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BUTLER TO CARRY HIS CASE TO HARDING

Says Most Incompetent Men Were Selected For Jobs By Greensboro Meeting

Washington, March 30.—The fight started by former Senator Marion Butler at Greensboro over patronage matters has just begun, according to the former senator and the matter is to be carried to the White House.

This in substance, was the statement made by the Sampson county "farmer" at his offices in the Southern building today. Senator Butler says he has not yet asked for an engagement to protest against the "slate" made at Greensboro by the friends of National Committeeman Morehead, that he will do so at the proper time and that he will bring a large delegation of eastern Republicans to Washington to back him up in his efforts to get "friends of Harding" recognized.

Butler declared today that the "Hog Combine" at Greensboro not only ignored the friends of Harding, but that the men selected, in most every instance are incompetent and if appointed would discredit the Republican party throughout North Carolina. While he is willing to join hands with the west in protesting against the appointment of any and all of the men recommended by the Republican state committee, he is not disposed to bother about the western appointments unless western Republicans request him to do so.

But in the east it is different, according to the former senator. Not a single Harding friend, he says, has been recognized and the men so far selected are so incompetent as to make the party a laughing stock throughout the state.

"The friends of Carl Duncan," said the senator, "must be recognized and taken care of. The entire east has been ignored and anybody who knows anything about the Republican party in North Carolina knows that the east is where the Republicans have the most strength.

"In the case of President Harding his only friends were in the east. Western Republicans, whose names are included in the organization slate, were never for Harding at Chicago, yet they are trying to put these very men who voted against him for the presidential nomination in office, leaving out practically all the friends of the president.

"I went to Greensboro with the idea of 'give and take.' I was even willing to give more than ordinary decency demanded in the interest of harmony. But you know what happened. The machine ran rough shod over all of the Harding friends, completely ignored the Republican party in the east and selected the most incompetent men in the state to fill official positions of honor and trust."

Asked if he had intended fighting Frank Linney and Brownlow Jackson, Senator Butler said he was not disposed to do so unless the friends of Judge Pritchard requested him to do so. He said that Linney was a "pretty good kind of a fellow" but that there was quite a few better lawyers in the west who are more fitted to fill the position of district attorney. He said Linney had been a failure as chairman of the executive committee. That, he said, is admitted by every one.

Brownlow Jackson, he said, is all right, so far as he is concerned, and he does not propose at this time to make a fight against the Hendersonville man.

Briefly, the only thing that will prevent a bitter row within the ranks of the party, is for the president to ignore Butler and his faction. This, it is said, upon very high authority, is the present plan of the administration. The president, it is declared, cannot conceive of a better and fairer way of making recommendations than the method adopted at Greensboro, namely, allowing the county committees to make their own selection. The understanding here is that this was done.

Pays Newspaper Picture

Seattle, Wash.—Police here have been searching for a man who, according to complaint at headquarters, presented a newspaper's picture reproduction of a state soldier bonus warrant for \$405 at a Chinese restaurant and received the cash for it. W. H. Klett, war veteran, received the first bonus warrant issued here recently and the check was reproduced in a Seattle newspaper. The clipping pasted on a sheet of plain paper was cashed by the restaurateur who learned he had been defrauded when he included the clipping with a bank deposit.

LIEUT. WILLIAM CONEY DIES OF HIS INJURIES

Mother, Brother and Aunt Of the Aviator Were With Him When Death Came

Natchez, Miss., March 30.—Lieut. William Devoe Coney, 27, who was seriously injured when his airplane crashed into a tree near Crowley, La., last Friday morning, died of his injuries at a local hospital here at 5:20 p. m. today.

The death of the lieutenant, whose back was broken in the fall, resulting in a complete paralysis of his body from the chest down, was not unexpected, as his physicians had announced earlier in the day that he could live only a few hours.

Mrs. E. F. Coney, his mother, of Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. W. H. Devoe, an aunt, of Jacksonville, Fla., and E. F. Coney, a brother, of Brunswick, Ga., were with the flier at the time of his death, having been constant attendants at his bedside since their arrival here last Sunday.

