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CAMPAIGN FOR NEXT YEAR IS NOW BEGUN AT WASHINGTON

Republicans Form Publicity Association and Democrats Call on Faithful for Campaign Contributions --Tariff Will be Discussed.

Washington, May 5. (Special Correspondence.)—For the first time in American history a political campaign is beginning eighteen months in advance of the day of the National election.

The organization was no sooner formed than the Democrats became active, and through former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania, soon to assume the office of Chief Justice of the Court of Claims, sent a circular letter to the faithful Democrats throughout the country urging contributions to a fund for the purpose of counteracting the efforts of the Republican Publicity Association.

It is evident, therefore, that the relative merits of Republican and Democratic policies will be fully and freely discussed in 1915, instead of waiting until the summer of 1916 to submit facts and arguments to American voters.

Alarmed over the activity of the Republicans, Mr. Palmer sought to prejudice the American people against the leaders of that party by asserting that they were engaged in "fat frying." He overlooked the fact, of which American voters are fully aware, that the Democratic administration alone is in possession of the pan and controls the fire with which fat may be fried.

However, the coters of the United States are chiefly interested in the accuracy of facts that may be submitted and the soundness of arguments that may be made. They will not permit the Democrats to dodge any issues by making vague reference to "fat frying." Explanations of violation of campaign pledges will be read with more interest.

These are only a few of the problems that will be presented for the consideration of leaders of the Democratic party, but they are of such importance to the American people that any attempt at evasion will not serve to detract attention from the main issues.

EAST INDIAN PRINCE AND ONE WIFE IN NEW YORK

Ruler of 598 Square Miles, 500 Servants and Four Wives Comes to America.

New York, May 5.—His Highness Jagat Jit Singh Hahadur, Maharajah of Kapurthala, who holds dominion over 598 square miles of land, five hundred servants and four wives, arrived here yesterday on the Fabre liner Patria from Marseilles, accompanied by his youngest spouse.

The Maharajah is a tall man of forty-two. His coarse thick black hair is turning gray, but his short-cropped Vandye beard and mustache are untouched by streaks of silver. He speaks excellent English.

He was educated at Oxford, as were his father and sons, and English is spoken freely in his palaces at Kapurthala.

The Maharane, Princess Prem Kaur, who was selected as his companion for the journey to this country is twenty-five. She is of Spanish and French parentage, and expressed her delight at visiting the United States. His Highness, it was explained, is exceedingly modest in the number of wives he has permitted himself to marry. He could have had a score, but was content with five. The oldest one, mother of his three sons, is dead.

Although the immigration law prevents the admission of a man having more than one wife living, the Croesus of the East was not bothered even to the formality of putting up a bond.

The Maharajah was most affable and frank in talking about his affairs, but his replies were brief.

"Is this your first visit here?" he was asked.

"No. It is my second."

"When were you here before?"

"Twenty-two years ago, when I was twenty."

"Who is with your party?"

"My youngest wife, my youngest son, Prince Karinjit Singh, who is eighteen, eight servants and 59 pieces of baggage."

"How many sons have you?"

"I have three sons, all by my first wife, Rane Kinara, who died five years ago."

Asked about the feeling of the native troops in India regarding the European conflict, the ruler said:

"The reports of uprising have been greatly exaggerated. There was some dissatisfaction among the soldiers at first, but it quickly subsided. The people, as a whole, are loyal to the government. I sent away three contingents of forty men each; one of cavalry and two of infantry. My son went to the Continent, but when he pleaded with me at Marseilles I let him go back as a soldier."

The Maharajah and his party will spend ten days in this city, and are stopping at the Ritz Carleton. Later they will journey to San Diego and San Francisco, by way of Chicago and Buffalo. They will return through Canada.

Items from Richfield, Route 1.

Miss Stalee Earnhardt is visiting in Concord for a few weeks, with her uncle, Messrs. C. F., M. F., and Walter Ritchie.

Miss Eunice Parker returned home from High Rock, where she has been staying with her uncle, Mr. R. F. Miller.

Messrs. M. D. Brook and Ed Harris left Monday of this week to go up in the mountains to put up their saw mill. They have about one year's sawing to do.

Travis Pickler has gone up in Eastern Cabarrus to work for his uncle, L. D. Honeycutt.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Miller spent a few days in Albemarle the first of the week.

