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SENATORIAL CONTEST SEEMS TO BE AS LIVELY AS THE ONE HERE PROMISES

MONTAGUE A RIP SNORTER

Before an audience of 1,800 people in the Granby Theatre one of the largest political gatherings in Norfolk for years except the great "Congressional primary contest" meeting of last summer, former Governor Andrew Jackson Montague of Virginia delivered a powerful and effective campaign speech in behalf of Jones and Glass the "anti-machine" candidates for the United States Senate.

Hits at Martin and Swanson
"These two men, Martin and Swanson, I believe, are the only two men in Virginia who would remain in their seats in the United States Senate and not return to answer the charges made against them, when their honor and integrity are attacked."

"It is possible for an unknown man like Martin to beat a known man like Lee for the United States Senate in Virginia except by unknown means?"

"The Thompson letters are not private correspondence. Don't be deceived by this. They are public correspondence about public business which the public should know about. No right exists when the gentlemanly courtesy should be invoked when the liberties of the people are involved."

"Is it possible that the statute of limitation should be a bar to the Thompson letters? It 20 years a bar? A man who seeks public office should instead ask that twenty years be an illuminating light instead of a bar. He should say take down that bar."

Thousands of people of Virginia do not believe the primaries are honest and fair. They will never believe it as long as one faction has a monopoly of naming the judges. The rank and file will not believe it and I don't blame them."

"If Martin and Swanson were so strongly in favor of white supremacy, why did they oppose the constitutional convention? Why have not they raised their voices against the putting of 800 negroes on the registration books in Norfolk county?"

The speech of the former governor was a terrific attack upon the state machine. He also rapped Senator Martin and his connection with the Thompson letters as well as his leadership in the Senate. He assailed Senator Swanson, his stock speculations which he held should bar him from office, and his extravagant administration. He drew a vivid picture of J. S. B. Thompson appearing in Washington and trying to get Swanson appointed to take the dying Daniel's seat before breath had left the statesman's body. He described the resolution, offered in the last Virginia legislature to hold the session over until Daniel died in order to do him honor, as "ghastly, brutal proceeding." He charged that this move was no other than to elect a certain man to office.

He, quoting the Richmond News-Leader, said that the machine in Virginia is dominated by Senator Martin, Senator Swanson, Speaker Byrd and Congressman Flood, known as the "Big Four" who control the offices of the State.

Railroads Lubricated Machine
The speaker, after paying a good deal of attention to machine politics touched upon the Thompson letters, incidentally bringing State Chairman Ellyson into his remarks. He prefaced his remarks that he wished it understood that he was not anti-railroad man. He declared that in 1891-93 the railroads of Virginia

bricated" the machine with a jackpot of \$30,000 or \$40,000. In that now famous Senatorial campaign he compared the conduct of Fitzhugh Lee with that of Thompson and Martin. He said Lee went north, collected \$7,000, turned every cent over to State Chairman Ellyson for campaign work.

"What did the friends of Martin do?" asked the speaker. "Their money was given to various candidates; it was distributed not through the state chairman, as these letters show" he said.

"Their excuse was the fear of negro supremacy," said the speaker. He declared such a political condition was impossible because the Governor was a Democrat with the veto power to kill such legislation; one-half of the state Senate was hold-over and of the House of Delegates only three were republicans. Such argument is lame, he said.

He declared that white supremacy never justified the secret distribution of campaign funds. He then ridiculed the investigation of Martin's first election, referring to the committee as a body which Lorimer would have liked to have had. He read one of the Thompson letters, stating that State Chairman Ellyson would help "us," meaning the railroads, this winter.

Governor Montague denounced Swanson's stock speculations and said his "confession" is worse than Glass's charges. The speaker paid a tribute to Jones and Glass which was greeted with wild applause.

Mr. Montague was presented to his audience by James S. Barron. Nathaniel T. Green presided.

