

FAVOR NORFOLK FOR DRY DOCK

Naval Officers of Atlantic Fleet Think It Should Go To That City.

HAS NUMEROUS ADVANTAGES

Much Better Suited, They Say, Than Philadelphia, Which Also Wants It.

Norfolk, Dec. 21.—Naval officers of the Atlantic fleet and at the navy yard here lean strongly to Norfolk as a location for the big new proposed dry dock. Norfolk's many advantages over Philadelphia, which is working hard for the dock, are pointed out by men who have seen duty at all the yards on the Atlantic coast. In the Norfolk yard officers from the admiralty down declare there is no comparison between the two places as a site for a mammoth dry dock.

If politics do not play too strong a part in the selection, officers believe the House naval committee will unhesitatingly recommend the Virginia yard.

Only a few days ago it is said a telegram at the local navy yard urged that a ship be sent in a hurry to Philadelphia to be docked "before freezing sets in." This might happen twice in a century at the Norfolk yard. At Philadelphia it is a condition to be contended with every winter.

Some of the advantages pointed out for Norfolk by naval officers are these: This yard is nearest to the sea, but is well defended because of Fortress Monroe and proposed fortifications at Cape Henry.

No ships put in at Philadelphia except for repairs or for some other specific purpose. Ships passing to and from the Southern drill grounds at Guantanamo pass the Norfolk yard frequently. Almost always they tarry in Hampton Roads.

Hampton Roads twelve miles from Norfolk, is the natural rendezvous for ships. There all the fleets of the world can assemble and there most often are to be found ships of the fleets.

Norfolk is the nearest important navy yard to Panama and the canal. In case of war fighting would most likely take place in Southern waters, and disabled ships could easily be put in for repairs at Norfolk.

The finest drill grounds in the country are off the Virginia capes, a short distance from Norfolk. Here there is plenty of room and fine anchorage. In case of disability it is a simple matter to put in at Norfolk.

Two big docks are needed in some important yard. The dock at Norfolk is not a new one but was an old one enlarged.

There will soon be 35 feet of water in the harbor here and this could easily be increased to 38 feet.

CHRISTMAS TREES HIGHER

Scarcity Of Evergreens in New York Sends Price Soaring.

New York, Dec. 20.—Christmas trees are expensive this year. Bought from the laden cars in the Reading freight yards yesterday, they cost \$175 a hundred. Dealers expect the price to reach \$200.

A good Christmas tree costs already \$2.50 at retail. There were only 86 carloads in the yards at Twentieth street and Indiana avenue yesterday. Last year there were 198 loads. Each car holding from 700 to 100 trees.

Dealers in Christmas trees and foliage took up their stand yesterday around City Hall. Heavy loads of trees and holly were hauled to the plaza and three trees placed against the railings.

WILLIAM F. BLAIR FOUND NOT GUILTY

Jury Exonerates Him of Blame For Death of George G. Thompson.

RELATIVES JOYOUS AT VERDICT

Probable That Defendant Will Now Be Tried For Carrying Concealed Weapons.

Greensboro, Dec. 20.—The jury in the case of William Finley Blair, charged with murdering George G. Thompson, division freight agent of the Southern, by whom he was employed, this morning at 10:14 o'clock returned a verdict of "not guilty." Following the rendering of the verdict there were shouts and joyous cries among the relatives of the defendant who were in the court room.

It is possible Blair will now be indicted for carrying a concealed weapon as admitted by him while on the stand. The case was equally one of the greatest ever tried in Guilford county and in view of its importance was tried in a remarkably short time only four days having been required to select a jury, present the evidence and argument and for the judge to charge the jury.

As a legal battle the case was one of the most spectacular ever tried in the State. The best lawyers of the bar here and other places were arrayed on one side or the other and made speeches which were characterized by impartial observers as some of the greatest ever heard in the State.

Blair shot Thompson in the former's home several months ago. He had been on a drinking spree and neglected his work. Thompson discharged him. On receiving the letter of dismissal, Blair called Thompson up over the telephone and asked him to come around to his home. Thompson went and a few minutes later was found dying in the hall with several bullet wounds in his body. On the stand Blair said Thompson got into an altercation with him, grew violent and attacked him in such a way as to make him think his life was in danger, and that he grabbed a revolver from the mantel of his room and fired to defend himself. He said Thompson chased him all over the house. The State characterized Blair's story of the killing as "a fabrication pure and simple."