We were glad to see the rain the first of this week.

The W. O. W. at this place has been taking in new members at a every meeting.

Miss Anna Pickler stuck an old rusty wire in her head on last Saturday. It gives her much pain. She is doing fine at this time.

BUSINESS BOOM DUE TO WAR, SAYS TAFT

PRESENT IS ARTIFICIAL AND IS CAUSED BY ORDERS FOR WAR SUPPLIES.

TIDE MIGHT TURN ANY TIME

Ex-President Thinks Wilson's Mexican Policy is a Mistaken One.

New Haven, Conn., May 3.—"The present stimulus in business in the United States is artificial. The war in Europe has caused it. Manufacturers are busy turning out material for the belligerents. No man can say for certain, but a sudden end of the war might throw the country back into a condition as bad, if not worse, than it was before hostilities began."

"I am heartily in sympathy with President Wilson's policy of neutrality," Mr. Taft continued, when seen at the hotel Taft here. "I believe that persons who have been associated with official life in the past should refrain from expressing their opinions about the issues involved in the war."

Must Not Interfere.

"I do think the United States should be able to wield an influence in bringing about peace, but that must come by suggestion at the opportune moment. To do so at an inopportune time would impede our efforts. We must trust to the officials of the State Department to learn when that time arrives."

"After the war and after the nations now involved have counted the terrible cost of the present conflict, I believe measures might be taken which will make war in the future more difficult. I am not sufficiently an idealist to believe that the time has come when war will be eliminated altogether. But I do believe it can be made more difficult, less likely."

Mexican Policy all Wrong.

It was when Mexico was mentioned that Mr. Taft turned a critical eye on the White House. At no other time would he mention Mr. Wilson personally.

"The conditions in Mexico would be more embarrassing if the conditions in Europe were different," he asserted. "The method of Hayes in dealing with Diaz was to let him rule for a year to learn if he could maintain order. When Diaz proved that he could, he was recognized. We might have done the same in the case of Huerta. Instead we announced that we would never recognize him. Then we permitted the shipment of arms to the rebels. Then over a punctilio we seized his ports and choked him. We would not permit any other nation to go there and settle the trouble. Now we seem to say, after we have done all these things, that Mexico is none of our business."

"The idea of going in there is very absurd to me. It would require probably 200,000 men to garrison all of the posts and put an end to the guerrilla warfare. There are pacificos you know, who are pacificos by day and go out and fight by night. It would be an extremely difficult problem, and, if we did undertake it, public opinion would probably demand that to recompense ourselves we take part of the country—probably some of the northern states."

"Then it would be said that that had been the purpose from the beginning; that we had been inspired from the first by Anglo-Saxon land hunger."

"What do you believe is the solution?" Mr. Taft was asked. "After Wilson—what?"

Sees No Immediate Solution.

"Some solution may be found," Mr. Taft replied, "if Carranza is able to make an end of Villa. But if that happens, will Gen. Obregon turn on Carranza? I positively do not believe the Mexicans are capable of governing themselves. There is no immediate solution of the difficulty."

Mr. Taft declared in favor of a greater national defense, a defense that will be adequate for the proper protection of our interests, but he refused to go into detail on the ground that he was now writing an article on that subject in which his views will be defined clearly.

The condition of Mr. Carlox Clark, who was hurt Sunday night by an auto accident, is somewhat improved today, but the doctors are afraid he will be a cripple. They are going to take an X-ray of his right ankle today, and if there is anything that can be done for him, are going to do it at once. Mr. Clark has a bad gash in his side, also a broken arm.

Mrs. R. S. Ragan, of Salisbury, is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. L. Blackwelder.

CHARLES TRULL LOSES APPEAL AND MUST DIE

MECKLENBURG MAN WHO MURDERED HENRY SWAIN WILL GO TO ELECTRIC CHAIR.

TRULL IS A YOUNG MAN

When Arrested Had Large Sum on His Person, Tho. Hard up Before.

Raleigh, May 5.—Charles Trull, the Mecklenburg murderer, lost his appeal in the Supreme court today and the judgment of death stands.

Trull received a lease of six months by the kindly act of the solicitor who prosecuted him. The appeal did not go up in the fall. For this the higher court, not severely, but firmly, suggests that the statute be obeyed and that appeals be disposed of properly before the Supreme court and not in the counties from which they come up.

