in railroad-

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Looks Like a Hard Winter.



THOUSANDS THROUGH WHITE HOUSE AT ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION

Weather Interfered Somewhat With Brilliant Event.—Everybody From Highest to Lowest Privileged to Call and Shake The Hand of The President on This Day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The New Year's reception at the white house, where the doors of the historic mansion were thrown open to the humiliated citizen who may care to pay his respects to the chief magistrate of the nation, was held today under weather conditions that tended materially to cut down the number that usually passes the receiving line in the blue room.

It was the second New Year's reception of the present administration. Mrs. Taft, who has gained much in strength during the past year, stood with the president at the head of the line during practically the entire time the reception was in progress.

Roosevelts Were There. The presence of three members of the Roosevelt family in the blue room attracted unusual attention. Mrs. Nicholas Longworth came early with her husband, and brought with her Miss Ethel Roosevelt and Kermit Roosevelt, and all remained until the last of the citizens had been received.

Another family group that attracted much attention was composed of the president's three brothers, Henry W. Taft, of New York; Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati; and Horace D. Taft, of Watertown, Conn.

The white house was made attractive with a wealth of floral decorations and Christmas greens. The marine band, in full dress uniform, was drawn up in two sections in the main corridor and throughout the receiving hours the music was continuous.

Order of Precedence. The foreign ambassadors and ministers and members of their families and suites were as usual given precedence.

Many already had reached the white house and were forming in line in the state dining room when four flourishes of bugles announced the descent of the presidential party from the upper apartments of the white house. They came down the main stairway, the president and Mrs. Taft preceded by six aides. Then came the vice president and Mrs. Sherman and members of the cabinet and their wives.

Baron Von Hengelmueller, dean of the diplomatic corps in Washington, was first to pay his respects to the president and Mrs. Taft. He was attired in full court costume, a Hussar cape of red velvet thrown about his shoulders. The baron was attended only by members of his staff.

The baroness was detained at the embassy by an attack of appendicitis. A full hour was given over to the reception of the diplomats and the scene as they passed through the red and blue rooms to the east room was a brilliant one. Practically every civilized nation was represented. Ambassador Bryce of Great Britain, who returned via Europe only yesterday from a trip through South America, had a little impromptu reception of his own in the east room after paying his respects to the presidential party.

Notables Called. The Chinese minister, family in rich oriental robes, formed an attractive group. Following the diplomatic corps came the Supreme court justices, the line headed by the new chief justice, Mr. White. Senators and representatives followed the judiciary. The congressional contingent was not a large one, however, for most of the national legislators are out of the city.

Speaker Cannon as speaker, was late in reaching the white house. He modestly stood by while the army and navy officers were paying their respects and then fell into line. He received a most cordial greeting from the president.

Representative Ryne, of New York, the republican floor leader of the house, also was late and when he took his place in line, it was in company with two of the most conspicuous of the insurgents. He was flanked on one side by Senator Brantley of Kansas, and on the other by Representative Hayes, of California. Representative Henry, of Texas, a democrat, joined the trio "to preserve peace," he declared.

As for many years past, General Nelson A. Miles, retired, headed the long line of army officers who called in full dress uniform. With him walked General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army. All of the officers stationed in or about Washington were present.

Admiral Dewey was at the head of the naval contingent. He was followed by Admirals Walnwright and Potter.

Captain Robert E. Peary was in line with his fellow-naval officers. The president chatted with him a moment or two as they shook hands. Following the army, the navy and the marine corps delegations, the president received various department officials and then the doors were thrown open to the general public.

Many men and women had been waiting in the rain for two or three hours.

CELEBRATED CRIMINALS NOLLE PROSSED AFTER PENDING FOR OVER YEAR

Mrs. Vaughn and Dr. Hull go Free of Charge of Poisoning Prof. Vaughn

WITNESS INFIRM

LANCASTER, Mo., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Alma H. Vaughn and Dr. James H. Hull, accused of the murder of Professor John T. Vaughn nearly a year ago, today were freed of the charges against them in the Circuit court here. Their cases were nolle prossed by Prosecuting Attorney Reiker, of Adair county, after Judge Shelton had refused to grant the further continuance asked by the state.

The announcement was greeted with applause by the friends of Mrs. Vaughn and Dr. Hull. The widow appeared unconcerned at the demonstration.

The inability of Dr. Paul Schweitzer of the State university, the prosecution's poison expert, to be present caused the request for a continuance.

In refusing the continuance Judge Shelton said he believed Dr. Schweitzer, who is more than 80 years old, could never again appear in court. Reiker's term as prosecutor expired today, and it is believed that nothing more ever will be done in the case.

