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Both Coolidge And Davis Are Working On Speeches

Davis in Woods and Coolidge in White House Expected to Sound Real Keynote of Democratic-Republican Campaign in Their Speeches of Acceptance

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New York, July 19.—John W. Davis, candidate of the Democratic party for the Presidency, has gone to the wilds of Maryland, he not only will get a good rest before plunging into the campaign, but where he believes he can also get a better perspective on the situation which confronts him. He may remain in seclusion for two weeks or more, for now that the notification ceremonies at Clarksville have been fixed for August 11, there will be no need for him to hurry back to town.

The Democrats feel they have made a rather shrewd move in having their notification just three days before the Republican ceremony at Washington. At first it was proposed—the Democratic function should be held about August 1. Then came the announcement of the Republican date and the Democrats decided to delay their ceremony accordingly. It had been announced that President Coolidge would reply to the Democratic "keynote" to be uttered by Mr. Davis. If the Democrats had adhered to their first plans, the President would have had a full fortnight to consider and frame his reply. As matters stand now he will either have to defer the preparation of his speech until three days before its delivery or else go ahead without any reference to the position to be taken by the Democratic candidate.

Most of those who know Mr. Coolidge well believe he will choose the latter course so the two leading opponents in the campaign are expected to be at work simultaneously upon their addresses of acceptance.

Both addresses are likely to be pitched upon a high plane. There will be no personalities in the coming fight so far as the principal figures are concerned.

Mr. Coolidge is not that type of man. Neither is the Democratic standard bearer. The personality of each man is expected to have a distinct bearing upon the result but there is a vast difference between personality and personalization.

The speeches of acceptance will be amplifications of the party platform. Mr. Coolidge's views are fairly well known. Therefore the greater public interest is likely to center in the Davis address.

President Coolidge will have a number of difficult obstacles to skirt in his address, just as the Republican platform makers at Cleveland had to step rather lightly in turning some of the sharp corners. Mr. Coolidge will have the same difficulties that the platform makers had in dealing with the recent of the last Congress, the leaders of which did so much to thwart the executive program. The general impression seems to be that Mr. Coolidge will appeal to the country to give him a Congress with which he can work. It is possible of course for the Republicans to get working majority in the House, for all the members of that body must come up for re-election in November. But the case of the Senate seems hopeless. It will take years to get some of the recalcitrants out of that body, if ever it is rid of them.

Just here Mr. Davis is expected to make a most telling attack upon the Republican record. He will attempt to show that President Coolidge was either unable or unwilling to force his will upon Congress and that legislation was possible only through Democratic and Progressive channels. He will argue that if the Democrats are given control of Congress as well as the Presidency, the country may look for certain Washington and a general spirit of pulling together for the welfare of the country.

Already the preliminary Democratic "keynotes" have indicated a line of attack and it will be a difficult one for the Republicans to meet. Of course Mr. Davis will dwell upon the alleged corruption "in high places" at Washington, but the official and other relations at the capital will not set the figure in the campaign that was originally supposed.

Meantime Messrs. Davis and Coolidge have been getting the usual "good news" handed out to aspiring politicians to the party standard bearers. Candidates all ways have to put up with this sort of thing. Mr. Davis has been told that the Democrats will carry Pennsylvania and Mr. Coolidge has been advised that the Republicans are likely to carry the solid South. Both Mr. Davis and Mr. Coolidge are "assured" of Indiana, both will get Illinois and both will get Ohio.

Mr. Coolidge grimly bears all of the "good news." Mr. Davis smiles engagingly at the talk of the prophets and the sons of prophets. The open season for political prognostication is on. It

Some Franks a Tornado Played



These are just a few of the Frankish stunts a tornado played in Augusta, La. The picture at the top shows the Episcopal Church minus its front. In the center are three buildings, destroyed in the sale of a house. At the right is seen a five-story office and apartment building with one corner entirely gone.

