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**TOM WATSON TELLS ABOUT MARSHALL'S ATLANTA SPEECH**

(Columbia Sentinel.)

Our amusing little Vice-President came down to Atlanta to make another speech.

I presume there was some local demand for it, else he would not have come.

But the ways of providence are inscrutable, and it had been written in the book of fate, that little Tom would not purge his system of this particular speech.

It seems that V. P. Thomas was saying something new and bright and edifying about George Washington, when a policeman rushed upon the stage and whispered to him that Washington was dead.

This intrusive piece of information went to the head of Thomas, so much that "he staggered," the paper says.

Thomas doesn't stagger as well as John Sharp Williams does, but still he can stagger, when he has to.

This time he had to, if the New York Evening Sun is to be believed.

After having staggered sufficiently, our Vice President addressed himself to his bewildered audience, saying—

"I cannot continue my speech. I must leave at once to take up my duties as chief executive of this great nation."

"I cannot bear the burdens of our beloved chieftain unless I receive the full assistance and prayers of everybody in this country."

Then little Tom left the stage, still staggering, intending to set out for Washington on foot, hoping that a passenger train might overtake him by the time he reached Gainesville.

He felt duty-bound to go to Washington, at the earliest possible moment, to take up his duties of government, although he felt that these duties were too heavy for him.

Indeed, he modestly admitted that he could not fill President Washington's place, unless he had the prayers of everybody in the country.

Even then, he might not quite measure up: prayers don't always do what you want them to do.

The Evening Sun states that, after the Vice President left the auditorium on his way to Washington, Governor Dorsey, with great presence of mind, called for the benediction.

"Several women began weeping."

Only "Seve . . ."

Thousands were present; and if the weeping, was confined to half-a-dozen, it must have been that they were preparing to pray that Tom Marshall would be able to bear the burdens of his beloved chieftain.

The paper says—

"The organist started playing, 'Nearer, my God, to Thee.'"

What for?

Was it an inspiration, or was it only an experiment?

And why does Thomas Marshall have to have organ music mixed up with his?

The official wrath which this Atlanta incident has aroused, is somewhat cataclysmic.

The attorney-general of the United States roars threats of "drastic" action against the practical joker who broke up Brother Tom's meeting.

The whole constabulary of the Republic is to be put on the case?

They are going to go to the very bottom of it.

They will leave no stone unturned. By the way, what crime was committed?

I wish my brother Palmer would refer me to the statute.

If it had been a religious gathering, I can understand how one of the Georgia laws could be gently stretched to cover it; but the only religious features of this meeting were Dorsey's benediction and the organist's selection of music.

You can see for yourself that Governor Dorsey and the organist do not constitute a religious congregation.

They may be religious as far as they go, but they don't go far enough.

Besides, there is no evidence going to show that the audience would not have remained and heard what Thomas Marshall had to say about George Washington, had he not so hurriedly left to take up his duties in Washington.

The startling alacrity with which the Vice President accepted the situation, and asked us all to pray for his administration, and flew away toward the White House, must have given Woodrow an excellent set of feelings.

In fact, the papers now announce that he is much better.

No bulletin on Marshall, as yet.

To the reporters he is cross, and has nothing to say.

Indeed he said it all at first, when he got direct intelligence from Washington that his beloved chieftain was dead.

He said, "It's a 4-4 outrage."

Governor Dorsey nobly thanked the organist for his benediction, and a reward of ten dollars was given to the organist.

