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NORFOLK CASE LEADS THEM ALL

State Senatorship and House Members From There Involved.

MAY ALSO CHANGE MONTAGUE'S VOTE

This Contest Apparently Overshadowing Other Work of State Committee—Daniel and Martin Here—Committeemen Slow in Arriving.

The matter of tabulating and announcing the official returns from the recent State primary by the Democratic State Committee to-night is completely overshadowed on the eve of the meeting of the body by the vigorous contests arising in the Thirty-third Senatorial District and in the county of Norfolk.

There are other minor disputes to be settled, and a plan of campaign is to be mapped out, but the parties to the contests mentioned and their respective friends are giving nearly all the life there is in the situation, and when the committee meets in Murphy's annex at 8.30 o'clock to-night some spirited scenes are expected.

Both the State Central and Executive Committees are called to meet, and both United States senators and all the congressmen have been invited to attend and to talk over the situation with reference to the fall campaign.

The two senators and two of the congressmen are here, but less than a dozen of the committeemen had arrived up to last night.

Norfolk County Sack.

Colonel R. C. Marshall, Sheriff A. C. Cromwell and Mr. George Lindsay are on the ground for the "Fusionists," while the sole "Straightout" representative so far in our city is Senator L. Finley Cromwell, who is the nominee of that wing of the party for county clerk.

Messrs. George W. Jones, C. W. Coleman and others will be here to-day. The Norfolk county middle has a very ugly appearance and will almost certainly provoke a bitter fight before the committee.

The "Fusionists" claim that the "Straightouts" did not give them a square deal in the primary, and they held a little election of their own at two precincts in the county. The State Committee shall recognize the election held by the "Fusionists" and count their votes instead of those of the "Straightouts." Messrs. Owens and Parker will be nominated for the House; Mr. J. H. Weimer for the Senate, and the county will show a majority for Senator Martin.

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Both Sides Here.

Colonel R. C. Marshall will represent the "Fusionists" before the committee to-night, and Mr. George W. Jones and others will appear for the Straightouts. Senator Bland Massie, of Nelson, is here, and if he presses his contest against Mr. Strode for the seat in the Nineteenth district will be represented by Senator W. P. Barksdale.

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Few Members Here.

Mr. Echols's health is much improved, and he was conspicuous upon this fact and his recent nomination for the Senate, in which body he served for many years. The members of the committee here last night were: Executive—Edward Echols, Staunton; A. A. Campbell, Wythe.

President—George M. Mose, Roanoke; W. P. Barksdale, Halifax; George M. Helms, Franklin; T. A. Lynch, Giles; H. C. Boyd, Spotsylvania; Joseph Hutton, Appomattox; J. P. Whitehead, Albemarle; and V. E. St. Clair, of Giles.

The presence of the committeemen and out-of-town politicians drew a large number.

IN RAGING SEAS 17 RESCUERS DIE

Left Stranded Steamer In Hope of Bringing Aid.

TROPIC IN PORT AFTER HARD TRIP

Huddled in Cabins Twenty Men Faced Waves all Night Momentarily Expecting End—Kite Carried Line to the Shore.

CHARLESTON, S. C., September 6.—The British steamer Tropic, 2,340 tons, Captain Barber, arrived in this port today after a voyage that had lasted nearly three months and that was filled with excitement. The second mate, purser and fifteen seamen are missing.

Sailing from Valparaiso, Chile, June 21st, the Tropic met with bad weather at once, and on June 25th, while off Patu and about fifteen miles from Constitution, the lookout reported "breakers ahead," and before the ship could be gotten about she had gone hard aground not over three hundred yards from the beach. High seas were running and it was realized that something must be done. The second mate, purser and fifteen seamen put out in the first lifeboat for Constitution for aid, but never returned.

All night the seas dashed over the Tropic, and the twenty men on board huddled in the cabins and momentarily expected the end. Morning brought hope in the sight of a tugboat, and others returned no way to get to the ship. No boat could live in the breakers and no swimmer could make the shore.

