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JUDGESHIP IS GIVING TROUBLE

Caucus Will Be Held Tonight to Choose Successor to Keith

EXCITING CONTEST

Sims and Lile Run Neck and Neck—Turner's Friends Claim He Holds Balance of Power.

Richmond, Jan. 19.—A joint caucus of the Democratic members of the Senate and House of Delegates will be held in the hall of the House tomorrow night at 8:30 o'clock to select a successor to Judge Keith as a member of the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia. The term of Judge Keith expires February 1, 1917, and he will not be a candidate for re-election.

Richmond, Jan. 19.—The time for holding the caucus to name a judge for the Supreme Court bench is about as uncertain as who will be the successful aspirant.

The friend of one of the candidates is understood to favor the idea of having the caucus tonight while another stands for a caucus on Friday night, and a third suggestion is that it be held on Thursday night.

One of the staunchest supporters of Judge Edward S. Turner, of Warrenton, said that while it might be possible that his man would not win, he was very positive of one thing—that the Turner men would name the man who is to succeed Judge Keith.

Efforts to get the member of the Senate who did the talking to indicate who would be the preference for Judge after Judge Turner had retired were fruitless, the statement being that they were guarding the question and would not make any statement whatever.

Men from all parts of the State are here in interest of the candidates. The presence of many attorneys for railroads indicates that they are taking sides in the contest, but which way it is not yet clear—indeed, it is understood that the lawyers are backing two of the candidates.

The man elected to succeed Judge Keith will ascend to the bench on February 1st of next year and will serve for a full term of twelve years, provided, of course, he should live that long. After reaching the age of seventy years, and desiring to retire after twelve years' service, the judge would receive two-thirds pay for the rest of his life.

It is settled that the fight between Judge Sims, of Louisa, and Mr. Lile of the University of Virginia, will be a spirited one. Neither of them can win on the first ballot, and the prediction is made that when the ballot is counted it will be seen that there is not a difference of more than five before the members begin to change from the lowest to the highest man. It is more than possible that the man who leads on the first ballot will be defeated in the final show down, the members going to the weaker man, as is often the case.

Members in both branches of the General Assembly are anxious to have the caucus over with and the whole matter determined so that they can get down to committee work and not be subject to the pulling and hauling that is going on night and day by the friends of the candidates.

There is little question that the matter is settled the better way will be for all hands concerned—for the State, for the members of the candidates, as the rack of the matter is having its effect on the members of the rivals and is not doing to bring them closer together.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET.

READ THE REASON IN A FEW DAYS

LINER CRIPPLED AT SEA.

Steamer Ryndam Reaches Gravesend In Damaged Condition—Three Stokers Killed.

London, Jan. 19.—The trans-Atlantic liner Ryndam, which sailed from New York, on January 5 for Falmouth and Rotterdam, arrived yesterday at Gravesend, having been delayed by some accident, the nature of which was not divulged.

It was announced that all her passengers were safe, but that three stokers were killed and four injured. When she passed Southend she was down by the bows with a list to starboard. In accordance with official instructions, the passengers who did not land at Falmouth will remain on board.

The Ryndam passed the Lizard on January 14, but her arrival at Falmouth had not been reported, although ordinarily she would have reached Falmouth the day after being reported off the Lizard.

The accident to the Ryndam evidently occurred at some point in the English Channel. The Lizard is at the southwestern extremity of England, and Southend is in Southeastern England, at the mouth of the Thames, so that the steamer evidently passed around the southern end of England in the interval since January 14.

Gravesend is up the Thames from Southend, 20 miles below London.

The Ryndam belongs to the Holland-American Line and has been in service for a number of years between New York and Rotterdam. She is 560 feet long, 22,070 tons displacement.

New York, Jan. 19.—Officials of the Holland-American Line here had received no word other than the news dispatches of an accident to the Ryndam. The vessel sailed with 101 passengers. She has a crew of 225 and a miscellaneous cargo.

CRAB PROTECTION URGED.

