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NO-JOINT DEBATE HERE TOMORROW

Mr. Sanders Says He Has No Authority to Make An Appointment for Senator Simmons.

At a meeting of several of Governor Kitchin's friends held in Smithfield one night last week, Mr. L. H. Allred, Chairman of the Kitchin Campaign Committee in this County, was authorized to invite Senator Simmons, through his County manager, Mr. W. M. Sanders, to meet Governor Kitchin at Smithfield on October 12, and discuss the issues of the Senatorial Campaign.

This, Mr. Allred did in the following letter:

Smithfield, N. C. Oct., 3rd, 1912.
Mr. W. M. Sanders,
Mgr. for Senator Simmons,
Smithfield, N. C.

My dear Sir:-
Gov. Kitchin will deliver a democratic speech and discuss the issues involved in the Senatorial contest, at Smithfield, on Saturday, October 12th, at 11 a. m. By order of the Kitchin Campaign Committee in this County, and by and with the warm approval of Gov. Kitchin, I am directed to extend a cordial invitation to Senator Simmons to meet Gov. Kitchin here on the date named and join him in a discussion of the issues of the Senatorial Campaign. I, therefore, respectfully and earnestly hope that you, as his County Manager, will take up the matter directly with Mr. Simmons and strongly insist upon his acceptance of this challenge.

In your recent advertisement of the coming of J. W. Bailey in the interest of Senator Simmons, you say that "Governor Kitchin's friends are having so many unkind things to say about Senator Simmons' official records," therefore the above named occasion furnishes a fine opportunity for Mr. Simmons to refute the "many unkind things" which you say are being said about his record, and if it will suit his convenience and inclinations to meet the Governor here on the 12th inst., the Governor will grant an equitable and generous division of his time to the Senator for a discussion of the issues.

I undertake to say for Gov. Kitchin that he will not utter a word in disparagement of Simmons as a man, but he will confine himself to a charitable but frank discussion of Mr. Simmons' conduct and record as a United States Senator, consequently you may assure the Senator that the debate will be pitched upon a high plane, and democratic harmony and success cannot be threatened by reason of a dignified discussion of records and not men.

When Gov. Woodrow Wilson attacked James Smith, Jr. in the recent Senatorial Contest in New Jersey on the ground that Smith is not a progressive democrat, no one was heard to decry the attack because it might provoke discord among democrats or threaten democratic success. The so-called "attack" upon Senator Simmons' record and upon his democracy as a progressive by Governor Kitchin and his friends is reprehensible to the same extent only as that of Gov. Wilson's attack on Smith, and in the interest of defending his record and his progressive tendencies; this challenge is issued to Senator Simmons.

Trusting that you may be able to answer soon that Mr. Simmons accepts, I am,

Very truly,
L. H. ALLRED,
Chairman Central Committee.

The following is Mr. Sanders' reply to the above letter:

Smithfield, N. N. Oct., 10, 1912
Mr. L. H. Allred, Manager,
For Governor Kitchin,
Smithfield, N. C.

Dear Sir:-
Your very novel letter suggesting a joint debate between Senator Simmons and Governor Kitchin in their

candidacy for the Senatorial nomination, at Smithfield, on October 12 1912, has been received, and in reply I will state that as County Manager for Senator Simmons I have no authority to make any appointment for him, and I presume that your authority is assumed in attempting to make a joint appointment for Governor Kitchin.

Moreover, you attempt to take an advantage of an appointment already made by Governor Kitchin to invite a joint discussion, and after having notice published in the newspapers, and also publicly announcing that a big barbecue would be tendered Governor Kitchin on the above date. And after inviting everyone to attend a Kitchin rally, now you come forward and attempt to bring about a joint discussion, which would be manifestly unfair to Senator Simmons. And the Kitchin howlers, after the discussion is over, would spread the news that Senator Simmons took advantage of a Kitchin appointment, of a Kitchin crowd, of a Kitchin barbecue, and of a Kitchin brass band, to discuss his Senatorial record.

