

Williams Is Relected Leader of Republicans

Insurgents in County Convention Unable to Carry Out Plans in Face of Strong Williams Support. KESTLER HEARD ON POSTMASTERSHIP

Convention Did Not Give Voice as to Its Choice, However. — Blackwelder Ran Against Williams.

There unquestionably are two factions in the Republican party in Cabarrus county today, as testified by actions at a G. O. P. county convention held here Saturday, but there is not enough power among the insurgents to oust H. S. Williams, for years leader of his party in this county, and acknowledged by the convention as the leader for two more years.

The selection of the chairman and members of the executive committee, along with the postmastership matter furnished ground for the reports that the convention would be historical. The former two questions furnished no thrills at all, and the latter was nipped so quickly when presented that few in the crowd realized just what was happening.

Mr. Williams was opposed in the race for the chairmanship by Buford Blackwelder, one of the county's young Republicans. Mr. Williams received 73 votes on the first ballot; Mr. Blackwelder 33. That's about as close as Mr. Williams' opponents could get to him all afternoon.

When all business of the convention call had been concluded Mr. Williams called for "any further business." That was the signal to G. Ed. Kestler, aspirant for the postmastership, to state his case briefly and Mr. Kestler declared there was a "friendly contest" on for the postoffice job and he thought it fitting that the convention give voice as to its choice in the matter.

Nothing was said, at least the chairman said he heard nothing, for about a minute, and the chairman asked: "What is the next business?" "Move us adjourn," shouted E. J. Sharpe from Kannapolis. "You have heard the—", started Mr. Williams when Mr. Kestler interrupted to protest that he had a motion before the house.

"Your motion is not recognized because there was no second to it," Mr. Williams replied. "I second it," said a supporter of Mr. Kestler. "Too late," Mr. Williams replied, "another motion has been made."

Here Mr. Kestler rose hurriedly from his seat and demanded that he be heard, declaring he had a right to put the question up to the members of the Republican party, and particularly to the convention and executive committee, which after all, he added, has final say as to who will be appointed.

CASE AGAINST MRS. CANDLER DISMISSED

Police Chief Says He Made Raid at Request of Husband of Woman.

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, March 3.—The case against Mrs. Asa G. Candler, Sr., and G. W. Keeling was dismissed and W. J. Stoddard was bound over for another trial under a bond of \$300 here today when given a hearing in police court on charges of having been in a place where intoxicants were being consumed.

The original charges against Stoddard also was dismissed, but he was bound over under a new charge of violating the State prohibition law when he assumed responsibility for the partly filled bottle of liquor found by the police on a table when Mrs. Candler and the two men were arrested.

Police Chief Jas. L. Beavers, testified that he raided an apartment at No. 48 Juniper street on the afternoon of Feb. 9 upon complaint of Asa G. Candler, Sr., the aged millionaire husband of the young woman. There he found Mrs. Candler and the two men seated around a table on which sat a bottle partly filled with whiskey, he testified.

Chief Beavers said that Thomas Pitts, an employee of the Adair Realty Company, who he said was working for Mr. Candler, asked him to make the raid, saying he had been shadowing Mrs. Candler for some time. Beavers said he called Pitts in to identify Mrs. Candler, and that Pitts asked that Mrs. Candler be taken to the police station.

Pitts on the witness stand said he had been shadowing Mrs. Candler. After asserting that Asa G. Candler, Sr., had made the complaint and that "Mr. Forrest Adair told me to make the raid" the chief of police in answer to further questioning by defense attorneys, denied that he was under instructions from any one to make the raid, shouting "No one instructed me, and they never will in such a case."

KOHLOSS RESIGNS

Far From Home, Hint of "Charges" and "Investigation" Among Reasons. Washington, March 3.—The resignation of R. A. Kohloss, as general prohibition agent with headquarters at Denver, became effective today, it is understood. Mr. Kohloss at one time held the position of prohibition director in North Carolina.

