

New York State To Be A Great Battleground

Though They Have Carried State Only Twice Since 1890 Democrats See in John W. Davis Man of Cleveland Type Who Might Turn Trick

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New York, July 29.—New York state is to be perhaps the greatest battle ground of the coming Presidential campaign. With John W. Davis as their standard bearer the Democrats realize their best chance of winning the election lies in winning some of the Northern states east of the Mississippi River to add to the electoral votes of the solid South.

The general feeling here at the moment is that the Democratic managers will permit the Republicans and the LaFollette followers to fight it out to great many of the Western commonwealths.

Of course the Democrats will not neglect these Western states. Mr. Davis undoubtedly will visit them. But the battle will be concentrated in the East and the bulk of the campaigning be done here.

The best chance the Democrats have to carry New York state is to renominate Al Smith for a third term as governor. There is every reason to believe that when Mr. Davis returns from his island retreat in Maine the latter part of the week he will confer with the governor and endeavor to persuade him to announce his candidacy. Governor Smith has pledged himself to do everything possible for the success of the National ticket. He could best render this service by lending his enormous vote-getting strength to the ticket itself.

The Republicans are mindful of the Democratic plans here in the empire state and are prepared to meet them. It is the Republican idea to make the most of the breach between Governor Smith and William H. Hearst and to encourage the latter to put Mayor Hylan of New York City in the race for the governorship as an independent Democrat or as a progressive Democrat, or whatever name may be chosen for his ticket. Mayor Hylan has said he would run if there was a demand for him. Mr. Hearst is expected to do all in his power to foster this demand.

The feud between Mr. Hearst and the governor was never more bitter than at this time—the eve of a Presidential campaign. Mr. Hearst's newspapers also have attacked the availability of Mr. Davis as the Presidential nominee. Mayor Hylan of course stands with Mr. Hearst in everything political. There is no doubt that Governor Smith he would win many thousands of Democratic votes in New York City, and without a tremendous vote in the city the Democrats could not hope to carry the state.

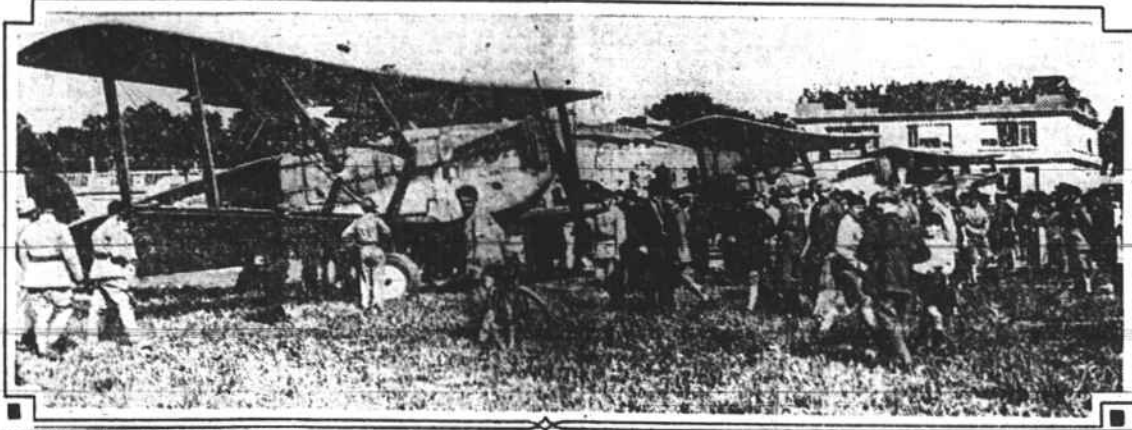
The Democratic managers are virtually powerless to dissuade Mayor Hylan. His course unquestionably will be dictated by Mr. Hearst and the latter is not in a pacificatory mood at present. Despite the Hylan threat, the chances are that Governor Smith will be renominated and will make one of his active, characteristic and effective personal campaigns.