"TOO MUCH GLOOM IN GRIEF"

St. Louis Men Form Club to Get Joy Out of Funerals.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—"The Jolly Pall-bearers' Club," whose purpose it is to get what joy there is out of a funeral is now an organized body in Wallston. Chief mourners were delegated, officers were elected and a bit of craze was decided on as a badge of membership.

They propose, wholly and singly, not to let a funeral dirge dampen the ardor of their spirits, and to lay a club companion away in his final resting place with as much good cheer as ever characterized the initiation of a new member.

A clubhouse has been provided and there the mutuality of life and the probability of death will be light-heartedly discussed. The motto of the club is "Joy," with a band of crape around it.

They believe in the words of Joe Simmons, one of the promoters, that "there's too much gloom in grief," and that there are really attractive chances of enjoyment in a properly conducted funeral.

Special inducements to members to die in membership will be made, so that the club may enjoy as many occasions as possible for unconfined mirth.

NEED UNDERWOOD WHERE HE IS NOW

House Leaders Glad To Learn He Does Not Desire Cabinet Place.

RUMOR WORRIED COLLEAGUES

His Hand Needed To Hold Party Forces To A Definite Program.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Democratic leaders in Washington were concerned over the report that Minority Leader Oscar W. Underwood had been urged to become Secretary of the Treasury and was inclined to accept, until the fact became positively known that the Alabamian was not even considering the matter.

Those friends of Mr. Underwood who would advise him to take a Cabinet portfolio, and who would urge Governor Wilson to invite the minority leader to join the executive family, could scarcely have the best interests of the party at heart.

And from the examples of history it is doubtful if they would serve the best interests of Mr. Underwood in prevailing upon him to abdicate his present commanding position for one subordinate to President Wilson or any other President.

The truth is, and most party leaders know it, Mr. Underwood is needed just where he now is. His House leadership will be of more value to his party and to the new administration than could be any service in the Treasury or in any other Cabinet berth.

When the new Congress assembles with its overwhelming Democratic majority, a master hand will be needed to hold the party forces to a definite program. There will be insurgency from time to time, and unwieldy caucuses will prove a transient burden to the party in the House.

No less a leader than Mr. Underwood has shown himself to be could be depended upon to get the best party results out of such a situation. And while there are other strong men in the Democratic organization of the House, there is not one who could, all at once, step in and take the place now occupied by the present majority leader.

Since the new rules have become effective and the Speakership shore of all its power, the man who occupies the presiding officer's chair is not the leader of the majority. The Speakership is far more ornamental than useful in the present organization of the House, and this fact seems to eliminate Champ Clark from actual leadership of his party in that body.

Then, too, the Democrats are committed to a tariff reform program that is paramount to all other legislative consideration. This means that the chairmanship of the Ways and Means Committee carries with it more power to make or break the party than the position held by any other individual in either branch of Congress.

Underwood is the greatest Democratic authority on the tariff. He has studied it during all of his legislative career and is better qualified, perhaps, than any other member of the House to carry into effect the promises made in the Baltimore platform.

And the Democratic tariff reform bill which comes out of the next Ways and Means Committee will be the Underwood bill. It will be the Alabamian's contribution to legislative history. By it he will take rank with such tariff makers as Mills, Wilson, Dingley, McKinley and Payne.

TAFT TO YALE

President Will Become Professor After March Fourth Next.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Taft has made up his mind to accept the proffer of the Kent professorship of law at Yale, recently made to him, and probably will take up his duties at New Haven early in the Spring.