TRY THIS IN YOUR TUB NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

By J. C. ROYLE
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The advance in habits of personal cleanliness is indicated by the demand for large sized cakes of toilet soap which usually are used for bathing purposes. Consumption of soap in rural localities is most directly indicated in the census, whereas in the cities it is more difficult to determine. It is estimated that in the United States there are used about 100,000,000 cakes of soap annually. This is a large part of the fact that farmers were formerly accustomed to make their own soap.

Apparently the farmer has been quick to realize that it was not expedient to make his own soap, said H. S. Conroy, president of the Proctor & Gamble Company. "Now, due to improved manufacturing conditions, there is a greater economy and better quality, it is unnecessary to find a rural dweller who makes his own soap."

The art of soap making is an old one, the first scientific application of which is made in the writings of the Greek physician, Dioscorides, A. D. 70. The product, made from olive oil and wood ashes, was used by the Greeks and Romans only to give a red color to their hair. The first mention of its use for removing dirt from the body and clothing was in the second century. It did not attain general use, however, until about 1509, when the soap industry grew rapidly in Castile and Marcellus, where soap was made of olive oil and lye.

The introduction of showers in the homes, which has been a marked feature of new building construction, has tended to conserve the amount of water used for bathing as a shower bath requires less water than one taken in a tub. It has also increased the demand for large cakes of soap, since they are easier to hold and cover the surfaces with lather more quickly.

Hotel baths are used twice as often by transient guests as by hotel managers. This would indicate that the daily bath is not yet by any means universal in this country. Investigation shows that office employees wash their hands regularly at lunch time but not so regularly at the end of the day's work.

It's Never Been Climbed



No man ever has reached the summit of Mount Gekko—grimmed mountain in the Canadian Rockies. It is only 19,000 feet high, but has defied every attempt to attain its peak. Now the feat is being tried by C. G. Wates of Edmonton, Alberta; H. D. Godes of Toronto, and Val E. Flynn of St. Louis. They intend to make four different attempts on the mountain.

PLEAD GUILTY TO KILLING FRANKS

Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb Declare Newspaper Accounts Substantially Correct.

Chicago, July 21.—The fate of Nathan Leopold, Jr. and Richard Loeb, indicted for kidnaping and murder of 14-year-old Robert Franks, was sealed today in the recesses of the court.

This is stated from the plea of guilty in court by Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the boys, and affirmed by them "after they had been duly warned by the court of the consequences of this plea."

The degree of punishment, which may vary from an indefinite term of imprisonment through life sentence to the penitentiary, incarceration in an asylum, or death, will be determined after the hearing on Wednesday. Entering the plea of guilty in the Darrow said that the defense admitted the correctness of the fact "substantially as printed in the newspapers."

He asked permission, however, "to offer evidence as to the mental condition of these young men and their degree of responsibility."

Judge Caverly then agreed to hear such evidence, but as to fact and mental responsibility as to the two sides might wish to present him for his information.

BIG CROWD ATTENDING POLICE COURT MONDAY

Two wrecks, one on the Woodville and one on the Newland road were the casualties of Saturday night on the paved roads of the county.

Marshall H. Jones, cashier of the First Citizens National Bank, had his new Ford Coupe knocked into a ditch on the latter road when he was run into by Dennis Duvall, formerly of Tyrell County but now of Suffolk. Mr. Duvall, submitting in court Monday to a plea of reckless driving, was let off with a \$50 fine which it was explained to the court that he had agreed to fully compensate Mr. Jones for the damage to his car.

Leslie Barnes and Jerry Johnson, the latter colored, were defendants to a charge of reckless driving coming out of the wreck on the Woodville road, but the occupants of each car blamed the accident on the occupants of the other car, and the court was unable to find either defendant guilty. The auto evidence of the cars, both of which went into the ditch, disclosed that Johnson's car was struck amidships as it was headed toward town, while the car driven by the white man, headed toward Woodville, careened toward the ditch after the impact for a distance of about 100 feet and went into the ditch on the other side of the road. The car was turned completely over and almost around by the collision.

In none of the accidents, it appears, was anybody hurt.

