

PARK TRAMMELL QUILTS ANOTHER MINE HORROR

AND IS NO LONGER A CANDIDATE FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE

THE CANDIDATES TOO MANY SIXTY MINERS ARE KILLED

And Expense of Campaign Are His Reasons for Withdrawing.

Lakeland, Fla., Dec. 16.—The Hon. Park Trammell, of this city, has announced here that in view of the fact that so many candidates have entered the race for the United States Senate, and realizing that the expense of the campaign, under the circumstances, will be several thousand dollars, which is far more than he is able to bear, he will not be a candidate before the primary next year for this office.

Mr. Trammell says it is not a matter of lack of encouragement, because the outlook has been good, but it is his inability to defray the large expenses which would be necessary to wage a successful contest with five other candidates.

Thanks for Support.

Mr. Trammell says that his decision not to remain in the race is not for the purpose, or with the desire, to change the situation in the least as to the other candidates for this office, as he regards all of them worthy, able and patriotic men, and that he entertains for each of them the highest personal regard and esteems them as friends. Mr. Trammell expresses deep gratitude for the many assurances of loyal support by many friends throughout the State, and says he harbors no ill will toward those who have exercised their high right as American freemen and under this privilege declared in favor of other aspirants for the Senate.

FLORIDA PEONAGE EXPENSES

Representative Clark Introduces Resolution to Find How Much They Are.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Mr. Clark of Florida today introduced a resolution in the House calling on the attorney general for a full statement of the expenses incurred in peonage prosecutions in the state of Florida, a detailed account of the status and duties of Mrs. Quackenbush, the federal detective, and an explanation as to why special prosecutors were sent to Florida.

Please Remember.

An obituary signed "A Friend" was received by us this week with request to publish. If the author will furnish his or her name, we will be glad to publish it; but we cannot publish obituaries or any other communications without being furnished with the name of the writer. This does not mean that the name of the author has to be given to the public, but that the publishers must have it for their own information and protection. We have called attention to this matter heretofore, and we hope our friends will bear it in mind when writing for the paper that their names must accompany the writing, for we cannot publish anonymous documents of any kind.

Masonic.

At the regular meeting of Larrett Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., held Monday night, December 16, 1907, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

D. E. Hora, W. M.; W. H. Lyle, S. W.; D. G. Bardin, J. W.; D. O. Henry, Treasurer; A. E. Wrigglesworth, Secretary; Chas. Gildersleeve, S. D.; W. L. Austin, J. D.; C. D. Frink, S. S.; H. E. Carter, J. S.; Chas. Morrison, Tyler.

Christmas tree decorations at Live Oak Drug Co.

THIS TIME IN ALABAMA AT YOLANDE, 30 MILES FROM BIRMINGHAM

By an Underground Explosion. The Recovery of Bodies Is in Progress.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—Advices early tonight from Yolande indicate that about sixty men met death by explosion in the mines of the Yolande Coal and Coke Company at that place this morning. The work of recovery is very slow and while hundreds of miners from the adjacent mining camps are present to assist, it is thought that all of the dead cannot be gotten out before tomorrow. Only twelve bodies had been recovered up to 6 o'clock.

The explosion occurred at 10:30 o'clock this morning and so far its cause has not been made known. Less than 100 men went into the mine this morning and this accounts for the fact that the loss of life was not heavier. The mine has in the past been pronounced free from gas by the state mine inspectors and it is supposed that the explosion was caused by dust. At noon it was impossible to venture even near the mouth of the mine so hot was the air that was rushing out.

MALLORY WITHDRAWS

WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTED TO SENATE

ILL HEALTH IS THE CAUSE

His Public Life Will End With the End of His Present Term

Pensacola, Dec. 16.—United States Senator Stephen R. Mallory today in an interview which will be published in the Journal tomorrow morning, announces his withdrawal as a candidate to succeed himself and states his intention of retiring from public life upon the expiration of his present term. This announcement will cause interest throughout the South and especially in Florida, as the senator not more than three months ago stated publicly that he would offer himself as a candidate for reelection for his third term. He is the senior senator from Florida and his announcement of his withdrawal is due to his failing health. For several years he has been in bad health, but during the past four weeks, he has been confined to his bed at the home of his nephew, Dr. Mallory Kennedy and his condition though not critical is considered serious, and he does not believe that he would be able to make a campaign of the state in advocacy of his candidacy.

