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WALTER CLARK ENTERS RACE

MAKES POSITION CLEAR IN A LETTER TO SOLICITOR A. HALL JOHNSTON OF THE 14TH DISTRICT

WOULD SERVE THE PEOPLE

In a letter to Mr. A. Holt Johnston, Solicitor of the 14th Judicial District, Chief Justice Walter Clark announces his candidacy for the Senate to succeed Senator Simmons. Solicitor Johnston urged Judge Clark to make the run.

Governor Aycock is also taking the matter under advisement, and if he becomes a candidate there will be four in the field.

Judge Clark's letter follows:
Raleigh, N. C., May 17, 1911.
Hon. A. Hall Johnston,

Marion, N. C.
My Dear Sir: Your esteemed favor to hand. I have received many similar inquiries, both personally and by letter, from other friends.

The recent decision of the Federal Supreme Court, rendering necessary additional legislation for the suppression of the trusts, has transferred the decision of the question whether the people of this country are powerful enough to control them in the arena of the Senate, for the people have already captured the House of Representatives. The same is true as to the tariff. It is in the Senate that the contest for the control of this government must be fought out between the people and the interests. The choice of every Senator will be closely supervised by the special interests. The people cannot afford to be less wide awake. If we are to bring our government back to the people and are to save it from the continued control of selfish and personal interests, it is important that the voters shall know beforehand, with exactness, the views entertained by every candidate for the Senate, and shall feel confident that his past record shall be such that they shall feel confident that he will be as faithful and earnest in standing for those views after he is chosen as he was zealous in professing them before his election.

Having decided, after consultation with friends, to submit to the people of this State the offer of my services on their behalf in the great struggle which must take place in the Senate, I take this means of expressing my views for their approval. They are views which I have long entertained and often publicly expressed.

I belong to what, for want of a better name, is called the Progressive Democracy, but which in fact is simply a return to Jeffersonian Democracy and to the declaration of our fathers that all government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed and is created solely for their benefit. This idea is embedded in our State and Federal Constitutions, but for the last forty years it has been generally treated as a mere rhetorical expression. We should return in entire sincerity to the idea expressed by Lincoln of a government "of the people, by the people, and for the people."

I advocate and have advocated for thirty years a tariff for revenue only, and am opposed to protection in any form under guise of a tariff for revenue only. I earnestly favor amendments to the Constitution of the United States by which (1) the United States Senators shall be elected by the people. This measure, so long demanded by the popular will, has often passed the House of Representatives, but until very recently has been contemptuously treated by the Senate itself. (2) The Federal judges should also be made elective by the people of their respective districts and circuits, and for a term of years as

our State judges are chosen. Nearly one hundred years ago Mr. Jefferson saw the tendency of the present undemocratic system of the life tenure for the judges and the method of their selection, and advocated the change which I now propose. However honest and able judges may be, experience has proven that men chosen as they are, and holding for life, are not in accord with the reforms and measures demanded by the needs of the people. Originally all the State judges were selected in the same manner that is still retained in the appointment of Federal judges, and held for life, but in nearly every State the evils of that method have long since caused a change to popular election and for a term of years. The evil is even greater when applied to Federal judges, and should not be permitted to continue. (3) The postmasters of the South have been appointed since the war, with the exception of a few years, by the influence of local cliques of politicians of the minority party. The postmasters should be elected by the people in districts laid off by law for each post office for a term of four years, and be chosen at the same time and in the same manner as members of Congress, the people of each locality electing their postmaster. This, as well as the election of judges, is a much needed measure of decentralization, restoring local self-government and depriving Presidents of the power of using their office to secure re-nomination.

That the people may have the necessary control of their own government, I earnestly advocate the initiative, referendum and also the recall as to such officers, as by law it may be provided. In the absence of a legalized primary for both political parties I advocate a State-wide primary to be held on the same day, for the nomination by the Democratic party of all State officers and also of a candidate for the United States Senate, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Democratic State Executive Committee, and with strict restriction of the purposes for which money can be expended by any candidate or his friends for him, and with entire publicity of all items of expenditure, both before and after the primary is held. All good men earnestly desire that vigorous and decided steps shall be taken to break up an evil which threatens party supremacy, and which, if not checked, will ultimately and inevitably place the selection of all important officers in the hands of great aggregations of capital. If no candidate for Senator shall receive a majority at the first primary, choice can be made at a second primary between the two receiving the highest vote.