Lieutenant Coney is a son of the late Edgar F. Coney, a lumberman of Brunswick. He was born in Atlanta in November, 1893. His youth was spent in Brunswick.

At the outbreak of the Mexican trouble in 1916 he enlisted with the Brunswick rifles, an infantry organization, and saw service on the border. Returning to Brunswick in 1917, about the time the United States entered the European war, he entered the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant of infantry. Later he was transferred to the air service, receiving his preliminary training at the ground school at Georgia Tech, in Atlanta. He was assigned as flying instructor during the war and had no opportunity to see service at the front. On the day he was injured the announcement was made at San Diego, Calif., of his promotion to a first lieutenancy.

Funeral arrangements have been left to Major N. B. Claggett, of the fourth aviation corps, who came here to attend the lieutenant, and have not yet been completed.

Edwin Bergdoll In Court Under Manacles

Kansas City, Mo., March 27.—Hand cuffed to a military guard and dressed in the olive drab he declined to wear during the war, Edwin Bergdoll, Philadelphia millionaire, convicted of draft evasion, appeared before Judge John C. Pollocks in the Federal district court in Kansas City, Kansas, where habeas corpus proceedings have been instituted seeking his release from the military prison at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Pollock announced that he would take under advisement the matter at issue in today's hearing—the admissibility of evidence to show Bergdoll had received notice to report for military service.

When Bergdoll was seated in the judge's chambers the handcuffs were released and he listened to Major Charles C. Cresson, who had acted as prosecuting attorney, telling that Bergdoll had told him that he received the draft notice, and "I knew all the time you were after me."

He was not placed on the witness stand. When the hearing was over, the handcuffs were snapped back on his wrists, his captor handed him a campaign hat without the blue cord of the doughboy and he started back to the military prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Bergdoll is a brother of Grover C. Bergdoll.

Admonition And Fine In Whiskey Case

San Diego, Calif.—"The Eighteenth Amendment is here to stay. It's in the Constitution, and anyone who thinks that 36 states will ever vote to take it out of the Constitution is crazy. Furthermore, the government intends to enforce it by intensive activity on the part of its agents. The law is a permanent one and the sooner many of you stop trying to bootleg spurious liquor, the better it will be for all of us."

With these words of admonition, Judge Benjamin Bledsoe in the federal court recently fined Kenyon Cottrill \$900 on three counts for importing, transporting and failing to pay the tax on a barrel of whisky, 48 pints, 80 half-pints and 12 quarts of brandy which were in his machine when it was apprehended in a local garage.

Rats of Nolan County, Texas, are eating the growing grain and the bark from trees six feet from the ground.

REPUBLICAN IRON HAND DOWN ON DOUGHTON

Frank W. Lewis Writing in Winston Journal Thinks Campbell Will Be Seated

Washington, March 25.—Representative Robert L. Doughton, who holds certificate of election from the Eighth Congressional District of North Carolina, and who is now defending his seat in congress against the claims of his Republican opponent, Dr. J. Ike Campbell, will have to surrender to the rule of force, that arbitrary power which recognizes neither law nor equity, and how the inexorable decree awaiting him in the house or representatives, if the sentiment of Republican members of congress is correctly interpreted by those Republicans here who have already passed judgment on the case.

What seems to be reliable information is to the effect that Mr. Doughton, regardless of the evidence adduced at the hearings will be unseated and Dr. Campbell be made, by action of a partisan house, a member of congress from the Eighth District.

While it makes little difference with the Republicans whether they have another member of their political complexion in the house they feel obligated to respect the wishes of a loyal member of their party, who is yearning for a seat in congress, and to yield to the demand of these Tar Heel Republicans who look upon a Republican majority as the supreme power which should be exercised in times of dire need.

Therefore, it is said, that the Republican members of the house will give scant attention to the merits of the case. They will not consider whether Campbell has made out a good case or not; they will give no heed to the facts in the contest, but will look at the matter solely from a partisan viewpoint, and send Farmer Bob back to his Democratic constituents as a private in the ranks and bestow an unmerited honor and unearned emoluments upon a defeated and discredited member of their party.

