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WALLACE SELECTED TO MAKE CONSTABLE RACE

City Democratic Committee Repudiates Cox and Names Man Who Ran Second in Primary.

PARTY MASS MEETING CALLED

Action Taken Upon Advice of First District Committee Will be Submitted to Voters for Ratification—C. C. Curtis Receives Five of Eleven Votes.

ABSOLVED FROM PLEDGE.
The District Democratic committee absolves all Democrats in the city of Newport News from their pledge to support Mr. Ernest C. Cox, the nominee for high constable, and advises the local committee to select a strong, suitable man as the nominee of the party; call a meeting of the Democrats of the city to ratify their action, and support the nominee.—Resolutions of the First District Democratic committee.

Acting upon the advice of the First congressional district committee, the local city Democratic executive committee, in special session last night, repudiated Mr. Ernest C. Cox as the party nominee for constable in the election of November 2; named Councilman J. C. Wallace, of the Third ward, as the Democratic nominee for the office, and issued a call for a mass meeting of the Democrats of the city at the court house at 8 o'clock next Monday night to ratify the action of the committee.

After receiving the report of Mr. J. E. Wilkins, who was delegated Thursday night as a committee of one to go to Richmond yesterday and get the advice of the State committee as to the best solution of the situation existing here, the committee adopted the resolution repudiating Mr. Cox as the nominee and took up the matter of naming a successor.

C. C. Curtis Nominated.
Owing to the fact that Mr. Wallace ran second on the ticket in the municipal primary of June 12, a majority of the committee favored naming him as the party candidate. However, expressions of opinion were invited from the many local Democratic leaders present and three of these—Messrs. R. D. Holloway, Roy Charles and R. A. T. Clements—suggested that Deputy City Sergeant C. C. Curtis be named as the candidate.

They pointed out that the duty of the committee was to name the strongest man for the office and each expressed the firm belief that Mr. Curtis could poll a larger vote than any other man within the party ranks.

Following some further discussion of the merits of the candidates, the vote was taken on Mr. Wallace and Mr. Curtis and the former was nominated by a vote of six to five. The vote resulted as follows: For Wallace—Mitchell, Littlepage, Powell, Roy, Newman, Davis, 6; for Curtis—Marston, Wilkins, Adams, Phillips, Bolling, 5.

Quite a large crowd of people gathered for the session, Mayor Jones and several of the other leading Democrats of the city being present. Mr. Cox was not present.

GIRL'S ASSAILANT CAUGHT

By WASHINGTON POLICE

Authorities Refuse to Surrender Negro to Indignant Posse from Maryland.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—While walking through the woods near Landover, Md., late this evening Florence Harvey, 15-years-old of Glendale, Md., was attacked by a negro. She was badly beaten and her clothing was almost torn from her body, but her screams frightened her assailant away.

A posse was formed, but the negro eluded it and made his way to Washington where he was placed under arrest.

A large party of indignant residents of Glendale demanded that the man be turned over at once to the Maryland authorities, but the Washington police declined to grant the request, on the ground that the negro's life would be jeopardized. He gave his name as Walter Ford, of this city, but could not explain his presence near the Maryland town.

Miss Harvey and her father headed the delegation that hurried here, and the girl identified the prisoner as her assailant.

Trouble Getting Jury.

(By Associated Press.)

BEAUFORT, N. C., Oct. 22.—For the trial of S. J. Sanders, charged with the murder of H. J. Newberry, mayor of Newport, N. C., but six jurors have been secured out of the 150 talesmen examined.

Big Shortage in South.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, ILLS., Oct. 22.—The American railways, fortnightly statement, made public here today, shows a shortage of 23,431 cars in the east and south and a surplus of 35,977 in the west and southwest.

GLIB STORY OF GRAFT

Customs Weigher Tells Freely of Defrauding Government.

PROSECUTING CHEESE IMPORTERS

Turning State's Evidence, William N. Hutchinson Swears He Received \$500 From Philip Musica For Shortening Weight of Single Consignment

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—William N. Hutchinson, an assistant weigher of the United States customs service testified today at the trial of Antonio and Philip Musica charged with defrauding the government on importation of cheese, that he received on one occasion about \$500 from Philip Musica for shortening the weight on a consignment.