Thanking you for the kind expressions in your letter, I shall be grateful for the support in this contest of all who agree with me in the necessity of earnest steps to restore the government to the people and to purge our primaries and elections from the influence and the use of money. Most truly yours,
WALTER CLARK.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Secretary MacVeagh has invited popular subscriptions to a \$50,000,000 issue of government bonds to reimburse the treasury general fund for expenditures on account of the Panama Canal. Treasury officials expect the loan will be largely over-subscribed, and in distributing the new securities the government announced its intention is to give preference to smaller bidders.

THE WEATHER

Washington, D. C., May 18.—For North Carolina: Fair and continued warm tonight and Friday, with light variable winds.

Weather Yesterday Over Cotton Belt
Seasonable temperatures prevail with generally fair weather. Local rains have fallen in the Augusta, Savannah and Oklahoma districts.

HOT OFF OF THE WIRES

Need Jim Crow Cars.

New York, May 18.—John Cain, a negro, is in a dying condition. He killed two persons and wounded six others yesterday for the reason that somebody hit him in the face because he was smoking a cigarette on an L. train. He was nearly lynched and only saved by the police reserves.

Mrs. Taft Returns To Washington.

New York, May 18.—So weak that she was assisted at every step, Mrs. Taft with a trained nurse left for Washington this morning.

Southern Presbyterians Convene.

Louisville, Ky., May 18.—The representatives of the Presbyterians of the Southern States convened in their fifty-first general assembly here, this morning. This assembly marks their semi-centennial.

Germany Demands Explanation.

Berlin, May 18.—Germany makes demand on Mexico for an explanation as to the shooting of O'Conner Katerfeld, who was defending a ranch near Torreon.

Wood Pulp and Paper Free.

Washington, May 18.—While the Finance Committee was hearing the reciprocity measure, Senator Root proposed an amendment admitting Canadian wood pulp and print paper free only from Canadian provinces, which would place no restrictions on exports.

Moved a Nolle Pross as to Steel President.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 18.—Assistant District Attorney W. I. Seymour, of the criminal court, moved a nolle pross in the bribery charges against Frank N. Hofstot, president of the Pressed Steel Car Company, Judge Frasier will announce his decision later.

Atlantic City, May 18.—The charge of unorthodoxy has been brought by Dr. William L. McEwan, of Pittsburg, against the Rev. Dr. Francis Brown, president, and Dr. William A. Brown, professor of Union Theological Seminary of New York, which will be threshed out before the General Assembly Presbytery.

Hot Weather Moves Wheat Up.

Chicago, May 18.—Hot weather in the winter wheat belt caused a higher market. Corn was a shade firmer. Provisions are higher. There was a drop of hogs in the stock yards.

Lumbermen Oppose Reciprocity.

Washington, May 18.—The House resumed consideration of the resolution admitting New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood. Representative Willis, of Ohio, declared these territories will be admitted into the sisterhood of States as soon as the recall of judges is divorced from the constitution.

The Senate Finance Committee heard the Detroit Board of Commerce favoring the Canadian reciprocity. Southern Lumbermen from Virginia and North Carolina Pine Association oppose the measure.

Fell 200 Feet From Aeroplane.

Paris, May 18.—Capt. Dupuit is bountied to death and Captain Pierre Marie, of the French army was fatally injured in a fall from an aeroplane at a height of two hundred feet at Rheim.

Mayor's Court.

There were no cases today. Mayor Briggs was away at New Bern and here were no cases on the docket.

Mr. Nathan Bass, of Black Creek, was here today.

OH THE MEXICANS

ANOTHER LEADER RISES TO UPSET THE PLANS-IT SEEMS THAT THEY ALL WANT TO BOSS

WILL MADERO BE PRES.