Swenson Earle Confers With Virginia Legislators as to New Laws.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 19.—Swenson Earle, chief engineer of the Shellfish Commission of Maryland, conferred last night with committees from both branches of the Virginia General Assembly on matters pertaining to the crab industry of the two States. Mr. Earle spoke extensively on the blue crab of the Chesapeake, and the importance of conserving the crab industry for the crab fishermen of Virginia and Maryland. He suggested that the protective measures most essential for the conservation of this industry provide for a cull law on hard crabs five inches from the tip of the spike, and the importance of protecting the female egg-bearing crab, which are found extensively in the Virginia waters near the Capes.

The Virginia lawmakers conceded the necessity of these protective measures and stated that Virginia was willing to concur with Maryland in protecting the female crab, which will insure the continuance of the industry in both States.

The question of fish will come up at another conference, which will be attended by the new committee on crab and fish to be named by the Maryland Legislature, now in session. This new committee is expected to carry the above concurrent measure through.

FAT WOMEN SIT ON VICTIM.

Their 400 Pounds Hold Him Down While Third One Robs.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 19.—Samuel Watt, reported to the police Saturday night that he had been held up at Second and Market streets by three negro women, who knocked him down and robbed him of his watch and \$30.

Watt said that two of the women weighed about 200 pounds each. One of the heavy-weights sat on his chest and the other sat on his feet, while the third rifled his pockets.

MISSING BOY.

Noby Hall Harlow, aged 13 years, left his home, 219 South Payne street yesterday morning at ten o'clock. He has light hair, and wore a light cap, gray coat and corduroy trousers. Any information will be thankfully received by his father, Noby Harlow, 219 South Payne street, this city. 19-16

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

NO PEACE FOUND IN FORD'S PARTY

Munity is Rife in Ranks and Disruption of Party Threatened

MEMBERS WILL NOT GO

Of Five Americans on Board, Only One is Said to be Willing to Proceed to Stockholm.

The Hague, Netherlands, Jan. 19.—While preparing for the proposed departure for Stockholm, where it is intended to begin sessions in an attempt to bring about termination of the war, the Ford permanent peace party, is threatened with disruption by the refusal of certain members to proceed on the trip to Stockholm.

Of the five American members of the board, only Charles F. Aked has announced his willingness to go to Stockholm, Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia, says he is going to England on business. William J. Bryan, Henry Ford and Miss Jane Addams, who are the other American members, are still in America, and nothing has been heard from them, and members of the party here are much perplexed over their silence.

Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, who is employed by Mr. Ford as a peace expert, announced that she had cabled to Ford for permission to dismiss John D. Barry, of San Francisco, who was elected an alternate member of the permanent peace board by members of the peace expedition, most of whom are now homeward-bound on the steamer Rotterdam. Mme. Schwimmer says she will appoint Harry C. Evans, of Des Moines. The objection to Mr. Barry is that he refused to sign a statement on board the steamer Oscar II, denouncing President Wilson's preparedness policy. The other alternates decline to proceed to Stockholm.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey, of Denver says he is preparing to leave the party, and is going to Germany in an attempt to formulate a plan to relieve the children of the belligerent countries. Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, another alternate, says that he is preparing to leave on the Ryndam on January 24, for New York. The situation as it now appears eliminates all American members of the permanent peace board for the present except Dr. Aked, and possibly Mr. Evans, unless Mr. Bryan and Mr. Ford come to The Hague or Stockholm.

Gaston Plantiff, personal representative for Mr. Ford, has received cablegram instructions to return to America and explain the situation to his employer. In the meantime, Mme. Schwimmer is pleading with the American members of the expedition to remain together, and work for peace inasmuch as \$375,000 already has been spent upon the expedition.

Other difficulties arose over the manner in reaching Stockholm. The German government has granted permission to thirty-two Scandinavian members of the party to return to their homes through German territory. It is expected that they will leave today, crossing Germany in a sealed train. Twenty-five Americans, including Dr. Aked, and the business staff, have so far been refused permission.