Senator Mallory for years has been a conspicuous figure in public life in Florida. He has held many positions of trust, first serving two terms in the lower house of the Florida legislature. Upon the expiration of his last term there he was elected state senator, serving two terms in that position. A few years later he was elected to congress and succeeded himself the following term.

Eleven years ago he was honored by being sent to the United States senate to represent Florida, succeeding Wilkinson Call. When his term

GREAT FLEET DEPARTS

WITH ALL POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE ON ITS LONG CRUISE

THE PRESIDENT SEES IT OFF

"Fighting Bob" Evans Leads Off With His Flagship, the Connecticut.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16.—All the pomp and circumstance possible under a republican form of government marked the departure today of the Atlantic fleet of battleships for the Pacific, beginning of the longest cruise in naval history. With the Connecticut, the flagship of "Fighting Bob" Evans, in the lead, the sixteen great war vessels of the American navy steamed slowly out of Hampton Roads, booming a mighty salute as they passed the little government yacht Mayflower, where President Roosevelt, surrounded by distinguished officials of the Navy Department, reviewed the great Armada. The President watched the imposing line of war vessels until the last had vanished from sight, and then, waving a "God-speed," began preparations for an immediate return to Washington. With the President on the bridge of the Mayflower were Admiral Dewey, Secretary Metcalf, Assistant Secretary Newberry, Rear Admiral Brownson, Rear Admiral Converse and the heads of the different bureaus of the Navy Department.

The Mayflower, with the President and his party on board, arrived in Hampton Roads early this morning. Its appearance was the signal for a wild salute from all ships of the fleet anchored in the Roads. Admiral Evans and the flag officers, followed by the commanders of the vessels, visited the Mayflower to pay their respects to the President and the Secretary of the Navy. Shortly afterwards the Connecticut hoisted anchor and stood out to sea, followed by the other vessels. As they passed by Mayflower the customary salutes were exchanged.

PLANT CITY TRAGEDY.

Will Hobbs Struck Thomas House Over Head, Causing His Death.

Plant City, Dec. 17.—After being stabbed in the back with a file by Thomas House, manager of a pool room here, Will Hobbs, 29 years of age, struck House over the head with a billiard cue, fracturing his skull, death resulting three hours later. Hobbs' wounds are not serious, and he was arrested, the preliminary hearing having been set for tomorrow at Tampa. House leaves a wife and three children. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

Taliaferro In the List.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Democratic senators chosen to advise with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee in the campaign next year is announced today as follows: Taliaferro, Florida; Clay, Georgia; Stone, Missouri; Newlands, Nevada; Overman, North Carolina; Taylor, Tennessee; Culberson, Texas; Martin, Virginia; Latimer, South Carolina.

A man seldom gets more than a dime for a hard-luck story.

expired he was re-elected without opposition and would no doubt have succeeded himself had he not withdrawn as a candidate.

Senator Mallory is one of the distinguished men of Florida and one in whom great trust and confidence is placed, his record during his long public life being spotless and above reproach. His retirement from public life will be much regretted.

A NEW UNION STATION

IS ORDERED BUILT BY THE RAILROAD COMMISSION

TO BE BUILT IN LIVE OAK

And There Must Be No Unreasonable Delay in the Matter

The matter of the new union depot is at last in a definite shape. The committee, composed of C. H. Brown, B. W. Helveston, S. A. Hinely and C. D. Frink, who went to represent the city's interest in the matter returned this morning, and they report that the depot has been ordered built by the Commission. The terms of the order stipulate that plans and specifications must be submitted to the Commission for their approval within thirty days from the date of the order, and that actual construction of the depot, or station, must be begun before the first day of May next. The order also allows but ninety days from that time for the final completion of the work. The gentlemen composing the committee from the Board of Trade deserve the thanks of the citizens of the city for representing them on this occasion, and the fact that the order was secured and that the terms are reasonably good for the interest of this city. Under the existing circumstances the results are as good as could be expected.

