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SIMMONS AND OVERMAN TO HAVE OPPOSITION

Ex-Secretary Daniels Intends to Enter the Lists Against Senior Senator in 1921

Raleigh, April 20.—Factional alignments now being formed for the senatorial contests of 1924 and 1926 promise some interesting surprises when the two Tar Heel senators take the hustings in defense of their togas.

There can be no question but that Senators Simmons and Overman will have settled this and when the senior senator comes up in 1924 for re-nomination at the hands of Democracy he is going to face one, it not two, with senatorial aspirations. Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, under the Wilson administration, intends to make the race. "Intends to make the race" is the only way it may be written now since Mr. Daniels has not announced his candidacy. Should developments later on indicate that the "times were not right" then the former navy head could decline to try for the post. Such things as finding the proper urge and the like are to be considered always.

Governor Cameron Morrison, who will be an ex-governor in 1926, when the Overman seat must be refilled, has been selected to race the junior representative. There are others, Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, former congressman from the ninth district, and the governor's primary manager, Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte. Mr. Hoey, while a brother-in-law of O. Max Gardner, has always been aligned with the Simmons faction, having managed the senior senator's candidacy in the ninth district when W. W. Kitchin was offering.

If the Daniels candidacy materializes Senator Simmons will, so his supporters aver, have the bulge because of the following reasons: The Simmons organization, which sent the senior senator back, is still intact, altho it is not running anything like it did in 1912. But the Simmons following is still following. That much can be depended upon because the Simmons men haven't yet learned to forsake their chief. Having been assured that he will maintain his old vote there is good reason to believe that the new crop of voters will develop at least fifty percent for the Simmons candidacy. A certain percentage of the younger element can be depended upon to insure somewhat.

Both contestants naturally lay claim to the woman vote in the state. Simmons mounted the suffrage wagon toward the end of the fight, while Daniels was championing it earlier, but Simmons in an eleventh hour statement succeeded in having the plank written into the Democratic platform at the 1920 state convention. Mr. Daniels doubtless thinks he has some claim on this vote by reason of his advocacy of suffrage thru his paper. The woman vote of course, is not for sale and cannot be bundled and delivered any more than the best of the "weaker" sex. It will doubtless break about as the male vote, with a very small percentage of the independent-working-women balloting so that all political observers will be fooled.

Public Urged Not To Put Off Buying Coal

New York, N. Y.—There is no coal shortage now, so far as domestic anthracite is concerned, nor will there be if buying is continuous, according to the Anthracite Bureau of Information. The householder who puts in his next winter's coal now not only insures himself against shortage next fall, but aids in making such a condition impossible, as the mines cannot work indefinitely without orders and store coal for future shipment. It is putting off buying until the last minute and then all clamoring at the same time for coal that will bring about a shortage, say the miners, who join in urging the public to buy now. Anthracite shipments in March, 1921, amounted to 5,737,771 tons, as against 6,077,821 in March, 1920. This decrease is said by the bureau to reflect the decreased buying by householders which had led to curtailment of production at some mines and complete cessation at others. It is said that a decline in March production means a corresponding proportion of tonnage which will not be available the following winter. The March figures for this year show the lowest output of any March since 1915 with the exception of 1919.

Motion pictures showing criminals in action have been barred in Chicago.

MR. JIMISON MAKES KNOWN HIS PLATFORM

Invites All Citizens Regardless of Party Who Approves It to Line Up With Him

Winston, April 22.—Rev. Tom P. Jimison, who yesterday announced his candidacy for the office of mayor of the city, has issued the following statement as his platform in the campaign:

"Having been solicited by hundreds of voters, both men and women, to enter the contest for mayor, I have decided to toss my headgear into the ring. Since I have been urged by people of all shades of political persuasion, and since it is too late to get the independent Democrats lined up for the approaching primary, I am running absolutely independent, and invite all citizens who are not satisfied with the present administration to cast their vote for me in the city election May 3rd. That all people may know where I stand on the questions confronting us at this time I state my position as follows:

Education

"I am in favor of an adequate educational program for the city regardless of cost.

"The department of public welfare should be extended to meet the needs of the city and the demands of the state law.

"The city attorneyship should be held by a lawyer who is free from 'entangling alliances' with the big corporations that are likely at any time to be rivals or competitors of the city itself.

"The city should more closely supervise the public service corporations doing business within our borders. The ice companies should be forced to sell ice by the pound, and the street car company should be forced to obey the state law in regard to the segregation of the races. This should be done in justice to both white and negroes.

Public Health

"The department of public health ought to be maintained and its work extended wherever possible.

"There should be no sort of secrecy in the conduct of the city government. I stand for 'open covenants openly arrived at,' and am for taking the public into confidence in all matters affecting the city.

"The departments that are not being operated to the satisfaction of the public should be reorganized, and all should be run in such manner that the humblest citizen will be accorded the same treatment as the richest and most powerful.