Louis P. Lochner, of Chicago, secretary of the peace board, and Mme. Schwimmer visited the German consul-general at Rotterdam and asked him to issue American passports. The consul expressed his willingness, but said that he was unable to induce the German military authorities to extend the permission. Mr. Lochner thereupon telegraphed to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador at Berlin, as follows:

"Absolutely necessary that everything be done to get the peace delegates back through Germany. Please urge the Foreign Office." No answer has yet been received from Ambassador Gerard, and Dr. Aked, Mme. Schwimmer and Mr. Lochner are undecided as to the next move.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Mr. William P. Woolls, of this city, was admitted to practice in the Corporation Court this morning.

At the Methodist Protestant Church tonight the subject for the revival services will be "The Crucified Christ"

At the Opera House tonight the Manhattan Girls Musical Co., will give a complete change of bill.

A general meeting of the Parents-Teachers Association will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the Lee School Building.

A delegation of members of R. E. Lee Camp of Confederate Veterans this morning attended the funeral of Orlando F. Smith, a member of the camp which was held in Arlington.

James Douglas McLean, a teacher in the Alexandria High School has received his commission as first lieutenant of the Alexandria Light Infantry.

Robert H. Cox, city sergeant, today posted the list of persons qualified to vote in the next general election and primary. There were more than 1700 names on the list.

Hon. Louis F. Post, assistant secretary of Labor, will address the Men's meeting in the Richmond Theatre, next Sunday, January 23rd at 2:30 p. m. Subject "Brotherhood."

Robert C. Wall, of the Sheldon School of Salesmanship will deliver an address on "The Science of Business Building" at 8 o'clock Friday night in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce.

NEGRO KILLED BY TRAP GUN.

Foot Blown Off When He Entered Farmer's Chicken House.

Havre de Grace, Md., Jan. 19.—John Sullivan, a negro, died Monday from gunshot wounds which were inflicted when he stepped on a trap-gun on the farm of Dickey Jamison, near this city.

Mr. Jamison conducts a large chicken farm and recently a number of his fowls have been stolen. In an effort to catch the thieves the farmer placed a trap-gun in his henhouse, so constructed that it would sound an alarm when the doors were opened.

Sullivan, with two other negroes, drove to the Jamison place, it is alleged, hitched their horse in the woods and went to the chicken house. When Sullivan opened the door he stepped upon the cord which was fastened to the trigger of the gun. It was discharged, the load tearing off his foot.

His companions fled and he lay for over an hour on the ground before help arrived. A neighboring farmer, hearing his cries, awoke the Jamisons, who found Sullivan a few feet from the discharged gun. He was brought to the Havre de Grace Hospital, where his leg was amputated. His companions are still at large.

CANADA A PRIZE.

Government Leader Says Germans in United States Would Help in Capturing It.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—James Loughheed, government leader in the Senate, declared in a speech in the Upper House of Parliament yesterday that Germany was known to desire possession of Canada as a prize of war should she be victorious in the present conflict. Some Canadians, he said, could not yet realize that Canada was in as great jeopardy as Great Britain or any of her allies.

Senator Loughheed asserted that German spies had compiled and filed in the archives of their government more complete information upon the natural and developed resources of Canada than was possessed even by the Dominion government. He expressed the belief that Germans living in the United States would be glad to aid in the capture of Canada. If the Allies' lines were broken and an avenue opened upon the seas the speaker prophesied German troops would be landed upon the shores of Canada and the Dominion's southern boundary would be crossed by reservists living in the United States. To prevent such a contingency, he said Canadians should exert themselves to the utmost to aid Great Britain.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Delegate Would Lop Off Five Members Not Elected by People

AUTOCRACY CHARGE

Would Leave Governor, Attorney-General and Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Richmond, Jan. 19.—Dissatisfaction of long standing with the present method of constituting the State Board of Education led Delegate S. H. Love of Lynchburg, chairman of the House Committee on Schools and Colleges, to introduce a resolution yesterday providing for a constitutional amendment which lops off the five members of the State board that are not elected by the people, leaving the board to be composed of the Governor, Attorney-General and Superintendent of Public Instruction all elective officers.