Mexico City, May 18.—Notwithstanding the armistice, General Figuerrao is advancing toward the capital. It is thought that Figuerrao will repudiate Madero and proclaim himself president.

The present plan is for Dela Barra to be provisional president until the elections can be held.

SAYS HE WED TO SAVE LIFE.

Bridegroom of 16 Seeks Annulment of Marriage to Stepsister.

Frederick, Md., May 17.—Claiming that his father-in-law, William Martin, who is also his stepfather, forced him to wed his daughter, Franklin Duvall, of Brunswick, a 16-year-old husband, has asked the court to annul the marriage. On April 10 Duvall was married to Eethel Martin, aged 21. In his bill he claims that the father made him marry the girl under penalty of his life.

Martin is now on a trip into Pennsylvania, and the boy, relieved of his presence, has repudiated the marriage.

Duvall is Mrs. Martin's son by a former marriage, while the girl is Mr. Martin's daughter by a former wife. All live at Brunswick.

Durham, May 18.—The contract for the new medical building at the University of North Carolina was Saturday let to L. G. Lawrence of Durham, who bid \$17,000. It will be 117 by 60 feet and two stories high with a wing 32 by 60 feet. It will stand near the Carr building on the campus. Its construction is to be of pressed brick and red tile roofing and work begins at once. The building is the creation of the last General Assembly, which appropriated money for that purpose.

BASE BALL

Washington, D. C., May 18.—At 12 o'clock today the Weather Bureau issued the following baseball forecast: National League—

Pittsburg at New York, cloudy.
Cincinnati at Brooklyn, clear.
St. Louis at Boston, cloudy.
Chicago at Philadelphia, clear.
American League—
Philadelphia at Detroit, clear.
Washington at Cleveland, clear.
Boston at Chicago, clear.
New York at St. Louis, clear.

Officers Southern Baptist Convention.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 18.—A complete surprise was sprung at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention when Dr. E. C. Dargan, pastor of the First Baptist church of Macon, Ga., was placed in nomination for president against Joshua Levering, who had been proposed for re-election to that office. When the votes were counted it was found that Dr. Dargan had been elected. Vice-presidents were chosen as follows: Rev. John D. Mell, of Georgia; H. S. D. Mallory, of Alabama; C. Carson, of Florida. State Senator, and W. M. Whettington, Greenwood, Miss.; Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Americus, Ga., and Dr. Oliver F. Gregory, of Staunton, Va. were re-elected secretaries. George W. Norton, of Louisville, Ky., was re-elected treasurer, and Wm. H. Harvey, also of Louisville, was re-elected auditor.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Springfield, Ill., May 18.—Holding that the election of Wm. Lorimer to the United States Senate "would not have occurred, had it not been for bribery and corruption," and censuring Judge Petit, of Chicago, for ending the usefulness of the committee, the final report of the State Senate bribery investigating committee was made to the Senate yesterday.

Richmond, Va., May 18.—Delegates to the fifteenth annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association are arriving here. The convention proper opened in the Jefferson auditorium today.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 18.—The war in Mexico has greatly interfered with the mission work. Several missionaries have sent their families across the line into Texas. A number of those who have remained have been in the midst of the fighting and the work has been very much hindered.

Aberdeen, Md., May 18.—Former Congressman Wm. B. Baker, known as the father of the rural free delivery system, died at home here today. Mr. Baker was 71 years old. He served two terms in Congress as a Republican.

BURY ANOTHER FOR LAFAYETTE

Mistake Made in Bodies of Actors Who Died in Theatre Fire.

Edinburg, May 18.—The body of the real "Lafayette the Great," the vaudeville entertainer, was cremated at Glasgow and buried Saturday.

A body supposed to have been that of the actor was incinerated Friday, but it was later found to be the remains of another actor in Lafayette's company, named Richards, who perished in the fire-swept Empire Palace Theatre Tuesday night. The mistaken identity arose through the fact that Lafayette's sword was found beside Richards' body.

