

Mobilization Day May Be Issue Of Campaign

Davis and Bryan on Record as Opposing It While Championship of Holiday by President Coolidge. Commits His Party to Defense of It

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New York, August 1.—If the politicians do not look out they will be making a first class campaign issue out of "mobilization day."

It has sprung unexpectedly to the fore and has gained perhaps an undue prominence because of the fact that the real issues of the campaign have not yet been outlined by the two principal candidates for the Presidency.

The flurry over mobilization or defense day has come at a time when the politicians were looking for something to talk about. It has served its purpose well.

President Coolidge and John W. Davis have been arrayed against each other on the scope and value of this "test" of the country's resources. Mr. Coolidge has sharply criticized those who have denounced the proposed demonstration on September 12. Mr. Davis has gone on record as saying the demonstration is so planned that it can be only a valueless gesture which may easily be misunderstood abroad.

Some of the Democratic leaders are particularly concerned over the fact that "mobilization day" happens to be set for the particular date of the reconvening of the League of Nations at Geneva. That the United States which has flouted the League through its abstention at Versailles should have what may be interpreted as a general mobilization of its armed forces and reserves on the very day that the League renews its work for peace is entirely too much for the League Democrats and they see nothing but red when they discuss the matter.

There is no reason to believe the coincidence of the dates was planned. The chances are the War Department officers who devised defense day had no knowledge of the reassembling of the League of Nations on September 12. Perhaps they were guided in their action by statements of the Republican leaders that so far as the United States is concerned the League is a dead issue.

As was to be expected, the LaPollette people are claiming credit for being the first to go on record against "mobilization day." They put it in their platform at Cleveland and also denounced militarism in all its branches. It was claimed that the preparations for war for a preparedness holiday in this enlightened day. The Socialists of New York state also denounced "mobilization day" at their convention.

With the "third party" advocates taking cognizance of the proposed mobilization of resources and with President Coolidge coming to the defense of the plan it should become at least an early issue in the campaign. Whether it will last is another matter. The chances are that it won't, but it seems that Democratic governors have been the ones to raise their voice against interrupting the peaceful pursuits of their people for a preparedness holiday.

The Democrats charge that the Republicans have been endeavoring to drive a wedge between Mr. Davis and Governor Bryan, his running mate. That is to be one of the strategies of the Republican campaign, the emphasizing of alleged irreconcilable differences in the views and opinions of the two men leading the Democratic ticket. Therefore when Governor Bryan came out in denunciation of the full scope of "mobilization day" predictions came from Republican sources that Mr. Davis would not be in accord with the Bryan statement.

Upon his return to this city, however, Mr. Davis soon made it plain that he agreed with Mr. Bryan. In addition to issuing his formal statement Mr. Davis discussed the matter with friends and pointed out that both he and Mr. Bryan believe that the military organizations of the country should be kept in good condition, but could see no excuse for urging a demonstration which would do nothing but a demonstration and have no educational effect commensurate with the harmful impression which might be given to the world.

Governor Bryan has co-operated with the War Department. Mr. Davis remarked, to the extent of calling out the militia and asking various patriotic organizations to hold assemblies. Although Mr. Bryan acted in his capacity as governor and not as Vice Presidential candidate, Davis was not slow to give him the support of the head of the ticket.

Governor Bryan and Mr. Davis are going to have several heart to heart talks before the campaign actually gets under way and there will be a thorough brushing out of views between them. Friends of the two men

ROANOKE ISLAND GETTING READY

Largest Crowds in History Memorial Association to Attend Celebration and Hear J. W. Bailey.

Manteo, August 2.—The Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, owners of the Old Fort Raleigh tract, will observe Virginia Dare Day again this year, according to Rev. Robert Brent Drane, D. D., of Edenton, who is in charge of all arrangements for the due observance of the day, and until recently was president of the Association.

Dr. Drane states in a letter received here that the Association seems to have learned from experience in the past that Monday is a very inconvenient day for an occasion of this kind; accordingly it has voted to have the celebration on the nineteenth of August, which comes on Tuesday, notwithstanding the fact that the eighteenth is the anniversary of Virginia Dare's birth.