The Republicans are casting about for a strong candidate for governor. There still is talk of the availability of young Theodore Roosevelt, whose political career was thought to have suffered a set-back at the time his chief, Secretary of the Navy Denby, felt it necessary to resign from the cabinet. There was no attempt after that, however, to associate Mr. Roosevelt with the leasest of the Naval oil reserves. In the meantime President Coolidge has more than once said that he would not permit the name of the late President to be used in a Presidential year. So the effort of Colonel Roosevelt's friends to have him walk further in the footsteps of his father by gaining the executive mansion at Albany is beset with many obstacles.

The Republicans express complete confidence that they can hold New York in line for the National ticket even if Al Smith is renominated. They regard that more than 1,000,000 persons who voted for Smith in 1920 also voted for President Harding and, while they do not profess to say the percentage would be so large this year, they believe the voters of the state would demonstrate almost the same sort of independence in choosing between state and national tickets.

The political history of New York state would not seem to hold out much hope to the Democrats so far as the Presidency is concerned. The state has gone Democratic on the National ticket only once since 1892 and that was in 1912 when Woodrow Wilson

American 'Round-the-World Planes in Paris



This picture shows the arrival of the American 'round-the-world fliers at Le Bourget Flying Field, just outside Paris. It was Bastille Day, and Lieutenant Lowell Smith and his companions made a superlative effort to reach the capital on the holiday. The crowds, shouting their welcome, are seen surging about the planes.

FINGER PRINTS TO BE COMPARED

Sheriff Takes Bloody Shotgun to Penitentiary to Identify Murderer of A. L. Joyner, Chauffeur.

Raleigh, July 30.—Sheriff Johnson of Nash County arrived at the State prison yesterday afternoon bringing with him the blood-smeared shotgun which was found at the home of Cheatham Evans, negro, held in the penitentiary in connection with the slaying of A. L. Joyner, public chauffeur, near Hollister last Saturday, for comparison of the finger prints of the negro.

Tom Lee, brother of Ernest Lee who Cheatham declared killed Joyner, was arrested at Hollister last night and taken to Tarboro for safe keeping.

FOUND DEAD IN BED
Richmond, July 30.—Joseph Hank, former assistant Attorney General of Virginia and head of Capital District Kiwanians in 1921, was found dead in bed at his home here today.

won. The Roosevelt and Taft vote at that time, however, was vastly more than the Wilson count.

New York state went for Cleveland in 1892 and the Democrats are saying that John W. Davis is enough of the Cleveland type to warrant the hope of carrying the state for him. In any event they are going to make a valiant effort in that direction and the Republicans are sufficiently alert to the situation to make extensive plans to meet the Democratic assault.

Female Of Species May Be Boiled Harder Than Male

Girl Friend of Late President Harding Resists All Wiles of Police to Induce Her to Betray Boy Sweetheart and Comrade in Crime

By L. C. OWEN
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San Francisco, July 30.—Women may be dubbed the weaker sex but that does not always hold true. The San Francisco police and state prison authorities right now have two parallel cases which prove that though dainty, pulchritudinous and seeming weakly feminine as they may be, beautiful women sometimes can be more "hard boiled" than some outstanding male criminals.

After ten days fruitless interrogation, San Francisco police have just released Eva Taylor, an 18-year-old girl of the delectably beautiful, clinging vine type. In doing so they have unanimously voted her an unsolvable combination of guileless youth and "nine minute egg."

Miss Taylor, the police believe, is the associate and friend if not the compatriot of one of the most desperate gangs of bank and jewelry bandits on the Pacific coast. Until he was mysteriously murdered here two months ago in a yet unexplained underworld feud, she was the sweetheart and common-law wife of Jimmy Blanton, member of the notorious band of "California daylighters."

If she cared to do so the police allege, Miss Taylor not only could tell who murdered Blanton but also could furnish evidence which would result in the conviction of "Big Bill" O'Connor, alleged "daylighter" chieftain who now is under arrest, and help recover almost half a million dollars' worth of loot which O'Connor and his bandits are credited with stealing. Despite ten days of most approved methods of police grilling, Miss Taylor was not inclined to help the police—if she could. She did not get sulky and refuse to talk nor did she take refuge behind the well known feminine barrier, tears and near hysterics. She was pleasantly affable and ready to hold conversation with the minions of the law, but although she talked a lot she did not say anything which would aid the police.