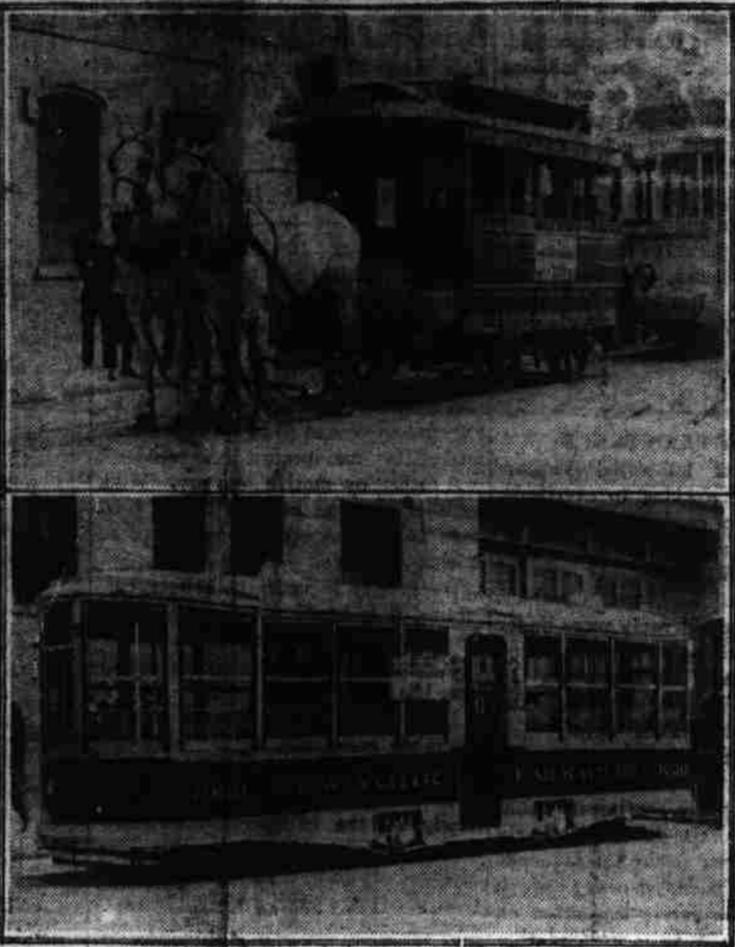
The president was said last night to have determined upon accepting the Yale professorship for several reasons. He will not be restricted merely to lectures to Yale students, but will be permitted to lecture, if he desires, in other law schools, or upon the platform, or to engage in any other occupation which he sees fit.

The analogy between the Yale professorship and Grover Cleveland's relation with Princeton appealed to Mr. Taft strongly, and when many of his close friends and advisers wrote to him approving his acceptance of the chair at Yale, he decided to take it.

The president expects to spend several weeks after March 4, in Augusta, Ga., where he has passed two winter vacations.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 19.—The news that President Taft has made up his mind to accept the Kent professorship of law at Yale, was received with keen pleasure in Yale circles here. President Arthur T. Hadley said he was "very glad" the president had made the decision and Dean Henry Wade Rogers, of the Yale law school, said he was delighted.

Evolution in Street Cars Shown in New York Parade



Photos by American Press Association.

BROADWAY saw the queerest parade in years the other day. It made New Yorkers sit up and take notice. To demonstrate the evolution of the street car the New York Railways company exhibited all the types of cars that have been used. Followed by the first of the electric type of 1890, the air brake pattern of 1896, the 1908 "pay-as-you-enter," the recent stepless side entrance car, the new storage battery vehicle and the late double decker stepless jumbo, slowly proceeded a horse car of 1890, carrying twelve passengers and proud of it. This old veteran and the modern stepless, side entrance car are shown alone.

MONEY DOESN'T MEAN WORTH

Work Is What Counts, Says Armour, Multi-Millionaire.

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—J. Ogden Armour of Chicago, worth numerous millions, does not think money is a guaranty of worth of character or a touchstone of happiness, according to an interview he gave as he strolled back and forth on the portico of the Hotel Maryland, in Pasadena.

"Maybe you don't think I work," he said. "Why, every man must work—if he is worth a million, or if he is dependent on his weekly salary. We ought all to take our places in the great organization and work of the world."

"You know money doesn't mean everything—in fact, very little in some cases—for the full value of it is not gained. Take the sons of some rich men; their money is squandered in drinking and otherwise."

"Sometimes a poor man is far and away better off than a rich man. I watch my men. I know the lives of many. That doesn't mean only the men who are close about me, but the men in my plant. Some with only a moderate salary are far happier than men to whom the worth of a bank means no more than a box of cigars in value to the ordinary person."

"Because a man has money, that does not make him any better. Perhaps it would be better if all men were equal in wealth, still if that Utopian condition were brought about there would be some men in the world that would corral the dollars of the others and we would come back to the conditions of the present day."