This is what the Republicans say they are going to do. This is the way they say they are going to take care of Dr. Campbell, who has a hard time taking care of himself, and this is what they are going to do with Farmer Bob who holds his commission by virtue of a solemn verdict rendered by the sovereign people of his district.

The Republicans have the power to do this thing. The house of representatives is sole judge of the election of its members, may unseat a man clearly elected and place in office one who has not been elected. The Republican majority in that body is so great that such a tempting thing as throwing a Democrat out to make a berth for one of the faithful will be hard to resist.

It is a significant fact that no Republican has raised his voice in protest against the contemplated outrage of unseating Doughton merely because the dominating party has the power to do it. Not one has been heard to say that it would be wrong to turn Doughton out to make a place for Campbell.—Frank W. Lewis in Winston-Salem Journal.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

Passenger Traffic Service

Effective Saturday night, March 26, train 43 now being operated between Danville and Atlanta will be operated between Danville and Charlotte only, on the same schedule. Train being discontinued between Charlotte and Atlanta, last train leaving Charlotte 11:30 P. M. Saturday night, Mar. 26th.

Effective March 27th, train 156 between Atlanta and Danville will be discontinued, last train leaving Atlanta Sunday night, March 27th, last train passing Charlotte, Concord, Salisbury, Lexington, High Point, Greensboro, Monday March 28th.

The present Raleigh-Atlanta sleeping car now being handled by trains 139-43 and 136-16 will be shortened to a Charlotte-Atlanta sleeping car line, handled by trains 35 and 36.

Effective same date trains 35 and 36 will make same stops as made by trains 43 and 136.

For further information consult nearest Ticket Agent. 4-30-c.

R. H. GRAHAM, Division Passenger Agent.

An Ideal Remedy for Constipation

It would be hard to find a better remedy for constipation than Chamberlain's Tablets. For the best effect they should be taken immediately after supper. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect.

ASK CHANGE OF VENUE TO PROTECT WILLIAMS

Violence Feared If Man Charged With Murder Of 11 Negroes Goes To Covington

Covington, Ga., March 31.—Change of venue for John S. Williams, who is due to go on trial here Tuesday charged with the murder of one of 11 negroes he is alleged to have killed, was asked in a petition filed with Judge John B. Hutcheson in Superior court here late today.

The petition asserted there "is danger of violence" if Williams is brought here from Atlanta, where he has been held since his arrest last week, and based the plea for the trial in another county solely on these grounds.

Judge Hutcheson set a hearing for 3 p. m. Monday, and Solicitor General A. M. Brand announced he would oppose the motion.

Investigations into conditions on the Williams plantation, where peonage is declared to have led to the murders to prevent exposure of Williams' alleged methods, led county officials today to start a thorough inquiry into a story attributed to a negro formerly employed on the place, that Huland Williams, one of the sons of the planter, had been connected with the death of a negro known as "Blackstrap." The latter, according to the version that became public here, was slain by Charlie Chisholm, a negro who later was killed by Clyde Manning.

Manning told officials last week, they said, that he and Chisholm killed 10 negroes at command of the elder Williams and that later, on Williams' orders, he slew Chisholm. Officials refused to make and disclosures about the result of their investigation into the latest turn in the case, refusing to say whether they expected it would develop that more than 11 negroes had been killed and declining to give the name of the negro whose story they were investigating today.

It was stated the grand jury, which investigated a statement attributed to Floyd Johnson, a young white man, that Williams' three youngest sons had sought to start racial troubles after their father was arrested, had found nothing to justify action against the three, but was expected to be called again to renew the inquiry into the reports of a negro "uprising" that were current here Monday.

Relics Donated By Chinese President Sold For \$10,000

Manila, P. I., Feb. 15.—Auction of relics donated by President Hsu Shichang of the Chinese republic brought in more than \$10,000 here this week for the relief of famine sufferers in China. The articles were collected from President Hsu's palace at Peking and brought to Manila by Mrs. Wallace, wife of Colonel Charles S. Wallace, chief of signal corps, United States army, department of the Philippines.

