

Republicans Must Face Ku Klux Issue Squarely

New York, Which Is to be Battle Ground of East, Not Satisfied With Dawes Pronouncement Which Must be Made More Emphatic by Coolidge

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1921, By The Advance) New York, Aug. 25.—In this, the hot-bed of anti-Klan feeling because of the large number of Catholics, Jews, and negroes in the voting electorate, the speech of General Charles G. Dawes, Republican nominee for Vice President, has been received for the most part as inadequate.

Both the general and President Coolidge will find it necessary to go further in discussing the Klan and even excoriating it if they wish to retain the vote of the races and creeds condemned by the Klan.

Far from disposing of the issue for the Republican party, the Dawes speech has only stirred it up here. The Republican managers themselves are not convinced that the issue can be tracked. They do not love John W. Davis any more for injecting his Klan query to the Republican nominees but they know that even the Democratic nominee was forced to state his position by the demands of the Democratic voters of New Jersey.

What seems to rile the anti-Klan Democrats most is that General Dawes has not said words at all for the Klan. His statement in some places "only an instinctive groping for leadership, moving in the interest of law enforcement" aroused those who know that the Klan's cardinal principles are to prevent Catholics, Jews and negroes from holding office and to restrict to 100 per cent Americans only those who do not belong to those groups.

The Klan issue in the East is not primarily one of law enforcement or lawlessness. It is religious and racial. The Catholics and Jews are bitter over it and what they for the most part want is a denunciation of everything the Klan does. In other words, words are not for the Klan. Any one who fails to condemn them utterly is not definitely anti-Klan but angling for its support—this is the true political view hereabouts and no better confirmation of it could be obtained than the attitude assumed by Democratic leaders, particularly Charles G. Dawes.

Since the Democratic Party had nothing to say to that tune to tack on to the Republicans and could not accuse them of pro-Klan feelings. The Dawes speech will be used as a weapon of attack to draw Republicans to the standard of Davis unless President Coolidge goes further than did General Dawes and denounces the Klan and all its works from top to bottom.

The recent Democratic National Convention fight on the Klan was regarded at the time by Republicans as something that would split the Democratic party but would not harm the Republicans because the issue had been avoided at the Cleveland convention. But the Democrats who started the fuss at Madison Square Garden will not allow their opponents to avoid it.

John W. Davis' challenge to the Republican nominee is a direct result of the bitterness of feeling in this section on the Klan. A public speaker who dares to avoid the issue in this campaign especially in the popular sections of the East stands little chance of being listened to on anything else. Once he declares himself, however, the crowd settles down to a friendly hearing. John W. Davis was warned about this when he went to Sea Girt. He was told he could not straddle if he wanted to lead a straight-out campaign. The Democratic Party made his statement Texas has by an overwhelming vote given by the Democratic nomination, which is equivalent to an election, to Mrs. Ferguson, the anti-Klan candidate. This has heartened Tammany and the Democratic management in New Jersey, and is offered by them as testimony of the wisdom of keeping the Klan issue out of the National system.

FARMER SHOT THROUGH NECK

O. A. McPherson of Providence, Bloody But by No Means Dainty, Refuses to Tell Why It Happened

Shot through the left jaw and with the bullet still lodged in the back of his neck, bleeding like a hog that has been stuck and with his shirt front soaked with gore, O. A. McPherson, Providence township farmer, presented himself at the office of Dr. R. L. Kendrick at half past two o'clock for surgical attention.

A few minutes later, the bullet removed from the issues at the back of his neck and with a white towel hanging bib fashion from his neck to cover his bloody shirt, McPherson stood at the entrance to the lobby of the Kramer building talking freely about having been shot but refusing to answer when asked who shot him.

FERGUSON HOME REMAINS QUIET

Household Routine Not Interrupted by Gubernatorial Nomination but "Ma" Ferguson Is on the Job.

NO KLANSMAN TO HOLD OFFICE

(By The Associated Press) Austin, Tex., Aug. 26.—Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, named by Democrats as governor of Texas, declared yesterday that she will not appoint nor allow a member of the Ku Klux Klan to hold office in the state.