The young murderer is a white man barely in the majority and was convicted upon circumstantial evidence that showed robbery the motive of murder.

Saturday night, April 16, 1914, Henry Swain, a merchant of a Charlotte suburb, was murdered and robbed, witnesses having seen him leave the store with a considerable sum of money.

The circumstances that brought suspicion upon Trull were his perpetual penury and borrowing, coupled with his sudden change to plenty of money and exceeding liberality. He had been forced to leave his boarding house because he could not pay his bill and was borrowing small amounts from old friends often. When found he had \$417.50 and his friend Barton, an employe of the Charlotte Observer, had \$10. Barton was novice connected with the crime and did much to convict Trull.

Strong Evidence.

Blood on Trull's trousers and shoes furnished additional testimony against him and Barton and officers testified to his having tried to persuade Barton to falsify as to the money that Trull had. Trull made a poor effort to explain it but the jury convicted him with little difficulty in reaching a verdict.

The appeal is settled upon substantial agreement with everything the lower court did. The defense requested the court to charge that where "the state relies wholly upon circumstantial evidence it is incumbent upon the state to establish each circumstance beyond a reasonable doubt. In that case the state alleges that the deceased was murdered by the defendant the motive being robbery and it alleges that the money taken from the defendant's person and witness Barton was the identical money taken from the deceased at the time of his murder. Therefore the state must satisfy you beyond a reasonable doubt first that the deceased had at least \$417.50 on his person and that the money taken from the defendant and also from Barton was the identical money that the deceased had. If the state has not so satisfied you, you will return a verdict of not guilty."

"The court could not give this charge as asked," Chief Justice Clark writes in the opinion of the court. "This is not an indictment for robbery and if it were it would not be necessary to prove the identical amount charged. The court in its charge correctly instructed the jury as to circumstantial evidence all that the prisoner could have asked, as follows: 'Each essential and material fact relied upon by the state must be established beyond a reasonable doubt.' The court holds that clearness, convincingness and conclusiveness in all its combinations were contained in the charge as it affected 'reasonable doubt.'

Washington Girl Marries a Chinese Cook.

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Ong Hong, the cook on the Mayflower, got married last night, and his bride is an attractive American girl. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James L. McLain, pastor of Wilson Memorial M. E. Church, at his parsonage.

It was not convenient yesterday for Hong to get the license, so the bride-to-be, accompanied by a married woman friend, applied to Marriage License Clerk Kroll at the city hall for the necessary papers. She gave her name as Florence I. Appold, 20 years old, of 1012 Thirteenth street southeast. She said Hong is 27 years old.

Tomato Plants For Sale by the dozen, hundred or thousand. Moore's Truck Farm, 166 E. Corbin street, Concord, N. C.

CHINA AND JAPAN MAY START A WAR NOW

CHINESE FEAR JAPANESE ATTACK AND ARE GETTING READY FOR IT.

CHINA SHORT ON AMMUNITION

Americans in China are Probably in no Danger.

Peking, May 5.—Military preparations are being made for the defense of Peking.

According to Chinese officials, whose statements have been corroborated in other circles, the government is making no preparations elsewhere, than at the capital for defense, considering that the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they attack.

It is asserted in high quarters that 100,000 troops have been concentrated in the environs of Peking, but with sufficient ammunition for only a brief resistance.

Special police and military precautions have been taken throughout the city, especially around the winter palaces, where President Yuan Shi Kai resides. Officers declare they are suspicious that the Japanese may attempt a repetition of the Korean coup d'etat.

The Japanese legation, it is said, notified the Japanese yesterday to prepare to leave Peking. It is said many women and children are getting ready to depart.

Telegrams from Mukden say the Japanese bank and post office there have suspended business, that the Japanese reservists have been called to the colors and that other civilians are concentrating in the railway zone.

Americans in No Danger.

Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, American minister here, expressed the opinion that Americans in the interior are in no danger. In spite of the belief which had prevailed in China for many years that Japan coveted control of the country, considerable surprise was caused by the report that Japan intended to issue an ultimatum to the government as an ultimatum to China's refusal to concede to Japan's demands. It is contended that the Chinese have conceded virtually all the articles contained in the 11 demands made on them and enumerated to the powers.

