

Daugherty Retirement Is In His Favor Politically

Evidence Is That Reaction of Sentiment in Ohio Will Make Him Delegate at Large to Republican Convention on Understanding He'll Support Coolidge

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Cleveland, O., April 2.—Harry M. Daugherty's evident determination to continue as a candidate for delegate at large to the Republican National Convention, on the Coolidge ticket in this state has created a situation which is puzzling the politicians more than any condition with which they have had to deal in a generation.

Odd as it may seem, the break between the President and the former Attorney General seems to have strengthened Mr. Daugherty's chance of election.

It was freely predicted two weeks ago that Mr. Daugherty would be "cut" on the primary ballots this year just as he was in 1920 when even as general manager of the Harding campaign for the nomination he was defeated in his ambition to represent the state at Chicago.

Since he was forced out of the Cabinet, there has been a reaction which undeniably is favorable to Mr. Daugherty, and many of those who had announced they would vote against him, say now that they will give him this last honor which he probably will ask from the party. Mr. Daugherty's name appears on the ballot and beneath it is the pledge to vote for Mr. Coolidge when the convention meets in this city. The former Attorney General recently has stated that nothing has happened to mar his friendship and loyalty to his former chief and that he will serve his cause in Cleveland as faithfully as if he were still a public servant. Ohioans evidently believe this to be a sincere statement and they will support Mr. Daugherty accordingly.

The Ohio primaries will be held Tuesday, April 20, and the Coolidge delegates are opposed by a Hiram Johnson slate. The Johnson forces have not made a militant campaign in the state as yet, because Senator Johnson, who is bearing the entire brunt of the campaign himself, has been too busy elsewhere. The Senator probably will make a whirlwind tour of Ohio just before the primary date. His followers have been confidently predicting that they would get at least one delegate-at-large from this state and several district delegates. Their prediction of one delegate-at-large was based on their belief that Harry Daugherty would be defeated.

The Coolidge campaign managers are not a little worried over the Daugherty situation for they have sensed the popular reaction which seems to be based upon the belief that having been permitted to enter the investigation, the Attorney General might have been permitted to make some sort of defense before being ousted.

Yet the action to Daugherty does not imply the slightest reaction against President Coolidge as a candidate for the nomination. As a matter of fact that will be no way in which the friends of Daugherty could show any resentment against the President in the primary. A vote for Daugherty will be a vote for Coolidge. In order to vote against Coolidge, it would be necessary for a strictly Daugherty man to vote against the latter.

There is no doubt but that the Coolidge managers would feel more comfortable if Mr. Daugherty were off the ticket but they do not dare openly to express the opinion that he should resign, even if the brief time before the primary permitted such action on his part. The Coolidge supporters were particularly worried over the first reports from Atlantic City that the former Attorney General was going to deliver a veritable broadside against his former chief because of the unexpected request for his resignation. Now that the statement has appeared and has included a new pledge of loyalty to Mr. Coolidge, much of the uneasiness has disappeared. Harry Daugherty is a stormy petrel, however, in Ohio politics, and the fear that something may happen to cause him to erupt again is an ever living one with the Coolidge forces.

There is no doubt that Harry Daugherty has become quite a local hero and there is no doubt that if elected a delegate to the Cleveland convention he will be even more of a hero at the gathering which is to be held here in his home state. Mr. Daugherty ordinarily might retire from the race, but it has been his life ambition to be elected a delegate-at-large to a national convention, and it would seem that this time he has his best chance, despite the fact that he could not win the honor four years ago when he was booming a favorite son for the nomination.

PILGRIM SHIP AFIRE

(By The Associated Press.)
London, April 2.—The British steamship Frangestan, bound for Jeddah with 1,200 pilgrims on board, is afire between decks, according to a Lloyd dispatch from Port Sudan.

The fire, it is said, which is consuming the cargo of cotton in the hold, is serious and is spreading.

The Frangestan is being accompanied by other vessels and is due at Port Sudan tomorrow.

NEGOTIATIONS ON FOR WHITE COAL

City Council Committee Appointed Arrange Conference to Get Terms on Hydro-Electric Power Here.

Negotiations looking toward a conference between the City Council of Elizabeth City and representatives of the Virginia Railway & Power Company, producers of hydro-electric current for Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk, with a view to ascertaining the possibility and expediency of obtaining light and power from this source rather than from a municipally owned steam power electric plant, were initiated this week and are now under way.

The committee from the City Council which is conducting the negotiations consists of Mayor W. Ben Goodwin, City Manager John Bray, and Councilmen D. R. Kramer and Miles W. Ferebee.