Joe Brown, colored, was fined \$15 and costs for assault with deadly weapon on Police Officer Harris when evidence was brought out to the effect that Brown had his car for the police officer and turned on the police as if to run him down when Mr. Harris ordered him to halt on South Road street Saturday night. The State failed to make out a case against Brown for assault with deadly weapon on another negro when two witnesses, Julius Riddick and Tommy Glover, both colored, who had been subpoenaed by the State, failed to appear. The remaining witnesses were fined \$15 and costs.

Thomas H. Mendenhall, Eddie Pugh and Miles Russell, Jr. were fined with the costs for violation of the city parking ordinance.

Rosa Staten, colored, for creating a nuisance, neatly verbal, was let off with a fine of \$5 and costs.

Tracy White and Sam Harvey, colored, got \$5 and costs for disturbing in a game of African soft.

James Blanchard, on a charge of assault, was fined \$5 and costs.

Matthew Spruill, colored, for assault on his wife, was sent to the reformatory for six months.

Holl Williams and David Harris were fined \$5 and costs for being drunk.

Samuel Haura, colored, on a police charge, was let off with the costs.

Saint Briffage, colored, for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of beer, was fined \$50 and costs. Saint took an appeal.

Elbert Holly, colored, submitted to a charge of failure to observe the State railroad crossing sign law, and was let off with the costs.

The crowd at Monday's session of recorder's court looked like the ordinary day of a session of Superior court, so many were the suits created, especially on the "poor" side of the center of the court, of reckless driving and of assault with deadly weapon made up an unusually sensational docket.

LUIS FIRPO HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND

New York, July 21.—Luis Angel Firpo, Argentine immigrant, listed as the fighter's stenographer, and two other members of his party were today held by immigration authorities upon their arrival from Argentina on the ground that their passports had been insufficiently vised. They were ordered sent to Ellis Island.

BOY DROWNS IN CURRITUCK SOUND

Funeral of Tregaron G. Sawyer Conducted at Powells Point Church

Powells Point, July 21.—Tregaron G. Sawyer, the Powells Point 13-year-old lad who was drowned in Currituck Sound Thursday afternoon, was buried Friday afternoon in the cemetery adjoining the Powells Point Baptist Church following appropriate services in the church.

Rev. Charles Arthur Vandermolen, the new pastor of the Powells Point Baptist Church, formerly a pastor in Portsmouth, Virginia, officiated.

The lad went in bathing with his brother, Melvin, 18 years old, at one of the Powells Point boat landings, known as the Hog Quarter landing, near his home, late Thursday afternoon. About 10 yards from the boat landing, a shoal much frequented by bathers, he fell. A party of bathers, mostly youngsters, were bathing there Thursday, and the two lads thought to swim through the deeper water the short distance to the party on the shoal. Neither could swim well, and yet could undertake with confidence a swim that distance. The younger brother, while learning to swim only this week, had often swam this stretch of deep water over to the shoal. However, to make sure his younger brother could reach the shoal, Melvin, the older, secured for him a stout, five-foot plank to aid him.

When the older brother reached the shoal, the younger was only half way there and had let go of the plank. The older called out: "Treg, can you make it?" And the reply came: "No! Come here quick." But the older, though he did his best, was unable to reach the drowning lad in time to help. When a little later, the body was recovered by Norris B. Sawyer, an uncle of the drowned lad, it could not be reconnected.

It is thought the boy, who was subject to "weak spells," was seized with a sudden illness in the water, and thus went down.

Others assisting in the search for the body were: Thomas J. Sawyers and T. R. Sawyers, Jr., Herman Gallon and Jordan Snow.

Tregaron G. Sawyer and his brother, Melvin, have made their home with Mrs. Sabe Payne, their grandmother here, their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan D. Sawyer, having died some years ago. Tregaron was a member of the Powells Point Baptist Church.

The fire was discovered by George Koeh, a member of the fire department, and a driver of one of the fire trucks. He immediately turned in the alarm and drove his truck back to the burning building. He succeeded in breaking open the front door of the stable and was making an effort to open the first stall when smoke and heat drove him from the building, which was burning like a tinder box.

