

Murphy's Death Puts A New Slant On National Politics

Influence of Incident Not Only Affects Possibility of Al Smith's Getting Democratic Nomination but Affects Vially all Machinery of Democratic Convention

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Washington, April 26.—The sensation of the hour is the effect that the death of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, will have upon the next Democratic National Convention in New York this June and the subsequent campaign.

Most of the conversation here relates only to the influence of the incident on Governor Al Smith's chances for the Democratic nomination. But the sudden elimination of Charlie Murphy means more than that. It means the loss of a great influence inside the party and perhaps the most important factor in the convention strategy of every campaign manager.

Nearly every Democratic convention of recent years has depended to no small extent on what Charlie Murphy would say and what he would do. Other leaders were influenced not merely by the fact that he controlled New York state's 90 votes in the convention but by his astuteness and vision. If Murphy thought a certain obstacle was insurmountable politically others under his influence were likely to think the same thing. He, more than any other man in the party, was its leader until the Democratic convention of 1912. After that it was Woodrow Wilson versus Charlie Murphy or the type of organization politics which he represented. The effort of William Gibbs McAdoo and his followers to win the Presidential nomination has been simply a continuation of the old fight against Murphy, against Tammany.

Tammany, however, is as strong in a convention as its spokesman. George Brennan of Illinois who succeeded quickly to the toga of leadership on the death of Roger Sullivan in Illinois is likely to take charge of the "organization" strategy at the coming convention but it is not probable that anyone in Illinois will permanently take Charlie Murphy's place in the Democratic party. The position of Democracy's leader in the empire state almost always gives him a place of vantage in the party as a whole.

Tammany Hall is a compact organization but it cannot overnight furnish a leader of national influence. It may develop that the absence of Charlie Murphy will have quite the opposite effect from that which is supposed at first glance. Had he lived, Al Smith would have been hailed as the tool of Charlie Murphy's maneuvers. The delegates from other parts of the country would have come steered to resist the Tammany influence. The objection would have been made that the Democratic convention meeting in New York could not afford to appear to be yielding to the dictation of Charlie Murphy. Now all is changed—Tammany's power will not be any more of a factor than the same number of votes from other states.

But in the tactics of the convention Charlie Murphy will be missed. He knew just when to throw his influence to a candidate. He knew how to persuade others to break in his direction. He was powerful because he had political sagacity. And he also ruled New York state's politics on the Democratic side. No anti-Tammany movement has ever been sufficiently strong to overthrow him. He has controlled the nomination of state, county and New York city officials. Tammany is today in greater danger of defeat by fate than it ever has been. Unless it can find at once a man of convincing personality to dominate the affairs of the Democratic party in New York state, it may find itself in the same situation as the Republican organization did in Pennsylvania when Senator Penrose died. A number of leaders arose and no one became prominent. An era of confusion in party councils and friction resulted, and Pinchot, an anti-Penrose man became governor. In the next Republican National Convention there will be no Penrose. So in the Democratic National Convention this year and maybe for years to come there will be no Charlie Murphy.

WOODVILLE HIGHWAY BE FINISHED IN FEW WEEKS

Only fifteen more working days will be required to complete the Elizabeth City-Woodville highway, according to the engineers on the job. After the completion of this road, there remains only six miles of dirt road between Elizabeth City and Hertford, this road being the detour around Umphlett's Corner. No actual paving has yet been started on the Hertford-Woodville Road altho the contractors are expecting to start some time this week. This road is to be a nine foot road and will be built on one side of the road so that it may be widened when the State decides to do so.

PROMISED FORD MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, April 28.—President Coolidge was quoted in a telegram produced at the Senate Muscle Shoals hearing today as having stated that he was trying "to deliver" Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford. The telegram was from James Martin Miller to the Dearborn Independent, Ford newspaper, October 12, 1923.

In offering the telegram Chairman Norris said that the White House records showed that Miller had a conference with the President that day.

COOLIDGE INVITED TO ROAD MEETING

Raleigh, April 28 — President Coolidge, Secretary of Commerce Herbert Hoover, and diplomatic and consular representatives from the Latin American countries to the United States will be among those invited to attend the Road Building and Maintenance Demonstration that will be held in North Carolina from June 3 to 7 under the co-operative auspices of the American Road Builders Association and the State Highway Commission, according to Frank Page, chairman of the Commission.