Credit for the initiation of these negotiations seems to belong to Councilman Ferebee, whose suggestion it was that a meeting of the Council be called and the question looked into. Preliminary reports, he says, have been most encouraging. There seems to be no reason why Elizabeth City could not be tied up with the Virginia concern and get current at a cheaper rate than it could be produced at in a municipally owned plant, to say nothing of leaving for street paving and other needed improvements money that would be tied up in a steam power plant in Elizabeth City.

For many weary months now Elizabeth City has sought to find a way or make one to solve its utility problems. The City Council has authorized the issue and sale of bonds to this end, but the city's hands have been tied by injunction suit after injunction suit instituted by the private corporation now supplying, after a fashion, light, power and sewerage to the city. The public has fretted at the delay in the erection of municipal plants; but if it turns out that through the negotiations now on it is found that Elizabeth City can get dependable continuous electric power service at a rate as low as or lower than this power could be produced in a municipally owned plant, the delay would have rebounded to the real advantage of the city.

FIRE DESTROYS HOME

Harbiner, April 2.—L. T. Hill of this place had the misfortune to lose his home and all his earthly possessions by fire here last Thursday night. Nothing at all was saved. The people in the village have responded very liberally in his behalf.

BUTLER HOLLOWELL DEAD

Winfall, April 2.—Butler Hollowell died Wednesday night, March 26 after being sick for some time with Bright disease. Mr. Hollowell has lived in Perquimans County all of his life except about two years in Virginia. He returned here this year and his health has been failing for some time. He leaves a devoted wife, two children by second marriage and three by his first wife. The funeral was at his home and he was buried in the Cedar Grove cemetery.

BRIGHT MAYOR RICHMOND

Richmond, April 2.—Dr. Fulmer Bright was elected mayor of Richmond yesterday, defeating George Anstee, who had held the office since 1912.

"Broadway's Angel" on Honeymoon



J. Harold Sommers, war vet of St. Petersburg, Fla., and his bride, who was Rhebe Crawford, Salvation Army captain known as the "Angel of Broadway." They were photographed among the palms at Ormond Beach, Fla.

Harlan F. Stone Is Attorney-General

Washington, April 2.—Harlan Fiske Stone of New York has been selected by President Coolidge as Attorney General.

Mr. Stone has served since 1910 as dean of Columbia University law school and recently resigned to become an active member of a New York law firm. He is a Republican, but has never taken an active part in politics.

COOLIDGE SEEKS TO SPEED LEGISLATION

Washington, April 2.—Means of speeding up legislation in the Senate were considered at a White House breakfast conference attended by a dozen Republican Senators today.

President Coolidge went over with his guests the entire situation, and an endeavor was made to map out a program for the remainder of the session similar to that agreed upon by the Executive and Republican leaders of the House.

MEETS THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Woman's Club meets Thursday afternoon at the Linden Tea Room at 3:30.

FLORIDA SPECIAL ENGINEER KILLED

Richmond, April 2.—Engineer Snedon was killed, Fireman Gravitt was seriously injured, a dining car employe suffered a dislocated shoulder, and several passengers were badly shaken when the Atlantic Coast Line Florida Special was derailed near Woodford, Virginia, today.

Snedon died almost instantly when the engine turned completely over and the eight or ten coaches making up the train left the tracks but remained upright. None of the passengers were injured.

The cause of the derailment is unknown. The Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac tracks over which the train was running were torn up for several hundred yards and traffic was completely blocked for many hours.

TOWN SWEEP BY FIRE

Tucson, Arizona, April 2.—The town of Benson, near here, was afire at midnight last night and several buildings had been destroyed by fire with the flames spreading rapidly and the destruction of the entire town apparently imminent.

Wave Of Fanaticism Is Responsible For Crime

Unusual Number of Cases of Murder or Self Mutilation in South for Last Few Months Can be Traced to Morbid Reactions to Religious Appeals

By ARTHUR PATTERSON
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Atlanta, Ga., April 2.—Religious fanaticism is believed responsible for a number of murders and a case of self-mutilation which have occurred in the South recently. Quick action of surgeons and his own strong constitution are all that saved Herbert Tingle, a 17-year-old farmer boy of Locust Grove, Georgia, when he obeyed literally the Biblical injunction:

"If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off." He laid his hand on a chopping block and cut it off with an axe, swinging the heavy blade nine times before he severed the bone and the flesh.

