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HARDING RELECTS MEN OF ABILITY

Delegates To Armament Conference Will Filly Represent United States

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—No one factor is a better augury for the success of the approaching conference to discuss limitation of armaments and the Far Eastern problems than the personnel of America's delegation to that conference as selected by President Harding. Taken either as individuals or collectively, it is no exaggeration to assert that America's delegation at this conference will be head and shoulders above any other delegation present.

Although some of the other nations to be represented are reported to be sending their premiers and shrewdest diplomats, no one doubts for a minute but that Secretary of State Hughes, head of the American delegation, will be more than a match for any foreign representative present. No Secretary of State has so demonstrated his grasp of international affairs and his ability to cope with the diplomacy of both Europe and the Orient, as Secretary Hughes during the few months he has held the portfolio of foreign affairs.

Lodge's Scholarly Contribution

In Senator Lodge the delegation will have a scholar, a historian and a close student of contemporary world history. Probably no one in attendance at the conference will equal Senator Lodge in knowledge of all angles of both current and past history which have a bearing on the subject under discussion or bring a better mental equipment to their consideration.

Senator Underwood, the third member of the delegation, has never served upon any international commission, but this fact does not mitigate against his value to the delegation. Senator Underwood, an outstanding leader in Congress, has a very high reputation among his colleagues in both parties, not only of being exceptionally well informed upon the subject matter which will come before the conference, but of being possessed of an unusual fund of sound judgment, wholly devoid of prejudice or fantastic and impractical ideas,—a man whose conclusions are reached by the same processes of analysis and logic.

The fourth member of the delegation, Elihu Root, has a reputation second to none in the world as an authority upon international law and the problems of armament. In addition to this qualification along general lines, Mr. Root's selection is especially happy in view of his intimate and comprehensive grasp of the Far East situation and the unusual high regard in which he is held by Japanese statesmen.

Root Versed in Oriental Problems

In his capacity as Secretary of War in the cabinet of President McKinley, Mr. Root handled the Philippine, Hawaiian and other problems of the Pacific. At that time these problems were new to the United States and Mr. Root necessarily had to familiarize himself with all the phases of Far Eastern diplomacy, as well as commercial and economic activities. Later, as Secretary of State in the Roosevelt cabinet, Mr. Root negotiated the Root-Takahira agreement which dealt with the interests of the United States and Japan in the Pacific region and in China. This agreement was, at the time, heartily approved in both Japan and China and was the basis of a reaffirmation of the cordial relations which had always existed between Japan and the United States. He is as well as favorably known in Europe as he is in the Orient. He has been a member of the Permanent Court of International Arbitration at The Hague and in 1912 was awarded the Nobel prize for peace.

With such a delegation American interests are quadruply safeguarded. All the men are outstanding in intellect and Americanism. Moreover they are all sincere friends of the policy of limitation of armaments, yet without, not fanatical pacifists who would consent to any arrangement that would leave the United States at a disadvantage with the rest of the world. The consensus of American opinion, as reflected by the

SEVERAL NEW SIDEWALKS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED

A called meeting of the board of commissioners of Beaufort was held last Thursday afternoon in Mayor Bushall's office for the purpose of considering the purchase of a modern fire engine. All the members of the board were present.

A representative of the La France engine company appeared before the board and made an effort to sell one of their engines. The price of the engine as quoted was \$11,250. The sales man offered to sell it for \$800 down and installments running over a period of four years. Fire Chief D. M. Jones came before the board and advocated buying the engine. The machine offered is one of the latest style and thoroughly up to date in every way.

After considerable discussion of the matter, on motion of Commissioner Huntley the motion to buy was tabled. In the meantime Commissioner Duncan was instructed to find out from the insurance people if buying the engine would lower insurance rates any.

While the board was in session it took up the matter of sidewalk paving with contractors Hancock and Davis. An agreement was made with the contractors that they should put down sidewalks on Broad street from Turner to Craven and on Craven from the colored Methodist church to Ann street Methodist church. The contractors are also to lay a sidewalk on Front street from where the paving now ends to the east side of Gordon street. The price for the sidewalk construction as agreed is \$1.60 per yard. Work started on the new sidewalks last Friday afternoon.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following deeds have been recently recorded:

Sophia Overton and others to Jno. C. Chadwick, 1-2 lot No. 26, Hendrixtown, Beaufort, consideration \$200.

Jno. S. Smith to Henry W. Noe, lot between Taylor's creek and Henry Smith's lot, consideration \$400.

Amanda E. Peterson to W. C. and Aris Peterson 100 acres on west of North River, consideration \$5,500.