Sunday Laws

"Our Sunday laws are ridiculously hypocritical. Under the pretense of Sabbath observance we have made it unlawful for a drug store to sell a glass of lemonade or a dish of ice cream on Sunday and at the same time permit them to sell tobacco and cigars, and expect them to stay open to sell medicine. They should either be open or closed.

"The women of the city should be more largely recognized in the conduct of the city's affairs.

"If elected, I pledge myself to spend six days of every week in the Mayor's office, and will endeavor to serve the entire citizenship to the best of my ability.

"Upon this platform I invite the support of all progressive citizens regardless of sex, race, religion, or political persuasion. And if any one wants to know my attitude on any other question, let him speak out."

"TOM P. JIMISON."

THE PRAISE CONTINUES

Everywhere We Hear Good Reports of Doan's Kidney Pills

Mount Airy is no exception. Every section of the U. S. resounds with praise of Doan's Kidney Pills. Fifty thousand persons are giving testimony in their home newspapers. The sincerity of these witnesses, the fact that they live so near, is the best proof of the merit of Doan's. Here's a Mount Airy case.

Hugh Tilley, farmer, 203 Orchard St., says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills some time ago and found them to be just as represented. I had a great deal of trouble with my back and kidneys, but Doan's always brought me great relief. I recommend Doan's at every opportunity."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Tilley had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

DRY ENFORCEMENT DEPENDS ON AGENTS

Selection of Right Type of Men An Important Factor in the Success of Prohibition, Says Anti-Saloon League Leader

Boston, Mass.—"Given a reasonably satisfactory prohibition enforcement law the success of it depends very largely upon selection of the right type of men as enforcement officers," said Arthur J. Davis, superintendent of the Massachusetts Anti-Saloon League, in discussing rumors to the effect that certain politicians who are known to be favorable to the liquor interests have been selected to replace enforcement officers in this district.

"We believe, however," continued Mr. Davis, "that friends of prohibition need not be greatly disturbed over these rumors. The Administration in Washington has definitely and repeatedly stated that its policy will be to appoint men to these positions who will enforce the law. We have had positive assurances that no person who has been identified with the liquor traffic or who has been a leader of the wets in either branch of the Massachusetts Legislature will be appointed.

"Regardless of what individuals may think of the wisdom of the prohibition policy, the Administration asserts that it will stand four-square on the proposition of a thorough enforcement of the federal law.

"At the present time there seems to be a wild scramble on the part of men of office-seeker type who are candidates for either of the two offices above mentioned. Most of these candidates are, in our opinion, absolutely unfitted for the positions they seek. Several quite satisfactory men, however, have expressed their willingness to accept appointments provided they are not compelled to resort to political pressure in order to obtain them. They are men whose experience and life history lead one to believe that they would prove absolutely incorruptible and would be efficient in their endeavor to enforce prohibition.

"We look for the appointment of high-grade men, men who will go to the position with a certain amount of prestige and will have the confidence of those who desire the enforcement of the law.

"Much has been said of late regarding the plan whereby the enforcement of prohibition will be taken from the Revenue Department and given over to the Department of Justice. Unquestionably it is true that dry congressmen differ as to the wisdom of this new plan.

"It may be that a compromise will be effected whereby all the regulatory features of enforcement will be left with the Revenue Department, but the securing of evidence of violation of the law will be lodged with the Department of Justice. Certainly no change in the present plan should be made until it is clearly apparent that such change will result in better enforcement of the law."

Old Hickory Vets To Visit Battlefields

Several hundred members of the Old Hickory Division from North Carolina and Tennessee are expected to join the European tour in July which will take them again to the scenes of their bloodiest fighting during 1918. Scores have already signed up for the trip, and others are making arrangements, according to Guy H. May, general chairman.

The Old Hickory Association determined upon a tour at its annual meeting in Asheville last September, and details of the trip were placed in the hands of Albert F. Pierce, of the travel department of the American Express company, 65 Broadway, New York. Passage has been engaged for the party in the Cunard liner Altaria.

Leaving New York on July 12, the party will visit London going thence to Ostend and the battlefields in that sector. Several days will be spent in the vicinity of the point where the Old Hickory broke the Hindenberg line in September, 1918. The trip will continue south into Italy, returning by way of Paris, with stops at Verdun and other battlefields. Returning, the party will land in New York August 21.

The total expense of the trip, including steamship, automobile and railway tickets, hotel expenses, etc., amounts to \$565. The party is not restricted entirely to veterans. Members of their families or friends may be included. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Pierce.

26,000 ALABAMA MINERS STARVING

So Reports Salvation Army Officials to Gov. Kilby, of Alabama; Asks Aid

Birmingham, Ala., April 20.—Twenty-six thousand persons are at the point of starvation in the coal fields of Alabama, Gov. Thomas E. Kilby was told today in an appeal by the Salvation Army, Southern division, with headquarters here. The organization stated to the governor that it was helping to the limit of its resources, but that additional aid must come from other sources.