Kite Carried Line.

A happy thought came to the captain, and with a quickly made kite a cord was carried by the wind to shore, and next a line and then a hawser reached the ship. Over this the men went ashore, still hoping that tugs or vessels might come from Constitution, and they waited. When no help came and the storm abated somewhat, the vessel remaining in apparently unimpaired condition, the crew landed in small boats and jettisoned about two hundred tons of the cargo, this so lightening her that she floated at high tide, and the fires being started, a court of inquiry was held and the captain and crew were exonerated. The report of the court was signed by the British consul at Valparaiso, where a cable was sent in praise of the pluck and energy of the master and crew, while expressing regret at the loss of the seventeen men.

The grounding is accredited to a deviation of the ship's compasses and the prevalence of a strong insect current off Patu, in latitude 35.06 south and longitude 72.20 west.

The Tropic was twenty-eight days overdue, and a cable from Valparaiso to the Maritime Register, dated June 23, said that she would be a total wreck, but a later cable from the consul at Valparaiso stated that the captain and crew show evidence of the strain, and they were glad to reach port for fresh food and rest.

BURIED UNDER FALLING EARTH: INJURIES FATAL

Fred Braxton, a colored man, met a horrible death yesterday, while engaged in digging a culvert on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, near the city. He was at work alone at a certain point, when there was a sudden cave-in, probably a lot of earth falling on the solitary toiler. His chest was crushed so badly that he died within the hour. The distance of the fall of the earth was about ten feet. Dr. W. H. Ten, ambulance surgeon, was called and rendered what medical treatment was possible under the circumstances, but he readily saw that there was nothing a physician could do to save the man's life.

BRING JOINT SUIT FOR TEN THOUSAND

Steamer Alleged to Have Failed to Stop at a Wharf.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WARSAW, Va., September 6.—Dr. H. L. Segar, a physician of this place; Mr. A. W. Barron, a traveling salesman of the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, with headquarters here, and Mrs. R. B. Barrett, of Newland, this county, engaged attorneys to-day, and will at once enter suit jointly in the Circuit Court here against the Maryland, Delaware and Virginia Railway Company for ten thousand dollars damages.

The plaintiffs want the Naylor's to-day to board the steamer Essex on route to Fredericksburg and other points, when the steamer, it is asserted, passed the wharf without making her usual stop. Dr. Segar was accompanying Mrs. Barrett to Richmond to be operated on for cancer. Her condition is somewhat critical, and hence called for immediate treatment. Mr. Barron had an important business engagement to fill. The outcome of the suit will be watched with a great deal of interest.

WITH ROPE AROUND NECK ATE HARD-BOILED EGGS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CLINTON, N. C., September 6.—Ashton Holmes, a negro, was hanged in the jail here Saturday for criminally assaulting a young colored girl last night. Holmes displayed great cunning, while standing on the gallows with the rope about his neck, he said he was hungry, and asked for some hard-boiled eggs he had left in his cell. They were brought and eagerly devoured by the man, who was immediately afterwards hanged.



WEATHER FORECAST; 'STORMS BREWING.'

SOUTHERN WILL SPEND A MILLION

Has Awarded a Big Contract to Sands & Oliver, of Roanoke.

DUEL FOUGHT IN THE DARK

Merchant Carries on a Fussilade with Burglar in His Store. Big Fire.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, Va., Sept. 6.—Superintendent of Construction J. P. Wrenne, of the Tidewater Railroad, announced to-day, after consultation with William J. Oliver, representing Sands & Oliver, of Roanoke, Va., who had just returned from Washington, that Oliver had closed a million-dollar deal with the Southern Railway. The contract calls for the double-tracking of the Southern from Morristown to Knoxville and the building of a branch line from Chattanooga to Stephenson, all in Tennessee.

Sands & Oliver were recently relieved of a part of their contract to build the roadbed for the first 100 miles of the Tidewater. Superintendent Wrenne says the contractors get \$2,000,000 for building a mile-long tunnel between Morristown and Knoxville, which now is being constructed under Lookout Mountain.