Officials here have disclosed little inclination of late days to discuss this development for publication. When inquiry was first made about the rumored resignation of Mr. Kohloss one was reminded that the North Carolina man had found himself a long way from home, and it was suggested that he might be afflicted with homesickness. Later the possibility of "charges" of some kind was admitted, and there was talk of investigation under the direction of the intelligence division of the treasury department. Still later there were admissions that Mr. Kohloss would retire from the service under a "nominal resignation."

Commissioner Blair is known to have had this matter under advisement for some time, and it is a development that doubtless occasioned no little embarrassment for a battle has raged about this appointment from the beginning. Originally Mr. Kohloss was put into office at the instance of the late John M. Morehead, but many of the party leaders were never reconciled to the appointment. Some party men desired to make an issue of it at the last Republican State convention, and to make representations to Commissioner Blair on the subject.

Tar Heed to Get It. It is not thought that a North Carolina man will be given the position made vacant by the resignation of Kohloss.

BOND IS ALLOWED ALLEGED SLAYERS

Further Developments in the John Ford Murder Mystery. Gastonia, N. C., March 3.—Judge A. M. Stack today in Mecklenburg court, on habeas corpus proceedings, ordered the release of Ransom Killian and Joe Orr, charged with the murder of John Ford, under bond of \$10,000 each.

The decision followed a conference with Solicitor John G. Carpenter, Attorney A. G. Mangum, representing Gaston county; Attorneys R. G. Cherry, T. L. Kirkpatrick and T. G. Guthrie, representing Joe Orr; Kemp Nixon, representing Ransom Killian; Ernest R. Warren and Clyde B. Hoey, representing Arthur Crowder, and J. Frank Flowers, representing Effie Grice and Essie Beattie. The bonds were made and the defendants released. The two girls will probably be released upon their own recognizance.

DISCUSSION OF BONUS COMES UP IN HOUSE

Proposal Made That Bonus Be Given in Form of Paid up Insurance. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 3.—Proposals to make soldier bonus payments in the form of paid up insurance, led to several arguments today at the opening of public hearings by the house ways and means committee on adjusted compensation legislation.

Representative Andrews, republican, of Massachusetts, explained to the committee a measure he has introduced providing for insurance with an option on cash payments for those veterans not entitled to more than \$50.00.

Now we are counting the money tax reduction will save us, but we haven't the real money to count yet.

AMERICAN TROOPS AT HONDURAS TO AID NEITHER SIDE

Have Been Advised to Maintain Neutrality While the Fighting is Going On In That Country.

INSURGENTS WON VICTORY SUNDAY

Gen. Ferrera Led Troops in Battle—American Property Menaced in Two Seaport Cities.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 3.—Strictest neutrality between the rival revolutionary forces in Honduras has been enjoined upon American naval commanders in Honduras waters. They have been directed to confine themselves strictly to protection of American lives and interests, and not to permit their operations to assume the appearance of American intervention.

The forces of the de facto government were seriously defeated yesterday by the revolutionary column commanded by General Ferrera. The fight occurred at Tamara, fifteen miles west of the Honduran capital. Presumably an attack by Ferrera on the capital is imminent. The wife of the de facto president, Gutierrez, has left the city for the seaport of Amapala. General Ferrera is believed here to be supporting the candidacy of Bonilla, one of the three aspirants for the Presidency.

The cruiser Denver, flagship of Rear Admiral Dayton's special service squadron, is still at Ceiba, and the cruiser Milwaukee is expected to arrive soon at Amapala. Americans and their property have been menaced by disturbing in these parts.

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO DISCUSS MATTER

Will Not Reply to Vanderlip's Statement Concerning Daugherty's Resignation. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 3.—White House officials said today that President Coolidge did not care to dignify by comment the resignation of Frank A. Vanderlip but had not received the resignation of Attorney General Daugherty. The story has been repeatedly denied by all of those in position to speak authoritatively.

DAUGHERTY MAY SEND IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Miami, Fla., March 3.—Attorney General Daugherty will send a message to President Coolidge late this afternoon "which may be considered important," he said at the Nauticus Hotel here today. He refused to divulge the nature of the communication.

