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DOWD GETS THE CAUCUS NOMINATION

The Democratic Caucus Nominates the Mecklenburg Man Without Opposition

THE OTHER POSITIONS

House Caucus Selects Hon. W. C. Dowd of Mecklenburg as Speaker, Mr. T. G. Cobb of Burke Chief Clerk, Both Without Opposition—Several Aspirants for Other Positions—Mr. Stubbs of Martin Presided Over the Caucus—Dowd Makes Speech of Acceptance, Asking and Promising Co-operation to Make This the Best House in the History of the State.

The following have been elected officers of the house of representatives for the year 1911:

Speaker—William Carey Dowd, of Mecklenburg.

Principal Clerk—T. G. Cobb, of Burke.

Reading Clerk—G. Scott Poole, of Robeson.

Engrossing Clerk—M. D. Kinsland, of Haywood.

Sergeant-At-Arms—G. L. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir.

Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms—D. H. James, of Halifax.

Other positions are filled by appointment.

The House Caucus.

The caucus of the democratic members of the house of representatives last night was one of the tamest held in many a year. The all-important position of speaker was filled by the unanimous selection of William Carey Dowd, of the county of Mecklenburg. The filling of this important position usually takes up several hours' time of the caucus, but this year the contest was decided within a few minutes, in fact, everything had been settled before the caucus assembled and there was nothing left but official action.

The nominations for the other offices were not unanimous, except principal clerk, and though for one position there were eight candidates, only one ballot was required to determine the caucus' choice.

The caucus was called to order by Representative Harry Stubbs, of Martin county, who announced that the democratic caucus was ready for business.

Representative McGill, of Cumberland, made a motion that Hon. R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany be made chairman of the caucus, but Mr. Doughton arose and stated that this was not the usual form of business and moved that Mr. Stubbs be made the presiding officer of the caucus, which motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Turlington, of Iredell, made a motion that all democrats be allowed to remain in the hall during the meeting, which was adopted.

Mr. T. C. Cox, of Anson county, was unanimously chosen secretary, and a roll call showed 96 members present, which was more than a quorum.

A motion was made to limit the nominating speeches to five minutes and the seconding speeches to three minutes, but this was amended to allow ten minutes for the speech nominating the speaker of the house.

Mr. Dowd Nominated.

Hon. E. M. Koonce, of Onslow county, and one of the most talked-of competitors of Mr. Dowd for the speakership, arose and said:

"This is the first time I have ever been confronted with the knowledge that the speech I had prepared will not do at all. I am sadly disappointed. It is unnecessary to take ten minutes to nominate a presiding officer. This is the first time I have ever had the opportunity to put into practice the Golden Rule, 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.' This is like the case of the nine little Indians swinging on a gate, (except there were only six) and one fell off which left but eight, and so on down until there was only one left. Let us join together and name the Big Indian of the general assembly of 1911. There has been no more faithful servant of the people of North Carolina than the Honorable W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg. Without regret, to the public, I nominate William Carey Dowd for the position of speaker of the house of representatives."

Representative Z. V. Turlington, of Iredell county, another prominently mentioned person for speakership, in a few words, seconded Mr. Dowd's nomination. He said:

"I want to second the nomination of a man who has always been my friend and to whom I have always been a friend; a man who has done much for the people of North Carolina as a member of the general assembly. As a member of the fusion legislature, he rendered signal service to his state and his party. I must heartily second the nomination of W. C. Dowd for speaker of the next house of representatives."

Representative R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, made a motion to suspend the rules and nominate Mr. Dowd by acclamation. This motion was seconded by Representative J. L. Neill, of Moore county. The nomination of Mr. Dowd was made unanimous and was greeted with applause by the members and visitors.

Chairman Stubbs appointed E. M. Koonce, of Onslow; R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, and Z. V. Turlington, of Iredell, to escort Mr. Dowd to the hall.

When Mr. Dowd appeared he was greeted with applause. Chairman Stubbs introduced him as the speaker of the house of representatives, and Mr. Dowd responded in substance as follows:

"If I know my heart tonight, to be given the office of speaker of this body, I care nothing for that except as it represents the expression of your confidence and esteem. I cannot find words to express my appreciation of this honor. I have no pleasure in standing here to say I have triumphed over my opponents, men as capable or more so, to fill the position. The feeling of regret I have is that these other men had to meet defeat that I might have success. This contest is over. The friends of my opponents are my friends. We are all democrats and are here to serve the best interests of the State of North Carolina. I beseech all of you to give me your hearty co-operation; to overlook my mistakes and help make this the best session of the legislature ever held in North Carolina. I am not insensible to the high honor you have conferred upon me. By harmonious action of yours and mine we should do something that will cause all the people to say, 'well done.' I would rather not have the office than to have anyone feel that I have not been fair to all. I want the love and esteem of all you men who will be here with me for the next sixty days."

