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GOV. AYCOCK ENTERS RACE

SIMMONS, KITCHIN, CLARK AND AYCOCK ASPIRANTS FOR SENATORIAL HONORS

THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER

Asheville, N. C., May 20.—Making the fourth entry in the race for the senior Senatorship for North Carolina, ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock announces his candidacy to succeed Senator Simmons. The ex-Governor's announcement is made in a letter to Col. Nathan Whitfield, of Kinston, this State. The other avowed candidates for the Senatorial nomination which will probably be made in State-wide primaries, are Senator Simmons, Governor Kitchin and Chief Justice Clark.

The Aycock Letter.

Raleigh, N. C., May 20.—In entering the Senatorial race, ex-Governor Aycock stipulates that he will not get into anything like a campaign for the primary nomination. He says his finances will not admit of it and that there is imperative necessity for him to pursue his profession as a lawyer with unabating energy. He merely expects next year to get into the campaign for the whole Democratic ticket and then at the polls if the people will do so they can give him their nominating vote for the Senatorship and with the election by the Legislature, he will give his very best efforts for the whole people in the Senate. A lengthy letter setting out his views and attitude in this matter is given to the press. It is addressed to Col. Whitfield, of Kinston, who had written him urging especially that he declare his candidacy. Col. Whitfield is 80 years old and has been a close personal friend of Gov. Aycock for many years.

Gov. Aycock's letter, which outlines his position as a candidate, follows:

"Dear Sir: I have given much consideration not only to your letter, but to the numerous letters which I have received along the same line. I have been greatly gratified to find that, without solicitation or expectation on my part, and in despite of my previous statement that I would not be a candidate for the Senate, great numbers of people from all callings in the State, have urged me by letter, by message and in person to reconsider the question and become a candidate. One who has been in public life and who has enjoyed the support and the confidence of the people, can never free himself from the obligation of giving due consideration to any call which the people make upon him. The requests from all parts of the State, and from people in all stations of life, have been so numerous and impressive as to lead me to the conclusion that it is my duty to say to the people, that if chosen by the Democratic party and elected by the Legislature, I shall be glad to serve North Carolina in the United States Senate.

"It is unnecessary for me to enunciate any personal platform, it being well known throughout the State that I have always stood on the National and the State Democratic platforms without question, believing as I do that the assembled wisdom of the Democracy of the Nation and State is far greater than my own. I shall make no campaign looking to my selection for the Senatorship. My financial condition is such that it is absolutely essential that I pursue my profession as a lawyer with unabated energy until such time as the people shall lay other duties upon me. I have no money to spend perfecting an organization, and if I had it I am convinced that the greatest evil of this day politically is the use of money in securing nominations and elections and I, therefore, would not use it if I were able to command a fund re-

quisite for such purposes. In addition to this reason for refusing to attempt an organization in behalf of my candidacy I have a feeling that the Senatorship would be worthless to me if secured by any such methods. If I shall go to the Senate I must go free from special obligation to any set of men, and, therefore, under equal obligation to every man. Going to the Senate in this way would put me in a position to give the people the highest service of which I am capable. I shall, therefore, entrust my candidacy without reservation to the people of the State, and shall not seek to shape their selection by organization or by personal appeals to them. I cannot under any circumstances enter into a canvass with a view to presenting to North Carolinians my own deserts. If I have any, they are known to the people of this State, and they know best whether whatever talent I have is likely to be useful to them. When the time comes for the opening of the political campaign I shall next year, as in all election years heretofore, tender my services to the party organization to do battle in behalf of Democratic principles. The speeches which I shall then make will be made in the service of the Democratic party and without regard to their possible effect upon my personal interests. If at the end of the campaign, the people select any other candidate for the United States Senate, I shall cheerfully acquiesce in the result. Public service, when honestly rendered is the most difficult and painful of all service, and the satisfaction to be derived therefrom becomes manifest to one only after the service has been rendered in fidelity to the trusts of the people, and when in private life he can receive the just praise of his fellow citizens for faithfulness to their interests. I have served the people of this State once in high office and I have enjoyed since then the constant and increasing confidence of the people of North Carolina in the integrity of my purpose when Governor and the appreciation which they have since shown me of the service which I was then able to do for the State. It is with a high hope that I permit myself to announce to the people through you my candidacy for the United States Senate.

