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DUNN RECOVERS ITS CALM AFTER A NEAR RIOT

Crowd Wanted Page For Alleged Brutality

MAYOR PROMISES FULL INVESTIGATION

Chief of Police Arrested And Is To Be Tried In Lillington

With City Hall guarded by Sheriff W. H. Turlington's entire force of deputies Dunn passed a quiet Tuesday night despite the many wild rumors circulated to the effect that a mob of ruffians would attempt to run Chief of Police U. S. Page out of town for his alleged brutal assault upon Knoch Wilson while he was under arrest for carrying a weapon concealed in his automobile.

Twice Wilson's friends came to town Monday afternoon to demand Page's dismissal and Tuesday morning to see what Mayor J. Lloyd Wade and his Board of Commissioners were going to do about it.

When the mob made its appearance Monday afternoon Mayor Wade communicated with Governor Bickett, asking that troops be held in readiness to come to Dunn in the event of trouble.

Tuesday morning Sheriff Turlington came to town with all of his deputies. He and they remained on guard until the town was quiet late into the night.

Mayor Wade has announced that he will carry out his promise to get at the bottom of the matter. If Page is guilty of wrong his resignation will be asked for.

VIOLENCE NOT FAVORED BY WILSON'S FAMILY

Neither the Wilson's nor their close friends are in sympathy with any effort to cause rioting in Dunn, it was stated today by Jesse Franklin Wilson, a great uncle of Knoch Wilson and associated with John Rob Baggett as private counsel for the prosecution of Page in the case now pending against him for the alleged assault on the boy.

TENTH OF NATION LIVES IN THREE CITIES

Final Census Statistics Expected To Show One-Quarter Dwell in 67 Communities

Washington, Sept. 27.—About one-tenth of the people of the United States live in the cities of New York, Chicago and Philadelphia, while more than one-quarter live in sixty-eight cities having a population of 100,000 or more, final statistics of the fourteenth census are expected to show.

The three cities with populations of 1,000,000 or more—New York, Chicago and Philadelphia—have a combined population of 10,145,321, showing an increase of 1,644,337, or about 19.5 per cent. in the ten years since 1910.

BILLIONS SAVED BY PROHIBITION

So Says Governor Milliken of Maine in An Address

Washington, Sept. 26.—Prohibition was credited with producing a saving of two billion dollars for the nation in the last year by Governor Milliken of Maine, in addressing the closing session tonight of the fifteenth International Congress Against Alcoholism.

"Prohibition," he declared, "has made most kinds of business better and has injured no legitimate business except that of the undertaker." "The three outstanding results of prohibition," he declared, "are the saving of about two billion dollars of waste in expenditure, a tremendous increase in the efficiency of labor and a startling decrease in crime with its attendant poverty and wretchedness."

"From the standpoint of practical government, however, the most important contribution that prohibition has made to the welfare of the nation is to be found in the simple fact that a new generation will be growing up, untainted by the liquor habit and unhampered by the conditions of liquor and wretchedness which the liquor habit has imposed upon so many thousands of innocent children in the past."

"The supreme importance of prohibition lies in the fact that it gives the average boy and girl in America a better chance to grow up into a wholesome, strong and clean American citizen, and because the very existence of our form of government depends upon the development of that sort of citizenship in the coming generation, prohibition is entitled to rank as one of the great safeguards of national life."

Wiped Out Drink Bill

Referring to the economic benefits of prohibition, Governor Milliken declared that the nation's drink bill formerly amounted to two billion dollars annually, and this money, he declared, now finds its way into the normal channels of legitimate trade.

CLYDE HOEY OPENS CAMPAIGN IN DUNN FOR DEMOCRATS

Tells of States Progress Under Democratic Party

Attributes Growth to Good Government

Talks of Revaluation And The Effort To Help People

North Carolina has made wonderful strides under the good government given the State by the Democratic party in the last twenty years, it was pointed out Tuesday night by Clyde R. Hoey, Congressman, of Shelby, when he spoke before 400 men and women voters in the Metropolitan Theatre here.