WOMEN KILLED WHEN CAR LEAVES HIGHWAY

Mrs. B. B. Todd Killed and W. W. Cranshorn Injured in Accident Near Asheville. (By the Associated Press.) Asheville, March 3.—The body of Mrs. B. B. Todd, 26 years old, of Brevard, who was killed in an automobile accident here yesterday, is being held at a local undertaking establishment pending the arrival of her husband from Miami, Fla. W. W. Cranshorn, 32 years old, a dentist of Pisgah Forest, N. C., who was in the car with Mrs. Todd when it plunged down an embankment and turned over, was only slightly injured.

Mrs. Todd was driving at the time, and it is believed she was smothered to death. The pair were on their way to Asheville from Hendersonville.

With Our Advertisers.

Cline & Moore have just received a fresh shipment of Melrose Flour. The Bostonian Shoes are right in quality, style and price. The S. S. Brown Shoe Store sells this famous brand. The spring stock of Manhattan shirts at Hoover's makes this stock complete. Kuppenheimer good clothes correctly interpret the best and newest fashion features. At W. A. Overcash's. The Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. has many styles in watches. See new ad. Everybody is invited to the big opening of the new Bell & Harris Furniture Store tomorrow evening from 7 to 10 o'clock.

You can now get a beautiful living room suite at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co. formerly \$125. Read about this bargain in a big half page ad. today. The Parks-Bell Co. is offering some big values in huck and Turkish towels. The prices range from 10 cents to \$1.25. See new ad. today on page two and also the window display.

Read "The Message of Spring" in Robinson's new ad. today. Among the Wednesday specials at the Piggly Wiggly are full cream cheese at 28 cents a pound, and egg noodles four packages for 25 cents. The builders' hardware man at Ritchie Hardware Co. is just back from the Russian factory and is ready to take care of you.

A public meeting under the auspices of the Concord Moose Lodge will be held at the court house tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. Everybody will be welcome. Your bank should be your confidential friend and business advisor. The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. invites your business on such a basis.

State Dry Laws Upheld. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 3.—State laws prohibiting the possession of intoxicating liquors acquired before national prohibition, were sustained today by the United States Supreme Court.

Progressive Program Pleasingly Presented

Members of Two Presbyterian Churches in City Hear Dr. W. J. Martin and Dr. C. R. Harding.

PRAYER SUBJECT OF FINE SERMON Delivered in First Presbyterian Church by Dr. Martin. —Prayer Great Force Says President of Davidson.

Dr. William J. Martin, President of Davidson College, and Dr. C. R. Harding, member of the faculty of the same college, spoke in two Concord churches yesterday in the interest of the Progressive Program of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Dr. Martin spoke at the First Presbyterian Church at the morning service and Dr. Harding at the same time was heard at the Second Presbyterian Church. At the vesper services they exchanged pulpits. At each service they were heard by large congregations.

"Prayer" was the subject of Dr. Martin's sermon at the First Presbyterian Church and at the same church Dr. Harding spoke on "Personal Evangelism." At the Second Church Dr. Martin also spoke on "Prayer," and Dr. Harding spoke on "Stewardship and Profession."

In his sermon at the First Church Dr. Martin declared he could detect a note of optimism in the fact that in such movements as the Progressive Program stress was no longer laid on material things. Not many years ago, he said, when such a program was launched by any church more emphasis was laid on finances than anything else, and the fact that he was to talk on "Prayer," while other speakers were speaking on kindred subjects, showed that more fundamental subjects than money were getting the major portion of attention in the Progressive Program.

Dr. Martin spoke his text from the 16th verse of the 5th chapter of James: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." In praying, Dr. Martin declared in beginning his sermon, a person should take the prayer of Christ as his model. Christ in praying did not just utter words, Dr. Martin pointed out. He sought quietness and gave serious thought to the prayer he uttered.

The speaker pointed out that there is a great difference between praying and saying a prayer, feeling that many are accustomed to bending the knee and uttering prayer but that too few are accustomed to really praying.

SHOT WHEN HE REFUSED TO TIP ELEVATOR MAN

Visitor at Apartment House Victim of Negro Lift Operator. New York, March 3.—What was described as a negro elevator operator's demand for a tip resulted in a shooting at fray in a fashionable West Side apartment house a few days ago.