The other woman whose tenacity of purpose disproves the common fallacy that all women are

URGES BEST CITIZENS TO ATTEND PICNIC

C. A. Cooke Says Trade of Prosperous Communities Awaiting Merchants Here

A considerable number from Elizabeth City are expected to attend the Masonic picnic at Colerain Thursday, an annual event for that Bertie County community that is always to be found at the number of about 5,000, representing seven counties.

"Colerain is only about an hour and a half from Elizabeth City," says C. A. Cooke, Elizabeth City merchant, who is among those who are expected to attend the event from this city, "and I believe that if our business men will set the general habit of attending and will mix and mingle with the crowd from seven counties that is always to be found at this picnic, they will do much toward creating a favorable impression of Elizabeth City in Bertie and adjoining counties and toward influencing these people to come to Elizabeth City to do their trading. Few of them realize how near the automobile and good roads have brought them to the metropolises of the Albemarle."

"Automobiles may be left at Rocky Hook, and thus the expense of getting them across the Colerain ferry need not be incurred."

Mrs. Fannie Meekins of Stumpy Point is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roy Hooper, on East Cypress street.

Girl Friend of Late President Harding Resists All Wiles of Police to Induce Her to Betray Boy Sweetheart and Comrade in Crime

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Quentin prison. She is Louise Vestal, 19, and a daughter of an old and highly respected Marion, Ohio, family, who at the time of her arrest at Oakland almost a year ago, claimed to be related to the late President Harding. Although the Presidential relationship claim later was disproved it developed that in childhood she had been a great favorite of the dead President.

At the time of her arrest for circulating worthless checks the authorities searched for a young and handsome male companion who they believed responsible for the girl's acts.

Throughout all the police questioning the young Marion girl steadfastly refused to tell anything whatever that might aid the police in apprehending the man in the case. She admitted that there was such a man—but that is all the police could get from her. Rather than tell she forfeited the offered probation.

A few weeks ago Miss Vestal was eligible for parole from prison. A condition of her parole, however, was that she reveal the identity of the man responsible for her disgrace. She refused to name him even at the price of liberty.

Now the police have under arrest a man whom they think was the youthful Ohio girl's heart and then capitalized her love into making her become a criminal. A few days ago the photograph of this man was taken to the prison where the girl is confined. When shown the picture and asked to identify it she could not repress the tears that sprang into her eyes, but she could, and did, deny steadfastly that he was the man. Next the police took the man himself to the prison and suddenly confronted the Vestal girl with him. For an instant she gave every indication of recognition, then quickly she recovered the remarkable poise which has marked her every moment since her arrest and calmly denied that she had ever seen him before. Police questioning was useless. She proved hard boiled—another

Golf Links No Place To Spend a Honeymoon

So Testifies Gouverneur Morris Who With All His Experience as Novelist Has Not Escaped Mishaps on Marital Ventures

By L. C. OWEN
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Monterey, Calif., July 30.—Future honeymooning couples might very well take a page from the experience of Gouverneur Morris, the novelist, and Ruth Wightman, the Hollywood scenarioist, who has been his secret bride for 11 months, and scratch the golf links off the list of places which are supposedly conducive to post nuptial bliss.

Morris and his bride, who were to have been remarried here Sunday, but who were not, largely as a matter of legal precaution—but who had their nuptial knot tied for the second time Monday—also as a matter of legal precaution—can speak with authority on such subjects.

It develops that following the first secret marriage the exact place of which they have not yet divulged—more legal precautions they spent their honeymoon knocking the golf ball around. Just what there is about the great Scotch game that is not conducive to all nectarine qualities of newly wedded bliss neither Mr. nor Mrs. Morris feels called upon to explain. That something is in the matrimonial announcement by Mrs. Morris and the head lines, found out when and where Rudolph was married and then made a great show of halting him into court for alleged violation of California's marriage laws. Ultimately, however, the whole thing was dropped.

If the authorities who might be disposed to question Morris' marriage within a month after he got his first interlocutory decree do not know where he and Miss Wightman were married, they cannot go far. So the newly wedded couple, while admitting they were married 11 months ago are not telling where.