C. E. Herrington to Bessie Herrington 2 acres in Newport township consideration \$100.

Odeff Willis to Talatha Willis lot 7 in block 113, Morehead City, consideration \$100.

Talatha Willis and husband to T. C. Ghilkin lot 7 in block 118, Morehead City, consideration \$50.

Calvin Willis and wife to W. A. Willis, 1 acre on Harker's Island, consideration \$5.

A SURPRISE MARRIAGE.

A surprise marriage took place here yesterday morning when Miss Etta Mason, of Atlantic, a teacher in the public school here and John G. Jones a young business man were united in the bonds of matrimony. The young people had been going together for some weeks but nobody seemed to know the affair was a serious one until the wedding took place. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Harry A. Dry at his home on Front street at six-thirty yesterday morning. The happy couple left on the 6:50 train for the western part of the State where they will be for some time. The newly wedded couple are both popular here and while their friends were surprised they nevertheless unite in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Jones much happiness.

KILLED BIG RATTLES.

While out in the locality known as the "Open Grounds" Luther Lloyd yesterday killed a big rattlesnake. He felt something strike him on his leg and looking saw the snake and then very promptly proceeded to kill the reptile with a shovel which he had. The rattler was six feet long and about five inches in diameter. He had nine rattles and a button.

press of the country, is that it would be difficult to pick four men who rank higher in intellect, diplomatic experience, rugged Americanism and unstained devotion to the cause of international peace, reached through adjustment of international differences and then an international agreement regarding limitation of military and naval establishments.

APPEAL TO COURT FOR REVALUATION

Southern Railway Claims That Its Property Is Valued Too High

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 22.—Alleging that the tax assessments of their property in North Carolina are excessive and discriminatory and that under the statutes they have no right of appeal to the State Board of Equalization or to any other state board or court, the Southern Railway Company today began action in the United States Court for the Western District of North Carolina to have its 1921 assessment set aside.

The action is in the form of a bill of complaint in equity against Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts, Auditor Baxter Durham, Treasurer Benjamin R. Lacy, Attorney General James I. Manning, the sheriffs of counties and the tax collectors of municipalities and school districts through which the railway operates asking that they be enjoined from taking any steps to collect taxes on the alleged excessive valuation. "No temporary restraining order is asked. It is understood that three judges, one of whom must be a circuit judge or supreme court justice, will have to pass on the question of preliminary injunction.

The Southern states in its bill that it has no desire to embarrass the counties, municipalities or school districts and expresses willingness to pay, when due, whatever taxes it may owe, based on a proper valuation, leaving to be fought over the taxes on that part of the assessment which it claims is excessive.

The Southern alleges that the assessment of its property in North Carolina is above ninety-six million dollars is more than thirty million dollars in excess of its true value. It states further that, should this assessment stand, its taxes in North Carolina will be increased more than \$180,000 over last year as the result of the counties in reducing the assessment on real estate and increasing the tax rates.

The Southern's bill shows that in 1919 its property was assessed at forty-six million dollars; that in 1920 when property throughout the state was revalued and assessments generally raised, its assessment was increased to ninety-six million dollars, on which it paid taxes under protest, and that in 1921, after county boards had made horizontal reductions on real estate, it asked the Commissioner of Revenue to make a similar reduction in the valuation of its property but that this request was denied.

The Southern alleges that this results in discrimination and non-conformity which is in violation of the constitution of North Carolina and contrary to what is just and right as between it and other tax payers in the state.

SEVERAL CASES TRIED IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT

A considerable delegation of people from Morehead township were here last Friday to attend a hearing before Magistrate M. C. Holland. As stated in the News last week these cases were transferred from Justice Gould's to Justice Holland's court.

One of the cases heard was that against Walter Buck charged with having given wine to three girls who were minors. The evidence was that he gave the wine to the girls on the highway and that they drank it and were partially intoxicated as a result. On this charge Buck was bound over to Superior court under a \$100 bond.

In the case against Stanly Dixon, John R. Sanders, and Walter Buck charged with having wine in their possession, Buck and Dixon were bound over to the higher court and the case against Sanders was dismissed.

John Ward colored charged with transporting liquor was tried the same day and he was put under a \$200 bond for his appearance at court.

On Saturday Justice Holland heard a case from Atlantic where Mrs. Julia Baiter asked that Herbert Morris of that place be put under a peace bond. Magistrate Holland put Morris under a bond of \$50.