SLASHED HIS THROAT

Buford Miles Who Eloped With a Young Girl From Goldsboro
Goldsboro, Aug. 24.—Early this morning about six o'clock, one of the officers in charge of the jail was attracted by the cries of several of the prisoners and upon investigating the trouble his gaze fell upon a scene which proved to be the prostrate form of Buford Miles, one of the white prisoners.

Miles had attempted to end his life by slashing his throat with a knife, which he had been successful in hiding on his person while being searched by officers yesterday afternoon when he was placed in jail charged with eloping with a young girl about 19 years old from Chesterfield, Va.

He failed to cut the arteries and large veins in his assault upon himself but completely severed his windpipe, rendering him speechless, and was close to death from the loss of blood when the county physician arrived, who worked heroically to save his life. Mills was taken to the hospital and at this writing little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Miss Sarah Bowles is the name of the young lady who eloped with Mills and the couple arrived in this city yesterday on the early train from the North and later in the day were arrested and placed in jail due to the fact that they answered the description of a telegram from Virginia officers asking the officers in this city to be on the look-out for the above couple, who had successfully eluded the untiring search of the young girl's father since August 11th, when they disappeared from home.

Mr. David Bowles, the girl's father arrived in the city last night from Petersburg, Va., and identified the couple and was awaiting the arrival of requisition papers authorizing their being carried back to Virginia for trial.

Miles is 30 years old and has a wife and three children living at Chesterfield.

Father Takes Daughter Home
Goldsboro, Aug. 24.—Upon being informed this afternoon that Buford Miles the young man who eloped from Chesterfield, Va., with Miss Sarah Bowles, and who cut his throat in the jail this morning with a knife could not possibly live, the girl's father removed her from the jail this afternoon and tonight father and daughter left on the northbound train for their home in Virginia.

FLEMING CASE AGAIN

THE NORRIS CASE FOR THE MURDER OF BISSETT COMES UP TOMORROW

FIRST BALE OF COTTON

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 24.—Litigation multiplies in the sensational family infelicities of Mr. and Mrs. Percy B. Fleming, whose contest in habeas corpus proceedings involving the possession of the two children stirred Raleigh and the state mightily the past week. Following the filing of summons in a suit for divorce from bed and board Tuesday by Mrs. Fleming against her husband there comes now an additional suit, the nature of which has not yet been given out by counsel, against her husband, Percy B. Fleming, W. H. Pace Frank K. Ellington, The Raleigh Real Estate and Trust Co., The Raleigh Banking and Trust Co. It is thought probable that this involves merely some financial matters pertaining to the estate of her husband.

Friday is the day set for the preliminary hearing of the case against L. J. Norris, formerly of Portsmouth on the charge of the murder of J. B. Bissett here nearly two weeks ago. It will be in the police court before Justice Walter Watson. In the prosecution Solicitor H. E. Norris is to be aided by Col. J. C. L. Harris who has been retained by friends of Bissett for the purpose. It is a notable fact that in the adjustment of (Continued on last page.)

THE PRESIDENT AT BEVERLY

He Is Playing Golf To-day—Executive Offices Opened

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 24.—President Taft arrived here this morning. He remained at "Parmeeta" only a few minutes, motoring out to the golf links, where he spent all the morning. Secretary Hilles opened executive offices in the Board of Trade Building.

THE GREAT BRITISH STRIKE IS SETTLED

LABOR LEADERS AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE GETTING TOGETHER.

London, Aug. 24.—Labor leaders and government are now sure that the strike will be settled. Rioting was resumed at Liverpool this morning.

AHA! MR TAFT.

Already You Show Your Animus at the Success of the Democrats.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 24.—On the eve of the forty-days swing around the circle on which Republican leaders expect him to define the issue for the campaign of 1912, President Taft last night announced himself unalterably opposed to the "nostrums" of reform which he declared "demagogues" and "theoretical extremists" have advanced for the solution of the problem of concentrated wealth in this country.

The occasion was his address to the veterans of the grand army at the encampment here.

THE WEATHER

Fair in the east, local showers in the west portion tonight or Friday. Light to moderate variable winds.