By JAMES R. RECORD (Copyright, 1921, By The Advance) Temple, Texas, Aug. 26.—Household duties were not interrupted in the home of James E. Ferguson, Sunday, just because "Ma" had been nominated for governor of Texas.

Maybe there was an extra plate or two at the dinner table. Maybe Mrs. Miriam Ferguson complained a little more than usual of her swollen right hand—the vote of Texas had shaken it some during the long campaign. Maybe "Farmer Jim" chatted longer than usual on his front porch. But otherwise, things looked about normal around the modest little homestead.

Mrs. Ferguson sat on the front porch too—after dinner and after she had seen that the house was straightened. Neighbors came in early. Friends—some of them old friends of the true and tried kind and others of the kind that success attracts—were arriving all day and extending their congratulations. Mrs. Ferguson was happy—her strong face showed it. But she was happy for "Jim." It was for him, to vindicate his name and to restore his honor that she had consented to be a—she hated the word—politician.

And now that she is a politician, and a winning one, "Ma" Ferguson aims to be a good one. She will almost certainly be elected governor in November and will move in January back into the Texas "White House," from which her husband was driven in disgrace.

Mrs. Ferguson is well equipped, mentally and physically, for a successful career in Austin. Born on a plantation in Bell county Texas, she was splendidly educated by prosperous parents. Taught first by a governess, she later was graduated at Baylor College for girls at Belton, Texas. Physically she is attractive. Her face is bright and pretty, though saddened by the long years of fighting to vindicate the Ferguson name. Her manner, at once charming and gracious, is at the same time stately and one feels impelled to address her—not in the campaign vernacular as "Ma," but as "Madame."

Mrs. Ferguson was married in Belton in 1899. "Jim" was a young attorney. Presently, he began the paper and with it the life of his wife's resources were attained a millionaire rating. It was at this juncture that he launched into politics—against her advice. He was successful from the start, triumphing over worthy opponents in the race for governor of his state, and conducted the affairs of the office in peace and harmony until he became embroiled with the legislature over educational appropriations. He insisted on reducing allotments for the higher education of the young, which drew the fire of the former university students and, in return, an open attack on the institutions by Ferguson; that was the beginning of his downfall. Ultimately, he was removed from office because of his personal financial transactions with brewers.

It was at this point that Mrs. Ferguson began her fight for vindication, which ended victoriously on Saturday. She advised "Jim" to take his case before the people—the voters. Time after time, he was repudiated by them when he offered himself for high office. Eventually, the state Democratic executive committee refused to put his name on the ballot any longer—the stain of impeachment had deprived him of citizenship, they told him. Whereupon the name of Mrs. Ferguson was

nominated over the Ku Klux Klan candidate, Judge Felix Robertson, Saturday. Mrs. Ferguson is not a politician, but she says she is anti-Klan. Her husband is the original foe of the Klan in Texas. He carried the anti-Klan banner in the fight against Earl B. Mayfield two years ago. The Ferguson realize that their vindication is not all that attracted victory to their side—the anti Klanners followed "Ma" by tens of thousands.

"I told Jim I was going to announce that I liked his platform," says Mrs. Ferguson. "One of the Klans is condemnation of the Klan. The platform tells how taxes can be reduced, real estate into golf links and polo grounds or into building lots for suburban developments—all these are contemplated in the ambitious scheme of the Virginia-Carolina Transit and Power Company of Elizabeth City, a charter for which was issued from the office of Secretary of State W. N. Everett Saturday."

The authorized capitalization of the new enterprise is \$100,000, with \$800 already subscribed by R. L. McMurran, Alex. Levitt, George W. Maupin, Robert E. McMurran and W. C. Hughes, all of Portsmouth, and W. I. Halstead of South Mills. W. F. Halstead of South Mills, attorney for the corporation, when questioned about the new enterprise while in the city this

STRUCK BY TRUCK BOY IN HOSPITAL

Struck by truck while riding a bicycle on the street, Preston Eason, 11 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hilary Eason of the New Hope section of Durants Neck, Perquimans County, is in the Elizabeth City Hospital with a broken collar bone and with head injuries the extent of which can not yet be determined, though there is every reason to believe, from first examination of the head bruises and from symptoms so far apparent, that the boy is seriously hurt.