Whether President Yuan Shi Kai will concede all these points seems to be an open question. Chinese officials whose views are seriously considered in Yuan Shi Kai's councils express opposite opinions concerning this question. Some officials express the fear that the Japanese military party, which they profess to believe welcomes the present crisis, will increase the Japanese demands should a successful campaign result.

On the other hand it is considered that Yuan faces calamitous consequences in China should he yield to the Japanese. High members of his own government are said already to have voiced the suspicion that he may accept an alleged offer from Japan of military support and protection for himself against foreign nations and his own people, in return for conceding control of the country in fact, although not nominally, to Japan.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROBT. Y. HAYNE

Junction Point Named for South Carolina Statesman.

Spartanburg, S. C., May 5.—To provide a memorial to the Hon. Robert Y. Hayne, of South Carolina, in honor of his railway services, President Fairfax Harrison, of Southern Railway Company, has given instructions that the name of the Junction and terminal where the line from Asheville intersects the Washington-Atlanta line be changed from "Spartanburg Junction" to "Hayne."

Mr. Hayne was, if not the first, the most effective promoter of the construction of a railroad across the mountains from South Carolina to the middle west. It was the Asheville and Spartanburg railroad, beginning at what is now known as "Spartanburg Junction" which first realized Mr. Hayne's plan, and this important Southern Railway point will hereafter bear his name and be a lasting testimonial to the work he did.

Hartsell Mayor of Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. W. S. Hartsell was elected mayor of Mt. Pleasant Tuesday succeeding Mr. Lee Foll. Mr. Hartsell received 29 votes and Mr. Foll 27. The following commissioners were elected: C. G. Heilig, Jessie McEachern, A. N. James, W. L. Hahn.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET MADE A CLEAN SWEEP

CITIZENS GO DOWN IN DEFEAT FAILING TO ELECT A SINGLE CANDIDATE.

SMART STRENGTHENED TICKET

A. R. Hoover Led Democratic Ticket. Citizens Made Some Gains.

The city election held in Concord on Tuesday resulted in a complete victory for the Democratic ticket. While nominally a Democratic victory it was in no sense a party triumph because many staunch Republicans voted the "Democratic" ticket. Party lines were forgotten, Democrats voted for Republicans, Republicans for Democrats and a general mixup was the result. The Citizens' ticket gained over the result of two years ago in one or two wards, but lost heavily in ward 2, due to the influence of candidate Smart, who added great strength to the Democratic ticket. A. R. Hoover, with a vote of 740 led the vote of the Democratic ticket and H. B. Wilkinson was the best vote getter for the Citizens. His vote was 571. The mayor and new board of aldermen will be inducted into office Saturday and will hold their first meeting next Thursday night when they will perfect the organization of the city government.

The official vote polled was as follows.

Table with columns for candidates and votes. For Mayor: Isenhour 716, Hartsell 567, Isenhour's majority 149. At Large: Smart 722, Hoover 740, Cook 554, Wilkinson 571. Ward 1: Bost 346, Barrier 234, Bost's majority 112. Ward 2: Sapp 199, Widenhouse 189, Sapp's majority 10. Ward 3: Ritchie 46, Biggers 39, Ritchie's majority 7. Ward 4: Love 125, Niblock 108, Love's majority 17.

Dr. J. E. Smoot was elected school commissioner in Ward 1; Mr. Ed. Cline in Ward 4 and Dr. D. G. Caldwell at large. The school commissioners were endorsed by both tickets.

Advertised Letters.

The following is the list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Concord postoffice for week ending May 3rd, 1915:

Men: John Adams, D. S. Blake, Ben Brewer, Lee A. Dry, Frank Edwards, C. S. Fisher, Mc. Gunter, H. S. Harrington, Robt. Helms, C. N. Hutchinson, J. S. Lassiter, Lacy Morris, T. S. Verble, W. C. Widenhouse, D. J. Wilson, Manuel Wise, Dan Woods, John Wilson.

Women: Mrs. Savilla Alexander, Har Ball, Mrs. Annie Caudle, Mrs. W. L. Childers, Lilla Fleshood, Jennie Hutchens, Dela Nash, Chess M. Ridenhour, Mrs. Lula Steel, Martha Taylor, Mrs. H. Troutman, Mrs. Esther Vanzant, Mrs. W. L. Warsh, Mrs. C. Way, Essie Young.

When calling for the above please say advertised.

JNO. L. MILLER, Postmaster.

