

California Supreme Court Steam Rollers LaFollette

Wisconsin Candidate Compelled to Run on Socialist Ticket Which Will Hurt His Cause in Other States as Well as California

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San Francisco, Sept. 27.—The decision of the state supreme court here which denies Senator LaFollette a place in the independent column and in effect compels his supporters to mark their ballots under the Socialist banner will hurt the cause of the Wisconsin leader and help the chances of President Coolidge.

Judging from the expressions of bitterness which are coming from the LaFollette managers here so other inferences are possible except that their opportunities for vote getting have been impaired. The Socialists, conforming to the requirements of the state, have kept their elector list open out of friendship for the LaFollette forces and now will name LaFollette electors.

But the question may well be asked "Why did the LaFollette men want to remain aloof from the Socialists whose column they now embrace?" The answer undoubtedly is that the LaFollette strategists thought the word "independent" a better advertisement than the word "Socialist."

Many of the California voters share the same feeling that the term "Socialist" carries with it a certain opprobrium. They may like LaFollette—and some of the near-Socialists would not care whether he was listed under the flaming torch—but nevertheless many other voters do not care to affiliate even for one election with the Socialist party.

The cry that the supreme court has denied the LaFollette electors a place on the ballot is not altogether accurate for it is still possible for any voters to write in the names of the LaFollette electors and slips could be furnished at the polls by the LaFollette managers to keep the voter from forgetting the 13 names.

But writing in the names of dragging a reluctant number of voters into the Socialist column is not as simple a matter as being able to campaign under an "independent progressive" banner. In order to fix the LaFollette status firmly in the minds of the voters, the Socialist label will be used. This carries disadvantages recognized by the practical politicians including those who are protesting loudest on behalf of Senator LaFollette.

Whatever Senator LaFollette may be classed as in other states, here in California he is to be a Socialist. The effect in other states on the liberal voter may be to turn wavering votes back to Davis and Coolidge. So long as the Wisconsin leader appeared as a "Progressive" or "Independent Republican," many voters have felt they were not really doing much more than a large number of voters did in 1912. But socialism is looked upon quite generally in America as involving radical departures and it will be interesting to see whether in California, Senator LaFollette will feel compelled to renounce some of the tenets of the very party which carries him under its emblem on the ballot.

Speaking of what happened in 1912 reminds the disinterested observer that California had a controversy then whereby the LaFollette voters were at the mercy of the Roosevelt progressive Republicans with Hiram Johnson leading the latter forces. Today Senator Johnson breaks his long silence on national politics since his ill-fated primary campaign, to announce the supreme court decision. The progressives are getting a taste of medicine they administered 12 years ago.

Between the lines of the Johnson statement may be read his Davis and Coolidge and his friendship for the LaFollette cause. Mr. Johnson says:

"Here it would appear from all the opinions was a case where either of two decisions might be made, one following the letter of the law which does grievous wrong, and the other following the spirit of the law which would render a large body of citizens to exercise a fundamental right. The letter of the law with its resulting wrong was followed; the spirit rejected. This, I say, would appear from a reading of the opinions, but I do not think the law itself admits of two conclusions. The decision, in my opinion, is unjustified by the law, contrary to public policy and of most harmful consequences. It is decisions such as this that undermine public confidence in the courts."

So far as fundamental rights are concerned the fact remains that the voters of California can mark their ballots for LaFollette by writing names of electors, or choosing the Socialist electors. What has happened simply means a campaign inconvenience.

MAY PLAY GOLF BY JANUARY

Camden Site Purchased for Country Club and That County is Co-operating for Its Success.

Members of the Elizabeth City Country Club may be playing golf on their own golf course next January and the course, in the opinion of members of the board of directors of the club, should be in fine condition by spring. The Camden site has now been definitely decided upon and purchased.

Camden County people who urged the selection of the Camden site and who promised that there would be co-operation on the part of Camden road building authorities in the matter of a good road from the end of the state concrete highway from Elizabeth City to Camden are elated at the action taken, according to reports received here, and a start was made on the improvement of the country club road Saturday. This would seem to indicate that the assurance given directors of the country club by prominent citizens of Camden that the road would be provided, if the Camden site was selected, will be made good.

The realization seems to be talking hold of forward looking citizens in Camden that the location of the Elizabeth City Country Club in that county will mark a new era of development in Camden. Among the possibilities, for instance, is the springing up of a summer colony along the river shore on the club property, to any number of the 50 or more automobiles a day that would be passing to and from the club bearing people of means who would thus be made familiar with the advantages of Camden County.