CORTELYOU'S PLAIN TALK

DENIES THAT HE USED THE TREASURY EMPLOYEES TO BOOST HIM

TO SUCCEED MR. ROOSEVELT

He Issues a Formal Statement, But Doesn't Say He Won't Be a Candidate for President

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Cortelyou, in a signed statement given out tonight, pronounces as unqualifiedly false the current rumors of undue political activity of his friends in forwarding a movement in his interest. The secretary declares that neither he nor his friends have used their influence in behalf of any candidate for the presidency, and he has not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people. He adds if he should hereafter decide to be a candidate for any office, he will say so frankly. The statement follows:

"December 17, 1907.—I don't know that I am called upon to make a statement at this time, but in view of the various rumors in circulation as to the alleged political activity of friends of mine in my interest, I will say that I have not been a candidate for anything but the confidence of the people in discharge of my duties as secretary of the treasury. I have not in person sought nor have the friends whose names have been mentioned in this connection, sought to influence political movements in my interest; I have not nor have they used any influence, directly or indirectly, to secure political support for or against any candidate for the presidency, and accusations that such has been done are unqualifiedly false. In no office in no one of the three departments with which I have been connected have I authorized or permitted officials or employes to attempt to influence such movements, nor shall I do so. In common with

TILLMAN MAKES A MOVE

FOR LAW TO PREVENT SHIPMENTS OF LIQUOR FROM OUTSIDE INTO DRY STATES

STATES FLOODED WITH IT

And Only National Legislation Can Afford the Much Desired Relief

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator Tillman today introduced the following resolution:

"That the committee on interstate commerce be instructed to consider and report by bill or otherwise what legislation is desirable or necessary to enable the States in the exercise of their police powers to control the commerce of liquors and all alcoholic beverages within their borders, so as to aid the cause of temperance, and to prevent the encouragement by the United States government of illicit dealing in same."

Explaining his purpose, Senator Tillman said it was to prevent, if possible, the circumvention of the laws in the interest of prohibition, which are being generally enacted in Southern States.

Congress attempted in enacting the Wilson law, he said, to protect the people in the enforcement of their State laws, but the courts have shaded and shaded down protection until there is practically nothing left of it, and he wanted the committee to ascertain whether it is not practicable to give relief.

Decisions of courts have been on the ground that the law interferes with interstate commerce, and it is on this account, he said, that he asked to have an investigation made by the interstate commerce committee.

Senator Tillman holds that the express companies are responsible for an evasion of State laws. He says they are flooding the local option part of South Carolina and other local option States with whiskey, which is sent in from other States. The Supreme Court of the United States has held that such traffic cannot be interfered with because of its interstate character.

WILL SPARKMAN RUN?

Now That Mallory Is Down, His Friends Urge Him to Announce for Senate.

Tampa, Dec. 17.—The announced withdrawal of Hon. Stephen R. Mallory and Hon. Park M. Trammell from the senatorial race has started a movement among the friends of Congressman S. M. Sparkman of this district to urge him to reconsider his determination to be a candidate for reelection to the house of representatives and become a candidate for the senate.

many other citizens, I have decided views as to policies and as to candidates, but I shall refrain from expressing them until I believe it is proper for me to do so.

"Upon this statement I am entirely content to leave the people to draw their own conclusions regarding such rumors as those to which I have referred. If, in the future, I shall decide to be a candidate for any office I shall be prepared to say so frankly, and the grounds on which I ask for support. In the meantime, I shall try as I have tried in the past, to conduct the treasury department for the benefit of the people of the whole country, and absolutely without regard to whether any action I may take in the line of my duty may adversely affect my personal or political welfare.

(Signed.) GEO. B. CORTELYOU."