Clubs and civic bodies of Birmingham made appeals for help on behalf of the miners and their families, many of whom are described as hungry and almost naked.

A Birmingham newspaper also appealed for funds "to aid the thousands of men, women and children who are in want." Pratt City, local, United Mine Workers of America, made formal demand upon Governor Kilby either for re-employment in the mines or for financial relief. The statement to the governor says that "3,400 souls of our local alone are in dire circumstances," and adds, "we have applied for re-employment and have been flatly turned down." Continuing, the Pratt City local says, "we make this appeal to you because the settlement of the strike was placed in your hands."

Surry Commencement At Dobson Saturday

Dobson, April 25.—The schools of Surry county held their annual commencement in the courthouse here Saturday and despite the inclement weather thousands of people from all parts of the county were in attendance and the occasion was one of enthusiasm.

Several addresses were made. Dr. Sprull, from the sanitarium for tuberculosis, made the first speech of the day. Dr. Sprull recommended that each county build its own hospital for treatment of this disease, stating that there were accommodations for only 400 patients at the state sanitarium and that there were several thousand cases in the state.

Following Dr. Sprull's address the pupils of Dobson high school marched in, carrying banners representing each letter of the alphabet and inscribed with mottoes in regard to the laws of health and sanitation.

County Superintendent Allen introduced J. H. Carter, of Mount Airy, who discussed at some length the history of the development of the public schools of Surry county. Among other things, Mr. Carter gave the following facts in the county's educational development during the past 20 years. He showed that 20 years ago Surry county was next to the bottom in the matter of adult literacy; today she is 27th; that in 1901 there was 89 schools with a property value of \$9,709, and today 118 valued at \$202,401.

The afternoon session was devoted to delivering diplomas to those completing the public school work, and certificates to 178 children who had made perfect attendance in their respective schools. The plan of consolidation, as proposed in the forenoon by Mr. Carter, was brought before the committeemen and patrons present and after some discussion resolutions were adopted favoring this plan and the appointment of a committee of three—one Republican, one Democrat and a lady, who are to confer with the board of education and the county commissioners in putting the plan into effect.

War Is Forbidden By U. S.

Washington, D. C.—War between Panama and Costa Rica growing out of the present boundary dispute will not be tolerated by the United States, it is learned authoritatively. Both governments are understood to have been informed that the obduracy of Panama over the acceptance of the White award, insisted on by the American Government, must not be made the basis for the renewal of hostilities.

Mecklenburg Votes Two Million For Good Roads

Charlotte, April 20.—The electorate of Mecklenburg county, of which Charlotte is the capital, yesterday voted a bond issue of \$2,000,000 for the construction of a system of hard-surfaced roads. The majority for bonds, with only two small rural precincts unreported, is above 2,100.

'TIS TIME TO START THE ANTI-FLY CAMPAIGN

Spring Days Bring Them Out; Everybody Get A Swatter, Says Health Department

Measures to meet and overcome the menace of the housefly for the spring and summer, 1921, must be taken now if Mount Airy is not to have a pest of flies during this summer.

The fact that the common housefly is a carrier of disease is a matter of general knowledge, harmless as it seems, is known to be the harbinger of death. Germs of typhoid fever, cholera, diarrhoea, dysentery and tuberculosis are some of the poisons he carries.

He has six feet. Each foot has two pads upon which there are tiny hairs which secrete a sticky fluid. Millions of germs are collected in this sticky fluid on each of these tiny hairs and six million germs have been found at one time on a single fly.

The fly lives on filth. He walks around in dirt and slime and then he carries this loathsome matter to the sweet mouth of the little baby, or by "tracking" over your dish of oatmeal or your biscuit, or your chocolate layer cake, he passes it on to you. He sits on the rim of your glass for a moment. You drink from that glass and swallow the thousands of germs which his nasty legs have left there.

A wintered-over female fly starts out in April. By September she has approximately six million progeny. If the early fly is killed immediately there will be no progeny.

Every household should take up this question. Every individual should join the anti-fly army. Buy a fly swatter now and use it. Buy a fly trap. Keep all garbage covered. Keep all food screened. Don't pass up a single fly. If you find a manure pile or any uncovered garbage can report it to the city health authorities. Stagnant pools and piles of rubbish are fly incubators. Screen your homes and keep the screens closed.

The adult fly lays about 120 eggs. If all the eggs were hatched and all the flies lived, a single pair of flies in April would have a family of 5,588,720,000,000 by September.