Principal Clerk.

Representative Spainhour, of Burke, in a brief speech placed the name of Mr. T. G. Cobb, of Burke, before the caucus for the position of principal clerk. This was seconded by Representative Wooten, of Lenoir.

On motion of Privatt, of Chowan, the rules were suspended and Mr. Cobb was chosen by acclamation.

Reading Clerk.

Mr. F. B. Arendell, of Wake, was nominated for reading clerk by Representative Judd, of Wake.

Representative A. D. McGill, of Cumberland, nominated Mr. G. Scott Poole, of Robeson. The ballot resulted in the selection of Mr. Poole by a vote of 68 to 30.

Engrossing Clerk.

Mr. G. E. Gardner, of Yancey county, was nominated for the position of

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PORTUGESE REPUBLIC TOTTERING TO FALL

(By Cable to The Times.)

Madrid, Jan. 4—The Portuguese republic—the youngest on earth—is believed to be tottering to its fall. Official statements given out in Lisbon today and telegraphed to the various capitals of Europe show that the government heads are trying to appease the people.

One move by the government is the abolition of Octroi taxes upon certain foodstuffs, directly affecting the poorer classes. Taxes upon olive oil and meat have been rescinded, taking $525,000 annual revenue away from the government but cheapening prices of those staples. At the same time it is reported that the republican office-holders are compiling a bill to increase taxes on the property of royalists.

That a royalist uprising is imminent and is feared by the government is shown by the large number of troops which are being moved into affected quarters, although the people are being kept in ignorance of the true conditions.

PHARR IN THE SENATE

H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg Speaker Protem

Senate Caucus Held Last Night and Senate Positions Filled—Forty of the Forty-three Members Present—Otis Self of Jackson Principal Clerk.

Senator H. M. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, was chosen as the party nominee for president pro tem of the senate at the caucus of the democratic senators held last night in the senate chamber. The caucus was attended by forty of the forty-three members of that body and the best of good feeling and harmony prevailed.

Upon motion of Senator Long, of Iredell, the caucus was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. C. Newland, and Senator Bassett, of Edgecombe, was selected by acclamation as chairman of the caucus and is to preside at all senate caucuses during the session.

Senator H. M. London, of Chatham, was elected unanimously as the caucus secretary, his name having been presented by Senator Thorne, of Nash.

Upon motion of Senator Martin, of Washington, the caucus proceeded to the nomination of candidates for president pro tem, principal clerk, reading clerk, engrossing clerk, sergeant-at-arms and assistant sergeant at arms. For a president pro tem the name of Senator J. I. Barham, of Wayne, was presented by Senator Barnes, of Hertford, seconded by Senator Green, of Craven. Senator Graham, of Orange, nominated for this position Senator H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, Senator Hartsell, of Cabarrus seconding. Senator Long, of Iredel, placed in nomination the name of Senator T. T. Thorne, of Nash. Senators Greene, of Craven, and Gardner, of Cleveland, were appointed as tellers and the first ballot resulted: Barham, 18; Thorne, 14; Pharr, 12. Second ballot: Barham, 13; Thorne, 10; Pharr, 15. Third ballot: Barham, 12; Thorne, 9; Pharr, 17. Fourth ballot: Barham, 13; Thorne, 4; Pharr, 20. Senator Pharr was declared as the democratic candidate for president pro tem.

During the balloting it was unanimously decided to allow all good democrats not participating in the caucus to remain in the hall. This action was taken on motion of Senator Boyden, of Rowan, seconded by Senator Fisher, of Polk.

Senator Martin, of Buncombe, placed in nomination the name of Otis Self, of Jackson, as candidate for principal clerk, seconded by Senator Martin, of Wasaington. Senator Sykes, of Wake, placed before the caucus the name of W. E. Brock, of Anson, seconded by Senator Lemmond, of Union. Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, seconded the nomination of Mr. Self and on the first ballot he won, receiving 21 votes of the 40 cast.

Senator Gardner, of Cleveland, nominated Mark Squires, of Caldwell, for reading clerk and there being no opposition he was declared the nominee by acclamation.

