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Claim LaFollette Not Run If McAdoo Is Nominated

McAdoo Leaders Spreading Impression that Nomination of Their Man by Democratic Convention Would Eliminate LaFollette and Insure Democrats Radical Vote

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Washington, May 27.—The latest bit of campaign strategy affecting the selection of a Democratic Presidential nominee is interwoven with Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin. The McAdoo leaders have started to spread the impression that if their leader is nominated, the Wisconsin Senator will not run independently.

So far as can be determined from the LaFollette camp, there is absolutely no guarantee that the Senator will eliminate himself even if the Democrats nominate a man to his liking. But the railroad brotherhoods and their henchmen are quietly interesting themselves in the campaign and would do anything in their power to bring about the nomination of the former director-general of railroads who was kind to them when he was in office.

The talk that Senator LaFollette would like to have as a vice-presidential nominee someone whom he could endorse if he did run independently is also a part of the effort to compel the Democrats to look to the radical and Progressive wing of their party rather than to the conservative element for a nominee.

Naturally the McAdoo managers consider that their chieftain is the single progressive or radical eligible for LaFollette support, but the Wisconsin Senator would hardly approve any candidate who ran on a platform which did not include his pet issues like Government ownership, something to which Mr. McAdoo is opposed.

Reduced to its essence, nobody can control LaFollette, not even the Democratic National Convention though the railroad brotherhoods may have a good deal of influence with him when he maps out his campaign. The rail men would not wish to see any votes go to LaFollette unless it was apparent he had a good chance of victory for if he was likely to prove a bad third they would concentrate on the nominee who seemed more friendly to their program.

The fate of the Howell-Barkley bill in Congress will have much to do with their attitude toward the Republican party and President Coolidge. To date the administration leaders have worked tooth and nail to prevent the measure from coming to a vote while a coalition of Democrats and insurgent Republicans in the House have upset the rules in forcing consideration.

On the whole it is more natural for the radicals to support the Democratic rather than Republican ticket this time for in practically all the important issues, the radicals and Democrats have worked together. The tax bill is their creation and farm legislation will probably come out of their united strategy. In a sense the Democrats have become the radical party and they will go to the country largely on the record made by their representatives in Congress during the past few months.

Speaking of radicals and progressives, the friends of Governor Al Smith are eager to know since when he cannot be classed as a progressive. His record as governor has been progressive. The McAdoo men reply that Smith himself may be a Progressive, but that he is being supported by Tammany and the conservative elements in the party—all of which however, would be upset if two-thirds of the delegates voted for him. Al Smith could run on the platform of the convention as suitably as any other candidate. So could Senator Joseph Robinson of Arkansas, another progressive and Senator Wheeler of Montana—talked of for vice-president—and Senators Walsh of Montana and Glass of Virginia. They all class themselves as Progressives, though some of them might go slow about tying up to LaFollette.

The next move must come from Senator LaFollette, if he intends to influence the Democratic Convention; but the chances are he will remain silent until after he has gone through the motions, at least, of trying to reform his own party at the convention which is to nominate President Coolidge. He will have ten days or more in which to speak then before the Democratic national convention begins its session.

YOUTH CONFESSES KILLING TEACHER

Bangor, Me., May 27.—Roland McDonald, 16 year old school boy, yesterday confessed to the murder of his teacher, Miss Louise B. Gerish.

TO BE VOTED ON IN JUNE PRIMARY

Democratic Candidates for State and Federal Offices are Listed for Attention of Voters.

Raleigh, May 27.—Following are the candidates for the North Carolina Democratic primary election of State offices:

For Governor: Angus Wilton McLean, Lumberton, Robeson County; Josiah William Bailey, Raleigh, Wake County.

For Lieutenant Governor: Robert B. Reynolds, Asheville, Buncombe County; J. Elmer Long, Durham, Durham County; T. C. Bowie, Ashe, West Jefferson County.

Secretary of State: W. N. Everett, Rockingham, Richmond County (Incumbent).

State Treasurer: B. R. Lacy, Roxboro, Person County (Incumbent). State Auditor: Baxter Durham, Raleigh, Wake County (Incumbent); James P. Cook, Concord, Cabarrus County.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: A. T. Allen, Raleigh, Wake County (Incumbent).

Attorney General: Frank Nash, Raleigh, Wake County; Dennis Brummit, Oxford, Greenville County; Charles Ross, Lillington, Harnett County.

Commissioner of Agriculture: W. A. Graham, Lincoln, Lincoln County (Incumbent); Fred P. Latham, Belhaven, Beaufort County; T. B. Parker, Raleigh, Wake County. Commissioner of Labor and Printing: M. L. Shipman, Hendersonville, Henderson County (Incumbent); O. J. Peterson, Clinton, Sampson County; Frank D. Grist, Lenoir, Caldwell County.