The Minority In Congress

The Democratic party in the house of Congress, while very much in the minority, isn't going to lie down on the job, according to Congressman Claude Kitchin, who will be the Democratic leader in that body. The minority, says Mr. Kitchin, will stand by Democratic principles and policies and will have a say. All of which should be a matter for congratulation, among Democrats not only but the public generally. If the minority is wise and conservative it will render a distinct service to the country as well as make a party record that will be profitable, by helping to keep the brakes on the big Republican majority. It won't be able to defeat all the measures it will want to defeat, but if it lets the majority know at all times that it is there, if it presents a solid front and puts the opposition on record whenever possible, all the time reaching for the weak joints in the armor, it will not only make an enviable record for service but will force the majority to a more careful and conservative course.

This does not mean that Democrats should oppose everything the Republicans propose simply because it is offered by the opposition, regardless of merit. That is small politics that will get the party nowhere. Neither does it mean that the Democrats, because they can do nothing of themselves, should assent to legislation which they oppose in principle but which selfish interests among them may desire, on the ground that the Republicans must take the responsibility. That is a sacrifice of principle failure to show colors which will command respect. The conduct of the minority in the next Congress will be a large factor in determining the near future of the Democratic party.—Statesville Landmark.

Arrested For Praying For Ex-King Charles

Kosci, Czechoslovakia, April 20.—A Catholic priest named Fulopo, presiding over a parish in a nearby village, has been arrested, because it is alleged, he recited a prayer for former King Charles during high mass last Sunday. The priest is said to have told the people that he read the prayer through absent-mindedness, and as he was using an old breviary, which dated back to the monarchical days.

The state of Michigan offers a reward for planting nut trees beside highways.

NO PENALTY FOR DELAY IN PAYING STATE TAXES

State Auditor Declares Sheriffs Cannot Add Penalties On The Slow Payers

Raleigh, April 16.—Attorney General James S. Manning interpreting an act of the 1921 General Assembly rules that no penalty whatever can be collected on the delayed payment of the 1920 taxes.

The ruling of the attorney general is made at the request of Major Baxter Durham, state auditor, who has been called upon by the sheriffs to know whether the penalties for 1920 taxes, after May 1, 1921, should be assessed. Major Durham is now advising the sheriffs and tax collectors that no penalties may be added in the collection of last year's taxes.

Senator L. B. Varner, of Robinson, who introduced the bill, had in mind to delay the payment of penalties along with the taxes rather than the elimination of the penalties altogether. This was the intention of the author of the bill, but legislative changes wrought an altogether different meaning. The 1920 taxes, therefore, will be collected net, without a cent additional for payers who are slow.

"We think there is no penalty at all provided for this delayed payment of taxes of 1920," the attorney general holds, "for the following reasons: section 2 of chapter 62, public laws, extra session of 1920, provided a discount of one per cent upon all taxes paid in the months of October and November, while in the months of December and January the net amount charged was to be paid, and then commencing in February with one per cent interest added, for the succeeding months an additional one per cent per month to be added until the taxes were paid. This manifestly would require a levy of four per cent additional if the 1920 taxes were paid in May 1921."

After quoting the 1921 act the attorney general says: "The law as finally enacted differed very materially from the bill which was first introduced. In the progress of the bill thru the houses, a substitute was offered for it and that substitute was adopted and became the law above set out. The effect of this law, in our mind, is to do away entirely with penalties for not paying taxes promptly so far as the 1920 taxes are concerned."

WATERMELON GROWERS FACE GLOOMY OUTLOOK

Freight Rates Are Prohibitive, Georgia Planters Tell Commerce Commission

Washington, April 16.—If the gloomy forecasts of Georgia members of Congress come true, the Georgia watermelon, which for years has pleased the palates of folks in the eastern markets, will not be supplied to the watermelonless section this year. Unless there is a readjustment of the freight, the Georgians aver, there can be few shipments.

Senator Harris and members of the Georgia delegation in the house today made a solemn pilgrimage to the Interstate Commerce commission to plead for the famous Georgia product. They told Chairman Edgar Clark, of the commission, that the existing freight rates are exorbitant and prohibitive and Georgia melon growers cannot afford to pay the freight.

As a melon fan, Chairman Clark gave the Georgians a sympathetic hearing. He suggested they go forth with to the offices of the Southern railroad and attempt to bring about an investigation of the watermelon situation. Chairman Clark promised to assign a representative of the commission to go to Georgia with railroad officials to look over the trailing vines and the young fruit and report what may be done to get the Georgia melon to market.

Vice-President Green, of the Southern, fell in with the suggestion and promised to confer with officials of the Seaboard, Coast Line, Central of Georgia and other lines running thru the melon belt. The Georgians came away confident that some voluntary rate adjustment is going to be made with the approval of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Chairman Clark said the watermelon will have come and gone before the commission can undertake a formal investigation and hearing and actually order a rate reduction. Instead, he suggested, a conference among the melon growers, railroad officials and the commerce commission.