"Monday's wedding comes under the heading of legal proceedings rather than social events," said Mrs. Morris, or Miss Wightman, who ever she is to be called.

"Maybe we will make it an annual event like taxes and elections," said Morris.

BAND CONCERT THIS EVENING
Second of Summer Program Will Be Popular Offering
This newspaper doesn't like to fool its patrons, but Al Haley, who is director of publicity for the Kiwanis-Rotary committee that is boosting the organization of the Elizabeth City Boys' Band brought in a recent issue of a newspaper he received from Indiana that carried the above headlines on its front page. It followed with an announcement somewhat like this:
"The Elizabeth City Boys' Band will give its second summer concert at 8 o'clock tonight from the band stand in the courthouse yard."
"Director L. D. Waldorf offers a popular program as follows:
"March, Do a Good Turn Daily—Morgan.
"Fox Trot, It Ain't Gonna Rain No More—Hall.
"Overture, The Troupadour—Meyers.
"Fox-trot, I Love You—Archer.
"Waltz, When Lights Are Low—Kahn.
"March, Them Bases—Huffine.
"Intermission.
"March, The Kick Off.
"Overture, Princess of India—King.
"Fox-trot, Why Did I Kiss That Girl—Anderson.
"Waltz, When Clouds Have Vanished—Johnson.
"March, Progressive American—Jewell.
"Star Spangled Banner."
Of course it did not say "Elizabeth City Boys' Band," but the boys arranged to wear the

YOUNG WHITE MAN IS SENT TO THE ROADS

Four months on the roads was the fate of a young white man, after having been let off with light sentences in the superior court on a number of occasions, concurrently but consecutively.

Young Sawyer, noted an appeal. This case took up the greater part of a long session of police court Wednesday.

To be caught with the liquor which they had bargained for before they had so much as got a change to sample it was the fate of Henry Hooker and Dalton Colton, who were fined \$50 and costs for illegal possession in the recorder's court Wednesday morning. State's evidence was to the effect that these young men had arranged for the delivery of the liquor in question from a gas boat on the Pasquotank River and that the liquor was duly admitted for the shore from the boat and floated toward the landing where the owners were waiting for it with an automobile. No sooner had they laid hands on it, however, than Chief of Police Gregory and Police Officer Roughton were upon them, arresting them and taking charge of their liquor.

F. J. Green, for operating a motor vehicle with a borrowed license was fined \$10 and costs while D. W. Cartwright was let off with the costs for loaning Green a license number tag.

Frazier Miller subducted to a charge of gambling, concluding the list of defendants involved in a Sunday crap game that has brought a half dozen, more or less, defendants into court in the last 10 days.

Poor Man's Court To Settle Minor Issues

Possible for Poor to Go to Court Without Hiring a Lawyer or Paying Court Costs Under New Plan Launched in Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, July 30.—A court of law with no lawyers, no jury, no tedious and annoying technicalities, no cross examination of witnesses and—best of all—no costs. That's the new "poor man's court" of Philadelphia.

As tried out for the first time this week, the poor man's court is expected to become a permanent fixture of justice in Philadelphia.

The idea behind the court is that nearly everyone, at some time or other, has some matter that demands attention of the law, but frequently, the case is not tried judicially because the cost of justice is too great and in the case of the poor man's court, the amount at stake in nearly every instance was far less than it would cost to swear out a warrant and hire a lawyer.

In this new court, the well known wheels of justice whirled with expedition precision, for in one hour and fifty minutes, seventeen small claim cases were settled and settled satisfactorily.

Principals in each case first were brought together by the department of public welfare, of which the legal aid bureau is a part. This bureau gives free legal advice to persons too poor to pay attorney fees and, when necessary, institutes suits. But so many appeals of a minor character were made to it, that the poor man's court idea came into being in the mind of Romayne C. Hassrick, the bureau chief.

First, it is necessary to obtain the consent of the disputants to have the legal difference settled in a court arbitration, as the poor man's court really is when the case is settled, there is no appeal, under the law of Pennsylvania.