"I was particularly careful to see that I got all that was coming to me," the witness said.

On cross-examination, Hutchinson explained that he had been promised immunity to tell the truth and told he would be kept in the employ of the government though not in his present position.

"Did you go to others to get money under such circumstances as in the Musica case?" he was asked.

"Well, I did go to another man," the witness admitted.

"If you show me the books I worked on I will show you when they were right and when they were not."

Hutchinson continued to testify glibly throughout the afternoon, relating how the government was defrauded in various shipments with apparent unconcern. He was asked why Philip Musica had asked him to arrange for the frauds in preference to other customs employees. The witness said he could not recall just how the first meeting was arranged and he insisted that he did not know why Musica sought him first.

The government closed its case today and the defense will open up when the hearing is reached on Monday.

COL. B. O. JAMES TAKES VACANT PLACE ON TICKET

Richmond Man Receives Votes of Nearly Two Thirds of State Committeemen.

ONLY TWO CANDIDATES IN RACE

Nomination for Secretary of Commonwealth Made Unanimous After J. G. Hankens, of Halifax, Had Polled Eleven Votes on First Ballot—New Nominee a "Minority Factioner."

(Special to Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 22.—Col. B. O. James, of Richmond, was today placed on the Democratic ticket for the office of secretary of the commonwealth to succeed the late David Q. Eggleston, the action being taken at a meeting of the State Democratic committee called for the purpose, J. G. Hankens, of Halifax county, was the only name placed in nomination besides that of Col. James. The vote stood, 21 to 11.

When the session was called to order there were present 32 members of the committee, which more than made the necessary quorum. J. Taylor Elyson, chairman of the committee, presided over the session, J. N. Brenaman, of Woodstock, the regular secretary, acted in that capacity.

Nominated at Last Moment.
C. C. Barksdale, of Halifax, placed in nomination the name of Mr. Hankens. The roll of each of the ten districts was called without response.

R. A. James, of Danville, offered a resolution to make the nomination of Hankens unanimous, when J. T. Downing, of Lancaster, in the First district, proposed the name of Col. James.

The chair announced a vote of 17 necessary to elect. The vote showed 21 to 11. The nomination was then by voted declared unanimous.

"Minority" Man.
Col. James, who is now the nominee of the party for the position made vacant by the death of Mr. Eggleston, is of the minority faction of the State Democratic rank and file.

In selecting him, it is believed that a desire to appeal to the dissatisfied element of the recent primary elections in the state had much to do with the support he received.

William H. McAlister, of Bath county, offered a resolution appointing a committee to draft resolutions of respect in memory of the late D. Q. Eggleston. The chair appointed W. M. McAlister, chairman, and K. Boyd Sears, of Mathews; Manly H. Barnes, of New Kent; C. C. Barksdale and H. A. James as this committee. The committee will report to the chairman.

COUNT BONI ASKS COURT TO ENFORCE HIS DEMAND

Would Compel Former Wife, Who Was Miss Anna Gould, to Place Children in Certain School.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Oct. 22.—Count Boni De Castellane having insisted that his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, place the three sons of the Castellane-Gould marriage in a certain boarding school and the Princess De Sagan having objected on the ground that the health of the children made such a step inadvisable, the case got into court today.

The court asked that the princess be ordered to comply with his wishes in the matter and further that the court provide a penalty for a neglect of its order in the shape of a settlement upon the children of \$100 per day for each day that their mother kept them from the school.

Counsel for the princess explained that his client was willing to place the children in the school as desired and was only prevented from so doing by the condition of their health.

The court promised a decision in the matter on October 29.

Charges "False and Cruel"

(By Associated Press.)

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Oct. 22.—Beyond charging as "false and cruel" the charges of bribery brought against her by Congressman Grant, of this district, Mrs. Julia Reed, recently removed from the Baltimore postoffice, made no formal statement today in reply to the congressman's published letter.

Mrs. Virginia Langhorne Dead.

(By Associated Press.)

