

Caton Makes Answer To The Allegations Filed Against Him

Governor Kitchin Will To-day Name Charlotte Gentleman to Hear Testimony For and Against Man Now in Jail.

Upon the Creditability of The Answer Will Rest The Revocation of Conditional Pardon Granted Many Months Ago.

Ed Caton, arrested on the 31st of January under an order from Gov. W. K. Kitchin directing that he show cause why a conditional pardon should not be granted, has denied the charges made against him and has given the prescribed 10 days' notice of his answer, giving as the reason for a gentleman who has been appointed by the governor to inquire into all the facts he has until Monday to file his answer with the governor, the 10 days' notice being today.

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News Bureau, Congress, Hall.

(By H. E. C. B.)

Washington, D. C., April 7.—W. C. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, president of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, and W. A. Hunt, of Henderson, secretary of the association, went with Senator Overman and Director Roberts of the Mint, and others, today, to invite them to speak at the annual convention of North Carolina Bankers this year, but all of the gentlemen desired were out of the city. Messrs. Wilkinson and Hunt will return home and come again next week.

The North Carolina Bankers' Association will meet this summer at Kanasa Lake. Mr. Wilkinson, cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, as president of the association has the matter of securing speakers for the occasion. Mr. Overman is expected to return to the city tonight.

CHARGED WITH USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

By Associated Press.

Boston, April 7.—On charges of using the United States mails to defraud the public of large sums of money, Warren B. Wheeler and Stillman & Shaw, Inc., formerly fiscal agents for the North American Rubber Company, of this city and Hyde Park, were arrested today.

Senator Martin to Lead Minority

By Associated Press.

Washington, April 7.—Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, will lead the democratic minority in the United States senate, it was conceded this afternoon, despite the opposition of William J. Bryan, Senator Stone and a number of party progressives.

At a preliminary parley this afternoon it was agreed that opposition be registered against Mr. Martin on the ground that a younger man, whose progressive policies had been clearly established, should be named for the place of caucus chairman and minority leader. However, at a second conference of progressives later in the afternoon the election of Mr. Martin was conceded.

It had been agreed at the first meeting that the names of either Senators Culberson or Stone should be presented in the democratic caucus in opposition to Mr. Martin. The Texas and Missouri senators refused to allow the presentation of their names. This might have had the effect of bursting the bubble of the opposition to the Virginian. Senator Newlands will stand for nomination against Mr. Martin in the caucus, but it is presumed this form of protest will be purely perfunctory.

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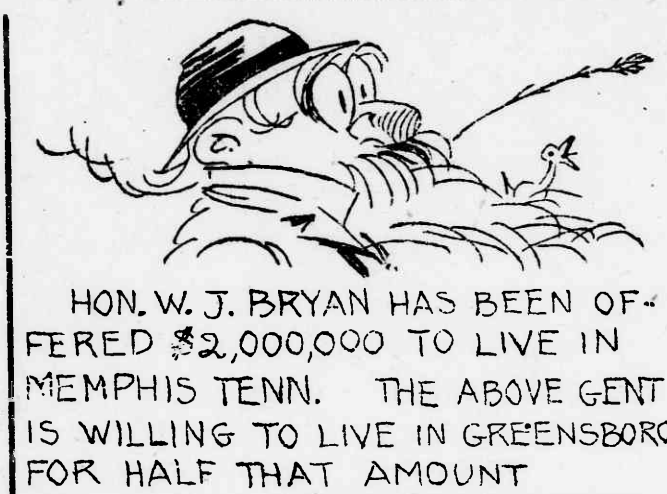
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COCO-COLA WINS ITS CASE!



HE'LL BE THERE WITH BELLS ON!



CHARLOTTE WINS THE RACE!



THOSE OTHER TWO SCOUTS MUST HAVE GOT LOST

CARTOONLETS ON LIVE TOPICS!

WEEPING PRIEST SUCCESSFULLY FAINTS AT TRIAL

By Associated Press.

Viterbo, Italy, April 7.—The trial of the Camorrist was interrupted again today when Ciro Vitozzi, the accused priest, weakened by a self-imposed fast, fainted. He was under interrogation and had worked himself into a state of mental and physical exhaustion until he tumbled over against the steel bars of the prisoners' cage.

The climax came opportunely for Vitozzi following his declaration that he had abstained from food for 48 hours. He had been telling a story of his alleged persecution in prison and the recital was not without dramatic effect.

The proceedings intermitted with the recall of Vitozzi. The prisoner described attempts which he said had been made to make him appear guilty of complicity in the murder of Genaro Coccollo and his wife. While he was in prison, he said, he was confronted with a man who offered him \$20 to denounce certain prisoners as guilty of the Coccollo assassination, adding that if it was necessary he would send the priest to America, as Ericone had been sent.

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ELECTRICIANS ARE MEETING IN NEW YORK

By Associated Press.

New York, April 7.—Delegates from every state east of the Mississippi river and from several far-western states are here today preparing for the opening of the special conference of the National Electric Light Association, which tomorrow will grapple with the problems of conservation as regards the electrical phases of the subject.

The findings of the conference will be transmitted to the association at its annual convention in May, to be formulated into hints for congressional action in the line of legislation affecting the water-power sites. As the association embraces ninety per cent of the capital invested in electrical companies in the United States, its point of view cannot well be disregarded.