Insurance Commissioner: Stacey Wade, Morehead City, Carteret County (Incumbent); J. F. Flowers, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County.

Commissioner of Revenue: R. A. Doughton, Sparta, Allegheny County, (Incumbent).

Corporation Commission: George P. Peil, Raleigh, Wake County, (Incumbent); Oscar D. Carpenter, Kings Mountain, Cleveland County.

Associate Justice of Supreme Court: Heriot Clarkson, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County (Incumbent). United States offices: United States Senator: F. M. Simmons, New Bern, Craven County (Incumbent).

Congress, First District: Samuel M. Mann, Swan Quarter, Hyde County; E. J. Griffin, Edenton, Chowan County; E. F. Aydtlett, Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County; Lindsey C. Warren, Washington, Beaufort County.

Second District: John H. Kerr, Warrenton, Warren County (Incumbent).

Third District: Charles L. Abernethy, New Bern Craven County (Incumbent).

Fourth District: Edward W. Pou, Smithfield, Johnson County (Incumbent); Willie M. Person, Louisburg, Franklin County.

Fifth District: Charles M. Steadman, Greensboro, Guilford County (Incumbent).

Sixth District: Homer L. Lyon, Whiteville, Columbus County, (Incumbent).

Seventh District: William D. Hamner, Asheboro, Randolph County (Incumbent).

Eighth District: Robert L. Doughton, Laurel Springs, Allegheny County (Incumbent).

Ninth District: A. L. Bulwinkle, Gastonia, Gaston County (Incumbent); J. A. Dimmett, Gastonia, Gaston County.

Tenth District: Zebulon Weaver, Asheville, Buncombe County (Incumbent).

FAMOUS ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR IS DEAD

New York, May 27.—Victor Herbert, composer and orchestra leader, died here suddenly last night.

HENRY FORD BUYS LOTS OF LAND IN FLORIDA

Tampa, Fla., May 27.—Henry Ford purchased 8,000 acres of land here yesterday and will begin the development of the rubber industry in this state.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 27.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 33.65 a decline of 20 points. Futures, closing bid, July 29.65, Oct. 26.63, Dec. 25.90, Jan. 25.74, March 25.37.

New York, May 27.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 29.75, Oct. 27.60, Dec. 26.14, Jan. 26.05, March 25.17.

OCEANIC LADIES' QUINTET AT CHAUTAUQUA



This is an orchestra with a history. For three years following its organization this company was a standard attraction in Lyceum and Chautauqua. Then came a year devoted to the entertaining of our soldiers in France and England. For the past two years the quintet has toured in Lyceum and Chautauqua in America, resuming this work within 15 days after sailing from France.

SEVENTH GRADES TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATES

On Thursday morning at 9:30 the seventh grade pupils will receive their certificates, signifying that they have finished the Grammar School course. The exercises will be very simple, presentation of the certificates and the singing of several songs making up the program.

BRITISH MANUFACTURER OPENS SHOE STORE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, May 27.—(Special).—A British shoe manufacturer, Mansfield & Sons, has opened a retail shoe store here. It is evident the concern is depending on style and quality to compete with American dealers, since the scale of prices is higher than on the average American shoes.

GEORGIA COTTON CROP ONLY A LITTLE LATE

Atlanta, Ga., May 27.—(Special).—The Georgia cotton crop is 89.1 per cent planted, 63.2 per cent of the acreage is up and 31.4 has been chopped, according to reliable reports. These reports show the crop five per cent late as compared with last year.

FIRE DAMAGES TRUCK

One of the County trucks was damaged by fire to the extent of \$10 Tuesday afternoon at 1:45. The blaze was caused by backfire thru the carburetor and was extinguished by the fire department with chemicals. The truck was on North Road street when the accident occurred and the alarm was turned in from Box 16.

SALARY INCREASE BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, May 27.—Carrying the Borah amendment for full publicity of political contributions during the progress of campaigns the postal salary increase bill was today passed by the Senate.

Negress Likely Be First Woman Hanged In Delaware

Following Brutal Murder She Escaped Mob Violence by Heroic Measures on the Part of Authorities and Apparently Has Practically No Defense

By WILLIAM H. CONNER
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Wilmington, Del., May 27.—Carefully guarded in her cell for ten days to prevent vengeance at the hands of a mob, Annie Lewis, alias Annie Bell, will go to trial Tuesday on a charge of murder. If convicted, without recommendation of mercy she will attain the distinction of being the first woman ever hanged in Delaware.

Annie Lewis, a 23-year-old negress, apparently has a much better chance of thus making history in Delaware than in any woman defendant who has faced a jury on a murder charge in years. The crime of which she is accused is a particularly heinous one.