LYNCHBURG, VA., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Virginia Preston Langhorne, widow of Dr. Daniel A. Langhorne and a relative of the well known Langhorne family of Albemarle county, died here today.

FOUR MASONS RECEIVE HIGHLY ESTEEMED HONORS

Supreme Council for Southern Jurisdiction Elects Members to Participate in Council Proceedings.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—Interest centered about the supreme council for the southern jurisdiction Scottish Rites today in the election of four members to active participation in council proceedings, an honor more highly esteemed than election to the honorary 23rd degree.

Those elected were: William Bushby, of McAlester, for Oklahoma; John H. Cowles, of Louisville, for Kentucky; Melville R. Grant, of Meridian, for Mississippi; and Alonzo Chase Stewart, of St. Louis, for Missouri.

Grand Commander Richardson conferred upon William Hayes Laird, of Winona, Minn., and Benjamin Allen, of Nashville, Tenn., the order of the Grand Cross and investing them with the insignia of that highly honored rank among Scottish Rite Masons.

Another event of interest was the recognition of representatives of other supreme councils near the supreme council of Belgium, Ireland, Uruguay, Colon, Canada, Paraguay, Italy and Brazil.

The northern supreme council of the United States was also represented.

The newly elected active member for Missouri, A. C. Stewart, representing the supreme council for Brazil, said that he brought love and greetings from a daughter recognizing the supreme council for the southern jurisdiction as the mother council of the world to which she pledged loyalty and fealty.

MRS. BIGHAM'S SLAYERS GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Husband and Man Who Shot Woman in Darkness Got Three Years and a Half at Hard Labor.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, S. C., Oct. 22.—"Guilty of manslaughter" read the verdict returned at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon at Georgetown, S. C., in the trial of Dr. G. C. Bigham and A. B. Avant, charged with the killing of the young wife of Dr. Bigham at Murrell's inlet, on the evening of September 4.

A motion for a new trial was overruled and the judge sentenced the defendants to a term of three and a half years at hard labor in the penitentiary. The prisoners were admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000 pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Bigham was shot to death, it was claimed, by Avant while she was walking toward the beach, where she intended to go into the surf. It was almost dark and the defendants claimed that when they received no response from her when called upon by them to explain who she was and what she wanted they believed it was some one who had been engaged in some unlawful act and was trying to escape.

"NEAR BEER" DEALERS BARRED FROM MEMBERSHIP

Ten Grand Lodges of Odd Fellows Adopt Resolution at Annual Meeting.

(By Associated Press.)
KNOXVILLE, TENN., Oct. 22.—The ten grand lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows today adopted a resolution denying membership in the order to dealers in "near beer" and also to men who conduct so-called "soft drink" stands.

Since the exclusion of the liquor traffic from the state last July the sale of "near beer" in "soft drink" stands has become widespread. The Odd Fellows had previously barred saloon keepers.

MAURA'S FALL BRINGS ENCOURAGEMENT TO SPAIN

Hope is Entertained That Period of Internal Tranquility Has Been Ushered In.

(By Associated Press.)
MADRID, Oct. 22.—The fall of Premier Maura and the cabinet has produced a feeling of relief and encouragement, the hope that a period of internal tranquility has been ushered in. It is now an open secret that Maura's refusal to give King Alfonso an opportunity to pardon Ferrer is regretted by his majesty.

Dr. Fritch on Trial.

(By Associated Press.)

DETROIT, MICH., Oct. 22.—The preliminary examination of Dr. George A. Fritch, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Maybelle Miller, Ann Arbor, whose dismembered body was found in Ecorse creek and the lower Detroit river last month, was begun today. After four witnesses were examined the case was adjourned until Monday afternoon.

PRESIDENT ON RECORD FOR DEEP WATERWAYS

"Procession by Jerks" Policy of Congress Should be Replaced by Definite General Plan.

"SQUARE DEAL" FOR RAILROADS

Companies Should Not be Deprived of Reasonable Profit by Popular Prejudice—Front Seats Cleared for Confederate and Union Veterans—Golf Links Dedicated.