The invitations, it was announced, will be issued jointly by the American Road Builders Association and the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

Thomas H. McDonald, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Public Roads, with offices in Washington, D. C., who has taken great interest and lent his support in the perfecting of the arrangements of the undertaking, it was stated, has already indicated that he will be present during the week of June 3 to 7.

Road engineers from practically every South American country will be present, it was explained, in addition to the consular and diplomatic representatives. They are coming particularly, it was said, to see the methods that North Carolina has used in her extensive road building program and familiarize themselves with new road machines that will be exhibited by manufacturers from all over the United States, at the Demonstration.

PREACHES SERMON TO SOUTH MILLS SENIORS

Rev. F. H. Scattergood preached the baccalaureate sermon for the South Mills High School Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in Trinity Methodist church at South Mills.

The church was filled to capacity, the music was appropriately selected and well rendered, including the hymns, anthem, response, and the vocal solo by Leon Halstead, "Teach Me to Pray."

Mr. Scattergood, speaking on "The Immortality of Influence" made a strong appeal to the young people to make the most of their lives.

Mr. Scattergood made the trip on the scout boat, Scattergood, accompanied by a large number of Boy Scouts and several other passengers. Other Elizabeth City people made the trip by auto.

The commencement exercises are to be at the high school building at eight o'clock Tuesday evening. Dr. J. H. Gorrell of Wake Forest College making the commencement address.

COMMENCEMENT IS IN PROGRESS AT NEWLAND

The baccalaureate sermon for Newland High School was preached Sunday afternoon by Rev. Daniel Lane of Elizabeth City, a large crowd attending from town and country. Mr. Lane's theme was "Life More Abundantly."

On Tuesday night the little people of the school will give an entertainment, and on Wednesday night the commencement address will be made by Rev. G. F. Hill of Elizabeth City. The play entitled "The Average Man" will be given Thursday night.

REV. H. E. MYERS FATHER DIED MONDAY AT HOFFMAN

Friends of Rev. H. E. Myers, formerly of this city, received news Monday morning of the death of Mr. Myers' father who died Monday morning at eight o'clock at his home at Hoffman.

T. W. Baxter of Shawboro was in the city Saturday on business.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION ROCKS BENWOOD MINE

Wheeling, West Va., April 28—A few minutes after 100 miners went to work today in Benwood Mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation near here a terrific explosion occurred in the workings. The blast, according to reports from Benwood, took place about three miles back in the mine. Benwood firemen reported that the mine is on fire.

Entries to the mine were blocked by falling rock and debris, hindering the work of rescuers. Deadly fumes are seeping through the blocked entries.

More than 200 tollers from nearby mines rushed to Benwood and immediately the task of clearing the entries so that rescuers could go in.

Widow of Caruso Has Left Second Husband

New York, April 28—Mrs. E. A. Ingram, who before her marriage to Captain Ingram of the British army was Mrs. Enrico Caruso, widow of the famous tenor, today confirmed the rumors that she and her husband were not living together. She declared, however, that she would bring neither divorce nor separation suit.

NEW YORK PAYS LAST TRIBUTE TO MURPHY

New York, April 28—The city and nation today mourned Charles F. Murphy and honored him in death as few have been honored in the metropolis in living memory.

From the East Side, from the homes of the wealthy, from every social station, from the manifold walks of life there came to the pier of the Tammany chieftain in his modest home and to the great St. Patrick's cathedral men and women united in grief.

The sidewalks along the route from the home to the church and thence to Calvary Cemetery where the interment took place were lined several deep.

JEWELER GAGGED AND ROBBED BY BANDITS

New York, April 28—Three bandits today bound and gagged Charles Kresney in his office and jewelry manufacturing plant in Nassau street in the heart of lower Manhattan skyscraper district, and escaped with diamonds and platinum valued at \$150,000.