DR. KINCAID DEAD. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Jan. 2.—Rev. Dr. Morris Kincaid, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city and well known throughout the North and South, died at his home here today, after a brief illness. He had been pastor of this church for the past four years, coming here from Honolulu.

DIX INAUGURATED, FIRST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR AT ALBANY IN 18 YEARS

Makes "Business" and "Economy" the Keynote of His Administration

FREE FROM CONTROL

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—With impressive ceremonial, John Alden Dix, second of that name to be clothed with the dignity and responsibilities of the governorship of the empire state, was formally inducted into office today, the first democratic governor in 18 years.

His first official utterance, sounding the keynote of his formulated policy, was received with close attention by an audience comprising all the higher state officials and as many others as could crowd into the assembly chamber where the function occurred. That keynote was "business and economy."

Governor said in part: "The end of all government should be the preservation of all true liberty. That liberty which guarantees to every man the fullest measure of individual right consistent with a proper maintenance of the rights of all others and at the same time preserves and maintains the collective rights of all members of the state.

"I am succeeding to the governorship at a time when business training and understanding seem absolutely essential to the proper administration of public affairs. "I am a firm believer in the government of the people and by the people, and I solemnly declare that I assume the responsibilities of this great office without the fetter of a single promise except my oath to obey the constitution of the state and the nation and to serve and protect the rights and interests of all the people of the state."

Proceeding the inauguration ceremonies there was a parade of state military organizations and democratic clubs. Governor Dix and his predecessor in office and their secretaries riding in automobiles, headed the procession.

CITY CHAMBERLAIN OF NEW YORK DISAPPEARS ON THE CAROLINA COAST

Chas. H. Hyde Left Houseboat at Southport Before Her Troubles Began

IS WANTED AT HOME

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 2.—"I don't know." This was the only response vouchsafed today by A. C. Wiswell of New York as to the whereabouts of Charles H. Hyde, chamberlain of New York city, wanted in New York in connection with the legislation race track inquiry. Mr. Hyde left the houseboat Stop-a-While at Southport, N. C. Wednesday morning, following which the vessel encountered two severe storms which nearly swamped it. Mr. Wiswell and a crew of three were aboard.

"Did Mr. Hyde get off with the purpose of going to New York?" Mr. Wiswell was asked. "I don't know," he responded. "Where he is now was answered in the same words."

Mr. Wiswell was informed that the New York newspapers were very anxious to locate Mr. Hyde, but he made no response to this statement nor did he indicate whether Mr. Hyde who owns the vessel, would join him at Miami. He made no response to a query as to why Mr. Hyde had left the vessel while enroute to his final destination.

"I never expected to reach this port alive," said the New Yorker in describing the perilous trip along the North Carolina and Florida coasts. "The vessel was not badly damaged and is being repaired for the trip south."

GOV. ODDIE SWORN IN. RENO, Nev., Jan. 2.—Tasker L. Oddie was today inaugurated governor of Nevada at Carson City. He is the first republican to occupy the position since the early 90's. Other state officers were sworn in at the same time.

MAY ERECT MONUMENT TO THE BRAVE MOISSANT

Did Not Fly for Gain but in the Interest of Scientific Knowledge

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 2.—The memory of John E. Moissant will be perpetuated in a monument of granite and bronze to be erected in the marshes near Harahan near the spot where the noted aviator fell to his death Saturday from a Blériot monoplane.

Tentative plans are in the hands of Crawford H. Ellis, chairman of the citizens' committee, which had charge of the recent aviation meet here. Ellis said he felt sure contributions to the monument would come from every section of the United States and from Europe and Central America.

John Moissant did not fly for commercial purposes," said Mr. Ellis, "but for the sake of science. The visit of the aviators to New Orleans, resulted in the death of the leading aviator of the world and a loss of \$15,000.

"We are of the opinion that Moissant deserves a monument as did any other pioneer of science."

PROSECUTOR DEMANDS D'AULBY'S CONVICTION

Although Countess Abandoned Case Against Him Justice Is Not Satisfied

TOURS, France, Jan. 2.—The public prosecutor in summing up his argument today at the trial of "Count" D'Aulby de Gatigny, who is charged by the Duchesse of Choiseul-Braslin, formerly Mrs. Charles Hamilton Paine, of Boston, with swindling her out of \$200,000 through the sale of spurious pictures, admitted that the charge in connection with the picture "Antiope," which the Paines bought for \$15,000 had not been proven, but he insisted that the accusations, in connection with the Corots and the Mignard had been well established. He asked for the conviction, therefore, of D'Aulby Catigny, whom he considered "a high flying swindler and adventurer, who lived luxuriously by throwing powder into the eyes of his victims."

