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COOLIDGE SUPPORTERS CLAIM NOMINATION SURE

End of Month Will Bring Him 625 Delegates, or 70 Majority

Washington, April 5.—Coolidge managers are coming forward with the claim that the President will be nominated, to all intents and purposes, during the current month. They can produce figures on short notice which appear to bear them out. Before the end of the month there will be found in the Coolidge camp 625 delegates to the Cleveland convention, or 70 more than enough to nominate him. Moreover, no future contests are foreseen that are likely to prove at all serious, unless it is those scheduled for Nebraska and California.

In these circumstances the Coolidge leaders will henceforth devote more attention to the job of selecting the right man as running mate for the President. Even more time and attention will be devoted to the platform. In the matter of the vice-presidency two plans are under consideration. The wisdom of nominating a California man has been under consideration for some time. This would be an indirect blow, of course, to Senator Johnson. The name of Senator Shortridge has been suggested and if the leadership of the party could be tolled off and ranged behind the candidacy of some such "favorite son" it would of course be tantamount to abandonment of that other favorite son of the state, Hiram Johnson. The Johnson people would be sure to regard this as a blow below the belt, and it would ferment bitterness in the party councils, but it would be effective. Californians could not go to Cleveland seriously proposing the nomination of both the head of the ticket and his running mate, from their state.

Another drive, regarded as rather clever and insidious, is being made against Johnson. Some of the California orators are being told what great and good speakers they are and how much more worth while it would be for some of them to do some key-noting, to make speeches seconding the nomination of a man destined to win, rather than to permit their eloquence to go to waste following a forlorn hope.

A name not infrequently heard in connection with the vice presidency is that of Lowden, of Illinois. He is from the right section geographically. By such a combination, Coolidge from New England and Lowden from the central west, there would be a happy blending of eastern and western interests, party leaders think. Lowden married into the Pullman family, is wealthy, but is very much of a dirt farmer in the sense that he spends more of his time on his farm than anywhere else, and is a regular attendant at farm gatherings. He and his wife would decorate the office while he is much liked by the old Harding following. This is important in view of the situation that has grown out of the Daugherty affair, and the ill-advised utterances of Senator Pepper, who in his speech in Maine spoke of the "mistakes of the dead, not of the living," and who referred to the Daugherty appointment as attorney general as a mistake.

War Boats to Lead in Attack On Rum Vessels

Washington, April 5.—The first unit of the coast guard's new prohibition navy probably will be ready to put to sea within a few weeks.

With an additional \$18,000,000 available under a recent congressional appropriation, coast guard officials have drawn up detailed plans for the acquisition of some 300 large and small vessels equipped to chase rum runners away from American shores and for an enlarged personnel to man them.

The nucleus of the force will be 20 destroyers which Congress authorized the coast guard to purchase from the navy. The present intention is to select 20 ships from the destroyer squadron now lying out of commission at Philadelphia.

The plan to provide a sufficient personnel contemplates an active recruiting campaign and graduation this fall of next year's class of officers at the coast guard academy at New London. In all, nearly 5,000 additional officers and men will be required to man the fleet.

HERO DIES IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE SICK

Three Patients Lose Their Lives in Morganton Sanatorium Fire

Morganton, April 3.—Three patients lost their lives and one other was probably fatally injured in a fire which early today partially destroyed Broad Oaks sanatorium, entailing a property loss estimated at \$25,000.

The dead are John P. Green, Charlotte, contractor, who died about 7 o'clock tonight, Mrs. Isabel Hereford of Union W. Va., who was found after the fire smothered to death in her bed, and Mrs. Julia Hamilton, of Jacksonville, Fla., whose room was cut off by the flames, rendering rescue impossible and whose charred bones were found following the fire. Mrs. Cornelia Gaines a patient from Georgia, was terribly burned. It was said tonight at Grace hospital, where she was taken that no hope is entertained for her recovery. Thirty of the 42 patients were women.

Mr. Green died the death of a hero with a record rarely equalled in fact or fiction, according to attaches of the sanatorium, who credited him tonight with having lost his own life solely in his efforts to save others. After he himself had escaped the burning building he returned repeatedly as the flames raged and brought to safety at least three women patients, one of whom might have perished except for his efforts. He finally was found helpless in the corridor and rescued again but too late. His injuries were fatal. His action, in view of the fact that he was weak and had been in very poor health for several years, was regarded as exemplifying all the elements of the true hero.