Definite identification was made through a ring found upon a finger of Lafayette's body. His ashes were placed in an urn and were buried as originally planned, between the jaws of his favorite dog, "Beauty."

SMITHFIELD VOTES FOR \$25,000 GRADED SCHOOL BUILDING

Smithfield, N. C., May 18.—The election for Smithfield graded school district bonds to build a graded school passed off very quietly Tuesday. There were 187 registered voters of which 120 voted for bonds and thirteen against. Of the four districts seeking annexation, three voted to come in without dissenting, and one voted to stay out. The trustees will proceed at an early date to sell the bonds and begin the erection of a modern brick graded school building. The trustees have been authorized to issue bonds not to exceed \$25,000.

Naval Board Examines Puritan.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—A naval board which examined while in dry dock the monitor Puritan, sunk some months ago by high explosives found two large holes in the hull about 8 feet below the water line. As the explosive charge was located above the water line it is supposed that the holes were caused by the sudden blow of a wedge of water driven down from above. It also was found that the valves connecting the watertight compartments of the ship were not closed, thus accounting for her sinking.

Material is being hauled on the site for the new residence which Mr. J. W. Sheeley and Mr. C. L. Perry will erect on Pine street.

CABLE NEWS OF TODAY

First Event of Coronation.
London, May 18.—The first great social event of the coronation will be held tonight at the Avery Hotel. It will be a royal fancy dress ball under the patronage of Princess Christiana Schleswig Holstein and Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck.

More Camorristi Turn State's Evidence.

Viterbo, Italy, May 18.—Tommaso Deangles and Gaetano Amedeo, of the Camorra, who have turned state's evidence, thrilled the court with their testimony today. Great crowds gathered anticipating a stormy scene.

Attempted Suicide.

Late yesterday afternoon Robert Woodard, an ex-police officer of Lucama, who served our neighboring town in that capacity some two years ago, also a resident of the place and at present holding a position as section hand on the Coast Line, attempted suicide, or pretended he was trying to end his life by drinking the contents of a ten-cent vial of laudanum, usually found in a country store.

The attention of Dr. A. F. Williams was called to the man and the physician led Woodard into the Sanatorium for the purpose of pumping the drug from his stomach.

Woodard informed Dr. Moore that it had been four hours since he drank the laudanum and the physicians after learning this did not deem it necessary to use the pump. Woodard left pretty soon for home.

There is some question whether he emptied the bottle of the contents into his system. Others are of the opinion that the laudanum was of poor quality or adulterated and that Woodard drank the stuff while in a mood to gather sympathy for himself. His note book was found where he had written the following letter:

"My name is Robert Woodard, of Lucama, N. C., and I have been in trouble for three long months, and I don't know but one way to get out and that is to kill myself and I will do so, and if I die I want my children sent to Sunday school and church after I am gone. I want to be buried in the Lucama grave yard. I want to be buried as I am. My clothes is good enuff."

From what we could gather Woodard is considered a fairly good hand. His wages are \$1.10 per day.

TODAY'S MARKET

COTTON.

New York, May 18.—There was unusual activity in the cotton market. Prices were higher, ranging from 7 points on August to 15 on November. Futures and spot were firm in Liverpool.

The opening was: May, 15.91; June, 15.93; July, 16.00; August, 15.54.

At noon the market stood: May, 15.88; July, 15.95; October, 13.40; December, 13.21.

Liverpool closed four points up from yesterday.

The market at three o'clock closed as follows: May, 15.91; July, 16.00; October, 13.28; December, 13.20.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, May 18.—Copper was strong. There was a general advance in prices and trade is strong because of rumors of pending consolidations. Standard Oil also gained. Reading was up 1-2, Southern Pacific, Atchafson, St. Paul, Steel, and Pennsylvania each 3-8. Union Pacific, American Smelting, Brooklyn Rapid Transit each 1-4. The curb was strong. American stocks were strong in London. Mexicans were firm.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, May 18.—Wheat opened: July, 89 1-2; September, 88 1-4; December, 89 7-8. Corn, May, 52 7-8; July, 52 7-8. Pork, September, 14.30.