(By Associated Press.)
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, Oct. 22.—Announcing himself as an advocate of deep waterways when such projects can be shown to be practicable and necessary and declaring that the piecemeal "procession by jerks" policy of congress in the past with reference to such improvements should be replaced with a definite general plan for opening up the great avenues of commerce, President Taft aroused the delegates to the convention of the Interstate Inland Waterways League today in an enthusiastic demonstration of approval.

Continuing, the President said that in addition to extending commerce, deep inland waterways would serve as the best means to control railroad rates. In the meantime he urged the amendment of the interstate commerce laws to make their provisions more effective.

Doesn't Favor Radicalism.
Mr. Taft added that he did not favor radical legislation; that his purpose merely was to keep railroad companies within the bounds of the law and down to reasonable rates.

He said the railroads should be encouraged. In this connection he referred to the fact that in some places there is a disposition to do injustice to the railroads and to drive the corporations to a system of economy which prevents the development of the country through which they pass. The President said it was often the case that the citizens of a county would go to any extent to get a railroad to come into the county, but once there not one would be a friend of the railroad except perhaps the local counsel. These remarks brought hearty laughter.

The President urged a "square deal" for the railroads that they might not be deprived of reasonable profits through popular prejudice.

Time Has Come for Change.
The President declared that the halting and sporadic system of river and harbor improvements in the past was the work of the committees in congress who had responded to clamor from home and to party considerations. The time has come he declared for a change in this system. A nine foot intercoastal canal was one of the projects to which the President referred as part of a definite system of waterways improvement.

President Taft arrived in Corpus Christi on the revenue cutter Windom from his brother's branch. After a short automobile ride through the prettily decorated city he was taken to a grand stand at the foot of a natural terrace, where the delegates to the waterways convention and the general public were gathered.

The President made an immediate hit with his audience by asking that three tiers of seats immediately in front of him be vacated by the early comers to make way for a hundred or more veterans of the Confederate and Union armies, who had been assigned to a more remote section of the enclosure. The day was extremely warm.

When he began to speak Mr. Taft asked his hearers to console themselves by the thought that before he was through, he would be considerably warmer than any who had to sit in the direct rays of the sun.

Golf Links Dedicated.

When he had finished his speech he motored to the Corpus Christi Golf and Country Club and dedicated the new links by driving from the first tee. The President returned to Gregory this afternoon and left there

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR A "SANE" CELEBRATION

Movement Started to Divorce Fourth of July From Annual Toll of Accidents.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 22.—Cooperation of governors of all states and territories in a nation-wide campaign for safe and sane celebration of Independence Day in every hamlet, town and city throughout the country is the object of a movement now being inaugurated.

The plan contemplates the formation of a national committee on the occasion of the Fourth, the appointment of honorary chairmen of President Taft, in view of his endorsement of Washington's accidentless Fourth; the appointment of the governors of every state and territory in the United States as members, and an active campaign by that committee all over the nation for divorcing Independence Day from its annual toll of accidents.

Success of safe and sane celebrations in the national capital and in other large cities this year has created an even wider interest in the movement. It is believed by those back of the present plan these successes can be cited effectually in bringing about a national reform of Independence Day.

Finest Track in the World.

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Oct. 22.—In the preliminary tests of the new automobile course here today George Robertson, Charles Hasko and Barney Oldfield united in declaring that Atlanta has the finest and fastest track in the world.

"JEFF" HERE TO FIGHT

Big Fighter Says That is What He Came For.

WILL BE "ABSOLUTELY RIGHT"

Time and Place for Reception of Bids, Selection of Stakeholder and the Referee the Only Points to be Decided Now.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—"Fight," said Jim Jefferies tonight as he settled his big shoulders in his overcoat before going out to see a turn of American vaudeville, "why that's what I'm here for. Whatever Berger has skinned up for goes. I don't know what it is, but it goes."

"The division of the purse has been agreed on," put in Sam Berger, Jefferies' manager; "Johnson has conceded that to us. That leaves only three points to settle: 'First, the selection of a stakeholder; second, the referee; third, a place and time for the reception of bids."