This celebration of Virginia Dare, the first white child of English parents born in America, is a very important event. Not only the people of this section but many people all over the State take an interest in these occasions and look forward from year to year to this day when some of the best speakers of the State assemble at Old Fort Raleigh and make addresses on this very important chapter of history, especially to the people of North Carolina, the birth of Virginia Dare.

Feeling that he has served long enough as leader of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association, Dr. Drane has asked them to honor some other person with the presidency this year, and Bishop Joseph Mount Cheshire, D. D. of Raleigh, has been elected. According to Dr. Drane, Bishop Cheshire is a good man for the place. He is cooperating well and has already secured Josiah William Bailey of Raleigh, to make the principal address of the day. Mr. Bailey is recognized all over the State as an able speaker and a good address is assured.

New features on the day's proceedings, which are interesting ones, are being looked forward to but plans are yet premature and no direct information can be given out. There seems to be a sentiment here on the Island in favor of stressing the basket picnic feature, calling upon all to take to the grounds some contribution to the spread of good things to eat. If that can be put through, perhaps some feature of intellectual entertainment will follow the lunch.

The State Highway Commission is now building a road, reaching from the site of Old Fort Raleigh, on the north end of the Island, to Wanchese, on the extreme south end of the Island. Due to this fact more local people will attend the celebration this year than ever before. This with other advantages leads one to believe that the celebration this year of Virginia Dare's birth will be the biggest in the history of the Roanoke Colony Memorial Association.

M. G. Morrisette has returned from Ocean View where he visited his family at the Chowan Cottage.

believe they are not far apart and they feel that the Nebraska lends a balance to the ticket which will be effective in winning votes.

The Republicans naturally take the opposite view and will make Mr. Bryan a never ending object of attack from now until election day.

Governor Bryan will not be notified until after Mr. Davis has delivered his speech of acceptance. Never-the-less the governor's speech of acceptance will be awaited with more real interest than ever before has attached to the saying of a Vice Presidential aspirant. This is partly because the Republicans are looking for him to say something upon which they can make a drive and also because in the event of a deadlock in the election Mr. Bryan may become the next President of the United States.

READY LAUNCH DAWES PROGRAM

(By The Associated Press.) London, Aug. 2.—A complete program for launching the Dawes plan was agreed upon today by the Inter-Allied Conference during the half-hour plenary session at the foreign office.

W. M. U. MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Church at Rocky Hook Invites Women to Meet There in July of Next Year

The annual W. M. U. meeting at Bova church Friday was a highly successful one with an unusually good attendance. The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Chloe Gardner of Edenton who was one of the out of town speakers for the day. Others were Mrs. and Mrs. Phillip White, missionaries, who leave for Emporia, China, on September 5. These addresses and the talk by Miss Dorothy Kellam of Raleigh, who is in charge of the junior organization, completed the morning's work.

At the afternoon session interesting talks were made by Miss Annabelle Abbott, Mrs. Elbert Spence, Mrs. R. T. Venters and Mrs. R. F. Hall. The feature of the afternoon was a pageant given by the Girl's Auxiliary of the First Baptist church, "Girdling the World With Light." Another interesting number was a solo by Mrs. J. B. Alderman.

Officers elected at this meeting were: Mrs. S. C. Newbold, superintendent; Miss Inez Reid, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. I. A. Ward, Junior superintendent. Mrs. Newbold is superintendent of the Y. W. A., R. A. and Sunbeams. Mrs. Blanche Sawyer was made treasurer of the scholarship fund for the training school, and the scholarship was presented to Miss Gladys Hateman of Creswell.

The church at Rocky Hook invited the Womans Missionary Union to meet there in July of next year.

BROTHERS FREED ON MURDER CHARGE

Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 2.—Benjamin and Chester Dörshelmer, charged by their brother Frank with having murdered their parents here in April 1910 were released today at a habeas corpus hearing here when Frank failed on the witness stand to establish his charges.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES AT EUREKA METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. E. T. Adams, D. D., of Wilmington, Kentucky, Evangelist of the M. E. Church, assisted by Mrs. Adams is conducting revival services at Eureka Methodist Church at Simonds Creek. The meeting started Wednesday with the crowds getting larger each night. Saturday night Mr. Adams' subject will be "Was Your Grandfather an Ape or Who Made Man." At 10:30 Sunday morning Mr. Adams will speak on "The Cross of Calvary" and on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 his subject will be "God's Ideal Church." Dr. Adams will also speak Sunday evening at 7:30 and his subject will be "The End of the World."