"Very truly yours,

"C. B. AYCOCK."

Big Mortgage Filed.

Durham, N. C., May 22.—What was in all probability the largest mortgage ever recorded in the history of Durham county, was filed this afternoon. It is a mortgage by the American Trust Company, of New York, on the property of the Southern Power Company, to secure that amount of five per cent twenty-year gold bonds that the Southern Power Company has issued. The mortgage is on all the property owned by this big corporation and the law requires that the mortgage be recorded in every county in which any of the property is located. The Southern Power Company has recently completed a line of towers to this city and as soon as the wires are strung they will begin to distribute over the city.

Col. R. M. Staley Dead.

Charlotte, N. C., May 22.—Colonel R. M. Staley, sergeant-at-arms of the State Senate for many years, and one of the State's best known citizens, dropped dead of apoplexy on the street here Saturday night, en route from a late train to his hotel. He was a resident of Wilkesboro and a man of some means, acquired in the furniture manufacturing business. Colonel Staley served the Confederacy in the Civil War and won his title by courage on the battlefield. He was a man of unusual physical stature and strength. Col. Staley is survived by a widow, two daughters and a son. The daughters, Misses Frankie and Mabel, reside in Richmond, Va. He was 65 years old and never required the services of a physician in his long and active life.

HOT OFF OF THE WIRES

Dreamed Had a Battle With Burglars. New York, May 22.—John McAlenan, the son of a rich pawn broker, committed suicide during the night. He had a night mare, dreaming he had a battle with burglars.

Narrow Escape From Collision.

New York, May 22.—The Liner Cedric narrowly escaped collision with the Atlas liner Allegheny off Fire Island during a fog today.

Stimson Sworn In.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—Henry L. Stimson was sworn in as Secretary of War today. He takes active charge on May 29th.

Cards Cause Three Deaths.

Mittaning, Pa., May 22.—Following a card game dispute, Richard Sendric shot and killed his brother and two other men at Kaylor. He is now being hunted by a posse.

Statehood Bill Considered.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—The debate on the Arizona and New Mexico Statehood bill was resumed today.

LaFollette called up the Lorimer resolution and urged reopening the investigation.

President To Go To New York.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—President Taft will leave for New York tomorrow.

Stranded In Mexico.

San Francisco, May 22.—Eugene Schmidts, graft mayor of this city, who was convicted of wholesale bribery with Abe Ruef, is stranded at Sinaloa, Mexico, and wires for funds to get home.

Statue to Infant Unveiled.

Washington, May 22.—The President, the French Ambassador and Senator Root paid a tribute in Arlington cemetery when the Major Pierre Infant monument was unveiled with military honors. Infant was a revolutionary hero.

Plan To Overthrow Government.

New York, May 22.—Exiles here plan to overthrow President Gomez, of Venezuela, and establish Rivas Vazquez president.

WHERE THE BIG LEAGUERS PLAY TO-DAY.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—At 12 o'clock today the Weather Bureau issued the following baseball forecast: National League—

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

Braniff and Obregon on Way To Mexico City.

San Antonio, Texas, May 22.—Senors Braniff Obregon, Mexican peace go-between at Jurarez, arrived here last night from El Pason and left today for Mexico City.

"Had it not been for the dilatory tactics of the Mexican government, peace would have been established in Mexico twenty-three days ago," said Senor Braniff. "There is no doubt that peace is now assured by President Diaz retiring in two or three days, or as soon as the peace commission reaches the capital."

THE WEATHER

Still Dry.

Washington, D. C., May 22.—For North Carolina: Generally fair except showers in the extreme western portion tonight or Tuesday, with light and variable winds.

CABLE NEWS OF TODAY

Flyer Will Recover.

Paris, May 22.—Premier Monnis, who was injured in an aeroplane flight at Issy, will recover.

Emperor Joseph Near Death.