A royal Bengal tiger skin, six by eleven feet, which President Hsu highly prized and which he took from the floor of the palace to add to the famine relief fund, was included in the collection. It brought \$600.

A poem written by President Hsu, each character embroidered by his wife, was another article that attracted much attention. The poem was written many years ago and had adorned the wall of Hsu Shichang's home long before he became head of the republic.

One of the most prized of all the Chinese president's gifts was a four months' old white and brown puppy born in the palace at Peking of a strain which has lived in the royal household for many generations. The puppy sold for \$500. Many cloisonne vases, porcelains in vivid colors, ceremonial gifts, manderin coats and other articles were in the collection.

Among the auctioneers were Major General Francis J. Kernan, commander of the department of the Philippines and Crow Kwo-isien, Chinese consul general in Manila.

Is Awarded \$4,500 Damages By Jury

Asheboro, March 31.—The jury late Tuesday evening awarded a verdict of \$4,500 in favor of W. S. Snyder against the town. The case has attracted considerable attention. Snyder who was a miller, employed by the Southern Crown mill, lost his hand at the wrist, alleged to have been caused by the mill running backward. The town moved some of the poles to make room for wires, and when the wires were again connected, the mill was afterward started, running backward, it was claimed by Snyder.

RELIGIOUS SECT CRUCIFIED TWO

Calvary's Scene Re-Enacted in Remote Section of New Mexico; Victims Not Killed

Albuquerque, N. Mex., March 29.—Two men were crucified at the penitential village of Abiquiu, in northern New Mexico, on Good Friday, in observance of holy week, in rites performed by members of the Hermanos de Luz, Brothers of Light, a religious order, according to B. J. Norfeldt and Gustave Baumann, artists, artists of Santa Fe, N. M., who arrived here today.

Norfeldt and Gustave say they were members of a party of two dozen tourists who witnessed the crucifixion and the flagellation ceremonies contained with it.

For more than a half hour, the artists say, the two human sacrifices were tied to huge wooden crosses, at the end of which time they were taken down, bleeding and exhausted. The condition of the men is said to be serious and their recovery in doubt.

The penitents, as the Hermanos de Luz are most commonly known, are Indians with a Mexican admixture. Their order has many followers, it is understood, in remote villages of this state. Also supposed to be dying out, the order still attracts wide attention because of its mysterious ceremonies, which Americans seldom are able to witness.

The principles and practices of the order are said to have come from Italy thru Spain and Mexico.

Last Friday was one of the rare occasions, according to the two artists, when Americans were permitted to witness the most solemn ceremonies performed by the penitents.

"The penitents formed in a long process," said Mr. Norfeldt, "and marching to slow weird music, beat themselves with thorn whips, soaked in brine water to wound themselves and make their wounds smart. One man carried a large wooden cross under the weight of which he fell exhausted frequently. The procession ended with the erection of two crosses with members of the order tied to them."

It is considered an honor among the penitents to be selected for crucifixion.

To Pardon Debs Would Be A Serious Mistake

Washington, March 29.—The present administration will fall into serious error if a pardon is issued at this time to Eugene V. Debs, in prison at Atlanta for uttering seditious remarks concerning the government and particularly the selective service law during the period of the late war, in the opinion of E. E. Dudding, president Prisoners' Relief Society of Washington, who is an authority on penal conditions and in touch with the inmates of all big prisons throughout the country.

Dudding stated today that if President Harding grants a pardon to Debs it will incite to riot and disorder hundreds of political prisoners not yet released, ex-soldiers who are serving time now for offenses less serious than the one for which Debs was convicted.

"I have but little patience with a man that stands out against his government at a critical time," said Dudding. "I served a sentence in prison myself and can sympathize with imprisoned men, but I think President Harding would make a great mistake in pardoning Debs."

"Every one considers his crime both serious and grave. Debs ought to be kept in prison until the hundreds of other victims convicted of violating war-time statutes are released, for the majority of them are entitled to far greater consideration than Debs. This is my frank opinion."