Cavewoman

She's a real cavewoman. Elizabeth Lee, 22-year-old daughter of Dr. Willis T. Lee, Washington ecologist and explorer, is in charge of the National Geographic Expedition to the Carlsbad caverns, in New Mexico. As secretary to her father, she has become familiar with the many miles of bewildering underground passages of the famous cavern.

The Secretary's Lunch Counter



Secretary of Labor John J. Davis is often too busy to eat a regular lunch so he just goes across the street from his office in Washington and buys some fruit from the man at the cart.

FLIERS TRAPPED IN DENSE FOG BANK

(By The Associated Press.) Kirkwall, Scotland, Aug. 2.—Lieut. Eric Nelson and his mechanic, Lieutenant John Harding, Jr., were believed here to be making a lone attempt today to reach Iceland on the first leg of the American world fliers' trans-Atlantic flight.

The attempt of Lieutenant Lowell Smith, flight commander, to lead the fliers was frustrated when he and Lieutenant Leigh Wade were trapped in a fog bank only 60 miles from here and were forced to return to their base in Houton Bay.

FIREMAN PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED

Alexandria, Va., Aug. 2.—George Whalen, fireman, was probably fatally injured and a dozen other firemen were overcome by smoke today when flames swept three veteran cargo carriers of the world war at the docks here.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Aug. 2.—Spot cotton closed steady Middling 31.50, an advance of 55 points. Futures, closing bid, Oct. 28.28, Dec. 27.62, Jan. 27.52, March 27.95, May 27.86.

New York, Aug. 2.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 28.00, Dec. 27.33, Jan. 27.18, March 27.45, May 27.55.

Toronto, Ont., August 2.—Canadian prohibition enforcement officials, who set out recently to discover the source of flood of genuine old pre-prohibition whiskey, gin, rum and wines, including huge quantities of champagne, which flowed through the Toronto bootleg market, came up for air today with a theory. Whence the liquor came, or whether it went—for it all has disappeared—the authorities could not learn in detail. But why it appeared, and why it was snuffed up, they think, is quite clear.

The answer is "politics." On October 23, this "dry" province of Ontario is scheduled to vote on the question of repealing the provincial Volstead act, known as the Ontario temperance act, and returning to governmental sale of hard liquors, with beers and light wines purveyed in licensed hotels.

Announcement of the date for the election, say the authorities, caused the owners of many "million dollar cellars" to put their wares on the market—gambling on their belief that the election would be won by the wet. Bootleg prices slumped, even for the old stuff.

But if the liquor holders thought wet days were ahead, there were also long-paroled individuals who thought no such happy ending was in sight. And it was these, according to the authorities, who promptly bought up all the pre-prohibition stuff they could get their hands on.

The bootleg market is about normal again now. Whether the first flood will be followed by additional streams of illegal potables will depend largely upon how the present owners "dope" the results of the coming election. Meanwhile, the campaign

WERE MENTALLY ILL. TESTIFIES ALIENIST

But Crowe Wants to Know If Expert hadn't called Them Insane at First

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, Aug. 2.—Richard Loeb was "mentally ill" on May 21 when he and Nathan Leopold, Jr., kidnaped and murdered Robert Franks. It was testified on cross examination by Dr. William White today.

Judge Caverly sustained an objection by Walter Bachrach of the defense counsel when State Attorney George Crowe asked to learn whether the expert thought Loeb was insane.

The same opinion was given as to Leopold by Dr. White.

A sharp sparring match between the witness and prosecutor developed in the morning session some-times eliciting a smile from Dr. White. Again he complained that they were meaning less and at other times insisted upon giving the state's attorney asked for "yes or no" answers.

A direct attack on the credibility of Dr. White was made by Crowe when the prosecutor asked the doctor to produce "the original report" he had made to the attorney for the defense.

