

Democrats Staking All On Speech Of Mr. Davis

Real Keynote of Campaign to be Sounded at Clarksburg Monday When Democratic Nominee Responds to Notification Address by Senator Walsh

ROBERT T. SMALL. (Copyright, 1924, By The Advance) New York, August 7.—The Democrats are staking their all on the John W. Davis speech of acceptance to be delivered at Clarksburg next Monday.

The action of William B. Wilson, former Secretary of Labor, in writing to Samuel Gompers, asking him to make no Presidential endorsements until after he had heard Mr. Davis, is a reflection of the attitude of all the party leaders. They are in effect asking the country to wait until Mr. Davis speaks.

No candidate perhaps ever had so much at stake on a single group of utterances as Mr. Davis has on next Monday. There is plenty of evidence that the country at large holds Mr. Davis in high regard as a man. The people are waiting to take his measure as a statesman and possible chief executive.

Much of the burden which comes to Mr. Davis at this time is due to the fact that as the campaign develops it is becoming more and more evident that it is to be a battle of personalities rather than of parties. Party ties, it is generally admitted, were never so loose as today.

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TORNADO STRIKES SECTION WISCONSIN

Black River Falls, Wis., Aug. 8.—A tornado over this section last night caused the loss of several lives, the number undetermined, and heavy property damage.

CROWD AT TRIAL IS DISAPPOINTED

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 8.—The greatest crowd of the 15 days of the hearing to fix the punishment for Loeb and Leopold was destined to disappointment today as Clarence Darrow, chief of the defense counsel, said as he entered that no further girl witnesses would be called.

FLAMES SWEEP COCOANUT PLANT

Philadelphia, August 8.—One man was reported missing and five firemen were injured today when the flames swept the coconut plant of Gorgas Pierce Manufacturing Company and damaged adjoining property. The loss may total \$1,000,000.

WANT TO DISCUSS INTER-ALLIED DEBTS

(By The Associated Press) London, Aug. 8.—Allied delegates to the International Conference today in the presence of American representatives discussed the feasibility of holding a conference in Paris in the future to discuss the question of inter-allied war debts.

DAWSON AGAIN IS STATE CHAIRMAN

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—John G. Dawson of Winston was yesterday unanimously re-elected chairman of the State Democratic Committee. W. C. Goughenour of Salisbury was elected secretary, and Miss Jane Henderson of Salisbury was elected vice chairman.

FUNERAL LITTLE BOY

The funeral of Howard Reid, two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Reid of the Olivet community, was conducted Thursday morning at ten o'clock at the home by Rev. W. T. Phipps and interment made at Hollywood cemetery. The little boy died Wednesday at noon after only two days illness.

New War On Crime To Start Soon In Chicago

Soon as Leopold-Loeb Murder Case Is Disposed of Drive Against Crime Conditions Which Have Life More Than Usual Gamble Will be Launched

By O. L. SCOTT (Copyright, 1924, By The Advance)

Chicago, Aug. 8.—After a murder a day for four months, the Chicago city fathers have commenced to concern themselves about this rapid depletion of the city's population.

In the first 213 days of this year, 205 citizens were slain, under circumstances that brought verdicts of murder from coroners' juries. The record is unprecedented for Chicago. Seldom if ever has it been equalled by any city in other than war times.

Still the killing continues unabated, and the killers usually go uncaught or unpunished. This situation is causing the Chicago crime commission to plan a reorganization of the prosecuting agencies with more effective handling of murder cases in the courts. An anti-crime council is on the books for establishment as an emergency measure to block the murder wave.

Charles E. Holden, president of the crime commission, sees the need for a thorough going drive against lawless elements, while Chief of Police Morgan Collins believes the solution lies in the prohibition of gun owning and totting.

Whatever the solution, the situation itself is a vexatious one of the Republican closet that he can lay his hands on. His friends are urging him to take an aggressive attitude in this direction and from present indications there will be a great rattling of dry bones from the very start of the campaign.

The scandals will make fine fuel for the minor speakers of the campaign and there will be as many of these as the slim purse of the Democrats will permit.

Japan's Tribute to MacLaren



Major Stuart MacLaren held, commander of the British "round-the-world" flight, was handed this bouquet at the celebration staged in his honor upon his arrival in Tokyo. The presentation was made by the 13-year-old daughter of Seifu Kuroki, director of the Japan Imperial Aviation Society. Flight Officer W. N. Pienderlich, who flew from London to Japan with MacLaren in the Vickers-Vulture, is seen in the center.