Charles Brennan, who had been a guest in a ninth floor apartment, was shot and seriously wounded. Fred Chester, who had been visiting another apartment, was knocked unconscious by a pistol.

Frank Capel, the elevator operator, was arrested one of the apartments, whose occupants, two youths, also were held for harboring him, although they protested he had compelled the auto project him at the point of a gun. Brennan said an altercation arose when the negro demanded a tip for taking him to the ground floor in the elevator. Chester was unacquainted with Brennan but said he rushed to his aid on seeing Capel draw a gun.

A New Feature For Our Readers.

The Tribune introduces a new feature today, "The Village Rhythmer." The author writes on subjects intimately connected with the lives of every man and woman in our city. His style is unique, graceful and wholly human. His articles are entertaining and inspiring and his optimism is contagious. We are sure our readers will like him. This feature will be found each day on page four, or editorial page.

Prof. Flowers Improving.

Trinity College, Mar. 3.—It will be of interest to friends of the College everywhere to learn that Prof. R. L. Flowers, Treasurer of the College, is improving rapidly. The Philadelphia Polyclinic Hospital, where he went two weeks ago for a serious operation. The operation was entirely successful, and Prof. Flowers is growing steadily stronger.

Offer Bill For Philippine Independence.

Washington, March 3.—The House insular affairs committee today decided to report a bill providing for Philippine independence.

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FRANCE'S ATTITUDE TOWARD GERMANY IS WORRYING ENGLISH

Premier McDonald Sends Another Letter to Premier Poincare Setting Forth Views of English People.

AFRAID FRENCH SEEKING RUIN Of Germany, the British Premier Points Out, and That They Also Want to Dominate the Continent.

London, March 3. (By the Associated Press.)—Premier Ramsey McDonald's second letter to Premier Poincare of France, published today, sets forth some of the apprehensions regarding France's policies held by numerous Englishmen, and these fears the French premier in his reply endeavors to allay.

Premier McDonald's letter says that the people of England "regard with anxiety what appears to be the determination of France to ruin Germany, and dominate the continent without consideration of our reasonable interests and future consequences to a European settlement; that they feel apprehension of the large military and aerial establishments maintained by France."

NORTH CAROLINA NOTES

ARE SOLD AT A PREMIUM Money Will Be Loaned to Counties For Construction of New School Buildings. Raleigh, Mar. 2.—The state disposed of its \$3,700,000 short term school fund notes in New York at 4.50. Governor Morrison has announced. The First National Bank of New York took them. When the state offered them for sale several days ago the best bid was about 4.75, and it was rejected.

Both Governor Morrison and Treasurer Ben Lacy were elated over the success of today's sale. The rate for money was reported at 4.75 at the time of the sale of the state notes, they said, and the fact that the North Carolina notes went for less was considered gratifying. The money will be loaned to the counties to aid in the construction of new school buildings. It was obtained through notes in redemption of the sale of \$5,000,000 in bond, authorized by the 1923 legislature for the school building fund.

THE COTTON MARKET

Good Deal of Covering at Opening—First Prices Firm at Advance. By the Associated Press. New York, March 3.—There was a good deal of covering at the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were firm at an advance of 10 to 18 points, although Liverpool made a full response to Saturday's decline, and there was also some trade buying in the local market. May advanced to 28.42, but there was continued Southern selling, and the market was unsettled during the early trading. May reacted to 28.08 and after selling at 27.70 on the call, July broke to 27.38, making net declines of about 12 points. Houses with New Orleans and other Southern connections were sellers here.

Cotton futures opened firm, March 28.10; May 28.45; July 27.66; Oct. 25.30; Dec. 25.00.

No Bankruptcy For M. L. Jackson.

Greensboro, Mar. 1.—A petition asking that M. L. Jackson, of Salisbury, be declared a bankrupt, has been dismissed by Judge E. Yates Webb, of Western North Carolina Federal District court, upon request of the petitioners, A. B. Carter, of Gaston county; the Bank of Rockwell, Rowan county, and the People's Bank of East Spenser.