Boating Party's Narrow Escape From Drowning.

Newbern, May 4.—While going from Vanceboro to a point several miles distant, where a fish fry was to be held, 22 persons, including 11 young ladies, had a narrow escape last night from death or serious injury when the gasoline tank on board their boat became ignited and they were forced to beach the craft and sink it.

The vessel, the Spray, was owned by Grover Lancaster and Less McLawhorn and was valued at several hundred dollars. When the fire broke out several of the male members of the party jumped overboard, the ladies, however, remaining until shore was reached. There was no way of getting home that night so the party remained in the swamp until this morning when they were picked up by another boat sent out to search for them.

GEORGIA WOMEN FIGHT DUEL ONE WAS KILLED

AFTER QUARREL OVER LAND BOUNDARIES WOMEN MEET AND FIGHT IT OUT.

SHERIFF DID NOT ARREST HER

Mrs. McDonald and Miss Reed Had Been on Bad Terms Some Time.

Morgan, Ga., May 5.—After a bitter quarrel, said to have originated over land boundaries, Miss Mammie Reed and Mrs. Lillie McDonald, by agreement, went to their homes, armed themselves, and then met in the public road and fought a duel in which Miss Reed was killed. The duel was fought about two miles from here and there were no witnesses.

Sheriff Refuses to Arrest Her.

After killing Miss Reed, Mrs. McDonald came here, told her story to the sheriff and offered to surrender, but the sheriff refused to take her into custody because no warrant had been issued.

Mrs. McDonald was unmoved in repeating the story of the duel. She stated that when she and Miss Reed met at the place agreed upon the latter fired first but missed. "I returned the fire instantly," said Mrs. McDonald, "and killed her."

Both Women Well Known.

Both women are widely known in this section. Miss Reed, who was about 40 years of age, lived for many years on her plantation.

Mrs. McDonald, about 30 years of age, is the wife of a wealthy planter. The women had quarrelled repeatedly about land lines.

MOCKSVILLE VISITED BY A BIG FIRE TUESDAY.

Several Business Houses Destroyed And Much Damage Done.

Davie Record: Mocksville was visited this morning by one of the most destructive fires that has ever visited the town. About one o'clock the fire was discovered in the front of the store building occupied by Walker's Bargain House. The flames soon spread and enveloped the entire Baity brick building. In a short time the flames had spread on north and the large two story wooden store building owned by W. H. Bailey was completely destroyed, although most of the goods were saved. By heroic work on the part of the citizens of the town, both ladies and gentlemen, the Red Front, Crawford's Drug Store, Sanford Son's Co., Call's Hunt's, Mocksville Hardware and The Record office were saved. It seems to be the general opinion of the people that the fire was of incendiary origin. The Baity building was occupied on the ground floor by Walker's Bargain house, and one of the store rooms was recently vacated by A. M. McGlammy & Co. On the second floor of the building were the offices of Attorney Jacob Stewart, Dr. W. C. Martin, Dr. A. Z. Taylor, dentist, T. N. Chaffin, insurance, the Junior Order and the Woodmen Lodge Rooms. Nothing was saved and but little insurance was carried. Crawford's Drug Store was damaged about \$500 to the stock by moving and water. Upstairs in this building was Dr. Anderson's dental office which was damaged badly by moving. Mr. Walker's loss is about \$5,000 with \$2,000 insurance. W. H. Bailey's loss is about \$3,000 with no insurance. Drs. Martin and Anderson owned the Baity building, valued at \$7,000 with \$3,000 insurance. The Junior Order carried \$150 insurance. The Record man was unable to see Attorney Stewart as he is out of town, but his loss together with Drs. Martin, Taloy and Mr. Chaffin, must have exceeded \$3,000. No damage was done the Merchants and Farmers Bank. Had the wind been blowing and things dry like they were a few days ago, the entire business section of the town would have been wiped out. Fully 500 people witnessed the fire. About \$20,000 has gone up in flames this morning, nearly half enough to put in a system of waterworks. Mocksville needs and must have some fire protection. The next fire may be worse than this one.

Reversed.

"They do things differently in Mexico."

"How's that?"

"The Presidents do most of their running after they're elected."

The Presbytery of the A. R. P. Church, which has been in session in this city for two days adjourned yesterday. Besides the routine business which was attended to a number of interesting addresses were made.