Again, Senator Simmons is discussing the principles of Democracy, advocating the election of Governor Wilson and the Democratic ticket, while Governor Kitchin is discussing ways and means to land himself in the United States Senate.

Permit me to further suggest that if Governor Kitchin would devote as much of his time to the advocacy of the Democratic Platform, both National and State, and assist in the election of the Democratic ticket, he would not have quite so much time to devote to the promotion of his own ambition.

Further assuring you that I am without authority or advice to make appointments for Senator Simmons, I am,

Yours truly,
W. M. SANDERS,
Manager for Senator Simmons,
Johnson County.

NEW ENDURANCE RECORD.

A American Aviator Files Continuously for More Than Six Hours.

Annapolis, Md., October 6.—A new American record for an endurance flight was made here to-day by Lieutenant John H. Towers, of the Navy Aviation Corps, in a Curtiss hydro-aeroplane. He was continuously in the air for six hours, ten minutes and thirty-five seconds. The best previous American record made by Paul Peck was four hours, twenty-three minutes and thirty-eight seconds.

The distance covered by Lieutenant Towers was approximately 339 miles, with six miles to a lap. When the best previous record was made Peck covered 176 miles. To-day's course was not a measured one, however, an Tower's distance record is not official.

The flight to-day was quietly arranged by the American Aero Club, and it was not generally known that it was to take place. Towers rose from the water in front of the aviation grand stand at 6:50 this morning and did not touch the water again until thirty-five seconds after 1 o'clock this afternoon. There was but a glass full of fuel in the tank when he alighted. He flew at a height varying from 200 to 1,200 feet.

TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

Death List Increased on Last Day of Johannisthal Meet.

Berlin, October 6.—Aviation week at Johannisthal was concluded to-day after two more deaths had been added to the long list of fatalities among European aviators during the last two months. A monoplane driven by Ernest Allig and carrying a mechanic suddenly fell from a height of 600 feet when a wing collapsed. The mechanic was thrown from the machine at a height of 450 feet and his body landed on the ground clear of the wreckage. Allig fell with the monoplane and was killed instantly. The accident was witnessed by a big assembly. Allig qualified as an aviator last May.

Rockbridge county, Va., has contributed \$1400 to the Wilson fund, approximately a dollar for every Democratic voter.

GOVERNOR KITCHIN HERE TOMORROW

Foremost Citizen and Orator—Friends of Governor Will Have Brass Band and Barbecue.

The friends of Governor Kitchin are planning for a great day in Smithfield to-morrow. There will be a barbecue and a brass band to enliven the occasion. Governor Kitchin is expected to be here and speak at eleven o'clock.

Because the Governor has called attention to the record of Senator Simmons in the United States Senate he has been denounced somewhat bitterly in some sections. Let those who are inclined to be bitter toward the Governor come to Smithfield to-morrow and hear his address. He is one of the foremost speakers in the State and will interest those who hear him whether they agree with him or not. No man can say aught against his private life or personal character. Because he has aspired to succeed Senator Simmons in the United States Senate he is called a demagogue and many other names by those who oppose him. But after all he has served his State well whether he ever becomes Senator or not. He will have a high place in the States history.

TRICK AVIATOR'S DASH TO DEATH.

Fair Crowd of 60,000 Gasps as Charles F. Walsh Falls 2000 Feet.

Trenton, Oct. 3.—Sixty thousand people gasped, groaned and many burst into tears this afternoon as Charles F. Walsh, greatest trick aviator in the world, dashed from a height of 2000 feet to instant death at the Interstate Fair grounds. It was the third serious mishap of the week's show, beginning Monday with the almost fatal dive of Shaw, the high diver, and including the fatal fall of Samuel Foulke, veteran jockey, on the trotting track yesterday and who died tonight in the hospital. Every bone in Aviator Walsh's body was apparently broken and physicians who were hurried to his wrecked machine in an automobile believed that he was dead before he struck the earth.