Senator Cotten, of Pitt, nominated W. E. Hooks for engrossing clerk, seconded by Senator Graham, of Orange, and he was declared the unanimous choice of the caucus for this office.

For sergeant-at-arms John A. Lisk, of Montgomery, was nominated by

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MAIN BUILDING AT TRINITY BURNED

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, N. C., Jan. 4—Fire early this morning totally destroyed the main building of Trinity College, the Washington Duke building. The origin is unknown. The loss is near $100,000, insurance $40,000. It contained dormitory, class rooms and administrative offices. The building was to have been abandoned and torn down, but the new building is not yet ready. School is closed down for one week. Forty students were in the building and many trunks were burned, but all the students escaped unhurt.

It was the oldest building on the campus and was the first gift of Washington Duke to the college. Many records of the college were lost in the fire.

LOST IN BURNING HOUSE

Wife Gives Her Own Life to Save Children

This Morning Between Midnight and Day the Home of Claude Sanders Was Burned—His Wife Returned to Save Her Children But All Were Lost—Thought to Be Incendiary.

This morning between midnight and day, the wife of Claude Sanders gave her life in a burning building to save her two sleeping children.

Claude Sanders, who is a tenant on the plantation of Mrs. Shell, about eight miles from Raleigh, was in the city this morning and told of the burning of his home and the loss of his wife and two children in the fire. He said that he was sleeping in the shed of the small frame house when he was awakened by smoke. Jumping from his bed he took his wife in his arms and carried her out of the building to safety. When he got out, the roof was beginning to fall, but his wife, thinking of her children in bed, rushed back to save them, but never returned. The building was burning too rapidly for him to attempt to get inside after his family. After the fire had died out sufficiently to search the ruins, the springs of one bed was found, with the charred bones of his wife laying across it, the mattress and wooden part had all burned away, leaving the springs to fall to the ground.

Near the bed was found the bones of the two children. It is supposed from their positions that the mother after rushing in after her children and finding it impossible to get out with them, fell down across the bed, and there gave her life in the effort to save her little ones.

The origin of the fire is yet unknown, but suspicions are exceedingly strong. Investigations will begin at once to find the guilty party or parties, if it was incendiary.

Washington, Jan. 4—The population of the following North Carolina cities for the 1910 enumeration was today announced:	
RALEIGH	19,218
Asheville	18,762
Durham	18,241
Winston	17,167
Greensboro	15,895
New Bern	9,961
High Point	9,525
Concord	8,715
Elizabeth City	8,112
Rocky Mount	8,081
Salisbury	7,194
Fayetteville	7,045
Kinston	6,995
Wilson	6,717
Washington	6,211
Goldsboro	6,107
Gastonia	5,759
Salem	5,533

ELEVATED CAR ON FIRE.

Ran for Two Blocks, Terrorizing Apartment House Dwellers.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Jan. 4—With the front car ablaze and spitting sparks like a pin wheel, a train on the Ninth Avenue elevated road today ran for two blocks over the highest stretch of track on the line, 125 feet above the earth. One thousand occupants of apartment houses lining the street were thrown into a state of terror while a panic reigned upon the train.

The fire was started from a short circuit at One Hundred and Eighth street. The flames blazed up briskly with a startling pyrotechnical display and the train ran to One Hundred and Tenth street before it could be stopped. The car was practically destroyed. The thirty passengers in the car fled in alarm to the rear of the train while pedestrains on the streets far below gazed in horror at the flying meteor of flame. Residents in the houses along the tracks feared that the houses would catch fire from the lightning-like spurts of flame and many prepared to flee. After a hard fight the other three cars on the train were saved.

Cowboys After Autoists.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4—Cowboys on horseback, armed with lassoes, are to look after speeding autoists in San Mateo county. The supervisors believe that a rope around the neck of a sixty mile scorcher, with a stout pony at the other end of the lariat will discourage swift driving.

Two cowboys, reared in the vicinity of Menlo, are to be hired, each to receive $7.50 a day for their services.

C. B. PLYLER CONFESSES

Sentenced to be Electrocuted, Others Are Implicated

Supreme Court Affirmed the Lower Court and Governor Kitchin Set January 20th as the Date of Execution—Effort to Get Commutation.

Charles B. Plyler, who was convicted at the August criminal term of superior court of the murder of Carter Parks last June and sentenced to the electric chair, has appealed to Governor Kitchin for another hearing. The supreme court affirmed the lower court and Governor Kitchin set January 20 as the date of the electrocution.