The Camden County site was selected for the Elizabeth City Country Club after a careful investigation on the part of the site committee and exhaustive consideration on the part of the board of directors. The only other site seriously considered was a tract of 100 acres situated on the Weeksville road four miles from Elizabeth City owned by W. A. Worth and Miss Margaret Hollowell. The price of this tract was \$25,000.

The Camden County site is a tract of 200 acres, situated on the north shore of the Pasquotank river in Camden County six miles from Elizabeth City owned by L. L. Winder, Jr., B. J. Wood, W. E. Hinton and the estate of J. B. Flora. This tract as purchased for \$12,500, or just half the price at which the Pasquotank tract was offered.

The Pasquotank tract consists of highly cultivated farm land without the natural slopes and open woodland most desirable for purposes of a country club, viz: club golf course, trails, tennis courts, and so on. The Camden tract, on the other hand, had all these advantages. Moreover, the land is not highly cultivated and can be converted into a beautiful golf club course and club site without destroying any of its present value. The opinion of the site committee, consisting of Dr. John Saliba, chairman, William C. Meekins, W. P. Duff, Miles Clark and R. C. Job, was that to convert the Pasquotank tract into a golf course would depreciate its value while to convert the Camden tract into a club site and golf course would enhance its value.

Not satisfied to rely solely upon their own judgment in the matter the site committee called in an expert in the construction of golf courses and this expert, after inspecting both sites considered, unhesitatingly recommended the Camden site.

Some criticism of the Camden site was heard on the ground that there is no dependable road from Elizabeth City to that part of Camden County, but this objection is being overcome by the work now being done by the State Highway Commission on the floating concrete road and by the work now being undertaken toward improving the country road in Camden from the end of the concrete to a point within a half mile of the club site.

SURRENDERS FOR MURDER OF IN-LAWS

Cincinnati, Sept. 29.—Rain-soaked and disheveled with his clothes bearing the marks of six hours of out of doors, Irving Perlin, aged 50, today surrendered himself to answer for the slaying of his mother in law, Mrs. Frances Rawson, aged 77, and for shooting his sister in law, Miss Nina Rawson.

DANGER TO THE LEAGUE PROTOCOL

Japan's Demand that Immigration Problem be Included Creates Dramatic Situation

Geneva, Sept. 29.—The palace of the League of Nations was the scene of dramatic incidents today as the wearied delegates reassembled in an attempt to discover a solution of the difficulty created by Japan's demand for an amendment to the proposed protocol of arbitration and security in an effort to save the protocol which otherwise would be nullified by the new turn of events.

Two members of the Japanese delegation told a press representative that if Japan did not obtain satisfaction of her demand for an amendment to the proposed protocol she probably, much to her regret, would be obliged to vote against the protocol when it was submitted to the assembly.

Geneva, Sept. 29.—A grave situation arose here yesterday when Japan brought the immigration question to the League of Nations with the demand that it be included in the protocol now being formulated.

TELLS HOW MAINE SOLVED PROBLEM

Boston Engineer Visiting in Raleigh Gives Interesting Statistics in Regard to State Ports.

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—Advantages to be derived from the operation of State-owned port facilities are illustrated at Portland, Maine, where the State has expended \$1,200,000 in freight rates, opened new markets to Maine farmers and manufacturers and earned more than \$10,000 over and above the cost of operation, according to Frederic H. Fay, prominent engineer of Boston, Massachusetts, who was in Raleigh a few days ago.

Maine's need for publicly owned port facilities was almost as great as that of North Carolina, Mr. Fay said. While the Portland pier was under construction, as fast as portions were completed, boats began to use it. Early last year the first line came in, operating from Portland, through the Panama Canal, to Pacific ports. With the completion of this year, boat lines began to use it to its full capacity and tonnage for all parts of the world is being cleared from it.

"Benefits to the State," Mr. Fay said, "have been the development of new steamship lines, widening of old and creation of new markets. This has been particularly true of the business carried on between Maine and the Pacific Coast states. Through the medium of water freights a Maine manufacturer can ship shoes to Pacific Coast ports for less than half the charge of the St. Louis manufacturer has to pay."

"Savings on freight bound for Pacific points, in a year's time, have amounted to more than \$250,000, and the rail rate to New York has been so reduced as to save another \$50,000. The total savings in freight moving through the State pier for the period ending June 30 have been more than \$300,000, or more than 20 per cent of the State's investment in the project."