Walsh was the headliner on the Fair's vaudeville program, and when the time came for his flight, William T. Taylor, the vaudeville manager of the fair, megaphoned to the crowd: "Mr. Walsh says it is very windy, but he will attempt a flight."

A ripple of applause greeted this announcement and in a few minutes the aviator was in the air. He climbed perfectly to a height of 5000 feet before he began the spiral descent which has caused the deaths of all of the world's greatest aviators. The first three turns in the air were perfect, and then the biplane collapsed like so much pasteboard, and came whirling through the air.

SIX PERSONS KILLED.

Automobile in Which They are Riding Struck by Train.

Dallas, Tex., October 6.—F. B. Cornelius, of Palmer, Tex., his wife and two daughters and his sister and her child, were killed to-night when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an interurban car near the town of Arlington, twenty-five miles from Dallas.

The interurban, traveling at a rapid speed, struck the automobile squarely in the center, throwing its six occupants directly in front of the car. The bodies of those killed were mangled beyond recognition.

Cornelius was identified by a card found in his pocket.

BADLY CUT IN GIN.

Mr. Ira Messer, while working at the cotton gin of Mr. J. Clarence Hardee, near Benson last Monday, had one of his arms so badly cut it had to be taken off. The amputation was made by Benson physicians.

WILSON GREATLY IN THE LEAD NOW

According to Poll Taken by New York Herald in Twenty-nine States—Roosevelt Second.

The second forecast of the presidential election, compiled by the New York Herald and printed in that paper Sunday, not only shows the Wilson vote to have made material gains over that for Bryan four years ago, but shows the New Jersey governor far in the lead of his other opponents, the nearest one being Roosevelt, with Taft a poor third, while Debs, the socialist candidate, shows an increase in vote over his last race.

It is claimed that the president has made great gains in New England and that if the election were to be held now that he would carry both New Hampshire and Vermont. That however, is theory.

Straw votes taken by the Herald, approximating 70,000, and gathered in twenty-nine States, taking in only Missouri, Kentucky and Oklahoma of the Southern group, put Governor Wilson easily in first place. In twenty-three of the twenty-nine States he is leading, Roosevelt leads in five and President Taft in one. The grand total of ballots collected by the Herald up to this time gives Wilson 30,261; Roosevelt, 20,748; Taft, 13,055 and Debs, 4,982.

The Herald states that its prepared table, which it prints, showing the indicated majorities in the twenty-nine States, is made up from the best votes taken by its canvassers and is not meant as a guide to what will happen in November. It states that the campaign is now in its formative State and changes are occurring daily.

What is Indicated.

Following are the indicated pluralities in the States as shown at this time:

- New York for Wilson, plurality, 78,799. Roosevelt second.
- Pennsylvania for Wilson, plurality, 30,710. Taft second.
- Illinois for Roosevelt, plurality, 192,967. Wilson second.
- Ohio for Wilson, plurality, 250,595. Taft second.
- Indiana for Wilson, plurality, 40,643. Roosevelt second.
- Missouri for Wilson, plurality, 180,139. Roosevelt second.
- Michigan for Roosevelt, plurality, 6,798. Wilson second.
- Iowa for Wilson, plurality, 51,817. Roosevelt second.
- Wisconsin for Wilson, plurality, 61,957. Roosevelt second.
- Minnesota for Wilson, plurality, 64,274. Roosevelt second.
- New Jersey for Wilson, plurality, 104,458. Roosevelt second.
- Connecticut for Roosevelt, plurality, 186. Wilson second.
- Maryland for Wilson, plurality, 17,136. Roosevelt second.
- Kansas for Wilson, plurality, 87,150. Roosevelt second.
- Kentucky for Wilson, plurality, 97,742. Roosevelt second.
- West Virginia for Wilson, plurality, 38,704. Roosevelt second.
- Nebraska for Wilson, plurality, 43,167. Roosevelt second.
- South Dakota for Wilson, plurality, 38,063. Roosevelt second.
- Washington for Roosevelt, plurality, 1,968. Wilson second.
- Idaho for Roosevelt, plurality, 25,223. Wilson second.
- Delaware for Wilson, plurality, 15,475. Roosevelt second.
- Oklahoma for Wilson, plurality, 40,477. Roosevelt second.
- Utah for Taft, plurality, 10,960. Wilson second.
- Wyoming for Wilson, plurality, 1,910. Taft second.
- California for Wilson, plurality, 32,238. Roosevelt second.
- Arizona for Wilson, plurality, 4,641. Roosevelt second.
- New Mexico for Wilson, plurality, 4,079. Taft second.
- Nevado for Wilson, plurality, 1,686. Roosevelt second.
- Colorado for Wilson, plurality, 14,464. Taft second.

