EDWARDS IN RACE FOR U. S. SENATE

Jersey Governor to Campaign on Issue of Liberalizing Volstead Act

SEES "BUSINESS SACRIFICE"

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Trenton, April 14.—Governor Edwards, elected in 1919 on a distinctly "wet" ticket, today announced his candidacy for the United States senatorial nomination in the Democratic State primaries next September.

In making this announcement the Governor said he had been convinced in the last few weeks that there was a real demand for his candidacy and that it came from all walks of life and all political faiths.

He was convinced they not only desired to honor him further as a man, but believed that by his candidacy he "would typify a movement in the State and Nation which should be determined at the polls." He did not clarify this allusion, contenting himself with the announcement that he would issue statements from time to time leaving no doubt as to what his position would be on the issues of the campaign.

It is understood in political circles that one of his issues will be liberalizing of the Volstead act so as to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer.

The Governor said that his entry into the race would entail "a great business sacrifice," which he said he at first did not feel that he should be called upon to make, but as the State had signally honored him by electing him Governor he considered it his duty to heed the demands of his friends.

The only other Democratic candidate for the senatorial nomination thus far is State Senator Alexander Simpson, of Hudson County, minority leader in the upper branch of the Legislature.

The Daily Novelette

An Absent-Minded Bridegroom

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

"WELL, well, congratulations, old man!" and Jerry Green gave Davis a slap on the back which caused him to wince, even as he had an inward doubt of the sincerity of his fellow boarder's felicitations. "When is the happy event to be?"

"Can't say as to that," returned Davis pleasantly enough. "The sooner the better."

"To be sure, to be sure. Only, mind you, Dave," and Jerry shook a waggish finger under the other's very nose, "don't get one of your absent-minded streaks on and forget there is to be such a thing as a wedding when the joyful day comes. That would be tough on Doris! And count on your fellow boarders, old top. They'll be on hand, every man of them!"

The affable Jerry left Davis at the next corner, and the latter proceeded more slowly, reflecting bitterly that if he and Doris could only skip their wedding day their marriage would begin much more auspiciously. The very thought of going through the solemn ceremony with that bunch of conspirators eyeing him and nudging each other if he fumbled for the ring or Doris hesitated over the promise to obey. Oh, he hated it in anticipation.

Doris, he knew, was of the same mind as himself. But ten years' humble subservience to her aggressive aunt had induced in the girl a docile acquiescence in all things. It would never have occurred to her to combat her relative's wishes, even in so personal a matter as her own wedding.

Yet that night Doris, with troubled eyes, poured out her heart to Dave as the two walked down to the moving pictures, their one escape from the noisy phonograph-ridden parlor.

"It's not the ceremony part or even the supper I dread, Dave," she confided. "The crowd will be decent enough then. It's afterward. I was getting clean towels out of the closet for Aunt Fanny as that awful Jerry Green and Ed Barrows came down the hall. They didn't know I was anywhere around, but I heard Jerry say that we didn't stand a chance of getting away together. There are to be a couple of flivvers—owned by friends of Jerry's—at each end of the street and you are to be——well, kidnapped, and I'm to be taken to the wrong station, and, oh, Dave, it'll be just cheap horseplay!"

"Let's chuck the whole thing, dear," said Dave thoughtfully; "slip away and be married by ourselves."

"I've thought of that, of course," confessed Doris. "Only—well, aunt would never consent. I'm sure she'd be mad enough to hang on to my clothes and all. You know she isn't my own aunt, and she's always cared more for the boarders than for me. Disappointing them would make her desperately angry with the two of us. If I could only get my trunk away first!"

Davis was silent for several moments. He suspected the existence of a state of affairs of which Doris was ignorant. In the first place, ever since his arrival at the boarding house some years ago he had been an object of fun, if not contempt, to the "gay dog" young crowd of clerks which boosted Mrs. Barker's place as a "really live joint!" Davis had chosen it because of its low rates and its nearness to a branch library, where so many of his evenings were spent. That trait was especially provocative of criticism—that a man would prefer mulling over books to a good, snappy game of cards or a billiard party with the other roomers. The fact that he was really absent-minded at times—forgetting meal hours or his hat or some equally important item—had furnished further opportunity for their shafts of ridicule.

But, most vital of all, Davis suspected that a very real enmity toward him existed on the part of Ed Barrows and that Doris was the cause. Ed, who fancied he had a way with all ladies, had tried to philander with Doris, had had his passing interest stayed and flamed by her quiet indifference, and had seen "that absent-minded bookworm" make good where he had failed. Yes, Davis felt sure that Ed would initiate and forward any little scheme of devilitry to get even.