Two weeks before that, John Eva Winechester, an 18-year-old girl living at Seffner, Florida, slew her sick father by stamping him upon the face and chest until she had trampled the life out of him. The girl acted at the command of her mother, who declared that "Jesus ordered the death of Winechester because the devil was in him." Since then, both have been tried. The mother was committed to an insane asylum and the daughter was released because it was shown that she was acting entirely under her mother's directions.

At the time of the Winechester tragedy, the crimes of Frank McDowell, 19-year-old slayer of his parents and of his two sisters, were fresh in the public mind. He burned his two sisters to death at their home in Decatur, Georgia, and a year later to the day, killed his parents in St. Petersburg, Florida, by shooting them as they lay asleep in bed. He declared that he committed all these murders in an effort to atone for the sin of cursing the Holy Ghost when he was a boy only 11 years old. His weird story was that as a child he blasphemed against the Holy Ghost because he found one day that buttons were missing from a clean shirt he meant to put on.

Later, he heard a preacher declare that such blasphemy was the unpardonable sin and could be expiated only through fire and blood. He insisted that in burning his sisters and shooting his parents, he was seeking

such atonement. McDowell is in jail at Clearwater, Florida, awaiting trial.

Herbert Tingle, the eighth grade student who chopped off his own hand is the son of a well-to-do farmer. The family had gone to bed and Herbert was supposed to be asleep. Instead of sleeping, however, he crept silently through the backdoor of the farm house to the woodshed. There he lit a lantern and hung it on a nail near the wood block. Then he picked up a heavy axe, placed his right hand palm down on the block, and began to hack at his wrist. He struck nine times, inflicting wounds that ranged from his wrist to his elbow.

With his hand hanging by a shred of skin, he ran into the house, holding up the bleeding stump, and cried to his father and mother:

"See, I've done it. If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off."

Neither then nor while surgeons dressed his wound did he lose consciousness. He expressed no regret and refused to say in what way his right hand offended. For weeks past he had been in the habit of taking his Bible under his arm and going into the woods to remain alone all day.

The slaying of John Edwin Winechester by his daughter, who was also named John, is unparalleled in the history of crime in Florida. The mother told the police she had been attending a series of religious services held by a healer evangelist and had become convinced that her husband was possessed of the devil and that it was Jesus' command that he be killed. She and her daughter dragged the sick man out into the yard, and there he was trampled to death as though under the hoofs of cattle.

CONDUCTOR KILLED BY SPEEDING AUTO

Wilmington, N. C., April 2.—Adrian Matthews, railroad conductor, was killed last night by a speeding automobile which, after knocking him off his bicycle, swept on without a pause.

Later in the night, however, H. A. Boyd and H. C. Spooner were arrested, charged with having been occupants of the automobile when the conductor was struck.

SAYS DAUGHERTY SHOULD BE TRIED

Former Agent Department Justice Charges Criminal Maladministration of Justice Against Him.

Washington, April 2.—Continuing his complaints about the failure of the Department of Justice to prosecute various war fraud cases, H. L. Scaife, once an investigator for the Department, told the Senate Daugherty committee today that in his opinion Harry Daugherty, Secretary Weeks and others ought to be indicted as a result of the conduct of the Wright-Martin air craft case.

The witness came to the Wright-Martin case after he had renewed his charges regarding the sale of the Bosch Magneto Company and had declared that on the very day that the air ship Roma was destroyed he had tried to start an inquiry of the Department of Justice into that subject but had been blocked by W. J. Burns.

SMITH SLIGHTLY IN LEAD McADOO

But LaFollette in Own State Gets Two Votes to One for Coolidge in Presidential Primary.

Milwaukee, April 2.—At midnight the results of the Presidential primary in Wisconsin indicated that LaFollette was leading Coolidge two to one for Republican delegates, while Al Smith and W. G. McAdoo were running a close race for Democratic delegates with Smith less than 500 votes in the lead.

TWO FATALITIES IN BANK CAR HOLDUP

Montreal, April 2.—Masked men late yesterday opened fire on the money car of the Bank of Hochelaga, and escaped with \$125,000 in cash, after a bank employe and one of the bandits had been killed.

ONE MAN IS KILLED IN ELECTION FIGHT

Chicago, April 2.—A municipal election in Chicago, a little town within Chicago, took a toll of one life and resulted in the wounding of three others; while several were badly beaten in general fighting at the polls.

BESS CITY TO SEND DELEGATES SAVANNAH

The Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, in co-operation with the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association, got squarely behind the proposition to send a delegation to the meeting of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway Association in Savannah on April 3 at the Coastal Highway meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday night.