Preston was hitting Roger and Archie Shannonhouse, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shannonhouse, 109 North Road street and was to have returned home Wednesday. He was struck from behind by the Winecream truck and it is believed that the bicycle was knocked straight from under him, in the pavement with considerable force. Unconscious when picked up, he was believed dead by some who saw him and the report that a boy had been killed flashed over the city.

The boys parents have been notified of the accident and are expected to reach here tonight.

DAVIS DECLARES FOR FEARLESSNESS

Newark, N. J., Aug. 26.—Declaring that he believed the American people wanted "honest, candid, and fearless government," John W. Davis was today greeted by several hundred Newark citizens when he spoke for a few minutes from the rear of the train carrying him to Columbus where he will address the Democratic state convention.

He declared he believed the Democrats of the country could furnish such a government and said he was supporting such a policy.

Columbus, O., Aug. 26.—The Democratic party of Ohio in the state convention here today adopted as its platform the declaration on the Ku Klux Klan, the pronouncement of the standard bearer, John W. Davis.

MRS. W. B. O'NEAL DIED Mrs. W. B. O'Neal died Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at her home, 606 Morgan street, after several months illness. Mrs. O'Neal was 59 years old and a native of Buxton, having lived in this city only the last seven years. She was a member of the First Methodist Church, and is survived by her husband, a daughter, Miss Elsie O'Neal of this city, two sons, James and Walker O'Neal of Raleigh, and a sister, Mrs. J. B. Barnette of this city.

The funeral was conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. Daniel Lane and interment made in Hollywood cemetery.

FALLS OVERBOARD FROM GAS BOAT AND DROWNS

Washington, N. C., Aug. 26.—Thomas Draper, a white man between 35 and 40 years old, and a plasterer by trade, was drowned just below the Norfolk Southern bridge Sunday night about eight o'clock and Monday afternoon the body had not been recovered.

A party of several were bound from here to Riverside Park on the gas boat of Capt. Samuel Lupton and when just below the bridge Draper, from some unknown cause, fell overboard and drowned before assistance could reach him. As soon as the accident was known here a party of searchers went to the scene and have been searching ever since for the body. It is reported that Draper was under the influence of whiskey at the time he lost his life.

THIRTY INJURED WHEN TRAIN LEAVES TRACK

St. Louis, Aug. 26.—Thirty persons were injured, three dangerously, today when five cars of the St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train from Memphis to St. Louis was derailed at Menfro, Mississippi, according to advices received here.

DEMANDS DEATH PENALTY

Chicago, Aug. 26.—Demanding again the death penalty State's Attorney Crowe in his final argument today launched a vigorous attack upon the mercy plea for Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb.

TUG MCNALLY TO THE BOTTOM

Victim of Monday Night Storm in Pamlico Sound, Crew of Ten Saved in Their Own Boats.

SAFE AT NAGS-HEAD Coming in on time Tuesday morning, the steamer Trenton reported all well at Nags Head, and Manito, and very little property damage as a result of the storm of Monday night.

Norfolk, Aug. 26.—Caught in the Pamlico Sound in the fringe of the hurricane which swept the Virginia and North Carolina coasts last night the tug Mildred McNally of Philadelphia went to the bottom.

The crew of ten saved themselves in their own boats. A Coast Guard cutter was called here under orders to leave Hampton Roads to search off the shore between Cape Hatteras and Delaware breakwater for disabled craft.

No Serious Damage Raleigh, Aug. 26.—A tropical storm passed last night by the southern part of the Carolina coast without doing any serious damage.

At Wilmington the vacationists retreated from Wrightsville beach when things looked threatening but the wind changed and the storm passed by.

At Ocracoke the waters of the sound met on the island with the ocean but no serious damage was done.

At an early hour this morning the center of the storm was off Hatteras.

Carolina Cities Emerge Raleigh, Aug. 26.—Saved by the veering of the wind, the North Carolina coast cities are today emerging from a night of storm which at first threatened to assume serious proportions.

While the storm was at its height late yesterday off the coast near Wilmington the wind suddenly shifted from east to west and the tropical disturbance was blown away from land.