TO PROTECT BEATTIE

ADJUTANT GENERAL LOOKING INTO THE MATTER OF TROOPS

AUTOMOBILE IN EVIDENCE

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 24.—The automobile in which Mrs. Beattie was carried from the Midlothian turnpike, showing blood stains, arrived from Richmond this morning to be placed in evidence.

Beulah Binford was not brought from Richmond today.

A report was in circulation this morning that Adjutant General would come here to see if it would be necessary to detail troops to protect Beattie against probable violence.

The First Witness

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 24.—The States Attorney has decided to put on Thos. J. Owen, uncle of murdered Louise Owen Beattie, as first witness.

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 24.—Owen stated that the Beattie's had been visiting him at time of the murder. He discovered the return of Beattie when he heard a voice crying, "My God!" and saw the defendant turning into his place with the automobile.

"I asked what was the matter and Henry replied. They have killed Louise."

"Owen then described the manner in which he found the body in the automobile. He said there was blood on Beattie's coat.

Henry Clay Beattie maintains same iron nerve, sleeping all night quietly. Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 24.—The jury which will decide whether Henry Clay Beattie, jr., of Richmond shall go to the electric chair convicted of wife murder was completed in battered old Chesterfield court house late yesterday. The battle for a human life began at 10 o'clock today.

The prisoner was locked up for the night in the small jail here and will not be returned to the Richmond jail during the trial. His gray-haired father embraced him and journeyed home in a dusty public conveyance surrounded by the curious.

Made up almost entirely of lean, brozed faced farmers, the jury as completed as follows the lines indicated by Monday's selections. The 12 men as they remain after the defense exercised its four peremptory challenges on the panel of 16, are: No. 1—N. W. Farley, quarryman, 37 years old.

No. 2—E. L. Wilson, 38 years old.

No. 3—A. L. Fetteroff, contractor, 34 years old.

No. 4—W. V. Faqua, 27 years old.

No. 5—W. L. Burgess, 52 years old.

No. 6—M. E. Purdie, 27 years old.

No. 7—M. C. Robinson 44 years old.

No. 8—Thomas A. Hancock, 37 year old.

No. 9—Lewis Robertson, 44 years old.

No. 10—W. P. Rooks, 48 years old.

No. 11—M. E. Blankenship, assistant superintendent of a silk mill, 38 years old.

All of the foregoing are farmers except the three otherwise specified. Beattie conferred earnestly with his lawyers and studied intently the faces in the full panel of 16 men before the defense decided on its eliminations. Then, after a moment of whispered conversation with H. M. Smith, jr., his chief counsel the prisoner nodded his head and the clerk announced that the names of four farmers selected on Monday were dropped from the list.

degrees from the first degree to involuntary manslaughter he explained that the defendant might be found guilty accordingly.

"If you find him guilty of murder in the first degree," said the court, "you shall say so and nothing more, in which event the punishment shall be death, but if you find him guilty of murder in the second degree, you shall say so and shall fix his punishment by confinement in the penitentiary at not less than five nor more than 18 years."

After citing the penalty for lesser degrees of manslaughter the court concluded with the words, that "If you find the prisoner not guilty of any of the offenses charged, you shall say so and no more."

It was hot almost to suffocation in the little courtroom yesterday. None of the witnesses was on hand and those who came to see Beulah Binford, the "girl in the case," were disappointed. She will probably not be called to testify until late in the week.

Thomas Owen, an uncle of Mrs. Beattie, to whose home Henry brought the body with a tale of a bearded highwayman firing into his automobile from the roadway, likely will be the first witness called for the commonwealth.

Forest fires sweeping through pine and scrub oak, were burning tonight around the small jail where Henry Clay Beattie, jr., is held.

Presumably started this afternoon by a match thrown outside by a spectator at today's proceedings, more than half a mile of underbrush, 200 yards wide, had been burning tonight and farmers were fighting the blaze to protect their homes.

Isolated as it is in the rear of the court house lawn, the jail where Beattie is confined is in no danger, but telegraph and telephone wires, strung especially for the trial are threatened with destruction.