KIWANIANS WILL URGE BUILDING STATE BRIDGE

The Kiwanis Club will send a delegation to the Tri-City road meeting in Hertford on Thursday, to urge the building of the State bridge across the Chowan river and to request Frank Pace, chairman of the State Highway Commission, to make a visit to Elizabeth City and take a look at the concrete road in Camden County. Several automobiles of Kiwanians, it is said, will go to Hertford Thursday and it is believed that the Rotary Club will also send a delegation to that city.

Matrimonial Institutes Are The Newest Wrinkle

Bridegroom No Longer To Rush Untaught and Unprepared Into Manifold Problems of Domestic Life but May Learn in Advance by Mail How to be a Good Husband

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New York, April 26.—Bridegrooms are to be taught matrimony by mail. This will be the next development of the school for prospective husbands, known as "cupid's class," now flourishing at the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian Association.

No many requests for an outline of the lectures have come from young men in far sections of the country that Carroll N. Gibney, head of the educational department of the Brooklyn "Y," under whose inspiration the course was started, announced today that he was considering a plan to assemble the material into a series of lectures which could be sent by mail.

The course, consisting of six lectures of advice to the young man about to embark on the uncharted seas of matrimony, opened a fortnight ago. The enrollment lists 35 young men between the ages of 21 and 34—all of them bachelors and all "with honorable intentions."

As many more, Mr. Gibney said, were turned away and the classroom door locked to bar the crowds. Of those lucky ones who got inside, about 50 per cent, it is estimated, are engaged. Half of the remainder have the girl in mind and would like to be engaged, and the remaining one quarter are looking forward to matrimony in the indefinite future.

The two lectures thus far have been upon the physiological and anatomical aspects of marriage by Dr. William H. Price of the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Home and by

DR. ZENE EXPLAINS WHY DENTISTS ARE SO BUSY

The daily increase of dental patients in Elizabeth City is due to unusual conditions, according to Dr. Zenas Fearing, city health officer, in a speech before the Elizabeth City Rotary Club last Friday evening. In the course of his remarks Dr. Fearing said "the dentists in this city are getting more work than they are able to turn out. This condition is due to the roughness of the paving on our streets. One is not able to ride over these streets without shaking his teeth loose thereby necessitating a trip to the dentist. We should get behind a movement to help relieve our over-worked dentists."

HOLD WEEK OF PRAYER

Calvary Baptist Church will observe a week of prayer beginning tonight at eight o'clock and continuing through Friday. The program is as follows: Monday night, Ladies Bible Class and Missionary society, led by R. T. Venters and Mrs. S. S. Davis; Tuesday night, Men's Bible Class led by C. J. Ward; Wednesday night; regular prayer meeting led by the pastor, Rev. R. F. Hall; Thursday night, Young Men's Bible Class, led by Howard Jones and Irvin Forbes; Friday night, Young Woman's Bible class led by Mrs. E. C. Michiel and S. S. Davis.

FOOTBALL ROLE IS CINCH FOR BUTLER

The Alkrama Theater announces that it has secured "Cause for Divorce," for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

In this photo drama David Butler plays the role of a star football player—one of those huge human hulks who can tuck the pigskin under his arm and plough his way through several tons of opposing physical resistance. This is a perfect cinch to Butler, who before he essayed acting, was one of the collegiate football heroes of California.

BRIEF COURT MONDAY

Three negro defendants made up the total of cases tried in police court Monday, namely: Richard Taylor, taxed with the costs for operating a motor car with defective lights, James Burnett, fined \$5 and costs for disorderly conduct, and A. M. Armstrong, taxed with costs for operating a motor car without license, on condition that he secure license.

Miss Mildred Ives Is Winner of Medal

The medal was won by Miss Mildred Ives, seventh grade, in the recitation contest at Forks School Friday night and the other contestants, Misses Elizabeth Carter, Marguerite Morgan, Sarah Pritchard, Lovie Pritchard and Leslie Pritchard, received fairy stone lockets as souvenirs. The judges were B. L. White of Newland, Miss Catherine Albertson of Elizabeth City and Miss Bessie Barnett of Washington, N. C.

After the recitations Miss Catherine Albertson, field secretary of the State Parent Teachers Association, gave a short address and the Forks School Parent Teacher Association affiliated with the State Parent Teachers Association and elected E. R. Spruill as the president succeeding J. C. Overman. The other officers were reelected.