Ponzi Almost Sorry To Leave Jail At Plymouth

Newspapers Fail to Rise to His Offer to Pose for Highest Bidder and Doors of Less Comfortable Jail Now Yawn for Him

By EDMUND HART

Boston, Aug. 8.—It was something like a sigh of regret that Charles Ponzi, Boston's most famous and then her most notorious financier emerged Thursday from Plymouth jail where he has spent the last four years—paying the penalty for using the mails to defraud thousands of rich quick investors out of some five million dollars.

In Plymouth jail, the little "wizard" has enjoyed many privileges by courtesy of the jailer, with whom he quickly became a favorite. The jail is one of the finest in the country, and from his cell, Ponzi commanded a magnificent view of Plymouth harbor. Almost at his feet was the historic landing place of the Pilgrim fathers.

From today on, the future stretches out dark for Ponzi. In the first place, the fortune he had piled up for himself has been swept away and returned to his investors as part payment of their losses on their fillet in "foreign" postal coupons. Ponzi is—or says he is—stripped as clean of funds as he was when he landed.

A poor immigrant to America in the second place, Ponzi can see nothing but courtroom doors ahead, with perhaps another jail in the offing—and it may not be the comfortable Plymouth jail. The little Napoleon of finance still has to face a ten-count indictment in the state courts, now that he has settled with Uncle Sam, and the storm that he stirred up in the financial world still is reverberating through the civil courts.

Released from Plymouth jail Ponzi was to be taken immediately to court, where it was to be determined whether the bondsmen he offered were satisfactory to the court, or whether he would have to languish in another jail pending trial in the state courts.

When Ponzi's financial bubble burst back in 1920, it shook the foundation of many Boston banks and amazed the entire country. It sent five trust companies crashing to ruin and brought misery to tens of thousands of dupes who had rushed to Ponzi with their life savings.

The little Italian financier lived like a king while the going was good. He brought his aged mother from Italy and set himself up in a mansion in one of the exclusive suburbs of Boston. He had motor cars, servants, valets and chauffeurs. He gave dinners and receptions.

Money poured into his offices so fast that it required several clerks to count it. Banks begged for the chance to become his favored depositories.

No one ever has been able to fix definitely the sum that Ponzi handled in his brief, meteoric career. But those in a position to know place it at something like \$5,000,000. Little of it ever found its way back to the investors. What he did with it has never been explained. About ten thousand of his investors received small sums from the receivers appointed by the court, but the bulk of the money had vanished. Five trust companies which closed their doors after the crash still are in the process of liquidation.

Since he went to jail, Ponzi's suburban mansion has been sold. His wife was obliged to seek employment to support herself. Ponzi's own plight is indicated by his offer to sell the story of his life to the highest newspaper bidder. But so far there have been no bidders.

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FORECAST COTTON CROP FOR YEAR

Washington, Aug. 8.—A forecast placing cotton production this year at 12,550,000 equivalent of 500 pound bales of which 21,924 running bales were ginned prior to August 1, was announced today in the first joint report of the Department of Agriculture and the Census Bureau.

NEWLAND SCHOOL WILL OPEN EARLY

Newland High School will open Monday, September 1, according to County Superintendent M. P. Jennings.

B. L. White, principal last year, will be with the school this year and will be assisted by Mrs. B. L. White on the High School faculty.

Miss Emily Stafford, City Route Four, will teach the sixth and seventh grades. Miss Millicent Hayman of Keene, Virginia, will teach the fourth and fifth grades. Miss Lina Capps, City Route Four, will teach third grade and Miss Alma Foster, City Route Four, will teach second grade pupils, and Miss Mamie Bray of Camden will teach first grade.

Work on a two room addition to the Newland (teacherage is expected to begin at an early date.

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FIELD EMPLOYS A LIVE PASTOR

Currituck County Baptists Believe Themselves Fortunate in Securing Rev. C. A. Vandermeulen.

Powells Point, Aug. 7.—Rev. Charles Arthur Vandermeulen, formerly pastor of the Westhaven Baptist church of Portsmouth, has recently taken charge of the Currituck field and with his coming has brought new life into the activities of the Baptist churches of this county.