The purpose of the delegation is to work primarily to bring the proposed highway by route 34 through Elizabeth City. Falling in that the Elizabeth delegation will stand with the Southern, Washington and other Eastern North Carolina cities for route 30 through this State rather than Route 40, which is making a strenuous effort to become a part of the highway.

A delegation from Elizabeth City will present the matter to the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Hertford Wednesday night, and it is hoped that both Edenton and Hertford will have delegations at Savannah.

FIVE DIE IN BIG GRAND RAPIDS FIRE

Grand Rapids, Michigan, April 2.—Five are dead and five others are injured as a result of a fire which destroyed the Livingstone hotel here last night. Several missing are also included in the casualties.

POLICE ON MILK WAGONS

Boston, April 2 (Special)—Three hundred police have been detailed to ride milk wagons here to prevent any interference from striking drivers.

ON TO RALEIGH ROTARY SLOGAN

Members of Forty Clubs in This State and Virginia March on Raleigh for District Meeting Thursday.

Raleigh, April 2.—Rotarians of the Thirty-Seventh District, comprising clubs in forty cities of North Carolina and Virginia began to pour into Raleigh today for the opening session of the district conference which opens here to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

Conference committees worked late last night and will work later tonight, they say, in preparation for the reception of other delegates to the conference who will be arriving. G. Franklin Lenz, of Newport News, Va., District Governor is on hand for the opening meeting. Past District Governor, who are expected for the meeting are David L. Sites, Roanoke, Va., Thomas B. McAdams, Richmond, Va., Howard E. Rondthaler, Richmond, Va., Rogers W. Davis, Charlotte, N. C., Lewis Larrin, Spartanburg, S. C., Joseph A. Turner, Hollins, Va., Roger Moore, Wilmington, N. C.

Henry M. London, Legislative reference Librarian for the State of North Carolina, and secretary of the Raleigh Club is Conference Secretary; Dwight F. Betts is Conference Treasurer and Josephus Daniels, Jr. is Conference Sergeant at arms.

John A. Park, of Raleigh, will call the conference to order at ten o'clock in the morning. More than a thousand Rotarians including visitors and members of the Raleigh Club, with ladies will be in attendance. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, will deliver the address of welcome. Governor G. Franklin Lenz will make the response.

ENGLAND IS BUYING CALIFORNIA FRUIT

San Francisco, April 2.—(Special)—England ultimately will become the largest foreign purchaser of California fruits and foodstuffs, according to William Davies, head of a large export and import firm of London, who is here to arrange for the direct shipment of a large tonnage of products of this state to Europe.

In commenting on the rapidly increasing shipments of fresh, dried and canned fruits to England, he declared this tendency was due to the British propensity to follow trade marks in purchasing. California products, he said, had been successful in popularizing these trade marks and also in proving their quality.

TAX COLLECTIONS INCREASE

Washington, April 2.—March collections of income and profits taxes, the bulk of the first quarterly payment on last year's incomes and profits, aggregated approximately \$480,000,000 or \$17,000,000 greater than collections in the same period last year.

MELLON DENOUNCES RATES

Washington, April 2.—The increase in the estate tax rates made in the revenue bill by the House were denounced today by Secretary Mellon as "economic suicide."

TIRE MANUFACTURERS BUSY

Akron, April 2.—The Goodrich Company now is producing 22,000 tires a day, the Mohawk Company is reported to have doubled its output and the Kelly Springfield Company is making 1,600 a day. Between 5,000 and 10,000 balloon tires a day are being produced in the Akron district alone.

MRS. MARGARET HILL DEAD

Mrs. Margaret Hill died Tuesday night at 10:15 o'clock at her home 291 East Fearing street after being in failing health for some time and confined to her bed for the last ten weeks.

Mrs. Hill was a native of Perquimans County and was born October 16, 1840 and was in the millinery business in this city for 45 years. She is survived by three children: Miss S. A. Perry and James Hill of this city, and Mrs. W. J. Trafton of Norfolk. There are six grand children: Margaret, James, Evelyn, Helen and David Hill and William Trafton.

The funeral will be conducted at the home Thursday afternoon at three o'clock by Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

MRS. MOLLIE O'NEAL DEAD

Harbiner, April 2.—Mrs. Mollie O'Neal died at her home Saturday morning, March 29. She had been and invalid for the past five years and was a great sufferer but seemed to bear her sufferings with much patience. She leaves a mother, two sisters and three brothers to mourn her loss.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 2.—Spot cotton closed steady; middling 29.10. Futures closed at the following levels: May 28.98, July 27.90, October 24.65, December 24.25, January 23.88.

New York, April 2.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: May 28.10; July 27.06; October 24.20; December 23.54; January 23.51.