NINE YOUNG LIVES SNUFFED OUT.

Philadelphia, Oct. 6.—Nine young men lost their lives early today when an automobile in which they were joy riding crashed through a railing on the side of the new 33rd street at Master avenue and fell into the coal yard 75 feet below. The machine, a big touring car, turned turtle in the descent and the occupants were found crushed and mangled in the hood of the machine. The body of the car was smashed to splinters. The dead are:

- Robert A. Boyd, 27 years old.
- Gordon H. Miller, 21 years old.
- Wm. M. Lawrence, 25 years old.
- Edgar M. Shaw, 19 years old.
- Thomas Nevin, 18 years old.
- Daniel J. Wilks, 25 years old.
- Jesse Holmes, 23 years old.
- Ernest Schofield, 27 years old.
- Robert Geisel, 22 years old.
- All were from Philadelphia.

Edgar M. Shaw, 19 years old, a son of James Shaw, a lumber merchant, who owned the car, was taking a party of his friends home after an evening spent in various cafes and saloons. Nine young men were in the machine and six others were in a smaller machine when the party came at terrific speed down 33rd street. In turning to avoid the smaller automobile, which was in the lead Charles I. Spayd, who was driving a car in the opposite direction collided with the rear of the Shaw machine. The heavily loaded car swerved and crashed through the iron railing of the bridge. When those in the other machines had made their way to the coal yard, only one occupant of the ill fated car showed any sign of life and he died shortly after at the hospital. The others were all pronounced dead when the institution was reached.

Thomas A. Lawrence, brother of the smaller machine. He started out with the party in the Shaw machine, but as it was overcrowded, asked to be transferred to the other car. He says the automobile in which he was riding was about 50 yards ahead of the Shaw motor, when he heard the crash and asked to be let out as he feared his brother had met with an accident.

Lawrence said he did not know any of the party and had met them only last night through his brother.

GIANTS LOSE TO RED SOX.

More than 35,000 People Witness First Game of Baseball in World Series.

New York, October 8.—The Boston Americans overcame the New York Nationals by a score of 4 to 3 to-day before more than 35,000 people in the first game of the world's series. The contest was nip and tuck all the way. The Giants made a thrilling rally in the ninth inning when they nearly tied the score, but "Smokey" Wood's bewildering speed turned two Giant batters back to the bench on strikes for the last two put outs, and the Red Sox carried off the honors.

When victory perched on the banners of the Red Sox post, the Boston delegation marched across the field, and Mayor Fitzgerald, of Boston, who was a guest of Mayor Gaynor, led in the cheers for the players of both teams.

Total paid attendance, 35,730.
Total receipts, \$75,730.
National commission's share, \$7,513.
Players' share \$40,568.
Each club's share, \$13,523.
Governor Eugene Foss, of Massachusetts, and Governor Tener, of Pennsylvania saw the contest.