It was stated flatly by the state's attorney over the objection that came hurriedly from Bachrach and Clarence Barrow that the report held the defendants insane rather than mentally sick.

Judge Caverly suggested that since the question of insanity was barred from the present proceedings the report might not be competent.

"But your honor," expostulated Crowe, "if that report shows that for \$250 a day this witness has found these boys insane and then for the same fee holds them only mentally sick, I believe your honor will give less weight to his opinion."

PLANS TO BUILD NEW APARTMENT

A. L. Aydtell Will Replace Home With Building Containing Six Stores and Three Apartments.

A \$20,000 store and apartment house building will replace the home of A. L. Aydtell on the corner of Road and Main streets, if Mr. Aydtell's present plans are carried out.

Plans of the building which are now practically complete call for six stores on the ground floor each 18 feet wide and 75 feet long with glass fronts.

The second story of the building will be what is now the home of Mr. Aydtell. This part of the building will remain intact and be divided into three apartments with modern city apartment house conveniences.

Mr. Aydtell will advertise for bids on the building in the near future and it is believed that construction will begin about the middle of September with a view to having the building ready for occupancy by about January 1.

Mr. Aydtell has considered making this building into an apartment house for several years and he believes now that the business development of the city justifies such a step.

With business gradually drifting to this section of the city, Mr. Aydtell has already been assured that there will be a demand for his stores and the three apartments will no doubt be easily rented if the past experience of apartment houses in Elizabeth City may be taken as a guide.

REVIVAL AT EPWORTH

Large crowds have been attending the revival services conducted this week at Epworth Methodist Church in Nixonton township. Rev. W. T. Phipps of the Paqueton circuit is conducting the services. Miss Naomi Jackson of Nixonton has charge of the music and good congregational singing is a striking feature of the services. Mr. Phipps will preach Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday evening. He was assisted in the Friday night service by Presiding Elder C. B. Culbreth.

City Manager Plan Big Success For Knoxville

Tennessee Municipality Gives Citizens Refund in Taxes As a Result of Greater Efficiency and Economy Under New Plan of City Government

By LOUIS BROWNLOW, City Manager of Knoxville, Tennessee.

(Operating under the city manager plan, the city of Knoxville returned this week last, week by "declaring a dividend" in the shape of a ten per cent refund in taxes. Louis Brownlow, the city manager of Knoxville, was a well known Washington correspondent before he quit newspaper work about nine years ago to become one of the ablest administrators in the District of Columbia. For his record of efficiency there he was sought as the first city manager by the city of Petersburg, Virginia, a small community at which he was heralded at the time as an unheard of salary for a municipal official. The wonderful results he accomplished in his three years in Petersburg will be described in a subsequent dispatch. Mr. Brownlow has written this dispatch in response to a request to tell how Knoxville was able to declare a dividend, an accomplishment for which he gives full credit to the city manager plan, claiming none for himself.)

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 2.—Universal adoption of the city manager plan would not mean that every city would be able to declare a "dividend" by refunding taxes as the city council of Knoxville did this week when ten per cent of the taxes levied for the current year was refunded to the people.

The possibility of such an actual refund would depend entirely on the peculiar situation in each city for no two cities have the same history, the same traditions, the same municipal habits.

Indeed hardly two can agree upon the question of what is and what is not within the proper sphere of municipal governmental activity, but I think it is true that any city that now has a government in which partisan politics is a controlling factor, or even a considerable factor, may, by the adoption of the city manager form of government, soon enable itself to pay "dividends" from the economies made possible by the substitution of business methods for political methods in the everyday conduct of its affairs.

In Knoxville the politicians of both parties, some times tandem and some times abreast, governed the city for years very much as do politicians everywhere. They looked upon public employment as "public office" and chose for city officials men who would obey the machine as in other places. The machine here was bi-partisan but it held the voters in line and elected its men by talking tariff when garbage was the real issue, by ringing in the good old party when the spoils were more or less fairly divided behind the scenes. The waste and the inefficiency brought about revolt and the city manager form of government was adopted and a non-partisan, bi-partisan, council was elected forthwith. The new government began to think in terms of business instead of politician. It had nothing upon which to base its estimates but the experience of the previous year, in which the old government had incurred a deficit of a million dollars. It cut the budget a half million dollars and it fixed a tax rate which would balance the reduced appropriations.