FOUR GIRLS WILL REPRESENT COUNTY

Next Saturday Miss Marguerite Morgan and Miss Ruth Harrell of York community will go to Hertford to represent Pasquotank County in the jelly making try-out. They will compete with teams from Chowan and Perquimans County and will be accompanied by Miss Marie Albertson, home demonstration agent of Pasquotank. The Chowan and Perquimans girls will be accompanied by Miss Pauline Smith and Miss Helen Gaither, home demonstration agents for Chowan and Perquimans.

Miss Mary Hewitt of Newland and Miss Jimmie James of Weeksville will represent Pasquotank on the same day in the bread making try-out at Hertford.

On Saturday of last week the jelly making team had a practice in the Chamber of Commerce rooms in preparation for the try-out.

FREIGHTER ADRIFT MEN THOUGHT DEAD

Cleveland, Sept. 29.—Portions of a freighter found drifting near here yesterday indicated that the vessel went down with 28 men last week in the Great Lakes.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE The third Quarterly Conference of the First Methodist Church will be held in connection with the stewards meeting Tuesday evening at 7:30.

Hundreds Mill Through Franks Home



Nearly 2000 people milled and jammed through the home of Jacob Franks at Chicago to attend the auction sale of the Franks household furnishings. They were eager to glimpse the inside of the home in which Robert Franks, schoolboy, had lived before his life was smashed out by a chisel after he was kidnaped by Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold. The Franks have sold their home and are moving away.

MANY LIFE SAVERS BE HERE FOR FAIR

One Hundred Sixty-five Members Coast Guard to Take Part in Life Saving Drill

Something like 165 officers and men of the Coast Guard Service will be in Elizabeth City on October 9, which has been designated as "Coast Guard Day" of the Albemarle District Fair.

The boat used when Captain John Allen Midgett and his brave crew rescued the crew of the British tanker Mirlo will be here on exhibition during "Coast Guard Day."

The Revenue Cutter Panicle will arrive here for the occasion of the awarding of medals to Captain Midgett and other members of his gallant crew. In addition to the regular crew of 65 enlisted men and officers the cutter will bring three men from each of the 29 Coast Guard Stations in the seventh district.

Formation drills will be given by members of the Coast Guard at 1 P. M. Just opposite the grand stand. Following the drill of the Coast Guard the medals will be awarded on a new grand stand which is being erected just opposite the grand stand.

CALLED TO CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. N. H. D. Wilson was called to Chapel Hill Saturday by the serious illness of her brother, A. W. Mangum.

Automobile Business Is Picking Up Right Along

But Profits Except in Exceptional Cases Such as Dodge Will Not Show as Large for This as for Last Year

Detroit, Sept. 29.—The automobile business is picking up. Satisfactory evidence of that is visible in many quarters of this great manufacturing section. It is equally apparent that automobile manufacturers are not going to make as much money as they did in the banner year of 1923.

In fact even those companies which have shown a satisfactory profit in the early part of the year or for the nine months to date are not sure of holding on to those profits. There are enough cross currents still running to swing even the stronger concerns toward danger. Another sharp slump in demand during the next three months might not only obliterate the profits of the last quarter of the year but wipe out many of the gains of the first three quarters.

Each quantity manufacturer has a point of production where costs and profits exactly balance. If the number of cars made each day falls below that point, there not only are no profits, but overhead must inevitably make terrific inroads on surplus. This point varies with every manufacturer, with fluctuations of material markets, and from day to day.

During the last bad slump however, experts figured out that the Ford Company could make 2500 cars a day and break even whereas they would be making a handsome profit at production of five thousand. That may not represent the Ford ratio today, but the point in production where profit ceases and heavy losses begins exists for Ford as well as for other companies.

If therefore, a slump should come in the next three months, attended by a heavy drop in production, much of the gain picked up by the quantity producers would be wiped away. Nevertheless there is a decided optimism apparent here with regard to fall

MRS. MARKHAM DEAD

Mrs. P. P. Markham, Sr., of Weeksville, died Sunday night at the Sarah Leigh Hospital, having been there one week since last Saturday. She is survived by her husband and seven children, Mrs. Warren Davenport, of this city, Mrs. A. B. Price, of Weeksville, Mrs. C. R. Angell, of Charlotte, and Tallmadge Markham, of Weeksville, and four step children, Ray Markham of Norfolk, F. P. Markham, Jr., of Weeksville, Mrs. Leslie Thompson, of Weeksville, LeRoy Markham of Weeksville, one sister, Mrs. Kate Sawyer, of Charlottesville, Virginia, and several grandchildren. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

OHIO REPUBLICANS DECLARE FOR DAVIS

Washington, Sept. 29.—Dr. John Grier Hibben, who signed the appeal of prominent Republicans in 1920 to support Harding, and Dr. W. C. Thompson, president of the Ohio state university, declared yesterday that they cannot vote for Coolidge but will support Davis.