The same resolution takes from the State Board of Education the power of appointing division superintendents, and provides that they shall be elected in a manner to be later prescribed. It is the intention of Delegate Love, in the event that this amendment is ratified to introduce supplementary measures providing for the manner of electing division superintendents.

"It is time for the people of Virginia to arise and protest against the autocratic dictation of a school board composed, in majority, of members who are in no way amenable to the electorate. The composition of the board is anything but democratic, and the State is paying dearly for its folly in allowing the present state of affairs to continue.

"I am not alone in this matter. There are many in this House who feel as I do—that the State Board of Education, as now constituted, is not the sort of school-governing body Virginia needs. A majority of the members are not amenable to the people, and cannot be held to account by the voters for their actions.

"We had a deplorable example of the board's arbitrary action not so long ago, when, by a vote of 5 to 3 it directed the adoption of certain school-books over a State-wide protest against such a course. The three elective members of the board—the Governor, Attorney-General and Superintendent of Public Instruction—stood together for what the people wanted. The five other members outvoted them and compelled the adoption of certain books over other books that were preferred almost everywhere in the State at an additional cost to the people of Virginia of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"I have been given strong assurance of support for this amendment, and am confident that the General Assembly will ratify it. It merely makes the State board responsible to the people and answerable to them. It is independent of the people now."

Besides the three elective officers named, the State Board of Education is composed of two school superintendents and three members from State colleges. The latter are appointed by the Senate.

Having the support of the chairman of the House Committee on Schools and Colleges, and probably of the other members of this committee, the resolution will go before the House of Delegates with strong endorsement.

DEATH OF E. P. McDONALD

Mr. Eppa P. McDonald, night ticket agent for the Washington Virginia Railway for the past seven years, died in Sibley Hospital, in Washington today at 12:30 o'clock. Mr. McDonald was born and raised in Fauquier county but came to this city seven years ago, and became connected with the railroad company. Mr. McDonald had many friends in this city who will regret to hear of his death.

Norfolk Oysters at the Rammel Cafe.

MAY BLOCKADE NEUTRALS

Allied Fleet Will Attempt to Cut off All Supplies for Germany

New York, Jan. 19.—A Washington dispatch to the World says: Reports to President Wilson from Col. House have satisfied the administration that within a few days a proclamation will be issued announcing that the British orders in council have been vacated; that an allied fleet will blockade Germany, and that means will be found to cut off the supplies which the neutral countries have clandestinely allowed to be shipped to the central governments.

Great Britain is determined to shift responsibility in part to her allies, if the opinion held in official circles may be accepted, so that France, Italy, Russia and Belgium shall bear a portion of the censure that is expected to be raised in Congress, if the new blockade does not satisfy this government, and seriously interferes with American shippers.

The reports, prematurely circulated from British sources, that France, Russia, Italy and Belgium are jointly responsible for interference with American trade, are supposed to have been put forward as a political move to pave the way for a friendly reception to the new proclamation.

In addition to the proclamation announcing an actual blockade of Germany, Great Britain is expected to demand that the strictest embargoes be placed on shipments to her enemies or that neutrals also subject themselves to a blockade which will be lifted only occasionally, when the British authorities believe that the neutrals are in need of foodstuffs for their own consumption.

LATE ORLANDO F. SMITH

Funeral of Former Alexandrian Took Place in Washington Today

The funeral of Orlando F. Smith who died at his residence, 930 Twenty-third street Washington Sunday took place at noon today. Interment was in the Confederate section of Arlington Cemetery. Mr. Smith was born on January 2, 1842. At the outbreak of the civil war he entered in the Confederate army, enlisting in Company H, (seventeenth Virginia) in April 1861. He participated in all the battles in which the regiment was engaged as part of the army of northern Virginia and was with his regiment at Appomattox Courthouse at Lee's surrender.

He went to Washington in 1866 and entered the service of the Washington Gas Light Company and for many years was the superintendent of the G street works. He was a member of Camp No. 171 Confederate Veterans of Washington; the Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of the District of Columbia and of Washington Lodge, No. 15, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is survived by his widow, who was formerly Miss Margaret McLaughlin, and two children, Miss Virginia Smith and Orlando F. Smith, Jr.