Robbins Lowe Breaks Up Another Battle

Chapel Hill, April 1.—Robbins Lowe the Babe Ruth of the University of North Carolina broke up his second game of the week with a home run drive over the left field fence and enabled the Tar Heels to win from North Carolina State College here yesterday six to four.

The terrific drive came with the score tied in the eighth inning, 4 to 4. Lewellyn was on third base. Lowe took two strikes and then sailed into a fast one and drove it far into the woods beyond the hedge. He reached third on the hit, but Umpire White ruled it a home run as the ball had gone out of sight. The hit settled an exciting contest played before a large crowd, including many visiting girls at the University Easter dances.

NAMES IN THE U. S. ARMY

Bruce Craven Writes Interestingly in the Greensboro News in Regard to the War Risk Insurance as Follows:

I would like to mention one line of criticism that gets no sympathy from me. This is in connection with war risk insurance. You have doubtless heard many jokes about the funny errors made there, but how large do you suppose the errors show up in proportion to the three million insurance policies handled in a few months? There thousands of the families today who have cause to be thankful, besides the thousands of totally disabled soldiers who get the insurance themselves! Some people can not understand why any kind of an inquiry addressed there should not get automatic self action. They showed me one day a postal card, written in pencil, signed John J. O'Brien, and asking that his receipts be sent to his wife, Mary. Investigation showed 14 soldiers with the identical name, each of whom had a wife named Mary, and there was no way in the world to know which it was. What would you do with a letter from John Johnson who failed to mention his number or his regiment? There were 2,138 John Johnsons in the army. The same thing applies to the families of the name of Smith, Jones, Brown, Williams, Anderson, Walker and others. A badly worried mother wrote one day to say that her son, John Brown, had run away from home and wanted to know if there was anyone in the army by that name. There were—1,500 of them. As an amusement, some unusual names were listed, each one of which is a bona fide name, and they include the following: Mih Gosh, Asad Experience Wilson, Barthold Otto Aabel, Velvet Couch, Will Swindle, Owen Money, Dinner Bell Page, Willie Darling, Slaughter Bugg, Wash Day Cloud and Isaac Didnot Butcher. There was one Porto Rica regiment with 51 men in it named Jose Rodriguez.

HENRY FORD TAKES OPTIMISTIC VIEW

Motor Manufacturer Reports Improvement in Business and Says That the Trend of Industry in General Is Now Upward

Detroit, Michigan—A definite trend upward is reported by big men in the automobile industry, but none takes a more optimistic view of the future than Henry Ford. Mr. Ford says the turn is well on the way, and he sees a constant improvement from now on in business in general, as well as the automobile industry. Indications are everywhere manifest, he said, that the bottom of the business depression has been reached and passed, and the trend of industry is now definitely upward.

"With the Ford Motor Company, conditions are exceptionally hopeful. We have enjoyed a tremendous pickup in business. We had orders for 80,000 cars for March delivery, and we have nearly 90,000 more for April. That means that nearly every car and bit of finished stock on hand when the depression set in has been sold. The time is not far off when we will begin full operation to produce new cars and new parts to take care of the host of orders that come rolling in."

Mr. Ford was full of cheer. If he ever had any financial troubles, they all seemed to have blown away. His thoughts were for the future. Production has been increased on a large scale at the Ford motor plant in the last month. More men are being taken back weekly to speed up the output caused by the increased orders. In addition to the regular day force, two other partial forces are at work, with the number at work on the later shifts being augmented daily.

Notice of Sale of Personal Property.

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned as President of the Bank of Mount Airy in a certain collateral note executed March 26th, 1920, and due March 21st, 1921, pledging therein twelve and one-half (12½) shares of the capital stock of the Rosedale Orchard Co., of the par value of one hundred dollars per share, and default having been made in the payment of said note, I will sell for cash, to the highest bidder, at public auction at the Court House door in Dobson, N. C., on Saturday April 9th, 1921, at 1 o'clock P. M., the following personal property, to-wit:

Twelve and one-half shares of the Capital Stock of the Rosedale Orchard Company, the same being Stock Certificate No. 2.

This the 30th day of March, 1921.
W. J. Blythe, Pres.
Bank of Mount Airy.