The Baptists are strong in Currituck county. The several churches comprising the field are spread out southward below Currituck courthouse, the county seat. The most northern is Rehoboth church at Maple, not far from the court house; next is Colncock church, six miles further south. Ten miles southward is Poplar Branch church, which serves the Poplar Branch, Grandy, Aydtlett, Bertha, and Jarvisburg communities.

About seven miles further south as the peninsula narrows toward the Point is the Powell's Point church which serves Powell's Point, Mamie, Olds, Harbinger and Point Harbor communities; while across Currituck Sound from Colncock and Church's is Whale's Head church on the narrow strip of beach separating the sound from the Atlantic.

The field is 30 miles long, not counting the distance to Whale's Head, and is from one and a half to four miles wide. The church membership is 600, but the churches serve and influence several thousand persons.

Mr. Vandermeulen was secured for this large field through the interest of Rev. H. M. B. Jones, pastor of South Street Baptist church of Portsmouth, and it is believed that he is well equipped by training and experience for this exceptionally large territory with its many churches. He has two children, Betty, aged four, and Charles Byron, aged 18 months. Mrs. Vandermeulen is also an experienced church worker and the pastorial doors are open to the people of Currituck at all times.

The pastorial is a new and roomy house with a veranda nearly all the way around and with its own electric plant. It is located at the Point, and the new pastor has a well planned schedule of work and with his Ford expects to cover the field.

He was a resident of Princess Anne, Norfolk and Portsmouth for a number of years and is well known by the Baptist pastors of that section. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, who before his death lived in Norfolk, preached Mr. Vandermeulen's ordination sermon.

Revival meetings are being planned in this field and the pastor expects to do most of the preaching.

He is also a writer of verse and his contributions have been widely published.

He is a believer in all-round athletics and has made a record as a long distance swimmer.

Not long ago a prominent Maryland publication, writing of Rev. Vandermeulen and his work, stated in part:

MAKE ANOTHER TRIP SATURDAY MORNING

The task of collecting furniture donations for the Detention Home was not completed Friday and a truck will go out Saturday morning to finish the job. All who have donations are asked to have them ready so that the truck will not have to wait.

GIRLS GO IN CAMP MONDAY AFTERNOON

The club girls of Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan counties will go in camp Monday afternoon or next week at the old fair grounds near Elizabeth City. Superintendent will be the first meal served.

During the camp demonstrations in making bread, rolls, salt linn, cinnamon buns, tea rings, and in canning will be given by the home demonstration agents of the three counties. There will also be instructions in pattern cutting.

Games, songs, stunts, bathing and other amusements will help to make the camp enjoyable. Girls are reminded to take aprons, caps, work bags, needles, cotton, scissors, tape measure, and embroidery cotton of any color.

LaFOLLETTE OUT AGAINST KU KLUX

Washington, Aug. 8.—Senator LaFollette in a letter made public today declared that he is "unalterably opposed to the evident purposes of the secret organization known as the Ku Klux Klan as disclosed by its public acts."

"It cannot long survive" continued the Senator. "Relying upon the sound judgment and good sense of our people it is my opinion that such a movement is foredoomed. It has within its own body the seeds of its death."

HOLLY LET OFF WITH \$10 FINE AND DAMAGE

Elbert Holly, colored, was let off with the costs on a charge of reckless driving in the recorder's court Friday morning on condition that he pay all damage done both cars in the accident resulting from his recklessness.

Holly was the driver of Mrs. Claude Price's car Wednesday night when it ran into while trying to pass a car driven by Walter Johnson, negro jitney, on the Newland road. Holly, it was developed from the evidence in the case, had been put in Mrs. Price's car to drive it home by his employer, Louis Thornton, when Mr. Thornton found Mrs. Price having trouble with the car and brought her home in his own automobile. Instead of driving the car home Holly seems to have been joyriding up and down the brick. When the accident occurred he admitted he was driving with his wheels on and two feet off the brick, at a speed of 25 miles an hour.

Holly is apparently about 19 or 20 years of age.

League of Women Voters Plan To Beautify Politics

Unlovely Polling Places and Poll Holders Both Headed for Discard if Reforms Suggested by Prominent Clubwoman Carry Through

By EDNA MARSHALL (Copyright, 1924, By The Advance)

Washington, Aug. 8.—Unlovely polling places, gruff officials of election booths, "terrifying" policemen pacing the booths' environs and raucous voiced distributors of "go and see"—all these have had their heyday and must go.