The purpose of tomorrow's conference is outlined in the statement of the association's president, W. W. Freeman. The political conservation propaganda tends to use up all natural resources, including water supply. We assert that such a policy is one of waste. There will be no attempt, however, to make this view prevail at this conference.

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Big Ship Beached on The "Graveyard Of The Atlantic"

Millionaire Brewer Surrendered to Sheriff

By Associated Press.

St. Louis, April 7.—Ellis Wainwright, a millionaire brewer, who was indicted in Europe when he was indicted in 1901 on a charge of bribery in connection with a street railway franchise, surrendered today to the sheriff. He was released on \$20,000 bond.

Wainwright was abroad when Circuit Attorney J. W. Folk who later became governor, began probing the bribery scandals in St. Louis. He was one of the directors of the St. Louis & Suburban Railroad Company, whose name, it is alleged, was signed to notes for \$135,000 to secure the passage of a franchise bill.

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Seventeen Hundred Passengers of The North German Lloyd Steamer, Prinzess Irene, Spend Sleepless Night—Ship Fast in Sand.

By Associated Press.

Lone Hill Life Saving Station, L. I., April 7.—Transshipment of passengers from the Prinzess Irene was begun at 1 o'clock this afternoon when a surf boat bearing 15 women left the Irene's lee side and headed away for the relief ship, Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm.

No passengers can be risked in small boats at night, the admiralty law forbidding. The magnitude of the task of completing the rescue by daylight appears when it is remembered it took 8 hours to transfer the passengers of the sinking steamer Republic.

The sea is rough but no apprehension is felt for the safety of the passengers while the are being transferred. Lone Hill Life Saving Station, L. I., April 7.—The giant North German Lloyd liner Prinzess Irene was still lying helpless in the "gripping sand keys off here today with her 1720 passengers still aboard awaiting transfer to the Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which has been sent to her assistance from New York. The stranded Irene rolls slightly in the swelling sea and is deeper in the sand than when she struck the shoal in the fog yesterday morning.

A breeches buoy connects the steamship with the shore while three life-saving crews stand by the life saving boats on shore. Near the Irene, swarming about in the sea, are the revenue cutters Seneca and Mohawk with a little fleet of tugs awaiting to aid in the transshipment of the passengers. The sea was a smart northwester blowing this morning which stirred up a lumpy sea and life saving crews thought that unless the wind and water moderated it would be dangerous to transfer the passengers.

There is absolutely no fear for the safety of the passengers who, in fact, show no apprehension over their enforced stay on the shoals. Some ocean voyagers played bridge in the cabin while others attended the band concert. Neither do the steerage passengers show any fear.

New York, April 7.—In practically the same position in which she suddenly found herself while groping through the fog yesterday morning, the North German Lloyd steamer Prinzess Irene struck fast in the sand of Fire Island, beached on the edge of the "graveyard of the Atlantic," the treacherous sand pit which skirts southern Long Island. Those of her 1,700 passengers who arose early after a sleepless night and surveyed their predicament from the decks of the big liner saw to the leeward the life savers who had been patrolling the beach all night. When they looked to seaward they were spat in the face by the spray of the great swells which an increasing wind was piling higher and higher in threatening onslaught against the ship's broadside.

A twenty mile wind from the southwest which beat against the vessel at midnight as she lay broadside to it had increased a little at dawn and the government prediction was for still brisker and colder weather during the day. The tugs which had pulled at her at high tide this morning had hauled the stern of the vessel twenty-five degrees from her original position, but their efforts had pushed the stern deeper into the sand bar.

The problem of transferring the passengers in such weather as obtained this morning or that predicted for the day is a serious one. The life savers said that if the (Continued on Page Two.)

FIFTY MEN ENTOMBED WITH NO HOPE

By Associated Press.

Scranton, Pa., April 7.—Fifty to seventy-five men employed in Bancroft mine of the Scranton Coal Company at Throop, are entombed in the inner workings of the mine since the mine cut off. Fire is raging along an entire vein.

Two men who escaped said there were fifty men shut in by the fire and would likely be suffocated. At 2 o'clock this afternoon it was fully realized by miners and admitted by officials at the colliery that the situation is grave and that an almost hopeless task confronts the rescuers in attempting to reach the entombed men.

At 2:30 p. m. the fire in the mine was still burning. At that hour the statement is made that forty men are imprisoned in the burning mine.

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Financiers to Finish The Elkin -- Alleghany Road And Make Some Extensions

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(By H. E. C. BRYANT.)

Washington, April 7.—It has one of the best of authority that men plenty able to finance the proposition will take hold of the Elkins-Alleghany railroad, surveyed from Elkin to Sparta, and complete what has been planned and extend the original project into Virginia on the north and to Lexington on the south, making one of the most interesting pieces of railroad in North Carolina. Twelve miles of the road has already been graded and money secured to finish it. Such a line as the one proposed would open up the Surry, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany country. Within a short

time definite plans to complete the work started in well-meaning Tar Heels several years ago will be made. At this time names cannot be divulged but the people behind the movement are all wool and a yard wide. The road contemplated would pass through Sparta, Elkin, Yadkinville, Advance and other smaller towns and connect with the Southern and the Southbound at Lexington.

The country to be opened by this road is said to be the largest and finest undeveloped section east of the Mississippi river. Wants Government to Build Road. Senator Overman is trying to get the government to build a travia road connecting Raleigh with the state (Continued on Page Two.)