Vienna, May 22.—Emperor Francis Joseph is near death with heart trouble.

Our Vessels Attending Coronation.

Dover, England, May 22.—The U. S. squadron which will participate in the coronation exercises, arrive here today. There were three battleships and cruisers.

ARISTOCRAT ELOPES WITH HIS GOVERNESS.

Came Over on Steamer Lake Manitoba—Held Under Charge of Elopings.

Quebec, May 22.—Another trans Atlantic drama reached a climax when Camille D. Abaddye, a wealthy aristocratic French family and his governess, Helena Benoit, were delayed here by customs officials. They were traced by wireless. They took passage on the Lake Manitoba as Mr. and Mrs. Wye. The sudden disappearance of Abaddye caused an international search. The couple are held on the charge of eloping.

Heavy Curtailment At Fall River.

Fall River, Mass., May 22.—A heavy curtailment in cotton cloth production is again in progress in this city. The seven mills of the Fall River Iron Works Company, owned by M. C. D. Borden, of New York, closed today until May 29th, the beginning of a 50 per cent decrease in the output.

The American Printing Company, also controlled by Mr. Borden, is running five days weekly, but part of the plant is in operation nights finishing goods recently purchased by that manufacturer. Thirteen other plants, nearly all print mills, are on short time. This week the curtailment in Fall River amounted to 170,000 pieces of fine and print cloths.

Mr. Borden's curtailment will be about 40,000 pieces weekly.

Tragedy Near Walhalla.

Walhalla, S. C., May 22.—A fatal accident occurred near this town Saturday afternoon by which one man lost his life and another is in a critical condition.

William Reihle, a German citizen of about 60 years of age, was having his well cleaned, himself assisting in the work. Fritz Muller, a neighbor's son about 20 years old, was lowered in a bucket to the bottom of the well. Immediately he gave a signal to be drawn up. Shortly after he was started on his way to the surface the bucket shot up and the men above realized that young Muller had fallen from his place back into the depths of the well.

Mr. Reihle in an attempt to rescue his young friend stepped into the bucket and directed his companions to lower him quickly. On reaching the bottom he tied Muller into the bucket and he was drawn out scarcely alive. The bucket was sent down for Mr. Reihle, but there was no response. Another man went down and it was found that Mr. Reihle had been overcome by gasses in the well and his dead body was shortly thereafter brought to the surface.

It is thought probable that young Muller may recover, but his condition is by no means free from danger.

Both families are well and favorably known here and the news has brought profound sorrow to the people of Walhalla. Both families are substantial German citizens and reside near town, conducting farms.

Miss Mattie Owens returned from a visit to friends in Fremont today.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY

Yazoo City, Miss., May 22.—In an altercation on the street here Saturday, State Senator Theodore Bilbo, candidate for Lieutenant Governor and the central figure in the alleged bribery scandal of the Senatorial caucus in connection with the election of a United States Senator from Mississippi last year, was knocked down with a gold-headed cane in the hands of State Senator W. D. Gibbs. Senator Bilbo was stunned by the blow and lay on the street for several moments.

London, May 22.—The attention which Emperor William during his visit in London paid to the Prince of Wales and the official announcement that the Prince will visit Potsdam during the present summer, has given zest to the gossip regarding the possibility of marriage between the Prince of Wales and Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter of the German Emperor. The Princess, confiding to an intimate friend, is quoted as saying: "I don't want to be a Bavarian, a Wurttemburger or a Viennese. I want to be English."

Fayetteville, N. C., May 22.—The Episcopal Council of the Diocese of East Carolina convened in this city Saturday for organization. Yesterday was taken up in devotional services. The diocese is composed of that portion of North Carolina which includes the counties of Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Pitt, Greene, Wayne, Sampson, Cumberland, Robeson and the counties lying between these and the Atlantic ocean. The convention formerly met in Fayetteville in 1837 and in 1845.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22.—State Commissioner of Insurance James P. Young has appointed Clarence R. Smith, now secretary of the North State Life Insurance Company, of Kinston, as actuary to the State Department of Insurance to succeed R. B. Coit, who resigned to become secretary to Security Life and Annuity Company, Greensboro. The change will take place June 1st.