"But let me tell you something right here. I have no rich men working for me; I don't want them. When a man takes a position and is rich enough not to be dependent on the salary which comes from that position he has reached a stage when he is not worth a continental. Now, this is generally speaking. Of course there are exceptions to all rules. I don't care to have a rich man's son in my employ unless the boy is there for work."

"In my plant all of the head men have risen from the ranks. There is not an office boy in my employ at the present day who cannot rise to my position—well I will not say my position, but next to me. The office boys are picked most carefully. We never go outside for a man; we advance them."

"Take T. J. Connor. He started with our firm thirty years ago as a clerk, with a salary of perhaps \$70 a month. Now he is one of my head men."

Mr. Armour and his wife and daughter, Lolita, left later for the Grand Canyon.

SUES GOODWIN FOR \$25,000

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—The complaint in the suit of Charles N. Doughty, a San Diego real estate man, against Nat. C. Goodwin, the much married comedian, for \$25,000 damages (for alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Doughty of Baltimore, an actress known on the stage as Miss Moreland, was filed here.

The case probably will be set next Monday for trial.

OPPOSES SUFFRAGE

Politics No Field For Women, Finance of Miss Helen Gould Says.

St. Louis, Dec. 20.—Finley J. Shepard finance of Helen Gould, says that his chief hope and ambition is to prove worthy of the love of Miss Gould.

"I like to see results before my very eyes," he said, "and that is why Miss Gould's school at Irvington, N. Y., interests me more than other branches of her work. It was very interesting to watching the progress of the pupils under instruction during the one-year course. One should not assume any credit for interesting oneself in the improvement of others. Everything you give out in this way reacts to develop yourself."

"Speaking of self-development, don't you think woman's chance of development would be increased if she could vote?" the reporter asked.

"Suffrage is a subject I haven't studied and shouldn't like to discuss because I confess I am prejudiced at the outset. I am opposed to anything that tends towards the further devaluation of womanhood."

"If you don't believe in women in politics you probably don't believe in women in business?"

"No, I don't."

"Don't you find women as efficient as men?"

"Within their limitations, yes. There is always their physical handicap you've got to make allowance for."

"There are exceptions among women, of course. Indeed, only exceptional men are exceptionally efficient. But I should wish that as a general rule woman's work were all domestic and man's work providing for the family. We would have better men and better women under these conditions."

COMPLAIN OF SHORT WEIGHT

Twelve And Thirteen Ounce Packages Sold For Pound.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 20.—The people in North Carolina are being defrauded by short weight packages of canned meats and other foods, is the statement made by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham and State Food Chemist W. M. Allen. Furthermore, they insist on a law that will empower inspectors from the pure food division of the department of agriculture to enter premises of food manufacturing plants and inspect them for cleanliness and sanitation.

There have been a number of complaints on this score as to several plants but the department is powerless to take action. With reference to frauds in the matter of short weight packages, it seems that the shortages are along the line of putting six ounce packages on the market as half pound and 12 and 13-ounce packages as pound packages. The department cannot stop this until these lines of foods have weights stamped on the packages.

There must be no empty stocking in the home of the poor.

BAR APPRECIATIVE OF JUDGE DANIELS

Handles Special Term of Pamlico Court To Satisfaction of All Concerned.

RESOLUTIONS ARE ADOPTED

Only One Appeal Taken Although About Thirty Judgments Were Entered.

A special term of the Pamlico County Superior Court, made necessary by the crowded condition of the docket, has just come to an end. It was held by Judge F. A. Daniels and so impressed were the bar with the uniform courtesy of the judge and with the rapidity with which the business of the court was dispatched that resolutions of appreciation and thanks were unanimously adopted, by the bar. These resolutions a copy of which was delivered to the Journal for publication, were as follows:

"Whereas a special term of court for Pamlico county was ordered by the Governor on account of the crowded condition of the docket and Judge F. A. Daniels was commissioned to hold said term, and whereas during the said two weeks of said term a large amount of business has been transacted to the satisfaction of the contending parties and their attorneys, and only one appeal has been taken although about thirty judgments have been entered:

"Now therefore be it resolved, 'First: That Judge Daniels has impressed each one of us with a sense of his upright character, judicial temperament, profound knowledge of the law, and eminent fitness for the bench."