FARMER FINDS WIFE AND CHILDREN DEAD

Mangum, Okla., Sept. 29.—J. A. Melon, farmer returning to his home here late Saturday night found his wife and five children with their throats cut.

POPLAR BRANCH ALL SET FOR FAIR

Applaud Exhibits in Prospect and Arrangements Made for Big Crowd

Poplar Branch, Sept. 29.—The Poplar Branch Community Fair will be held on October 3 and promises to be better than the committee in charge had at first believed possible.

For several weeks the teachers and pupils of Poplar Branch High School and especially the agriculture class have made extraordinary progress along the lines of securing exhibits and it is believed that the results on Fair day will demonstrate that their labor has been well worth while.

TWO ARRESTED FOR MURDER OF NEGRO

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 29.—W. N. Newcome of Elm City, North Carolina, and W. E. Cook of Weldon were arrested here yesterday on suspicion for murder of a negro last Saturday.

PLAN SPEND MONEY ON MARKET HOUSE

Over \$2,500 will be spent on improvements at Elizabeth City's municipal market house.

All refrigerating machinery will be repaired; the ice boxes will be refitted and the place will be thoroughly renovated.

The building will also be painted. In fact everything possible will be done to make the building seem proof and rat proof—as far as is humanly possible.

This work on the market house was authorized at a recent meeting of the City Council, contracts have been let and work will begin in the near future, according to City Manager John Bray.

CITY ROAD AHEAD

City Road Men's Bible Class continues to lead in the attendance contest being staged between this class and the Men's Bible Class of the First Methodist Sunday school. There are four more Sundays in the contest and interest is increasing. On Sunday the First Methodist class had 66 present.

STATE MISSION PROGRAM

The Women's Missionary Society of the Blackwell Memorial Church will give a State Mission program Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. The program committee consists of Mrs. A. B. Combs, Mrs. M. E. Trueblood and Mrs. J. W. Modlin.

TEXAS COTTON CROP VALUE HALF BILLION

Houston, Sept. 29.—(Special)—President H. M. Cresson of the Cotton Exchange has wired the shipping board asking that more ships be sent to this port to handle the cotton crop. Indications are for a Texas yield of about 4,237,000 bales, or about the equal of last year's crop. Even at lower prices the crop should bring \$500,000,000.

Appalling Toll Of Life If Great New York Fire

Frightful Pictures of Probable Holocaust Depicting Thousands Driven Into North and East Rivers Feature Fire Prevention Week

SEATTLE FOLK WELCOME FLIERS

Army Aviators Complete World Flight in Five Months and 22 Days, Actually Flying 351 Hours.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 29.—The six United States Army aviators who completed the flight around the world here yesterday were prepared today to receive the welcome which had been arranged by an appreciative citizenry.

The fliers completed their journey back to Seattle in five months and 22 days. The 27,534 miles was made in 351 flying hours.

HUNDRED KILLED IN CHINESE FIGHTING

Shanghai, Sept. 29.—A hundred Chinese soldiers were killed and many others wounded this morning on the mile front from Nansung to Malu when the armies of the rival military governors fighting for possession of Shanghai continued hostilities with impetuous intensity.

More wounded are reaching Shanghai than on any one day since the fighting started. All the hospitals are overflowing and being taken to include any more of the wounded from foreign settlements whose facilities are being used.

FLASHLIGHTS NOT BICYCLE LIGHTS

Flashlights are not in conformity with the requirements of the city ordinance for lights for bicycles at night. Trial Justice Spence of the recorder's court holds, and the attention of this city police was directed to this matter by prosecuting Attorney Sawyer Monday morning when Raymond Brinkhouse, 17 year old boy, was brought before the court for riding at night without light or bell.

"Ninety per cent of the men who ride bicycles at night use these flashlights," said Mr. Sawyer, "and if the police are not going to arrest them I do not think they ought to bring up boys like this. The defendant was let off with the costs."

Gus Allen and Jim Combs, both colored, were up on a charge of assault with deadly weapon, Combs with a gas in his head inflicted by Allen. Combs, it appears, had been boarding with Allen and Allen's mother until about a week ago when Gus ordered him off to the tune of considerable profanity on both sides. Combs went back to the house in an endeavor to make up and it was when he found him there that Allen smote him in the center of the forehead, inflicting a wound which required four stitches to close up. Combs thereupon had Allen arrested for assault with deadly weapon, whereupon Allen swore out a warrant against Combs on the same charge, declaring that when ordered from his house the first time Combs threatened him with a gun.