Mr. Green was taken to Grace hospital, where at first it was reported that he might recover, but he lingered all day and then passed away as night came.

Daniels Points With Shame To Our Capital

Washington, March 28.—At a reception given by the North Carolina society tonight to former Secretary and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mr. Daniels declared that states like individuals had different characters and characteristics. He defined sincerity as the hall-mark of North Carolina character.

"North Carolina bore an honored part in public administration under Woodrow Wilson," Mr. Daniels said. "They were the days when public men spoke plain English without resort to secret codes. When they said 'apricots' they did not mean 'Doheny.' 'Cherries' did not mean Sinclair. 'Peaches' was not a pet name for Fall. And the new word 'archie-ized' had not been coined. They had many things to say of that administration the critics did, but nobody ever dared to intimate that the stains of oil had touched its garments.

"There was no scandal, no corruption, no breath of suspicion. Wilson and men he called to his aid, North Carolinians held high stations, lived frugally and though it no derogation to be poor. Most of them returned to private life under the compulsion of hard work to earn their living. No such malaria as today poisons Washington's political life, then permeated this good city. There was no such debasement and indecency and moral obloquy as today shames the nation."

The great need today, Mr. Daniels said, was a return to the ancient virtue of common honesty and associates only with the virtuous. It was the lack of those old time practices that were responsible for germs that have "polluted the spring at its source."

"We need but two commandments," he said, "the first, 'thou shalt not steal' and the second 'thou shalt not condone official corruption.'"

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.
The firm of E. G. Baggett and G. M. Stangor, trading as Food-Cake Baking Company, has this day dissolved. G. M. Stangor will continue the business under the old firm name. He will assume all liabilities and credits all accounts due the firm.
E. G. Baggett
G. M. Stangor

CARTER-WALKER WORD CONTEST PROVES INTERESTING

Mrs. C. C. Creveling Coins 2,452 Words From "Hoosier Saves Steps" and Wins Dinner Set

The most interesting word contest ever held in this city has just been closed by the Carter-Walker Furniture Co., local dealers for Hoosier kitchen cabinets. This concern two weeks ago put on a Hoosier sale and one of the features offered was a nice dinner set of dishes to the party who could coin the largest number of words from the Hoosier trade-mark, "Hoosier Saves Steps." When Frank Carter, Jr., first told the boys in the News office of his proposition they immediately entered the contest and succeeded in picking out seven words. Now comes the close of the contest with the announcement that Mrs. C. C. Creveling captured the prize with 2,452 words from the letters in the above trade-mark. She was closely followed by several other ladies—at no time were any men folk anywhere in sight in the contest. A large number of lists were handed in and below is published the highest ones:

Mrs. C. C. Creveling, 2,452 words.
Miss Alice Haynes, 2,179 words.
Miss Annie Folger, 2,065 words.
Mrs. Robt. Jones, 2,029 words.

The judges were Mrs. C. C. Hale and Mrs. R. R. Jackson. Another result of the contest and we might say incidentally of the advertisement in The News was that this concern sold out its supply of Hoosier cabinets during the sale.

Recruiting For The Army

Sergeant Charles Langlois, of the 22nd Infantry Fort McPherson, Ga., is in the city for a few days on army recruiting duty.

The Sergeant is a real old timer in the army and a veteran of three wars, having enlisted during the Spanish-American War when but sixteen years of age.

He states there are at present vacancies in the army most anywhere in the United States, and he can accept eligible men for many choice army stations.

The Sergeant can be seen on the streets most anytime or at the Stewart hotel, and will be glad to talk it over with any one interested.

World News Briefly Told

LOOKS LIKE PEACHES, PLENTY

—To handle the peach crop of the sand hill section of this state the Southern railway is building 2 miles of "passing" side tracks between Salisbury and Norwood. It is estimated that this line will handle sixteen thousand car loads of peaches during the season. The cars will be led at East Spencer and handled at night in order to catch fast freights going to northern markets.

THE SEA DEMANDS ITS TOLL

—Wreckage from ships lost in recent storms is strewn along the Atlantic coast. Storms of recent weeks have piled up a greater toll of sailing craft than heretofore reported for the winter. Coast guard cutters will be kept busy several weeks removing the wreckage and clearing the lanes of navigation.