His attorneys are now endeavoring to secure from the governor a commutation to life imprisonment.

Plyler has now implicated Van Richardson and Will Funderburk, negroes, and they have been arrested.

They will be tried later on, and Plyler is to be used as a state's witness.

Rev. James Little, who has been the spiritual adviser of Plyler, and who has paid many visits to him in jail, gives out the following statement, as made to him by Plyler:

"Plyler agreed to give the negroes, Mayhew, Funderburk, and Richardson, a gallon of whiskey and a gallon of brandy each to put Parks out of the way, and the whiskey was placed in a spot previously fixed upon, where the negroes got it. The deceased was a drinking man and they plied him with liquor on the day of the killing until he was very drunk. The negroes induced him to go into the woods near his home, and while he and Richardson were sitting on a log talking Funderburk got behind a tree some distance back of the two men and shot Parks in the back of his head, killing him instantly. Mayhew, at the time, acted as go between, and was at the time at the other end of the tree where Funderburk stood, to see that the act was consummated."

Van Richardson was the principal witness for the state when Plyler and Mayhew were tried. Will Funderburk, though it was always generally believed in the neighborhood of the murder that he had something to do with it, was not arrested on this charge until the present time. When arrested he was serving a sentence on the chaingang for an assault on a white man who was one of the state's witnesses at the trial. It is reported that Mayhew violently resisted arrest when the officers took him in Richmond county last week.

The murder of Carter Parks, Plyler's brother-in-law, in Buford township, last June, aroused great excitement and discussion in the county on account of its peculiar atrociousness. According to his own statement at the time, he had left his home one afternoon without saying where he was going, and his body was found in the woods not far from his home a couple of days afterwards with the head almost shot to pieces, and decomposition had set in. The body was lying by a log, and a branch had been arranged on a pine tree back of the log as though to conceal someone who had taken his position back of the tree to do the shooting. From all the natural evidence it appeared that the murder must have been committed by several persons, and that it had been carefully pre-arranged. On account of the testimony of Van Richardson and some others at the preliminary hearing Plyler and two negroes, George Mayhew and McManus, were tried for the murder last August, and the two former were found guilty and McManus acquitted.

On motion of his lawyers Mayhew was granted a new trial, but Plyler's motion was denied and he appealed to the supreme court, with the result already stated. No further information can be learned just at this time and the outcome of the case is at this writing purely guess-work.

JAMES J. GALLAGHER PLACED ON TRIAL

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 4—James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor last August was placed on trial in court of Oyer and Terminer today for an atrocious assault with intent to kill on Street Cleaning Commissioner William Edwards, of New York City. Justices Swayne, Blair and Carey presided.

A record was broken at the outset of the trial, the jury box being filled within fifteen minutes after the case was called.

William Arbuckle, was selected as foreman. The other jurors are Frank Dobson, Edward Dinse, H. J. Darling, Jacob Dihl, D. K. Moffett, Frank Appel, E. J. Cooper, A. W. Overton, L. D. Cassell, W. J. Eypper and J. Reese.

The assault on Commissioner Edwards was committed at the time Mayor Gaynor was shot, the commissioner having captured the would-be assasin.

Rev. Milton A. Barber, of Christ church, has returned home from Hyde county.

WAKE FOREST ALUMNI.

Of Carteret County Organize Alumni Association—President Poteat Speaks.

(Special to The Times.)

Morehead City, N. C., Jan. 4—On the evening of December 28 the alumni of Carteret county of Wake Forest College were called together at Morehead City, where there was perfected a permanent organization and a banquet given at the Hotel Charles. Each alumnus was permitted to bring a lady. Many brought their best girl, some their wives, while others brought their sisters. The cream of Morehead and Beaufort society was present. There were in attendance eleven alumni, while the remaining five sent messages regretting their inability to be present. President William Louis Poteat was the guest of honor. Mr. T. B. Harris acted as toastmaster.

The programme was as follows:

The Spirit of Wake Forest—T. B. Davis.

Athletics at Wake Forest—M. L. Davis.

Quartette: "Dear Old Wake Forest"—Swann, Davis, M. L., Davis, C. W., Willis, W. M.

Wake Forest in Public Life—C. T. Bell.

The Law School—C. R. Whitley.

Message From Wake Forest—President Poteat.