Goes to Highest Bidder.
"That's all there is to it. The fight will go to the highest bidder. There's to be no wrangle about that. Various tentative offers have been received, of course, but no formal bids. We ought to have a couple of weeks to get them all in, I should say, and then the decision on them falls automatically to the best responsible bidder."

"Will Jeff consider any theatrical engagements?" was asked.

"Nothing is going to interfere with our being on the spot when the time comes," replied Berger. "He might pick up a little expense money, but he will sign for no extended tour and any engagement he does make will contain a release clause, guaranteeing his presence in the ring."

How soon will he fight?
"Will be 'Absolutely Right'."

"That depends on the other fellow," said Berger. "Jeff is pretty near right now, but he'll absolutely be right before he puts the gloves on. Delay has been the one thing the public has had any cause to complain of, but remember the fellows who kick now would be the very first to holler if Jeff turned up unfit."

After Jefferies had left a little group of well known sporting men headed by Bob Vernon, Billy Wright, Walter Knight and Dan McGuinness still lingered to chuckle over Jeff's splendid condition.

"Aint it wonderful?" they chorused. "Why he's as frisky as a colt and keen for his work—right on edge."

PATRICK M'CARREN OUT OF POLITICS FOREVER

Brooklyn Senator and Democratic Leader Dies From Operation for Appendicitis.

FULLY CONSCIOUS TO THE END

Aged Mother Knew Nothing of Her Son's Condition, Thinking Campaign Kept Him From Home—Passing of One of Most Picturesque Figures in New York's Political History.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Patrick H. McCarren, state senator and Democratic leader of Brooklyn, died at St. Catherine's Hospital, Brooklyn, at 1:15 o'clock this morning, never having completely rallied from the effects of an operation for appendicitis which was performed on October 13. His death was not unexpected; in fact, the senator himself realized throughout the afternoon and the earlier part of the night that his end was near.

Senator McCarren remained fully conscious all day. He said to the physician in consultation over him today:

"Gentlemen, I know what you have come here for. There is no need for consultation, I knew I was dying the day I walked into this hospital. I have made a study of my own case and I find that my trouble is an old heart and old stomach. If you replace them with new ones, there might be chance of my getting better."

Aged Mother Doesn't Know.
One of the pathetic features of Senator McCarren's illness was that his aged mother was not apprised of his condition. She thought the campaign had kept him from home and Senator McCarren had insisted that she be kept in ignorance for fear that the shock would be too great for her.

Patrick Henry McCarren, by trade a cooper, by profession a lawyer and by vocation a politician, was one of the most picturesque figures in the political history of Greater New York.

No leader was ever more roundly condemned yet at the close of sixty-one years of his life he was probably the most strongly entrenched leader in New York state and had even wielded some influence in national politics.

The qualities which in the opinion of his friends contributed most to his success in politics were keenness, tenacity of purpose, personal fidelity, perfect self control and patience. He was sometime called a hard man devoid of sentiment.

"I had a romance once," he said to a close friend. "When I was a young man I fell in love with a girl and we were married. We lived very happily. We had five children. When I was thirty-one I had buried my wife and five children."

WOMAN'S NAME MUST BE PLACED ON TICKET

Baltimore Judge Says House of Delegates is Sole Judge of Qualifications of Members.

BALTIMORE, MD., Oct. 22.—Judge Stockbridge in the city court today, rendered a decision under which the board of supervisors of elections will be compelled to place on the ticket to be voted next month the name of Mrs. Anna Smith Lang as a candidate for the Socialist party for the House of Delegates of the Maryland legislature, the board having refused to place her name upon the ticket because of her sex.

Judge Stockbridge declared the board of supervisors is without power to pass upon the qualifications of candidates, that function resting in the case of Mrs. Lang, entirely with the House of Delegates, as the sole judge of the qualifications of those elected to that body.

A. & M. Swamps Opponents.

COLUMBIA, MISS., Oct. 22.—Showing no mercy on their opponents, the A. & M. College football team completely swamped the lads from the Southwestern University this afternoon, defeating them by a score of 21 to 0. The A. & M. team outclassed their opponents at every point.

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