UNCLE SAM AN HEIR

—An eccentric old fellow out in Los Angeles, who became estranged from his relatives, recently died leaving a will bequeathing more than \$40,000 to the United States government. But Uncle Sam will have to wait for some congressional legislation as the present law forbids the government from accepting any bequest from any person.

EARTH SHIMMING AGAIN

—Scientists have been attracted to a small village in Spain where the earth is slowly moving over a great area, carrying everything in its path and in some instances swallowing up houses and orchards. The movement is gradual and so slow it is hardly visible to the eye. In one place a cottage has slid with the earth without damage for a distance of about 600 feet.

BUTTERFLIES BRING SPRING

—Huge swarms of butterflies, feeling the call of spring, have been migrating from Mexico to Southern California. The movement lasted about two weeks. They traveled in dense clouds and the radiators of many automobiles were plastered with them. In 1901 there was a similar migration north.

THIS MAKES APPLES HIGH

—At an auction sale in New York city \$20,000 was the highest bid for the privilege of selling apples at the small stands on the lower part of the battery landing. In 1923 the same stand yielded \$120,000.

Democratic Convention

The Democrats of Surry County will meet in convention at Dobson next Saturday, April 12, at one o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to elect delegates to the State Convention at Raleigh which meets April 17th; and to elect an Executive Committee and County Chairman. Let all who are interested in the success of the party come out. The future for our party was never brighter, and we need your assistance in the work that is ahead of us.

A. D. Folger, Chairman

Rank of Knight Conferred

Mount Airy Lodge No. 242, Knights of Pythias was host to a large delegation of visiting Pythians from Damon Lodge of Winston-Salem, together with a delegation from Germantown on Monday night April 7th, at which time the degree team of Damon lodge conferred the rank of Knight on a large class of candidates in the Mount Airy lodge.

The Pythian Castle hall in the Banner building was crowded to capacity on this occasion, there being about one-hundred and fifty present at the meeting.

The visiting brethren impressed the local members with their splendid work and spirit of cooperation. The Pythian lodge in Mount Airy is growing by leaps and bounds and bids fair to become a potent factor in the betterment of our town and community with the splendid membership which it is building up. The entire degree team of Damon lodge was the guest of Mount Airy lodge at supper at the Blue Ridge hotel prior to the initiation ceremonies.

When They Contain No Calomel

Mrs. J. M. Young, of New Hope, Ala., says "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best thing she has ever used for biliousness and constipation. As they contain no calomel she never feels weak or sick after taking them. Small cost, only 25c."

MILLIONAIRESS RULES GOVERNOR'S MANSION

KU KLUX PARADE ENDS IN SHOOTING

Citizens Watered Them and Firing Started—Four Killed, Many Wounded

Lilly, Pa., April 5.—Four men were killed and 13 injured when shots were fired into a crowd of townspeople just before 500 members of the Ku Klux Klan boarded a special train for Johnstown after holding ceremonies in a field near the town and a demonstration in the streets.

A special train bearing the robbed men arrived at the railroad station here early in the evening. The klansmen detained and held a ceremony at a field near the town. They were at the station ready to entrain again when the shooting occurred. Some residents of the town are said to have played a stream of water from the town fire hose upon the visitors as they were marching back to the station.

The train bearing the klansmen arrived in Lilly from Johnstown about 9 o'clock this evening and upon detrainment the klansmen marched to a field where rites of the order were gone through. Then they marched through the streets making a demonstration. At the field crosses were burned.

25 Are Arrested and 50 Guns Are Captured

Johnstown, Pa., April 5.—When the special train bearing members of the Ku Klux Klan from Lilly, Pa., where four men were killed and 13 injured in a shooting just before the klansmen entrained after holding a demonstration in that town, arrived in Johnstown shortly before midnight it was met by more than 50 police officers, headed by Sheriff Logan N. Keller. Twenty-five klansmen were arrested and about 50 guns were confiscated.

Three Burned to Death in Forest Fire

Pulaski, Va., April 4.—Two men and a boy are dead here today from burns received in fighting a forest fire which raged yesterday near Pulaski on the watershed which supplies the town reservoir.

The dead are: J. P. Sheppard, 56, and W. H. Stoots, 46, town employes, and Mack Wyrick, 13.

Sheppard and Stoots were sent out by Pulaski officials to combat the fire and were trapped when changing winds caused the flames to encircle them. They died last night in a local hospital.