The prosecutor also laid stress on attempted fraud in connection with a pretended contract between D'Aulby and Mr. Paine, and read threatening letters alleged to have been written by D'Aulby to Mrs. Paine after the rupture. He abandoned the case, however, against "Countess" D'Aulby. The case went over until tomorrow.

DANGEROUS HOLE IN AIR INTIMIDATES AVIATOR

Radley Sells Machine After Narrow Escape and May Give Up Sport

AVIATION FIELD, LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—James Radley, the English aviator, began the last day of the Los Angeles meet with a narrow escape from death. Although the day was calm and there was no wind about the starting point in front of the grand stand, drifting gusts of wind caught the Englishman's Blériot monoplane, and for a second or two it danced and swayed in the air in a manner that startled the spectators.

Radley's encounter with the vagrant air currents, was unexpected. He regained control of the machine, however, and immediately landed. A few minutes later he accepted an offer from a purchaser to buy his machine. He said he would fly at San Francisco next, but after that he might abandon the sport that had claimed so many victims.

Glenn Curtiss ascended in one of the racers shortly after Radley went up, encountered the same dangerous air currents and was forced down. He said the bad spot in the atmosphere was located just above the spot where Arch Hoxsey struck last Saturday.

JUDGE S.B. ADAMS SLASHES THROAT PERHAPS FATALY

Former Republican Chairman in Critical Condition In Greensboro Hospital

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE KEPT PROFOUND SECRE

Sanitarium Officials Where Deed Was Done Will Give No Information

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 2.—Ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams of the Oklahoma Claims court attempted suicide in a sanitarium here Sunday night by slashing his throat with a razor. He was removed to a hospital, where tonight it is said he has an even chance for recovery in the event complications do not arise. No motive for the act has been assigned, the family and sanitarium officials denying all requests of the press for probable cause and circumstances surrounding the attempt.

The fact that the attempt had been made was withheld from the public until this morning though it occurred about 8 o'clock Sunday night. Judge Adams is one of the most prominent men in the republican party in North Carolina having taken an active part therein for a number of years. His appointment as a judge of the Indian Court of Claims at a time when there were many matters of vital importance to the Indians before that court made him a national figure for several years.

His Fight With Butler. As a result of some of his decisions he was mercilessly criticized by Marion Butler in the Raleigh Caucasian, and as a result of the editorials appearing in that paper he brought both civil and criminal action against Butler in the courts of Guilford. In the criminal action Butler was found guilty, and the civil case was compromised, the case having been removed from the docket of the superior at a recent session.

Judge Adams was chosen as the state chairman in the memorable contest between himself and Spencer Blackburn in the summer of 1906, in what was considered probably the most stormy convention of the republican party ever held in North Carolina. Two years later he was re-elected and last summer he was again candidate for the same position as he representative of the Duncan faction of the party against John McKinley Morehead, losing out in the contest.

The announcement, semi-officially, as several times been made from Washington that President Taft would appoint Judge Adams as district attorney of the state to succeed he present attorney, A. E. Holton, but through the term of Mr. Holton expired nearly a year ago the official appointment of Judge Adams has never been sent to the senate.

FOG OBSCURES STREET CAR LIGHTS IN BROAD DAY TIME

Traffic and Shipping in New York Badly Impeded by Sample of London Fog

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A heavy fog hung over the city and harbor all today, closing in traffic on land and almost suspending it on the water. During the early morning hours,rolley cars with their lights turned on showed only as a faint glow. Ferry lines to New Jersey quit and all others ran on abbreviated schedules. All the elevated trains were behind time.

The incoming steamships were fogbound and both the Clyde line and the Savannah line for the South postponed their sailings until better weather. The Fall River line's Priscilla anchored off College Point on the East river. The Atlantic Transport liner Minnewaska, the Bermudian of the Quebec Steamship company, the City of Savannah of the Savannah line, the Jefferson of the Old Dominion, the Commodore of the Clyde line, and the Proteus, El Sol and El Norte of the Southern Pacific line and the Carolina from San Juan, all anchored in the lower harbor.

POLISH WRESTLER WINS. BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Stanislaus Zbyzko, the Polish wrestler, this afternoon defeated John Lemm, the Swis, in two straight falls, the first in one minute and thirty seconds, and the second by default. In the first Lemm lifted the Polish, clear of the floor, but lost his balance and fell backward with his bulky opponent on top of him. He was stunned and apparently injured about the chest. When they came together for the second bout Zbyzko complained that Lemm offered no resistance and appeared to be badly hurt. The referee declared Zbyzko the winner.