National Capital Weary Of Titled Ne'er Do Wells

Two Royal Visitors Getting Free Board in District Jail While Authorities Investigate Their Records and City's Garment of Hospitality Is Frayed Looking

By EDNA MARSHALL
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Washington, July 30.—The National capital heaved a figurative sigh today when she found herself forced to entertain a second royal visitor from foreign parts here for an indefinite stay under guard of police.

The novelty of entertaining alien dignitaries has fast been wearing off with the continued stay here of his Royal highness, Sten Zerdechenn, Emir of Kurdistan. Washington's garment of hospitality took on an actually frayed look when the announced decision that the Laird of Skye, Scotland was forced to stop here while authorities looked up his noble record.

The truth is that exalted aristocrats of such doubtful lineage as these have ceased to thrill the capital. And jailors are plain bored.

For some weeks the emir of Kurdistan reigned in royal and solitary splendor at the district jail, expenses paid. Then along came Norman Alexander Russel MacLeod, Laird of Skye, Scotland, who chose himself a room near by and prepared to find extensive happiness while waiting for remittance from home.

Probably the Washingtonians who have most appreciated their presence have been other inmates of the jail who have been largely entertained by arguments between the two as to which is the more lofty position in life—the emir of Kurdistan or the Laird of Skye, Scotland.

But whatever their differences, there have been certain striking similarities. Both are evidently "land poor," their combined funds totalling \$7.20. The emir had \$7 when the police investigated his financial status; the Laird had \$9 cents. The emir is held for immigration authorities. The Laird, arrested for not paying a bill of \$120 at a local hotel, had travelled simply as D. A. MacLeod, not having his distinguished aristocracy until police had picked him up, as the emir had passed as Just H. A. Raroshick.

The Laird fell talkative this morning. Dressed in the well pressed trousers of gray cloth and a white shirt slightly stained and yellowed white wash from the walls of the district jail, sans collar, tie and shave, but with his pearl gray silk sock, and tan suede oxfords with brown saddle straps quite the peak of perfection, he revealed his story.

He told of his father, Alexander MacLeod, a former Scotland Yard detective, who had taught him the marks of criminals and how they got away with it. He told of how they came from their home at Slynachlaghan, in Skye, Scotland, to take up farming in St. Clements, Manitoba, some 16 years ago.

His mission in Washington, he said, was the task of purchasing an \$85,000 home here for his parents who had worked hard as tillers of the Canadian soil for the 16 years. And when, having found the home in New Hampshire Avenue, but the deal across, and run up a \$120 hotel bill, he appealed to his parents for the price they had agreed to pay, they were nowhere to be found.

The emir will be given a hearing Wednesday or Thursday, when the government will decide whether he may wait here for details of his past career, alleged to have included expulsion from Turkey, swindling, fraudulent passport making, and piloting the "princess of Fatima" to Washington in 1922, or whether he shall be sent to France to meet them.

The Laird according to police will wait an indefinite period for remittance from home. The government has unwillingly given him carte blanche of the jail till then.

WORCESTER HAS BIG KLAN FIGHT

(By The Associated Press)
Lancaster, Mass., July 30.—After a night of disorders and clashes in which scores were injured, a crowd of men who had engaged in hostilities with members and spectators at a Ku Klux Klan meeting in a field near here were dispersed today with the additional state patrolmen. Between 500 and 800 men took part in the fight.

FIFTEEN HURT IN TRAIN COLLISION

Charlotte, July 30.—Fifteen persons were injured early yesterday afternoon when a passenger car and freight train on the Piedmont and Northern Electric Railway collided. The wreck, according to officials of the road, was caused by confusion of order on the part of the trainmen.

COTTON PRICES BREAK
New York, July 30.—Cotton prices today broke \$5.00 a bale from yesterday's close on reports of rain in Southwestern states and belief that the Texas crop was not injured as much by dry weather as had been believed.

SCOTLAND NECK MERGES ITS BANKS

Scotland Neck, July 30.—Stockholders of the Planters and Commercial Bank and the Scotland Neck Bank, both of this city, yesterday voted to merge the two institutions under the name of the Scotland Neck Bank and elected J. H. Alexander, Jr., as president. The consolidation will give the bank an approximate resource of \$1,000,000.