THIRD FATALITY OF G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT

LOS ANGELES GETS THE NEXT G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT—BUSINESS SESSION TODAY.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 24.—The third fatality of the G. A. R. Encampment was recorded today when George W. Smith, of Ossing, New York was found dead in his room from over-exertion in yesterday's parade. A business session was held today. Los Angeles was decided on for the 1912 encampment.

Wilmington, Aug. 24.—Walking with two friends on the railway trestle that connects the sound with Wrightsville Beach, N. C., at midnight last night, M. R. Walker, 27 years old, of Burgaw, N. C., a lumber mill superintendent shot himself with suicidal intent.

TO-DAY'S MARKET

COTTON

New York, Aug. 24.—Cotton opened as follows: Aug. 12.36, Oct. 11.25, Dec. 11.34, Jan. 11.26.

At 12 o'clock the market stood: January 11.32; May 11.53; Dec. 11.37.

New York, Aug. 24.—2 p. m. Cotton closed Dec. 11.36; Jan. 11.32. Dec. closed at 11.33.

New York Stocks

New York, Aug. 24.—Stocks opened with sharp declines. Pressure on the Harriman stocks caused them to sell off. Curb was weak. Standard Oil and Tobacco were off today.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The opening Sept. wheat was 105, Sept. corn, 64.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—At 11.30 Sept. wheat was 90 1-2 and Sept. corn, 63 1-8.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The closing on spot wheat was 90 3-8, Sept. corn 64 1-2.

WILL FINISH FLIGHT TODAY

ATTORNEY NOW ON HIS WAY DOWN THE HUDSON VALLEY—113 MILES TRAVELED

THE WORLD'S RECORD

Castleton, N. Y., Aug. 24.—Harry N. Atwood, left here at 7.38 in southerly line down the Hudson Valley for New York City. He has traveled 113 miles and passed over West Point, Chelsea, Poughkeepsie, and Cold Springs.

Distance to fly to New York today 134 miles.

Distance already flown from St. Louis, 1,131 miles.

Total time in the air, 25 hours and 8 minutes.

Days flying, 10.
Portions of States passed over: Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. Cities St. Louis, Chicago, Toledo, Cleveland, Buffalo and Albany.

He beat the world's long distance record at Rhine Cliff, when he was 13 miles more than present record of 1,164 miles.

Expects to reach New York this afternoon when he will be 1,265 miles from his starting point.

Our villages and cities, disregarding all offers of money bonuses to land in places where great crowds awaited him, Atwood sailed through the Mohawk valley in the fog and ringing of bells had no inducement for him, for generally he detoured around cities.

Atwood landed on the property of an irate farmer, who protested against the appearance of the "man bird" and its consequent inrush of the people. The more the farmer protested the greater became the crowd and soon a nearly apple orchard was half denuded of its fruit.

NEWS ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Greensboro, Aug. 24.—At the meeting of the city board of commissioners yesterday an ordinance was passed permitting the farmers to kill at home and sell any animal raised at home and sell on the Greensboro market, provided the heart, lungs, liver, spleen, kidneys and head of the animal be subjected to inspection by the city meat inspector. The ordinance makes it unlawful for any one to attempt to pass an animal known to be sick at the time it was killed, or three months prior thereto.

Washington, Aug. 24.—President Taft will decide if the Government under the terms of the National bank act, can permit national banks to own interests in other banking institutions.

Attorney General Wickersham and Secretary MacVeagh have disagreed on the question, which was raised by the Attorney General's investigation of the relations of the National City Bank, of New York to the National City Company. As a result all the papers in the case were sent to the President at Beverly today.

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Democrats, the progressive Republicans and the regular Republicans will have their own program for tariff revision legislation when Congress reconvenes in December. This much was clear today. All three elements in the Senate will engage in a great battle on the general subject of revision the most important feature of the contemplated work of the regular session. Much of the trend of the fight will depend upon the report of the Tariff Board and the recommendations of the President in connection with that report.