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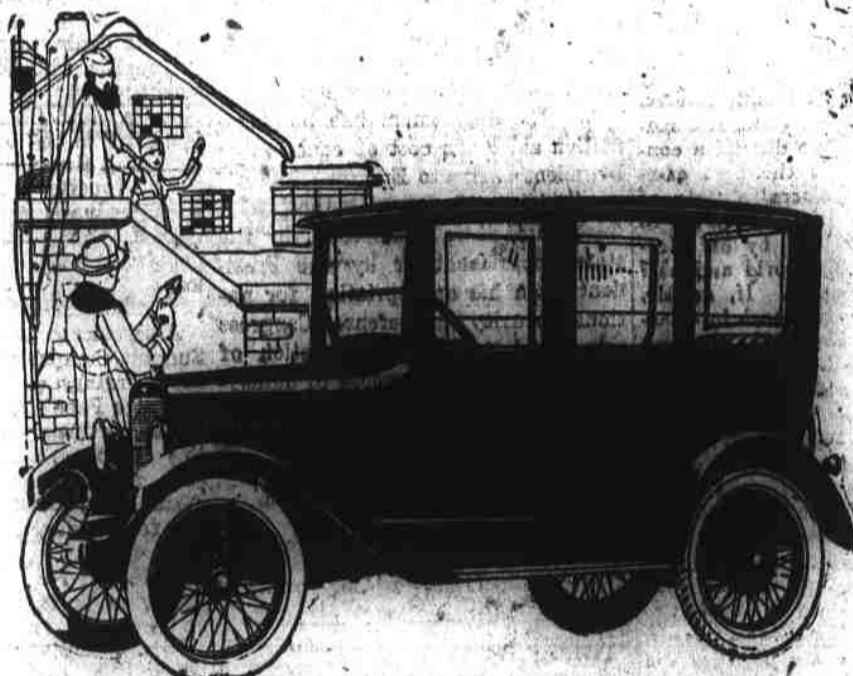
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the benediction, and flung the organist into temporary aberration of the intellect.

I wonder what Dorsey can do to the man when he is caught.

This thing of penalizing a rumor, is new to me, but so are lots of things that have happened, since Congress gave us a dictator.

**AMERICAN THE ONLY "FORM"**

In making a plea for early ratification of the peace treaty if it is re-submitted to the Senate. Senator Phelan of California is telling the people that "The voting showed eighty of the ninety-six Senators are for a treaty in some form."

Mr. Phelan and other administration supporters who have made similar statements seem to believe that is an argument for ratification of the present treaty.

He might as truthfully have said that ninety-six Senators are for a treaty "in some form."

The whole controversy has raged about the form, and the Republicans continue firm in their view that whatever form may be adopted eventually it shall embody the principles of Americanism set forth in their reservations.

**RECKETTS NOTED EVERY BOLL CALL**

Washington, Dec. 18.—A recent tabulation shows that Congressman E. D. Reckett of this was present and voted on every one of the 216 roll calls of the House.

**NOTICE OF SALE BY ADMINISTRATOR**

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court in the case of W. W. Lyda, administrator of J. M. Lyda, vs. Mary E. Haydock and others, filed in the Superior Court of Henderson County, December 9, 1916, I will offer for sale on the 1st Monday in January, 1920, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door in Hendersonville, to make assets to pay debts, the following described lands, viz:

Those two contiguous tracts of land situate in Edneyville Township, Henderson County, North Carolina, described in deed from J. P. McBrayer and wife to Jacob M. Lyda, of date December 8, 1906 and of record in Book 58, page 284 of the records of deeds for said county, and described as follows:

Beginning on a white oak and runs North 10 deg. East 100 poles to a small chestnut; thence South 30 deg. East 100 poles to a spruce pine on the East side of the creek; thence thence North 10 deg. East 75 poles South 20 deg. West 180 poles to a washbony and chestnut on the East side of the creek; thence North 60 deg. West 100 poles to the beginning, containing one hundred acres more or less.

Also one other tract of land adjoining the above described tract, described in deed from J. M. Lyda to J. M. Lyda, of date December 8, 1906 and of record in Book 58, page 284 of the records of deeds for said county, and described as follows:

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to a white oak; thence to the beginning, containing twenty-nine acres more or less.

This land will be sold to the highest bidder on the following terms: One-fourth cash, balance in equal payments in six and twelve months, to be evidenced by notes bearing interest at 6 per cent. Title retained until purchase money is paid in full.

November 29th, 1919.  
 W. W. LYDA  
 Administrator of J. M. Lyda.  
 Smith, Shipman & Arledge, Attys.  
 12-5-19

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Henderson county, as executor of the will of Caroline Pringle, deceased, late of Henderson, S. C., who died leaving property in Henderson county, N. C., this is to notify all persons who have claims against the estate of said Caroline Pringle to present them to the undersigned executor, at the address given below, or to G. H. Valentine, attorney, Hendersonville, N. C., on or before the 30th day of November, 1919, or the notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned executor.

November 29, 1919.  
 ARTHUR LYNAH  
 Executor of the will of Caroline Pringle.