POLUTED WATERS HARMFUL TO FISH

Deposits in Chesapeake Bay Waters Destroy Fish Food Says Dr. Cunningham

DURHAM, N. C., Sept. 26.—After a summer of research work, Dr. Bert Cunningham, head of the department of biology at Trinity College, is of the opinion that the waters of Chesapeake Bay sustain less food fish than other bays of the Atlantic coast because of the fact that the bulk of the food of the fish comes in on the tide, while the smaller material is killed by sewerage poisoning or contamination from deposits from industrial plants which line the bay.

Dr. Cunningham expressed this opinion after making microscopic examinations of 350 samples of water taken from various depths from the bay. His theory has not been thoroughly worked out. The experiments were carried on in the Trinity College Laboratory and at the United States Fisheries Laboratory at Beaufort. Dr. Cunningham was aided in the work by N. F. Wilkerson and J. T. Barnes.

The presence of more marine life, which sustains food fish, in the tide probably explains the migrations of some fish—as the mackerel. It should also explain why fish travel in schools.

A protozoa which has apparently not been previously listed was found during the examinations. "We have not named that gentleman yet," replied Dr. Cunningham to an inquiry as to what the new fellow was called. Another protozoa, which has only been listed once before, was found. It is probable that a number of new diatoms will be listed from this continent for the first time as a result of the experiments.

MAYOR'S COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A shooting affray among colored people on Pollock street last Sunday evening at about nine o'clock which resulted in several arrests, was aired out in Mayor Bushall's court Monday afternoon. The affair created considerable excitement at the time as there were several revolver shots fired and a crowd quickly collected. Chief of Police Longest, Sheriff Thomas, Mayor Bushall and one or two others arrested George Suggs and Florence L. Nash and lodged them in jail upon information that they had done the shooting.

The hearing of the defendants took place Monday as stated above and from the evidence developed Mayor Bushall held the Nash woman under a bond of \$200 for her appearance at court which she gave and Suggs under a bond of \$250 which he had not given yesterday. It appears from the evidence that Florence Nash approached Jack Ellison and his wife and after using strong language to Ellison drew her pistol and fired at his wife twice. The shots went wild and no harm was done. A few minutes later George Suggs just a short distance away shot at George Stanly. As in the other case the shots went wild and no harm was done. From all accounts the affair seems to have grown out of jealousy.

The case against A. D. O'Bryan charged with assault on Roland King, and also with being drunk and disorderly, which was set for last Friday by Mayor Bushall was not tried on account of the absence of the defendant. The case was first set for Tuesday and then continued to Friday. The Mayor states that the case will be tried as soon as Mr. O'Bryan returns. This case grew out of a difficulty which took place between O'Bryan and King in Hall's drug store about ten days ago.

MARSHALLBURG CITIZENS MEET

A meeting to consider the advisability of consolidating the schools of Butyzna township was held at Marshallburg Tuesday evening and a large crowd of people showed their interest by attending. The matter was discussed fully by citizens of that community and others who were present. As a result of the discussion the meeting went on record as favoring a call for an election on the question. A petition will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners asking for the election in November.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING

The directors of the Chamber of Commerce had their usual monthly meeting last Monday evening with a good attendance present. A number of matters were considered by the board among which was that of having repairs made to the sewer at the foot of Craven street. It was decided to ask the Board of Commissioners of the town to have the repairs done and also to build a breakwater there to keep refuse of all sort from collecting there. Drs. Maxwell and Swindell were instructed to take the matter up with the board.

The President and Secretary were instructed to see about getting express connections at Raleigh with the Seaboard road so as to get shipments from here to Richmond more promptly.

It was decided to ask the town commissioners to rescind the stop ordinance at certain street crossings and make it a "slow down" ordinance instead.

The Secretary was instructed to take up with the Norfolk and Southern the matter of travelling Broad street between Turner and Craven. Dr. Swindell and G. W. Huntley were authorized to start a drive for new members for the Chamber of Commerce.

RECEPTION TO TEACHERS

In order that the teachers of the graded school and the parents who send children there might get acquainted with each other a reception under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association was given in the rooms of the Old Topsail club last Thursday evening from eight until eleven. Not as many persons came as were expected but a right good crowd was present and the occasion seemed to be enjoyed by all. A receiving line was formed composed of the teachers, Superintendent Pittman and Mrs. Pittman, County Superintendent Wright and Mrs. Wright and several ladies who are members of the association. The guests were presented in turn to those in the line and afterwards the reception resolved itself into an informal gathering. The school band contributed materially to the pleasure of the occasion by rendering in good style a number of selections. A course of cream and cake was served.