"Second: That we tender him our thanks for the uniform courtesy he has shown each of us, for the large amount of business transacted and we wish him many years of usefulness in the service of the State."

"Resolved third: That Judge Daniels be furnished a copy of these resolutions, that the same be spread upon the minutes of the court upon a separate page, and published in the Bayboro Sentinel, The New Bern Sun and New Bern Journal and in The News and Observer."

"Unanimously adopted by the lawyers in attendance upon the Court."

The resolutions are signed by D. L. Ward, Z. V. Rawls, W. T. Cahoon, Larry I. Moore, A. D. Ward, H. L. Gibbs and F. C. Brinson, the latter being clerk of the Court.

WILSON'S CLASSMATE WRITES

Dr. Sato, Of Japan, Congratulates Johns Hopkins Alumni.

Baltimore, Dec. 19.—A letter from Japan congratulating the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association on the election of Governor Wilson as President of the United States was received at the City Hall yesterday by Dr. Horace E. Flack, executive of the municipal department of legislative reference and treasurer of the association. It was from Dr. Shosuke Sato, of the Imperial University, who was graduated from the Hopkins with Governor Wilson in the class of 1886. Dr. Sato wrote as follows:

"Allow me to congratulate you on the election of Gov. Woodrow Wilson as President of the United States. The association must be proud to see a member raised to a dignified position of the Chief Magistrate of the States. I heartily and gladly share with your joy over the result of the recent Presidential election. With all my good wishes to you I remain, yours sincerely, SHOSUKE SATO."

Many a girl's ideal is shattered when he goes broke.

BRYAN LIKELY TO BE PREMIER

Believed To Be Certain He Will Be Secretary of State In Wilson's Cabinet.

FRIENDS MEET IN NEW YORK

Considered Practically Certain Also That Josephus Daniels Will Get Portfolio.

New York, Dec. 20.—Firmly convinced that Col. William Jennings Bryan will be the premier of the Cabinet to be formed by President Wilson, fully a score of friends of the Nebraskan have reached this city prepared to greet him after his conference with Wilson Saturday or Sunday.

Nothing official has come from either man, and nothing will, until they have thrashed things out.

Among the noted Democrats in town are Edward Goltra, National Committeeman from Missouri, and a large number of Southern State committeemen.

Some of these men have recently conferred with Bryan, who is now en route from Tampa to this city. They say that Bryan believes that the Wilson administration will be a success, that he is more conciliatory than ever before in his life, and that he believes every Democrat should assist Wilson and that he is willing to do anything personally to make the administration a success. Because of that fact, it is said Bryan will if Wilson desires—and there are few that do not believe that he does so desire—announce that he will become Secretary of State.

In addition it is pointed out that Bryan in the Cabinet would have to make his criticisms of the Wilson policies in the secrecy of the Cabinet room and not in the pages of the Commoner.

Wilson will be in Trenton on Saturday. Bryan will pass through there on that day. They will both be in this city Saturday night and they will be in touch with each other on Sunday, so that the matter will be settled very soon.

Other Cabinet appointees now considered practically certain by politicians are A. Mitchell Palmer, Josephus Daniels, Congressman Henry and Judge Martin Wade.

RED MEN SEE TAFT

Kitkik Indians Pose for Moving Pictures at White House.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft did not see J. P. Morgan at the executive offices yesterday, but he did see Weeshahig Skotkenworahae, a Kitkik Indian, wearing a gaudy suit and a hat of turkey feathers, together with forty companions of Shookem, the majority of them fine looking Indians, who have graduated from Carlisle or other schools.

The bunch of red men and women are in Washington attending a convention of the Brotherhood of North American Indians, and it is proposed to have another meeting here about the time of the inauguration. R. C. Adams, the Washington head of the brotherhood, believes that an immense gathering of Indians can be brought here for the inaugural parade, and that this could be made one of the features of the big event.

Skookem and three other old Indians dressed in fancy suits, with headgear of feathers and wearing moccasins, insisted on monopolizing most of the space in the view of the moving picture machine taken of the White House to accommodate their vanity and later to amuse gyping audiences in picture shows.

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