LITTLE GIRL NOT SERIOUSLY HURT

Running out to cross the street in front of the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Spence, 223 West Fearing street, little Elizabeth Spence, four-years-old, was struck by the fender of a Buick touring car driven by Linwood Hughes, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hughes, 606 Southern Avenue Sunday afternoon at about 4 o'clock.

Though stunned for an instant by the blow, examination disclosed that the little girl was not seriously hurt and she is now up and about as usual, none the worse for her experience except for a slight cut on the head and a number of minor bruises on her body.

OFFICIALS CONFER ON NICKEL PLATE SYSTEM

New York, Aug. 26.—Officials of the Pere Marquette Railroad, only one of the proposed 14,000 mile Nickel Plate system whose directors have not yet ratified the terms offered by the Van Sweringen interests of Cleveland, conferred here today with the creators of the proposed system in preparatory to submitting the plan to the directors of the Pere Marquette Wednesday.

MUSSOLINI SENDS AMERICA THANKS

Washington, Aug. 26.—Premier Mussolini of Italy last night sent the thanks of his nation to the United States for its successful rescue for Lieut. Lovattelli, around the world flyer, who was rescued by an American base in Arctic waters.

OFFICER IS KILLED IN SUBMARINE S-2

(By The Associated Press.) Manila, Aug. 26.—James E. Egan of Omaha, Nebraska, chief petty officer, was killed today by engine backfire aboard the submarine S-2, lying at Cavite Navy Yard. Another seaman was slightly injured but no damage was done to the submarine. The naval board is investigating.

MARION WHITEHURST IS INSTANTLY KILLED

Marion Whitehurst, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whitehurst of Camden County, near Hastings Corner, was instantly killed yesterday morning between 11 and 12 o'clock when a heavy timber from a lumber pile where she and a number of other little children were playing, rolled on her, breaking her neck and crushing her skull.

The accident occurred at the home of the child's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carter, who live about a mile and a half from town between the Norfolk Southern passenger station and Park school, where she and her mother and an older sister, Eloise, had come for a visit while their father was spending several days at Ocean City, New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. Whitehurst came here Saturday from their home in Camden, and Mr. Whitehurst left Monday morning for Ocean City. He was reached by wire at Philadelphia, and is expected to return home tonight.

How the accident occurred is not certainly known, as there were no witnesses except very young children. Mr. Carter, busy in his blacksmith shop at the intersection of the Old Jackson road and Park road Monday, could hear the children laughing at their play just outside his door, and when the laughter changed to screams he rushed out to find Marion motionless upon the ground, blood gushing from her neck.

He picked the child up, she struggled for an instant and then lay still. A physician hastily summoned reached the home promptly but found that the child's skull was broken and neck broken to such an extent that death had been practically instantaneous.

It is supposed that the child had climbed up on the lumber pile and fell or jumped and that the timber set in motion by her movement rolled down on top of her and entirely across her body. When Mr. Carter reached the child, the log had rolled several feet beyond her.

The funeral will probably be conducted at the Carter home Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. R. F. Hall officiating, and interment will probably be made in the Pritchard burying ground across the road from Park school.

CALLS NATIONAL RADIO CONFERENCE

Washington, Aug. 26.—A National Radio Conference to discuss better voluntary regulations of the wireless was called today by Secretary Hoover to meet in Washington September 20.

LUMBER ORDERS FALL OFF

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—(Special.) Lumber orders to Southern Pine Association mills fell off 6.8 per cent last week, production decreased 1.1 per cent and shipments increased 2 per cent.

WHITEVILLE MAN SHORN OF LOCKS

Whiteville, August 26.—Andrew Carterett, 55, a resident of the eastern part of this town, who has for years worn his grey hair in locks hanging down his back, came to town Saturday and expressed his disgust at the action of the three men, who, he claims, chased him at night carried him into the woods and cut his much admired locks from his head.

Mr. Carterett has steadfastly refused to have his hair cut, giving as his reason that, like Sampson, he therein lay the secret of his strength.

When he appeared on the streets of Whiteville Saturday, few people recognized him, it was said, as he had previously been such a distinct character. He asserted that it took the three men a do to do the job, of giving him a hair cut against his will.