After a duel in the dark, last night, between Joseph J. Brinkley, a merchant, at Corapeake, N. C., and a burglar, who was looting his store, the latter fled, but is believed by Mr. Brinkley to be badly wounded. The storekeeper was unhurt.

The breaking of Brinkley's place is the last of a series of burglaries which have recently been perpetrated. It is thought, by the same gang, in the section of Virginia and Carolina. Shortly before midnight two young men who chanced to pass the store saw a light in the store, which proved to be from a match in the burglar's hands. Brinkley was notified at his home nearby and, taking a shotgun, returned with his informers, whom he stationed at the front door, he entering by the rear door, which the intruder had left open. The burglar immediately opened fire with a 44-caliber revolver, several bullets from which were imbedded near the merchant. Brinkley fired one charge of No. 4 shot in the thief's direction, but before he could repeat the latter had escaped through a window.

BLOODHOUNDS POILED. Bloodhounds to-day followed the trail two miles and lost it in a swamp. The cash drawer had been rifled of a few dollars.

The store, building and society of Blockson & Co., near Suffolk, was burned last night by an incendiary, loss, \$3,000; insurance, \$2,250. A negro who passed just before the fire smelled kerosene, saw a flash from a match before he had gone far in a brief space of time one side of the building was in flames. He did not see the firebug.

Bishop Spaulding Better.

(By Associated Press.) LEBANON, Ky., September 6.—Bishop John E. Spaulding, of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Peoria, who is visiting his old home here, has entirely recovered from his recent attack of indigestion. The report that he suffered another stroke of paralysis is denied.

HURLED FROM AUTO AND BADLY INJURED

Commodore Cooke and Wife, Mrs. Blake and Chauffeur, All Seriously Hurt.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 6.—Commodore A. M. Cooke, of the Southern Yacht Club, of New Orleans; Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Thelma Blake, of this city, and David C. Montclair, the chauffeur, were seriously injured to-day in a collision between their automobile and an automobile ambulance carrying a diphtheria patient to a hospital in Brooklyn.

Mr. Cooke, his wife and Mrs. Blake were hurled headlong from their seats to the asphalt pavement. Mrs. Blake struck on her head and lay unconscious. Mrs. Cooke and her husband fell together, both stunned. The chauffeur was pinned in his place by the wrecked steering wheel, and was lifted from the automobile unconscious.

21 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 21 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

6 Trades, 5 Domestic, 1 Salesman, 9 Miscellaneous

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

INFECTED AREA HAS GROWN WIDER

Thirteen New Cases of Cholera and Two Deaths Reported Yesterday.

WOMAN SICK AT HAMBURG

River Oder Has Become Tainted. Thirty Boatmen Quarantined at Kustrin.

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, September 6.—A 433 P. M.—An official bulletin just issued says that thirteen new cases of cholera and two deaths were reported during the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day, making the total 50 cases and 26 deaths.

The infected area was sensibly widened to-day. The River Oder has become tainted. Three cases have been reported from the administrative district of Frankfurt-on-the-Oder in three small places along the stream among the rivermen. Thirty boatmen have been quarantined at Kustrin, a railway town near the junction of the Oder and the Vistula. Strict sanitary precautions have been taken throughout the district.

New Case at Hamburg. (By Associated Press.) HAMBURG, September 6.—A case of cholera, the third up to date, was found to-day in the heart of the business and hotel districts here.

The new case is that of a Polish woman, the wife of a coachman living in a thickly populated alley. She was taken to the isolation hospital. The house in which the woman was found and several adjacent houses have been quarantined with all their occupants. The authorities trace the latest case of cholera to the same source as the other two. When the Russian emigrants came to Hamburg, they were permitted to enter the town, where they visited a dance hall. Here the women evidently came into contact with them.

TAGGART THREATENED TO SHOOT FORTESCUE

(By Associated Press.) WOOSTER, O., September 6.—Captain Taggart, on the witness stand to-day in his divorce trial now being heard here, the Captain testified that upon one occasion, while he and his wife were living at Fort Lavenworth, he had told his wife he would shoot Lieutenant Fortescue if he came home with her.