The Wyrick boy accompanied them when they left town for the watershed. His body was found in a ravine by men sent as reinforcements against the fire. All his clothing had been burned from his body except a sweater.

Two widows and 19 children survive the dead men.

Queen Smokes Pipe And Becomes Sick

The story is told that Sir Walter Raleigh once persuaded Queen Elizabeth to try a pipe of tobacco. After two or three puffs she became greatly nauseated, at which a number of maids of honor laughed, while others declared that Raleigh had poisoned the Queen.

She soon recovered, however, and in disgust with her ladies of the court, forced them all to undergo her experience.

Another story is told that Raleigh wagered with the Queen that he could weigh the smoke which was expended from a pipeful of tobacco. The Queen accepted the wager, whereupon Raleigh weighed the tobacco, smoked it, weighed the ashes and declared that the smoke represented the difference.

By the time of King James I, the smoking of tobacco became prevalent throughout England. The king could not indulge himself without being made sick, and consequently became a strenuous opponent of the use of the weed and wrote a very violent and not very dignified book, "The Counter Blast," in which His Majesty declared that smoking was a vile offense against humanity and a crime against God.

Governor Morrison Surprises State By Wedding Durham Widow

Durham, April 2.—Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, and Mrs. Sara Ecker Watts, widow of George W. Watts, Durham millionaire financier were married here this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Watts mansion on South Duke street. Rev. Dr. David H. Scanlon, pastor of the Durham First Presbyterian church, officiated at the ceremony, which was witnessed by the governor's sister, Miss Angella Morrison and a few mutual friends.

Immediately after the ceremony Governor and Mrs. Morrison motored to Greensboro, where they were to board a New York train for their honeymoon trip.

The bride one of the wealthiest women in North Carolina, is a native of Syracuse, N. Y., and was married to the late Mr. Watts in that city on October 25, 1917. Some years ago she was a trained nurse, but had given up that profession prior to her marriage to Mr. Watts.

Governor Morrison had been a widower since 1920 his first wife having died during his gubernatorial campaign. His daughter, Angella and his sister, Miss Ida Morrison, have made the governor's mansion in Raleigh their home since the inauguration in January 1921 although the governor spent the summer months in the western part of the state.

Although the governor and Mrs. Watts had known each other for several years, it was only in the past fortnight that their romance was learned of by even their closest friends. During the past two months however, the governor had been a frequent visitor in Durham and his party, comprising state officials and his daughter and sister motored to Durham from Raleigh and went to the Durham county courthouse. The license was issued at 3:10 o'clock by Deputy Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts, of the governor's personal staff. The governor gave his age as 52 and the age of Mrs. Watts as 51.

After securing the license, the entire party went to the Duke street mansion of Mrs. Watts, where they were met by Rev. Dr. Scanlon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of which Mrs. Watts is a member. The marriage was performed in the presence of Miss Angella Morrison, Miss Ida Morrison, W. N. Everett, secretary of state, R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue; General Metts, Heriot Clarkson, associate justice of the supreme court; Mrs. Gilbert White and Mrs. J. E. Driscoll, of Durham.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom left in the governor's car for Greensboro, where they were to board a New York train for a honeymoon trip. They would not say how long they would be gone, nor what place they would visit.

Since the death of Mr. Watts on March 6, 1921, Mrs. Watts had carried out her husband's philanthropic work. During his later life, Mr. Watts had been a generous contributor to church and missions, and supported nearly a score of foreign missionaries. Mrs. Watts had continued this work and since his death visited mission fields.

An estate of \$13,000,000 was left by the Durham financier, who was 70 years of age when he died. The fortune was accumulated through investments in tobacco manufacturing banking and real estate.

Only one daughter, Mrs. John Sprunt Hill of Durham, survived Mr. Watts, besides his widow.

Wards of State Can't Be Taken By Habeas Corpus

Raleigh, April 3.—Children properly adjudged wards of the state by a juvenile court cannot be taken from the persons or institutions to whom they have been committed by a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by Mrs. Dolly Butler Fuller to gain control and possession of her two children, John and Helen Coates, aged 11 and 8.

The children had previously been committed to the Children's State Center of Raleigh. The case came up on an appeal from an order of Judge Henry A. Grady, entered in a habeas corpus proceeding instituted by Mrs. Dolly Butler Fuller to gain control and possession of her two children, John and Helen Coates, aged 11 and 8. The children had previously been committed to the Children's State Center of Raleigh.