Long Distance Avitation Record.

Paris, October 6.—The French aviator, Pierre Daucourt, to-day won the Pommery cup for the longest straight away flight between sunrise and sunset. He covered a distance estimated at 570 miles, a new world's record for a single day's flight.

Daucourt started at 5:59 o'clock in the morning from Valenciennes, near the Belgian border, and flew directly to Biarritz, near the southwestern extremity of France, arriving there at 5:38 P. M. He made three stops to replenish his tanks. A cash prize of \$1,500 goes with the cup.

TRIAL OF HAZERS AT HILLSBORO

Great Interest in First Trial of Its Kind Ever Held in North Carolina. Strong Array of Counsel.

Hillsboro, Oct. 7.—Although its court records of the past are a revelation of numerous criminal and civil proceedings of State-wide concern, embracing a period of a century or more and dating back into the abyss of time when men fought for "might and main," the courthouse at Hillsboro, a village so rich in historic lore, is during next week destined to be the scene of a criminal trial—the trial of four sophomores of the State University charged with the killing of "Billy" Rand, of Smithfield in the early morning hours of September 13—that bids fair to eclipse all former criminal proceedings. A trial strikingly unique in the first instance because it will go on record in North Carolina as the first direct death-blow directed at the immemorial custom of hazing as instituted by a State court; in the second instance the case will excite more than State-wide notice because of the prominence of all the parties involved and of the promising young man that was claimed as its victim. Lastly, the brilliant array of counsel employed to wage the trial will add decided prominence to the case. A glance at the complexion of the counsel engaged by both defendants and State will admirably serve to furnish an insight into the interest that the trial will evince.

The list of attorneys constitutes the names of men that have prestige wherever they have occasion to be mentioned and the strong personnel of counsel will attract crowds to witness the trial of Ralph W. Oldham, of Raleigh; A. C. Hatch, of Mount Olive; W. L. Merriman, of Wilmington, and A. H. Styrone, of Wilmington all charged with manslaughter. A partial list of the attorneys and their clientage follows: For Arthur H. Styrone, of Wilmington, the law firm of Keenan & Stacey, and Louis Goodman, of Wilmington; for W. L. Merriman, of Wilmington, J. O. Carr and Rountree, of Wilmington; D. P. Stern and Duncan, of Greensboro; for Ralph W. Oldham, of Raleigh, and A. C. Hatch, of Mount Olive, Victor S. Bryant and W. J. Brogden, of Durham, and Lawyer Weisberg, of Durham, will also appear for Hatch. The proceeding attorneys for the State, Solicitor S. M. Gattis, will be assisted in prosecuting the four boys by E. J. Justice and E. D. Broadhurst, of Greensboro, and J. A. Wellons, of Smithfield. Other counsel in the case has been mentioned, among the names being A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro; C. W. Tillett, of Charlotte, and J. W. Graham, of Hillsboro, but these names have not yet been confirmed.

Solicitor S. M. Gattis stated a few days ago with some confidence that no intimation had come to him to the effect that a postponement or removal to another county would be asked for. Consequently, the trial will come in its order on the calendar at the convening of court next week, the first day of court coming on Monday, October 14.

The fierce clash that must inevitably develop as the trial is put to a test by the two contending forces is in strong evidence when an analysis of the two points of contention is each alike scrutinizingly examined. On one side a loving father of a loving dead son, is seeking justice, the State will demand it for the sake of the University itself, for the protection of the sons of other citizens, and as an obligation owed the dead. The other forces that will come to life as the trial progresses will be the contention of the fathers of the defendants and the attorneys of the defendants that "Billy" Rand was simply the victim of a system that has existed in the schools and colleges since time out of mind, and a custom that has been engaged in more or less by a majority of students. Hence shall their sons suffer the consequences in its direct aspect? The fight will be on, and the trial gives promise of being a long drawn out one.—News & Observer.