Plans For State Building Will Be Adopted June 6th.

Raleigh, N. C., May 22.—After spending the day in conference with State officers, including Judges of the Supreme Court, discussing features of the plans for the department quarters in the \$250,000 building to be erected on the site just purchased on Fayetteville, Morgan and Salisbury streets, the State Building Commission adjourned Saturday afternoon to await the architects' plans and proposals as to election of the architect and adoption of plans to be received June 6th. Plans are to be for a building 65 by 190 feet, five stories high. The site purchased is 67 by 210 feet.

Convicts Escape In Storm.

Joliet, Ill., May 22.—Six convicts, under sentence from one to 20 years, escaped from the guard at the State penitentiary here during the darkness caused by a sudden storm Saturday. Two of them were recaptured hiding in the woods two hours later. The other four, all wearing the convict garb, now are being hunted by posses. The men were among a gang of 240 at work in the prison quarry a block from the prison. As the storm came up lines were formed for the march back to the prison yard, but before the men could start it became as dark as night.

After the storm had ceased and the men assembled in the yard ready to march back to the quarry the count showed six missing.

PRES. DIAZ NEAR DEATH

UNAPPRECIATION ON PART OF HIS COUNTRYMEN RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS CONDITION

MADERO URGES PEACE

Juarez, May 22.—Madero declares all good patriots will accept peace and re-establish the government.

Diaz is thought to be near death. His illness and failure of his countrymen to show their appreciation of his services is largely responsible for his serious condition.

Mexico City, May 22.—The Mexican cabinet fear for their lives. General Figueroa is 40 miles from the city. It is believed he intends to execute all of its members if he captures the city.

Efforts for peace in the south have failed.

General Zapata, with 3,000 men, declares that if Figueroa follows the Madero peace plans, his forces will continue the revolution.

Gen. Reyes is becoming the man of the hour. The plan is to make him military dictator.

Wants Marriage Annulled.

Newburgh, N. Y., May 22.—The action brought in behalf of Roy E. Pierce, son of Henry Clay Pierce, the oil magnate, to annul his marriage to Mrs. Bessie F. Chapman Pierce, was tried in the Supreme Court here today. No defense was interposed. Justice Morschauser took the papers and will render a decision in a few days. The petitioner denied that any agreement existed whereby the action would not be defended. Young Pierce did not appear, but his father told in detail his objections to his son's wife and also said that he had refused to pay her \$25,000 which his son demanded to recompense her for the income she had lost by reason of her marriage to Pierce. The father thought Pierce mentally incompetent to contract a marriage, as at the time, he said, the young man was suffering from the effects of about forty-five drinks and fifty cigarettes a day.

Dr. Charles F. McDonald, called as an expert, gave it as his opinion that a person who drank and smoked so much was in no condition of mind to contract marriage.

TODAY'S MARKET

COTTON AT NOON TO-DAY.

New York, May 22.—May opened 14.87; July, 15.93; October, 13.11; December, 14.04, and at noon was: May, 14.94; July, 16.03; October, 13.18; December, 14.11.

The market closed at 3 p. m. as follows: July, 16.08; August, 15.45; October, 13.20; December, 13.11. The close was steady.

Spots, Wilson market, 15-3-4.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, May 22.—Stocks opened strong. There were gains in Southern Pacific, American Smelting, Lehigh Valley of 1-8 each; Atchison 3-8; Erie, Reading, Ontario and Western Union Pacific each 1-2; Western Union, U. S. Steel each 5-8; Northern Pacific, Rock Island preferred, each 1-4; St. Paul and Amalgamated Copper is unchanged. The curb is strong. Americans in London made fractional gains.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, May 22.—The opening in wheat was: May, 95 3-8; May Corn, 51 1-2; July Pork, 14.50. May wheat closed at 95; Corn, May, 51; Pork, July, 14.45.

Baltimore, Md., May 22.—From ill feeling growing out of the building of a barn, Constable Richard Watts, of St. Mary's county, shot two men and tried to shoot the third.