Song: "O Happy to Wake Forest."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, C. T. Bell; Vice President, J. [illegible] Norris, Atlantic; Secretary, [illegible] Wheatley, Beaufort; [illegible]

The association adjourned at 12:30 to meet next year at Beaufort, N. C.

TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE.

Truce Patched and Members Get to Work.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4—After being at loggerheads and threatening to go to their homes before they could be sworn in, thus leaving Tennessee without a legislature, members of the fusionists and regular democrats among the legislators got together today and patched up a truce. The regulars who threatened to decamp before the legislature could be organized, changed their attitude after the fusionists had agreed to dismiss all their contests except the Asmus-Day case in the house and the York-Davis case in the senate.

Overnight developments made it look early in the day as though the fusionists might hold the balance of power in the state law-making body unless the regulars carried out private threats and adjourned the senate.

The regulars were not so confident that they could continue indefinitely to block legislative proceedings. Memphis wants its charter changed and the big Shelby delegation was said to be oscillating on the political fence, ready to drop into the fusionist camp if that step would accomplish its purpose.

THE GREENBURG CASE.

Trial in Progress This Afternoon, With Policemen and Firemen Testifying.

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, Jan. 4—The case against Arthur Greenburg, charged with burning his store Wednesday of last week is in progress this afternoon, policemen and firemen giving testimony as to fumes of oil and stubborn resistance of blaze.

The state is also showing Greenburg near the place 15 minutes before the fire. The case cannot be concluded before night.

Five Bandits Arrested.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Ogden, Utah, Jan. 4—Five men answering the description of the men who held up the Overland Limited on the Southern Pacific near Breese on Monday night were arrested here early today and the police are confident that among them they have the two bandits. Nevertheless every rooming house in the city known to house suspicious characters, is still being searched in wholesale raids.

SENATE AND HOUSE MEET AND ORGANIZE

General Assembly Completes Organization and Is Now Ready For Business

MEMBERS SWORN IN

House Called to Order at Noon by Chief Clerk Cobb—Rev. A. J. Moncrief Invokes the Divine Blessing—Counties Were Called and the Members Came Forward and Took the Oath—Oath Administered by Chief Justice Walter Clark—Some Members Fail to Bring Certificates But Are Allowed to Take the Oath—Organization of the Senate.

The house was called to order at 12 o'clock by Principal Clerk T. G. Cobb, of Burke county, who asked Rev. A. J. Moncrief, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church, to invoke the Divine blessing.

Mr. Cobb then announced the next order of business was the roll call of counties. As the various counties were called, the representatives came forward, presented their credentials and took the oath of office, which was administered by Hon. Walter Clark, chief justice of the supreme court. The members took the oath in groups of about a dozen, after which they subscribed their names to the constitution of the state.

It developed that Representatives Parham, Richardson, Carr, Ewart, Cornwell, Clements and others, had failed to bring their certificates of election.

On motion of Representative Wooten all members who had not brought their certificates and whose seats were uncontested were allowed to take the oath with the understanding that they file their credentials as soon as they were received.

With the sounding of Principal Clerk Cobb's gavel at noon today the house of representatives was formally called to order for the session of 1911. One hundred and eighteen members answered the roll call, those failing were Representative Stainback, of Halifax county, who died a short time ago, and Representative Bailey, of Davie, who is ill.

Of the 118 members who answered to their names, only 16 are republicans, the 102 others being democrats, Representative Scarborough, of Dare, was elected as an independent, but participated in the democratic caucus last night, and works in harmony with that party. With a full membership in the house the political complexion stands 103 democrats and 17 republicans. This is believed to be the smallest number of republican members in the history of the party in this state.

The roll call showed 118 members present, and a quorum was declared present.

It was announced that the next order of business would be the election of a speaker, and Representative George W. Connor was recognized.

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VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE IN ASIATIC RUSSIA

(By Cable to The Times.)

Tashkend, Asiatic Russia, Jan. 4—Hundreds of buildings were destroyed and many lives lost in a violent earthquake which practically destroyed Vyerny, capital of Semiryotchensk, between 4 and 4:30 a. m. today.

The loss of life is not known. The shocks were felt in various points in Russian Turkestan. Great fisures were opened in the ground at Tashkend and buildings were damaged.

The population is in terror.

Vyerny has a population of 23,000.

Watching Anarchists.

(By Cable to The Times.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4—Believing that the clash of police and anarchists in London will have an aftermath in the terrorist circles of all European countries, special orders were issued today by the government to watch closely all the anarchists and nihilist leaders throughout Russia.

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