COURT SQUARE FINISHED

The paving work around Court Square was finished last Friday afternoon and now the entire block is surrounded with a good concrete sidewalk. Besides this drives and walks run throughout the grounds making an easy approach to the court house and graded school building both by foot and in vehicles. When the shrubbery is set out and the flowers and grass begins to grow the square will be wonderfully changed and a very pretty spot.

B. Y. P. U. ORGANIZED

After an excellent program rendered by a team of seven young people from the B. Y. P. U. of the 1st Baptist church of New Bern, the following officers were elected by the young people present and the union completed its organization with a vote to meet every Tuesday night at 7 P. M. All young people of the community are invited to help in this organization.

President—G. M. Paul.
Vice-President—Effe Willis.
Recording Secretary—Theresa Hill
Corresponding Secretary—Clyde Neal.

Treasurer—Gayton T. Whitehurst.
Chorister—Halsey Paul.
Librarian—Myrtle Simpson.
Group Captains—Miss Rena Private, Miss Eva Thomas, Mrs. Graydon Paul, Mr. Julian Hamilton.
Chairman Social Committee—Miss Mary Felton.
Chairman Instruction Committee—Newman Lewis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Register of Deeds Troy Morris has issued permits to wed lately to:
Jno. G. Jones, Beaufort, and Etta Mason, Atlantic.
Carlton A. Finer and Ora E. Lilly, Morehead City.
Raymond C. Harrell and Naomi Willis, Morehead City.
R. T. Frost and Callie Willis, Satter Path.

REYNOLDS LEADER OF REPUBLICANS

Former Lieutenant Governor Chosen Chairman To Succeed F. A. Linney

Charles A. Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, was unanimously chosen chairman of the Republican state executive committee at a meeting of that body on Tuesday in the city of Greensboro. There was no opposition to Mr. Reynolds and his name was placed before the committee by W. G. Bramham, a well known lawyer and Republican of Durham, who had himself been spoken as possible chairman.

The committee met at noon at the O'Henry hotel and with one or two exceptions all the members were present. In addition to the membership of the committee there was present a considerable number of Republicans from various parts of the State. Interest in the proceedings of the meeting was plainly manifest before it was called to order and for several hours there was considerable discussion going on as to what would happen.

After the result was known satisfaction at the committee's choice seemed to be quite general. Some had expressed themselves as thinking that Mr. Reynolds was rather too old to undertake the arduous duties of a State Chairman but no one questioned his ability and his loyalty to the party.

Besides electing a chairman the committee took under consideration the matter of giving the Republican women of the State a chance to participate in the management of the party. National committeeman John M. Moorehead who was present, suggested that one woman should be appointed on the executive committee from each district and that the ten women so chosen should themselves choose ten more who would have equal voice with the men in conducting the party's affairs. A resolution of this sort offered by committeeman C. R. Pugh was voted on and carried unanimously. Mrs. B. C. Sharpe, of Greensboro, came before the meeting and made a very interesting speech about the relation ship of women to politics in general and the Republican party in particular.

Before it adjourned the committee spent a short time in discussing plans pertaining to the campaign next year. It was agreed that the fight in 1922 and 1924 would be a pretty hot one and the importance of the party's getting in proper condition to meet its responsibilities was admitted by all. Some suggestions as to what should be done were made and acted upon after which adjournment took place.

TEACHERS WILL MEET AT BEAUFORT SATURDAY

Notice is hereby given that the first county teachers' meeting of the school year will be held in the auditorium of the Beaufort Graded school on next Saturday, October the 1st, at 10:30 A. M.

All teachers who teach in the rural schools of the county are expected to attend. All teachers living in the county who have made application for schools and who expect to teach in the county, but who have not yet been employed are invited to attend.

There may be teachers who have been employed since I have heard from the committeemen and who have not been notified of this meeting by letter. All such teachers are requested to attend the meeting.

M. I. WRIGHT, Sept.

TWO STILL CAPTURED

The seizure of moonshine stills in Craven and Carteret counties has gotten to be rather a frequent occurrence but even at that two in a day is a pretty good record. Yesterday prohibition agent W. D. Allen, Sheriff T. M. Thomas, Jr., Deputy Sheriff J. A. White, A. B. Arthur and Eugene Carrow went over to Harrison township and brought in two copper stills of 125 and 150 gallon capacity. They also caught a man whose name was not learned and brought him along. The raiding party destroyed 1,000 gallons of beer, 48 fermenters a barrel of molasses, five bags of meal, twelve boxes of prunes and seized two ships.