Locked up at police headquarters two weeks ago on a minor charge, she is alleged to have enticed Police Matron Mary T. Davis into her cell, slain her, taken her keys and fled. She was captured the next day, trying to make her way out of the city, disguised as a man.

The matron was popular and when news of her death at the hands of a prisoner spread, several hundred men gathered about the Newcastle County workhouse, to which the young negress had been taken and demanded that Annie Lewis be turned over to them for the infliction of summary judgment. She was saved by State Highway Police and reserves of the city force.

CANDIDATES AT MANN'S HARBOR

Aydtlett and Warren Both Appear on Same Night for First Time Since the Campaign Started.

Mann's Harbor, May 27.—(Special).—E. F. Aydtlett and Lindsay Warren spoke to a crowd of 500 people here last night, part of the crowd standing while some listened from outside the school building. This was the first time during the campaign that both these candidates were at the same place on the same night.

While friends of both candidates claimed that their favorite won votes, Aydtlett's speech seemed to take most effectively with the crowd. Warren and Aydtlett referred to each other in a friendly way in their addresses, both claiming that it was not their desire to deal in personalities or to seek to discredit the record of either.

Warren reviewed his record in the State Senate and Legislature and promised a record in Congress of equal consideration for all parts of the District.

Aydtlett struck a popular note when he pointed out Dare county's needs for better roads and water facilities and a clean administration of National Government.

WILL SEEK HIGHER PROTECTIVE TARIFF

Atlantic City, May 27.—The American Cotton Manufacturers Association in convention here today prepared to agitate for higher protective tariff on cotton. Importations have curtailed operations in domestic mills, the delegates declared. The goal to which the association is working is to make the cotton industry in the South independent with its own dyeing, bleaching, finishing and mercerizing plants and even with its own facilities for the manufacture of necessary machinery.

FIRE LOSS IN APRIL SHOWS A DECREASE

Raleigh, May 27.—The fire losses in the State of North Carolina for the month of April 1924 was \$554,386 or a decrease of \$25,000 as compared with the fire losses for April 1923, according to the official report compiled by Insurance Commissioner Stacey Wade and made public here today. The losses in the nation as a whole were given as \$31,815,900, or a decrease of more than \$500,000 as compared with April 1923 losses.

The report also showed that there were 211 fires during April 1924 and 180 fires during April 1923, but the loss during the former month was less than during the latter. Property at risk in the 1924 fires was valued at \$2,779,120 and that of 1923 at \$2,102,037 while the insurance on the property at risk during 1924 was given as \$1,684,207 and 1923, \$1,380,029.

Classified into buildings and contents the April report shows: Buildings, value \$426,855; Insurance, \$816,787; and loss, \$380,356. Contents, value \$1,352,168; Insurance, \$871,420; and loss \$174,499.

The report shows that the rural and suburban fire loss was \$59,595 for a total of 33 fires of which 19 were dwellings with a loss of \$26,000, while there were 120 dwelling fires in the cities with a loss of \$85,309.

Of the total, April 1924 loss, 16 fires each with a minimum loss of \$5,000 and totaling \$278,258, which leaves a loss of \$276,128 for the remaining 195 fires, according to the report.

Principal losses were given as follows: Asheville, warehouse \$97,700; Wilmington, business building \$25,784; Peachland, hotel and business business block, \$32,000; Candler, roller mill \$18,000; High Point, veneer plant \$16,500; Chapel Hill, University kitchen and dining hall \$11,950.

Causes of fires were given as follows: shingle roof and defective flues, 62; oil stoves 12; over hot stoves 8; incubator lamps 7.

Property damaged was classed as follows: dwellings 139; garages 10; Stores 9; and 5 each of warehouses, factories and business buildings.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT RESIGNED MONDAY

Berlin, May 27.—The German Government resigned yesterday and an attempt will be made today to form a new coalition.

SUSPECT ARRESTED IN KIDNAPPING CASE

Chicago, May 27.—The arrest of a man known as George Johnson, the name signed to the ransom letters received by Jacob Franks demanding \$10,000 for the return of his son, Robert, aged 13, driving a gray automobile, was the latest development today in the investigation of the kidnapping and death of the boy.

The prisoner was driving the same make of car seen near the private school attended by young Franks at the time he started home from school and lives in the Hyde Park district where the Franks family lived.

METHODISTS LIFT AMUSEMENT BAN

Springfield, Mass., May 27.—The Methodist ban on amusements except those "which can not be used in the name of the Lord Jesus" was today lifted by a five to one vote of the Methodist Episcopal General Conference here.