"When I got to the building," says Mr. Koeh, "the fire had started near the front of the stable on the north side. Before I got to the first stall door, the fire had jumped across the loft almost as rapidly as if the timbers had been soaked in gasoline."

The building has been in use for a period of about 11 years beyond last week there was comparatively little rain. The heavy Saturday evening being probably the dustiest they have been this summer.

Had the wind been blowing Saturday night, especially from the fire toward the residences on Matthews street, there is no telling how far the flames would have spread as the department was hampered in its work by a low water pressure to start with, and then by the large number of automobiles that, as soon as the alarm sounded, rushed to the scene and parked adjacent to the building. Hard work, however, kept the flames from spreading beyond the immediate adjacent buildings and checked fire in those structures before serious damage was done. As for the central building, there was hardly a chance to save it after the fire was discovered so rapidly did the flames spread.

FIVE HORSES ARE LOST IN FLAMES

Four City Carts and Three Wagons Also Burned, and Total Loss to City Is Between \$3,000 and \$5,000

Five of the six city horses in stalls in the central frame building just back of the headquarters of the Elizabeth City Fire Department, were burned to death in a fire Saturday night, which in a few minutes more than one half an hour had reduced the building to charred skeleton of timbers. The two adjacent frame structures on each side of the central building, caught from heat or flying timber sparks, but these were saved.

The one horse in the building saved broke out of the stall and escaped, but not until he had been severely burned, besides sustaining bruises and cuts in making his escape. This animal is now at the stables of Dr. Victor Finch, veterinarian, and, though he is not out of danger, he is apparently improving and it is believed that he can be saved.

Four city carts and three wagons were also destroyed by the fire as well as all of the feed and the tools of the street cleaning department which were housed in the building. The rear tractor trailer was also housed in the building, but as it is of steel construction practically throughout it is not believed to be a complete loss.

The total loss to the city is estimated at between \$3,000 and \$5,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

The origin of the fire is not known. Drivers of the street carts were out Saturday night until about 10 o'clock, cleaning up the streets after business hours, which has been a Saturday night custom here for many years. Still loaded with trash and paper from the streets, these carts were left in the building Saturday night on the opposite side of the stable stalls. This was about 25 minutes prior to the time that the alarm was turned in, and, as the blaze was first seen on the side of the building where the carts were housed it is thought not improbable that the fire might have caught from a burning cigarette being picked up with other trash from the street. Color is added to the theory by the fact that at least one within recent years has loaded on one of the street carts caught fire on the street in broad daylight. Smoking by city employees in the building is strictly prohibited.

FEDERAL TROOPS IN NEW POSITIONS

Washington, July 21.—New and advanced positions have been taken by the Brazil federal troops operating about Sao Paulo, according to a communique issued yesterday by the Brazilian embassy.

COTTON FORECAST IS MUCH LOWER

Washington, July 21.—A decrease of 210,000 bales in the cotton crop as compared with that made three weeks ago was forecast today in the first semi-monthly report of the Department of Agriculture, which placed the crop at 11,134,000 equivalent of 100 pound bales.

The forecast was based on the condition of the crop on July 16 which was 68.5 per cent of normal. The condition of the Virginia crop is 54 and the North Carolina 56.

GRAIN COMPANIES ANXIOUS TO SELL

Minneapolis, July 21.—Thirty five grain companies of the North West today offered to sell the entire holdings including 1,062 county elevators to the American Farm Bureau.

FIVE COACHES LEAVE THE TRACK

Dodge City, Kansas, July 21.—The Santa Fe passenger train Number Four, east bound, was today wrecked near Holcomb, ten miles west of here, according to word received at the division offices of the railway. Five coaches are reported to have left the track.

FUNERAL MRS. BANKS

The funeral of Mrs. Joe Banks who died at her home at Salem Friday night was conducted at the home Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. E. F. Sawyer and interment made near the home. Mrs. Banks was 79 years old and is survived by her husband and a son and a daughter.