And in their place will come attractive white cottages with green shuttered windows or large sun rooms in some schoolhouse for balloting headquarters, handsome and brilliant club women presiding in state over election booths, to urge on timid women, and absorbing freedom from any awe-inspiring blue coated patrolmen and annoying criers on election day.

These are the reforms the National League of Women Voters hopes to effect as the crucial and final step in its national "get out the vote" campaign inaugurated recently. They will make voting a pleasure, they say—and once voting is pleasant there will be no difficulty in doubling this year the 49 per cent of the country's eligible population who helped choose the President in 1920.

Women in politics figure that there are four big reasons why people do not vote:

1. They do not know how to vote.

2. They feel they cannot take the time.

3. They are too lazy.

4. They regard voting as an nerve-racking duty.

LAWMAKERS GET DOWN TO WORK

Have Before Them Today the Governor's Various Recommendations to Consider and Act Upon.

(By The Associated Press) Raleigh, Aug. 8.—Two measures dealing with the highway

fund were introduced today by Representative Townsend in the House. Both houses met at 11 o'clock this morning and adjourned shortly afterwards.

Forty-nine bills were introduced in the House and 13 in the Senate, the main bill of the Senate being to erect an office building opposite the capitol for State purposes.

Senator Charles Harris stated that he would introduce two bills tomorrow, the ship and water transportation and the east and west railroad bills.

Raleigh, Aug. 8.—Greeted by sweltering summer weather, the North Carolina General Assembly convened in extraordinary session here yesterday to consider two matters which the Governor of the State considers of primary importance.

Today the members had before them the Governor's recommendations to the Legislature. That they adopt and submit to a vote of the people the recommendation of the State Ship and Water Commission providing for the creation of State port terminals at various points on the eastern coast of North Carolina;

Authorization of a bond issue for \$7,000,000 for port terminals, warehouses, docks, and so on on land donated by the cities; Authorization of a bond issue for \$1,500,000 to be used if necessary to establish a State owned ship line;

Creation of a commission with the power to carry out the recommendations of the present commission and with authority to issue and spend the bond issues as provided by law;

Authorization of the acquisition by the State of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad built by the State and sold years ago and divided by the Southern Railway and the Atlantic Coast Line.

They also had the recommendation of the Governor for repeal of the measure submitting to the people a constitutional amendment relating to the sinking fund for the State Highway bonds which provides that none of the gasoline and motor vehicle license taxes shall be placed in the sinking fund and the adoption of an amendment providing for use of these taxes in the sinking fund.

This amendment would be submitted to the people in November and the Governor told the Assembly that the credit of the State was in danger of impairment unless they acted according to his recommendation.

SEIZE CARLOAD GRAIN ALCOHOL

Ashland, Va., Aug. 8.—A carload of grain alcohol consigned as household goods was seized here yesterday and four men were captured.

JUNIOR GILBERT PROVES CHAMPION THOUT ANGLER

A party of Elizabeth City anglers returned Friday morning from Oregon Inlet where they report most successful catches. In the party were A. B. Houtz, Billie Houtz, Kennedy Houtz, Oliver F. Gilbert, Oliver Gilbert, Jr., and the guests of the Duck Island Club during their stay of several days.

Carlton Woodley and Junior Gilbert went to Naga Head when the others returned to this city. At no time during the fishing trip was there not an over supply of fish. Most of the time there was quite a surplus and the fishermen would have gladly given away part of their catch, had they been able to find any one to accept it. A box of trout was brought back to town by those returning.

"Junior" Gilbert proved to be the champion angler as he landed a trout that weighed six and three-fourths pounds. The party fished a good deal for striped bass which is a new sport for the locality and was introduced this year by Elizabeth City anglers. The striped bass is very sporty, according to Oliver F. Gilbert, and is landed with fresh water tackle.

Maek Simmons acted as "caterer de luxe" to the party and Albert Daniels as guide. Much credit is given for the success of the outing to the two men. All of those returning to Elizabeth City Friday were exhibiting unusual coats of tan which indicates that they did not spend much of their time in the luxurious club house.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 8.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 28.25, Dec. 27.50, Jan. 27.45, March 27.50, May 27.70.

New York, Aug. 8.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 30.25, an advance of 85 points. Futures, closing bid, October 27.30, December 26.62, January 25.95, March 25.75, May 25.80.