ONE MAN KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

John C. Bethea Killed and B. M. Hamer Seriously Hurt in Accident. (By the Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., March 3.—John C. Bethea, Jr., 24 years old, a bank teller, of Dillon, S. C., was fatally injured, and B. M. Hamer, a planter of Hamner, S. C., was seriously injured when an automobile driven by Hamer went over an embankment near here today. Bethea died while being brought to a hospital. Hamer is in a local hospital and is not believed to be fatally injured. Three Davidson College students, also in the car, were slightly hurt.

RECEIVERS NAMED FOR V. C. CHEMICAL CO.

Arthur C. Venderbilt and C. G. Wilson Named in Creditors' Suit. (By the Associated Press.) New York, March 3.—C. G. Wilson, president of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, and Arthur C. Venderbilt today were named receivers of the company in a creditors' suit filed in the United States District Court of New Jersey.

The action was taken. President Wilson said, when it became apparent that it was the only means of protecting the company's assets and property and the best interests of the security holder. The company has requested its bankers to formulate a plan of readjustment. There would be no interruption in the normal conduct of the company's business, Mr. Wilson said. Receivers, under the direction of the court, he said, were prepared to carry out all sales contracts. He said he hoped that the readjustment plan could be promptly presented and agreed upon. The receivership was foreshadowed by a collapse in the price of the company's stock and bond issues on the New York Stock Exchange last week. Ten years ago the value placed on "Babe" Ruth as a ball player was \$2,200. This was the sum paid by the Boston Red Sox when that club obtained the famous swatter from Augusta, in 1914.

GOVERNMENT CODE EXPERTS TO TALK

They Will Be Called Tomorrow When Oil Committee Will Again Conduct Its Hearing in Public.

BURNS ALSO TO TALK TOMORROW Will Be Asked to Explain How Employes of McLean Got Possession of Code of the Government.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, March 3.—Cipher experts of the war department who have been translating code messages found among the McLean telegrams, will be called first tomorrow when the Senate oil committee resumes its public hearings.

Senator Walsh, democracy, of Montana, chief prosecutor in the inquiry, said today that translations of the telegrams by the government experts did not differ materially from the paraphrases furnished the committee last week and arrived at by the use of an old code of the Department of Justice.

William J. Burns, chief of the department's bureau of investigation, will be questioned by the committee tomorrow as to how employes of the Washington publisher came into possession of this code, and whether McLean is in the rolls of the special agents of the bureau at a salary of \$1 a month.

Burns also will be asked about the "Mary" code message sent to one of McLean's confidential men at Palm Beach in which reference was made to Burns and to the McLean investigation.

Mrs. Mary Duckstein, former private secretary to Burns, and now an operative in the Justice Department, who sent the "Mary" telegrams to her husband, W. O. Duckstein, probably will follow Burns on the stand.

McLean may be called before the committee before the end of the week. He returned from Florida last month in response to a summons, but unlike other persons under subpoena, he has not been required to make daily appearance at the hearings.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, of Montana, presented to the Senate today two letters for the purpose, he said, of showing the extent to which some of the vested interests of the country are going in an effort "to besmirch the character of Senator Walsh."

One letter, dated February 15th, and signed by Fred R. Marvin, of the New York Commercial, was addressed to E. C. Shields, of Billings, Montana, and said the writer wanted to get "the low-down on your state."

"To what extent has he been connected with Bill Dunn and the radical element?" the writer asked. "No one can give you the desired dope and remain within the realm of truth," Shields wrote in reply. "Walsh is not, and never has been a Socialist. His ability and keen sense of justice prevent him from being a radical."

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Public Meeting COURT HOUSE Tuesday at 7:30 P. M. Auspices Concord Moose Lodge HON. WM. TRICKETT GILES, Supreme Lecturer L. O. O. M., Will Address Meeting Everybody Welcome—Ladies Especially

WHAT SAT'S BEAR SAYS. Fair tonight and probably Tuesday; somewhat warmer.