VETERANS MEET AT CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, August 26.—A campaign to raise \$5,000 for the expenses of the Confederate Reunion to be held here on September 16, 17, and 18, will be conducted during Tuesday and Wednesday in this city by the Chamber of Commerce under the supervision of C. O. Kuester, business manager, and the members of the American Legion. Mr. Kuester stated that he expected to raise the full amount by the end of the second day of the campaign.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 26.—Spot cotton advanced quiet, Middling 26.90, an advance of 41 points. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 24.90, Dec. 24.45, Jan. 24.43, March 24.73, May 24.90.

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When Jailer Albertson walked around the jail building as is his custom at about ten o'clock Monday he saw a chink in the wall through which light was shining. He investigated and found that one brick had been removed from the outer wall. He immediately called to the firemen who volunteered to help him.

He entered the jail to find Malachi Costen, sentenced to 4 years on the roads, in the main part of the jail and almost in the act of "saring at the walls."

One of the firemen had been ordered to Sheriff Reid, but unable to make connections, told the operator of the attempted delivery. The operator succeeded in putting through the connection and relayed the news to the sheriff's son who arrested the sheriff from the jail.

When Sheriff Albertson arrived at the jail he found Jailer Albertson and the firemen guarding Costen, and the other five negroes in their cell also under surveillance.

Those of the negroes who figured prominently in the attempted escape were handcuffed by the sheriff and Jailer Albertson remained awake all night on guard.

According to the story told to Sheriff Reid by Bishop Baker, under sentence of 4 months, Costen had one corner of a steel strip had been rusted thin by action of the water leaking from plumbing fixtures. He was able to get his fingers behind the strip and by exerting all his strength he moved it downward somewhat.

The other prisoners then added their weight to Costen's and nudged the strip still more. Costen's fingers could not stand the strain, however, and Lucian Holley, 12 months man, also put his fingers to the gap while the others hung on to add weight. Baker says he did not assist.

With four hands to the gap and the weight of five big negroes the strip came down sufficiently to allow Costen to creep through to the cell above.

This cell had recently been occupied by E. E. Clarke and had been left unlocked when Sheriff Reid removed him Sunday night to begin his term of years at State's prison. Costen was therefore able to gain the freedom of the outer jail.

He went to the back side of the building and began to dig at the masonry with a piece of spring. Just where the spring came from is a mystery. He had removed several bricks from the inside and had broken one brick through to the outer air when detected in his work by Jailer Albertson. Lights were on in the jail although they had been extinguished in a number of homes throughout the city. To this fact as well as to the time arrival of the jailer the water owes the safe keeping of its prisoners.

Had the lights been off in the jail as elsewhere or had the jailer arrived a few minutes afterwards the six negroes, some of whom are considered desperate characters, would no doubt now be at large.

According to Baker's story, the efforts of the negroes in bending the steel were timed during crashes of the wind storm, and during this time the wind they rested. The delivery was well planned and carried out carefully and successfully up to the arrival at the back of the jail of Jailer Albertson.

The negroes in the cell in addition to Baker, Costen and Holley, were Wheeler Smith, 2 years; Irving Whitehurst, 2 years; and Daniel Riddle, 2 years. In another cell was Pruden Banks, also colored, under sentence of one month.

Only one white prisoner was in the jail at the time, Ansley, who was asleep when the sheriff looked into his cell. Neither Ansley nor Banks could have taken part in the escape had it been successful as they were securely locked in separate cells.

The mortar with which the brick jail is put together is said to be very soft so it was made before improved methods of manufacture had been introduced. Made of lime, sand and water it is easily dislodged as cement mortar would not be.

Charter Issued For New Hydro-Electric Company

Will Bring Light and Power from Virginia, Operate Modern Buses, Radio Broadcasting Stations, and Develop Real Estate If Plans Carried Out

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W. F. Halstead of South Mills, attorney for the corporation, when questioned about the new enterprise while in the city this

week, was most enthusiastic in setting forth what he conceived to be its possibilities and expressed confidence that the newly organized corporation would provide Elizabeth City a way out of its utility problems so far as electric light and power are concerned.

"Promoters of the corporation," he said, "are confident that they can bring light and power into Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton, and sell utilities to all three of these towns at a lower rate than they are now being produced at in any one of these cities.