South Mills Mail Service To Be Inaugurated July 1

And Mail from Elizabeth City to South Mills as Well as from Camden to South Mills Will Give Many Camden Residents Two Mails a Day

FED WIFE GERMS IN GINGER ALE

White Plains, N. Y., April 28—Clarence Baring, inventor and dabbler in chemistry, was held here today without bail to await action of the grand jury when he was arraigned on the charge of attempted murder in the first degree.

Pneumonia and diphtheria germs are believed by physicians to have been administered to Mrs. Baring in ginger ale, root-beer, and solid foods.

Mrs. Baring is wealthy and 46 years old, seven years older than Baring who is a second husband. She was divorced from the first.

AYDLETT EXPLAINS "MISSING" MONEY

Says That \$800 Bond Money Is Being Held by His Firm Pending an Adjustment of Fees.

E. F. Aydlett, candidate for Congress from this district, before leaving Monday morning for Currituck where he is attending court, gave out the following statement for publication:

"Mr. Editor:—

"I desire to make a statement in The Advance regarding the Roberts matter.

"Mr. T. A. Roberts and three others were arrested and indicted under a charge of manufacturing, selling and transporting liquor. Their boat was seized and the materials thereon, consisting of 4,100 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of coal, and 45 five-gallon water bottles, and a quantity of meal. Mr. Roberts employed Aydlett & Simpson to represent them, he agreeing to pay the fees for all of them. They had to give bond of \$800 each, and secured bondsmen by him depositing with me for the three of them, \$2,400, to secure their bondsmen. Gallop was in jail for want of bond and Roberts came back to Elizabeth City later, and Mr. Simpson secured a bondsman, and Roberts deposited with Mr. Simpson \$800 to protect the bondsman. At court the judge reduced the bonds from \$800 each to \$250. They gave new bonds on Friday of court week, and came in to see me to get the \$2,400, which was on deposit to secure these bonds. I told Mr. Roberts that I wanted him to settle our fees. He declined to pay any further fees. I then told him that I would hold enough of the money to cover the fees. Mr. J. J. Moss claimed the \$2,400, and said it was his, and that he deposited it for Roberts. I still refused to turn over all the money unless they would adjust the fees. They left the office. In two or three minutes I sent word to them that I would pay over the \$2,400 as it was claimed by Mr. Moss. They went to the office of Messrs. McMullan & LeRoy, who declined to represent them. They then came back to the office and I paid them the \$2,400, all this in less than 30 minutes from the time they first asked for the return of the \$2,400. They knew that Mr. Roberts had deposited with Mr. Simpson \$800 to secure the bond of Gallop. This money Mr. Simpson, with my approval, declined to pay back to Mr. Roberts until he would adjust our fees, and Mr. Simpson is now holding the \$800 awaiting an adjustment of the fees. Roberts is a non-resident of the State, and has no property in the State that I know of, and it is reported has placed his property in his wife's name. I offered to arbitrate the matter of fees, but Roberts declined; and also declined to pay anything more, and left the office. It is but right that we should have an adjustment of our fees in our settlement with him.

(Signed) "E. F. AYDLETT."

The occasion for the foregoing statement is an article in last week's Independent which stated that in the case of Roberts et al in Federal Court Aydlett "pocketed" the bond money and "arranged a stool pigeon bond signed by a local citizen." The article also seemed to imply that \$800 of the bond money was unaccounted for. Feeling that he had been misrepresented and might be injured by the article and that the public was entitled to his side of the matter, Mr. Aydlett issued his statement.

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MAY COTTON DROPS

New York, April 28 — Heavy liquidation due to weak Liverpool cables today broke May cotton contracts 72 points on the opening call.

COTTON MARKET

New York, April 28—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 70 points. Middling 29.80. Futures closed at the following levels: May 29.45; July 29.95; October 24.15; December 23.53; January 23.30.

New York, April 28—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: May-29.48; July 27.83; October 24.12; December 23.57; January 23.20.

Income Tax Decision Postponed by Senate

Washington, April 28 — Decision by the Senate on the income tax was postponed today when the session was passed over for future discussion on the request of Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the finance committee.