The minority report forbidding theater attendance on Sundays and specifying dancing and immoral theater performances was tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS WORLD COURT PLAN

Washington, May 27.—The adoption of the Senate foreign relations committee's World Court plan would enable President Coolidge to "promptly conclude with the states now adhering to the court a simple, direct and reasonable agreement," the committee majority said today in a formal report.

"In reporting this resolution the committee has taken affirmative and favorable action upon the recommendation of President Harding and President Coolidge that we should adhere to the court but not to the League of Nations," the report said.

THIRTY LIVES LOST IN MONDAY TORNADO

Greenville, Miss., May 27.—A series of cyclones and tornadoes sweeping through Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana last night and early today took a known toll of 35 lives, caused the injury of more than 70 persons and wrought thousands of dollars damage to farms and buildings.

Greenville, Miss., May 27.—Three negroes were killed and 20 injured in a tornado which demolished 11 buildings here last night.

PAYN FINE AND COSTS Albert Gatling for assault on Sarah Moore, colored, of Okisko, paid a fine of \$15 and costs in court Monday. There was no session of police court Tuesday.

SAUNDERS COMES BACK AT AYDLETT

Reiterates Oft-Repeated Statement That He Has Backed Up Every Charge With Proof and Facts.

May 26, 1924.

Editor The Advance: Since you have given Mr. E. F. Aydtlett space on the front page of your newspaper to say that reports I have made about him are "false and malicious," I trust that you will grant me the same space in reply to his charges. You quote Mr. Aydtlett as follows:

"Mr. Aydtlett goes on to say that nobody familiar with the history of his libel suit against W. O. Saunders in the courts as a result of publication in the Independent of Editor Saunders's version of Andrew Brown's deal with the Elizabeth City Lumber Company will be influenced by the latest reshuffle of this matter. 'People here remember,' says Mr. Aydtlett, 'that I had the sworn statement of the late Clay Foreman disproving every charge made by the Independent and that at the trial this affidavit was ruled out on a technicality. I still have this affidavit and will be glad to show it to any one who may wish to see it.'"

Mr. Aydtlett's defense of himself is characteristic of him. He says that people here remember that he had a sworn statement of the late Clay Foreman disproving every charge made by the Independent and that at the trial the affidavit was ruled out because of a technicality.

It is true that Mr. Aydtlett did come into court with a paper purporting to be an affidavit signed by the late Clay Foreman, and which affidavit purported to exonerate Aydtlett. By the lips of a dead man E. F. Aydtlett would have sent me to the penitentiary when there were living members of the firm of the Elizabeth City Lumber Co., in Elizabeth City to testify to the facts in the case, and who knew just as much about the case as Mr. Clay Foreman knew when he was alive. J. W. Foreman, and Roscoe Foreman, sons of Mr. Clay Foreman and members of the firm, familiar with the whole transaction, went on the stand in the Superior Court and by their testimony under oath, supported the charges made against Aydtlett by this newspaper, and neither Mr. Wesley Foreman nor Mr. Roscoe Foreman believed that their father had given Aydtlett a letter of exoneration before he died.

The charges against Mr. Aydtlett were not only sustained by the evidence of the living members of the Elizabeth City Lumber Co., but by other witnesses and many exhibits, including the original check with which Aydtlett was paid by A. J. Brown for recommending the purchase of this bogus land title, Elizabeth City people who remember anything remember all these facts; they remember also that I have never made a statement about E. F. Aydtlett that I was not prepared to back up with the facts and which I failed to back up whenever Aydtlett demanded a show down.

Since you have permitted Mr. Aydtlett to use your newspaper to discredit me and The Independent, I trust that you will be fair to a fellow craftsman and give the same publicity to this communication. If you will not do that, then publish this as an advertisement and send me your bill.

W. O. Saunders

HOT WATER BOTTLES ARTISTS ARE FINED

Curruck, May 27.—Fifty dollars and costs for Earl Fry of Norfolk and \$30 and costs for Mrs. Fry was the penalty imposed in Curruck recorder's court Monday afternoon by Trial Justice J. M. Newbern when the pair were arraigned before him for his possession under the Turlington Act and for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor. The court found them not guilty as to the latter charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Fry are the couple who resorted to the novel experiment of using hot water bottles to transport their corn and had a full carload in board in these containers when their automobile upset last week a mile from Shawboro near Flora's lane. In default of bond, the two spent a night in Curruck jail.

LITTLE CHILD KILLED IN MONDAY RACE RIOT

Pittsburgh, May 27.—Ida Kirtman, three year old girl, was killed in a riot between negroes and whites yesterday which the police reserves quelled.

FIVE KNOWN DEAD IN HOTEL FLAMES

Newark, N. J., May 27.—Five men are known to have died in the fire which destroyed the Mills Hotel here today. Fireman said that other bodies were probably in the debris of the hotel which housed a hundred men.