Another witness heard to-day was a detective from a private agency in Cleveland, who had been employed to shadow Mrs. Taggart.

FRANCIS B. STEVENS COMMITS SUICIDE

Members of Well Known New York Family Takes His Own Life.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 6.—Francis B. Stevens, a member of the well known Stevens family, of Hoboken, and grandson of the late Commodore Stevens, committed suicide by shooting at his home, "The Cottage," at Westbury, L. I., early to-day. Mrs. Stevens, who was Miss Adele Horwitz, of Baltimore, and her husband were alone in the house except for a servant, and when Mr. Stevens retired last night he gave no indication of a determination to kill himself. The report that he suffered another stroke of paralysis is denied.

STRIKE OF DRIVERS ON U. S. MAIL WAGONS

Echo of Trouble Over Wages Some Weeks Ago—About Three Hundred Out.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 6.—The drivers of the United States mail wagons in this city went on strike at half-past ten o'clock this evening. A score of them jumped off their wagons when they drove to the Mail Street end of the post-office and quit their jobs. It is reported that about 300 of them quit at the foot of East Fifteenth Street, where the New York mail wagons are kept.

The strike is an echo of the trouble over wages some weeks ago. The leaders of the men say that the agreement the bosses made with them has not been lived up to. They also demand an increase of wages.

Acting Superintendent of Mails Fox said he thought there would be no difficulty in keeping the service running. All of the men are employed by the New York Mail Company.

COMMITTEE HAS BEGUN INQUIRY

Life Insurance Conditions in State of New York Being Investigated.

NO CONCEALMENT BLACK SAYS

Position of Policyholders in Administration of Companies Considered.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 6.—Former Governor Frank S. Black, of this State, appeared as counsel for the Equitable Life Assurance Society before the joint legislative committee to-day, when the committee commenced its investigation of life insurance conditions in this State. Before the hearing opened Mr. Black said:

"We have nothing to conceal and no one to protect. We seek no legal technicalities to evade answering any questions. We will aid in every way the progress of the inquiry."

Paul D. Cravath was present in the interests of Thomas P. Ryan and W. C. Gilver, who attended as counsel for James H. Hyde.

Position of Policyholders. In opening the hearing, counsel for the committee stated that the first subject taken up would be the position of the policyholders in the administration of the companies.

Vice-President Robert A. Grannis, of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and Controller Becker, of the Metropolitan, testified as to the large number of votes cast by proxy. The latter said that in an election in 1904, out of 35,000 votes cast, all except three or four were voted by proxy.

Grannis said that he and President McCurdy held about 2,000 proxies. Secretary McCall, of the New York Life, said 25,000 proxies were held by the president and vice-presidents of that company.

Evidence was given that the salaries of presidents of the New York Life and Metropolitan were \$100,000 each, yearly.

CORN CROP POOR; HE KILLED HIMSELF

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROCKY MOUNT, Va., September 6.—Vernon Byrd, a prominent young farmer, went to his barn to-day and hanged himself. He was recently married and the only reason he gave in a note left behind for suicide was that his corn crop was bad and he feared he could not make a living for himself and wife.

GAVE PLATT TIP THAT SAVED MANY DOLLARS

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, NEB., September 6.—Mae C. Wood to-day filed a civil suit in the District Court against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt and the United States Express Company for \$25,000 for alleged services rendered to the defendant in connection with the case of the woman who was employed by the government in the Postoffice Department, at Washington, who rendered service to the defendant by "leaking" the inside workings of the office and by assisting to "keep out" of Postmaster-General Payne's annual report of May, 1904, a recommendation of the "post check" system, "thus saving the express company several hundred thousands of dollars."

MOTHER AND BABY SHOT BY A CHILD

Badly Injured by a Gun That Was Accidentally Discharged.

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REIGN OF TERROR AS BAKU BURN

Armenian and Tartar Factions Now Beyond Control.