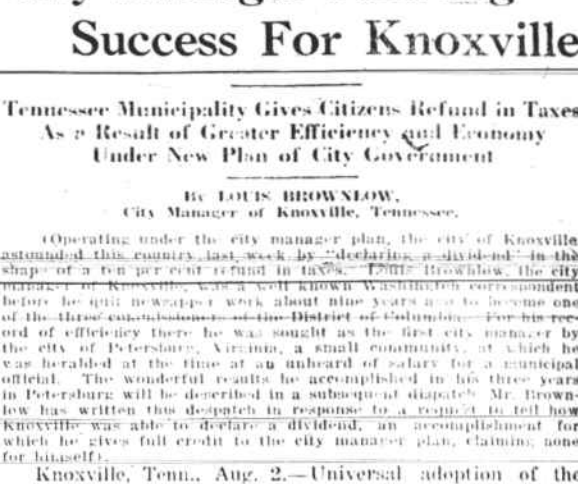
At the end of nine months it was apparent that revenues were coming in better than the year before and it was equally apparent that all the budget appropriations would be needed despite the extension of municipal activities on a scale never before known in the city. A new system of accounting produced a daily report showing the exact status of the city's accounts and the chances from day to day. A rapidly mounting revenue surplus was revealed. The council, a body of business men, said:

"Let us take this surplus, or at least half of what it will be at the end of the fiscal year, and give it back to the people in the shape of a ten per cent refund of their taxes. Then we will not be tempted to extravagance this year nor to the establishment of an unduly low tax rate next year."

That was done and Knoxville has declared its "dividend." Last year, under political control, the tax rate actually levied was 54 per cent, too low to meet the actual expenditures. This year the rate and other revenues produced too much money and the business government paid it back to the people.

In another city perhaps the people may have preferred the "dividend" in the form of a new park. Knoxville got its new park also during the nine months or so some other new municipal activity. Knoxville seems to like hers in cash. The results of this new method of city government will vary as the cities differ each from the other but the same general principles apply everywhere. The people, as stockholders, elect a council to serve as a board of directors. The council gives a general manager. He is an easily "fired" as he is hireable and they do not ask where he lives or what he believes about high tariff or low tariff or whether he is for Coolidge or Davis or LaPollette. They do ask where he was trained and what experience he has had. Then the city manager

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RODE WITH DAVIS



John W. Davis used to canter over the country roads about Clarkburg, W. Va., with Lafayette Blake, veteran horseman, shown here, at the age of 21. It was Blake who largely instilled a love for horses into the Democratic Party's president.

JUDGE SHIRAS DIES AT ADVANCED AGE

Pittsburgh, Aug. 2.—George Shiras, Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1892 to 1903, died in a hospital here today from pneumonia which developed after he had fractured his leg in a fall at his home here five weeks ago. He was 92 years of age.

bites the heads of his department. He too inquires only as to particular fitness for a particular job. That means that politicians will soon be outraged because "furnishes" are being imported and because high salaries are being paid. It also means that the city government will soon be paying "dividends."

When I was city manager of Petersburg, Virginia, the politicians there used to complain about a Tennesseean being called in to run their town and down in Knoxville the same sort of "earthy" me back to old Virginia." Even when I was a commissioner of the District of Columbia I used to hear the complaint that three years residence was not really enough to require of a city father. The trouble with that is that the politicians do not understand. The people in Knoxville and in every other city that has adopted the city manager plan of government elect their own neighbors to the council. The council is the legislative body. It fixes the policies and controls the finances.

We city managers are merely hired administrators with some knowledge of municipal business. We carry out the policies adopted by our councils, having no elections before us and never requiring votes. We do the best we can to get a dollar's worth of service for a dollar. If we do not please the councils we are fired. If the councils do not please the people they are re-elected.

Generally speaking the city manager plan means these things: Trained men, higher salaries, more service, more improvements and less expense and, in Knoxville, it meant also a refund of 10 per cent of the taxes.