KILLED BY AVIATORS

Hundreds of Bulgarians Victims of French Aeroplanes

London, Jan. 19.—Hundreds of Bulgarian soldiers were killed and a very large number wounded in a bombardment of Petritsi by a squadron of 25 French aeroplanes. Great damage was caused by the bombardment.

An Anglo-French fleet has been searching the inlets of the Greek islands with the object of discovering the bases of German and Austrian submarines.

The Turks have removed 400 guns from the Gallipoli peninsula to Xanthi, to the eastward of the allied line at Saloniki. (Xanthi, otherwise known as Eskije, is 770 miles west northwest of Dedeaghat, Bulgaria.) One hundred and twenty thousand Austrians and Germans are being massed at Gievelli.

WILL SKEAK ON SUFFRAGE.

Miss Elsie Hill to Appear on King Street, Between Columbus and Alfred.

Miss Elsie Hill, daughter of Representative Ebenezer Hill of Conn—an executive member of the Congressional Union, will deliver a Suffrage speech, tonight on King street between Columbus and Alfred streets. She will be introduced by Miss Mary Morris Lockwood, of Clarendon, Va., chairman of the Union for Eighth Congressional District.

GREECE IS IN GREAT TURMOIL

Revolution Against Constantine Said to Be Imminent

ALLIES' WAR COUNCIL

British Foreign Office Discredits Rumors of Ultimatum to Consuls and Landing of Forces.

London, Jan. 19.—Arrival here of the French Prime Minister Aristide Briand for the meeting of the allies' war council, today adds significance to the fast moving events in the Balkans.

The foreign office has issued a statement denying the rumor that any ultimatum had been delivered to Greece while fast upon it came Athens reports that all Greek troops are being withdrawn from the Greco-Bulgarian frontier, and that a transport had landed Serbian troops at Saloniki.

The French premier, with Premier Asquith and military representatives on the war council, went into session at Downing street shortly after noon.

Dispatches from Rotterdam and from German sources report a revolutionary republican movement on foot in Greece supporting former Premier Venizelos; danger of King Constantine's government falling with the reconvening of the new Greek Parliament on Monday; fresh landings of allies' troops at various points in Greece; and movement of Austro-German-Bulgarian force against Saloniki.

The foreign office statement discredited these reports and "believed" them untrue.

Scarcely any press dispatches from Athens have been passed by the Greek censor in the past three days, and this fact alone is considered ominous, in view of the German reports.

London newspapers complain that they have been unable to get replies to queries addressed to their correspondents at the Greek capital. German newspapers hint at a possible revolution, headed by former Premier Venizelos, and express doubt as to whether King Constantine will have the support of the Greek army in a real crisis.

An Athens dispatch to the Daily News declaring that the Greek government is about to declare martial law to put an end to "dangerous rumors," was permitted to pass by the Greek censor.

London diplomats profess to have no knowledge of the intentions of ex-Premier Venizelos, leader of the Greek party that favored Greek participation in the war on the side of the allies. Venizelos and his followers did not participate in the recent special election called by the King, declaring the proceeding illegal. It was reported several weeks ago that the Venizelos party might refuse to accept the results of the election, precipitating a crisis when Parliament meets next Monday.

ESCAPE OF AVIATOR

Fall Ten Thousand Feet and Preserve Lives and Machine

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Returning from the Bavarian prison camp at Ingolstadt, American Ambassador Girard yesterday brought a story of the miraculous escape from death of two English aviators who fell 10,000 ft. and not only saved their lives, but their machine.

Capt. Wilson and Lieut. Scholerfeld, the officers, were flying along the German front, when something went wrong with their biplane. The machine began dropping toward earth at a furious speed and threatened to turn turtle.

By heroic efforts Wilson succeeded in righting her and started to volplane. German and anti-aircraft guns had been trained on several English flyers, but the artillerymen dropped their work to watch the plunge of the crippled British aircraft. It hit the earth with a terrific jar and both men were thrown several feet.

Wilson is still suffering from concussion of the brain, but the lieutenant was practically unhurt.