PEOPLE MASSACRED TROOPS POWERLESS

Fight in Suburban Regions Is Desperate and Soldiers Are Using Artillery—Hurricane Raging and Flames Swept in Every Direction.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, September 7, 2:50 A. M.—The news from Baku, received up to the time of the filing of this dispatch, is of the gloomiest character. The Armenian and Tartar warring factions now appear to be entirely beyond control. The streets of Baku seem to be unsafe for the inhabitants, and the force of troops to be inadequate to restrain the anarchical tendencies of the combatants in the surrounding region.

According to reliable reports, the troops have been forced to withdraw from the suburb of Balikhan, where on Tuesday the riotous fire to the oil works, and that place is now in the hands of the Tartars, who have completed the work of destruction, and who, it is said, massacred the inhabitants of the suburb. According to the reports, the troops in their retreat, telephonic and railroad communication between Baku and the suburban oil centers is cut, and late last night it was reported that the wires into Baku were down.

The victory of the Caucasus has dispatched reinforcements of troops from Tiflis, but owing to the conditions throughout the whole of the southwestern Caucasus, it is thought that even with these reinforcements the troops will be inadequate to deal with the situation. In the suburban region the fight is desperate, and the soldiers are using artillery.

Representatives of the oil industry here are utterly demoralized, and they declare that on the basis of the telegrams so far received, more than half of the industry in the Baku region has been wiped out, and that the fire is making rapid inroads into the remainder of the oil territory.

A press dispatch from Baku, approved by the censor, says: "The rival factions are concentrating in their own quarters here. The situation is exceedingly intense. Murders are frequent. Cannonading is heard from time to time. In the Moslem quarter the patrols have been ordered to be on fire, and the Armenians are surrounded by armed villagers, apparently Tartars, and the cannonading there is increasing."

The fire continues in "The Black Town" quarter and in Eblahan. Emergent measures and heavy reinforcements of troops are immediately necessary.

Other advices state that a hot fight is going on between Armenians and Tartars at Eblahan and that great fires are still raging at Sabuni and Norced. It is said that over a score of soldiers have been killed. The Jewish self-defense committee is active in organizing assistance to the troops.

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Private advices from Kishineff, say that street fighting continues there. Roughs are sacking the Jewish shops, killing or wounding many of the inmates. It is said that over a score of soldiers have been killed. The Jewish self-defense committee is active in organizing assistance to the troops.

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RIOTS IN TOKIO; 500 HURT; 2 DEAD

Widespread Dissatisfaction Over Results of Conference.

MOBS DEMAND THAT GOVERNMENT RESIGN

Situation, However, Not Yet Regarded as Serious—Envoys Leave Portsmouth Receiving Hearty Greeting Everywhere—Fighting in Sakhalin.

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, September 6—10 A. M.—Rioting broke out here Tuesday night in connection with the dissatisfaction over the results of the peace settlement. There were several deaths, the police, and it is estimated that two were killed and 500 were wounded. The rioting ceased at midnight. Police stations were the only property destroyed.

Peace Terms Denounced. September 5.—(Delayed in transmission.) The first turbulence attendant on the popular anger over the terms of peace arranged with Russia took place to-day. A mass meeting to protest against the action of the government was called to take place at Hibiy Park, but the metropolitan police closed the gates and attempted to prevent the assemblage of the people. The municipality protested against the action of the police, and finally the gates were thrown open and a large crowd gathered and voted in favor of resolutions declaring the nation humiliated and denouncing the terms upon which the treaty of peace was arranged. The crowd was scattered in its conduct, rather than angry, and the police handled it discreetly. It was thought that the trouble had passed when suddenly a portion of the crowd made a rush at the building, hurled stones and damaged some of the machinery.

Several persons were injured during the attack, but the police eventually cleared the streets of the crowd and arrested a number of the rioters. The disorder is not general, and the situation is not regarded as serious. Envoys leave Portsmouth receiving hearty greeting everywhere—Fighting in Sakhalin.

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