Allen drew a fine of \$20 and costs, being found guilty of assault with deadly weapon, while Combs, found guilty only of simple assault was let off with \$5 and costs.

C. H. Hall was fined \$5 and costs on a simple drunk charge.

REVIVAL AT BELCROSS

Rev. C. A. Vandermeulen began the revival at Sawyer's Creek Baptist church Sunday night at the 7:45 service. Services are being conducted throughout the week at 3 in the afternoon and 7:45 at night. The public is cordially invited.

RESIGNS AS ALIEN PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

Washington, Sept. 29.—Thomas Miller today tendered his resignation to President Coolidge as alien property custodian.

MRS. FERGUSON IS WINNER THUS FAR

Austin, Tex., Sept. 29.—Mrs. Miriam Ferguson today won the first step in the court fight to have her disqualified as Democratic nominee for governor of Texas when the injunction to keep her name off the ballot was refused by Judge Calhoun.

ROBERT T. SMALL

New York, Sept. 29.—New York is having its annual fire scare and this year it is a particularly bad one. Ever since the lower tip of Manhattan Island became a congested mass of skyscrapers and canyon-like streets, the fire chiefs of the city have had the nightmare of an explosive fire spreading across the island at Canal street or below and cutting off the two million persons daily employed in the business life of the lower metropolis. How this terrible, panic stricken multitude ever would escape from the ring of fire if it should sweep on southward in the Battery is more than any one has ever been able to figure out.

Frightful pictures have been drawn of the probable holocaust, with thousand and tens of thousands being driven into the waters of the East and North Rivers. The East River bridges leading to Brooklyn offer at least two avenues of escape from a fire starting north of the city hall, but for any underground spreading suddenly south of that point the means of egress are "limited to three underground railroad ferries. The subways are built close to the surface and a heavy wall falling upon them would crush through the thin roofs. The ferries would be swamped in the first rush.

Fire Chief Kenion is very earnest in his warnings to the city of what might happen. At the moment his chief concern is over traffic conditions in the street. Not until within the last few months has New York City had a real anti-parking law for automobiles. It had been the custom to let machines stop where they would so long as there was no interference with the main arteries of traffic. Now that the new law is in effect no one seems to pay much attention to it. The traffic court was jammed one day this week with more than 1,000 offenders. So great was the crush of "criminals" that a panic in the court room was narrowly averted. Some one thought they felt the floor sag. There was a scream and a pell-mell rush for the doors. Police reserves were called out and hurried messengers were sent for additional magistrates to come and hear the cases. Eventually the courtroom was cleared and the offenders had to form in line outside and await their turn at the bar.

The thousand of arrests, however, have not seemed to lessen the congestion of standing cars in the downtown districts. The fire chief believes that in any sudden emergency the department would be so impeded in its work by the jam of automobiles as to make the long feared conflagration possible. Chief Kenion also fears that a sudden panic in the court room might easily explode the gasoline tanks of automobiles parked in front of it. The resulting scatter of liquid fire to other automobiles and buildings would spread the situation beyond all human control. The chief cites always the rapid spread of the Baltimore fire some 20 years ago. In a similar rush of flame across the city end of the island would make the wild nightmare of the department chiefs a shocking reality.

Fire in the theatrical district at night is another of the city's dreads and fire prevention week approaches. At the hour when the theaters are about to begin their performances and again as the crowds pour out, the district, running from Columbus Circle on the north to Thirty-sixth street on the south, is a tangled mass of traffic. Often the jams are impenetrable for minutes at a time despite the best efforts of the police. At such a time the fire department would be helpless to act. In a sudden fire the jammed machines would have to be abandoned and left to block the streets in a mass of burned wreckage.

Of course the typical New Yorker says nothing like that will ever happen. He said prohibition never would come. But the fire never spend many restless hours brooding on the possibilities. The city officials are aroused and every effort is to be made to clear the streets of standing cars.

THREE KILLED WHEN TRAIN STRIKES AUTO Asheville, Sept. 29.—Albert Wakefield, Mrs. Wakefield, and Gordon Haywood of Andrews, were instantly killed by an auto colliding with a train near here yesterday.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 29.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 25.50, Dec. 24.40, Jan. 24.45, March 24.77, May 25.00.

New York, Sept. 29.—At two p. m. today cotton futures stood at the following levels: Oct. 25.50, Dec. 24.98, Jan. 25.00, March 25.21, May 25.64.