As they reached the theatre Davis threw back his shoulders. "Don't worry, little girl," he whispered tenderly. "Just leave everything to me." But it must be confessed that during the entertainment which followed his thoughts were too deeply centered on the problem to get his money's worth out of the program.

On the night of the wedding an undercurrent of excitement was distinctly evident at the supper table at Mrs. Barker's. The ceremony was scheduled for [illegible], the expressman was to come for the trunks at 7 and Doris was to put on her going-away suit in which she was to be married immediately after she [illegible] time cleaned the long [illegible] the occasion her aunt thoughtfully excused her from further duty in the kitchen.

Every one was prompt to the meal—that is, every one except Davis. In fact, it was well along toward the end of the meat pie course when the telephone behind Jerry Green rang noisily. Jerry jumped to answer. Then he hung up the receiver, doubled up in laughter, slapped his thigh and all but choked. "That bird Davis will be the death of me! He's clean gone and forgotten it's his wedding day. Says to expect him in about an hour or so to take Doris to the movies. He's eating at a quick lunch so's to stop at the library!"

There was utter silence. Then to a man the boarders laughed, only sobering slightly when they saw Doris, face bowed in her hands, rise and leave the room. Behind her fingers hid a tremulous smile.

Thus it was that while the crowd waited for Dave and Mrs. Barker attended to the expressman, Doris slipped out and met her bridegroom at the corner. A few minutes later, in a quiet little parsonage uptown, a perfectly satisfied couple said "I do" and "I will" before only four spectators—the minister, his wife, his daughter and the parsonage cat.

$1,000,000 FIRE IN VIRGINIA

Five Hundred Families Made Homeless by Berkley Blaze

Norfolk, Va., April 14.—Fire which swept the suburb of Berkley, across the Elizabeth River from Norfolk, did more than a million dollars worth of damage late yesterday, destroyed 170 homes and other buildings, made about 500 families homeless, caused the deaths of several persons and injuries to many more.

The blaze was one of the most destructive in the history of Virginia. It cut a swath more than a mile long and from two to four blocks wide through the heart of the colored residential district and sent out fiery tongues which licked up several score houses of white persons beyond the Negro belt.

The gravest danger arose from the proximity to the flames of the great gas tanks of the municipal gas plant. The intense heat nearly belted the plates of the tanks and it seemed for a time impossible that a terrific explosion could be avoided. Finally, however, heroic firemen crept close enough to turn the safety valves which drained the tanks into other receptacles well beyond the fire line and the peril of a disaster more terrible even than the fire was averted.

ENTIRE TRAIN LEAVES RAILS

Track, Undermined by Rains, Gives Way—Cars Go Over Embankment

Onaway, Mich., April 14.—(By A. P.)—An entire passenger train on the Detroit and Mackinac Railway left the rails near here yesterday and plunged down a twenty-foot embankment. All but one of the passengers escaped serious injury. The accident was caused by a softening of the track by flood waters of the Black River.

The crest of the flood had passed here today and similar reports were received from other towns in this part of the State, which were threatened earlier in the week, by the high water.

$25,000,000 Heiress Hopes to Marry Philanthropist

San Francisco, April 14.—(By A. P.)—Miss Delora Angell, twenty years old, of Pasadena, who will come into possession of $25,000,000 left by John W. ("Bet a Million") Gates, when she is twenty-two, disclosed definite plans here today for using part of the fortune.

She says she expects to marry a young American surgeon who has an ambition to maintain a hospital for the poor. She did not name the surgeon nor indicate that his name is known to her as yet.

WILSON DENIES MESSAGE

Says Statement Read at Dinner Was Unauthorized

New York, April 14.—(By A. P.)—The New York Times last night made public a letter from Woodrow Wilson denying that he had sent or authorized any one to convey a message to the Jefferson Day dinner here last Saturday night.

When doubt as to the authenticity of the message first arose, Joseph P. Tumulty, Mr. Wilson's former secretary, made an explanation in Washington in which he said:

"The message read at the banquet came merely in a casual conversation with me, at Mr. Wilson's home on Friday last, when he remarked that he would support any candidate who stood for justice for all.

"If Mr. Wilson's says the message was unauthorized, then I can only say I deeply regret the misunderstanding which has arisen between us."

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