Mr. Hoey reviewed the progress that has come to the State since the day when Charles B. Aycock ushered in the era of enlightenment in whose sun North Carolina has basked for two decades. Mr. Hoey had been in every line of material endeavor. Military was being wiped out, disease was being banished, and the value of the agricultural production had multiplied manifold, industrial activity had increased until Carolina stood near the top of the list in many manufacturing activities.

All of this had come with the lowest tax rate of the nation. It cost a North Carolinian less for his government than the citizen of any other State says, he declared. Mismanagement the State had paid into the Federal treasury from taxes on its tobacco, excess profits and incomes more money than all other Southern States combined.

Prosperity that had come to the State was in a large measure due to the government and the governmental activities, scientific farming, as taught by the State, as well as industrial engineering. Schools and colleges are fostered and supported by the State government and it is from these that the foundation of this great progress was formed.

In every activity of life the State government touches its people. Fortunately the government under the Democratic party has been good. Progress has followed.

Mr. Hoey spoke at length about the revaluation act, pointing out that the Democratic party was making an honest effort to make every action share his just burden of the beginning the Republicans professed to be with them in the matter. They had declared for such a system as the Democrats have adopted. They helped to adopt, but since its adoption they are trying to mislead the people that it is wholly Democratic measure and therefore an evil thing.

Revaluation may have some faults, he pointed out, but it has none that cannot be remedied—and it is better to continue to trust the party that is honestly trying to do the best for the State than one that is concerned only in destroying everything the Democratic party has done.

Mr. Hoey discussed national issues and paid glowing tribute to the administration of Woodrow Wilson. His hearers listened with fine attention to his address and received it with much enthusiasm. He was gratified to see so many women out and

NEGROES CARRIED TO STATE PRISON FOR SAFEKEEPING

Wild Ride From Smithfield Saves Seven Prisoners

Sheriff Made 30 Mile Record In 40 Minutes

Pursued By Angry Citizens, Beat On Lymching, Sheriff Massey Lands Prisoners

(News and Observer.) Breaking all the laws that have been passed to regulate the driving of automobiles, Sheriff Massey of Johnston county drove the 30 miles between Raleigh and Smithfield in 40 minutes last Friday night, bringing with him seven negroes to save them from a crowd of several hundred angry citizens who had gathered in Smithfield with threats of lynching. The negroes, charged with lynching, were placed in the State Prison for safekeeping Friday.

For a distance out of Smithfield the three high-powered automobiles commanded by the sheriff were pursued by members of the crowd, but long before they reached Raleigh had shaken them off. After the party arrived here several automobiles drove into the city, with sounds of pistol on the road leading to Smithfield. It could not be ascertained whether they were members of the pursuing contingent.

Shot Out Deputy's Eye The seven negroes were arrested shortly after midnight yesterday morning following the shooting of R. L. Massey, who had volunteered to go with officers to the circus grounds to help put down disorder spreading after an altercation between a negro and a white man. Massey's right eye was shot out and the officers returned the fire, severely wounding one negro. Both men were brought to Raleigh early yesterday for medical attention.

During the day yesterday there were threats of violence, both on the part of negroes, who declared their intention of attacking the jail and liberating the seven prisoners, and on the part of friends of Massey, who were intent upon lynching the negroes. Last night at 9 o'clock considerable crowds gathered on the streets of Smithfield, the members being, it is said, mostly from Ingram township, where Massey lives. There were open threats of violence, from both whites and blacks.

Local Concerns Established At Varina

Butler Brothers Start New Store

Butler Brothers, local hardware, furniture and musical instrument dealers, have established a large branch store at Varina, F. L. Wilson, for five years associated with the concern here, is manager. The store has already moved to its new home. The new store will carry the same class of stock as that carried in the main store, but on a smaller scale. The Butler store here is one of the largest of its kind in Eastern North Carolina. Standing a few years ago in the old wooden building in which M. F. Ganey did business before his death, the concern has had remarkable growth. Last year it moved into the large brick building at the corner of Broad Street and Wilson Avenue.

American Legion Has Served Country Well

Commander D'Olier Says Greatest Service Has Been Standing For Law

Cleveland, Sept. 27.—The greatest single service American legionnaires have rendered their country is their "vile stand for the maintenance of law and order," Franklin D. Olier, national commander of the American legion, told the second annual convention of the legion at its opening session here today.

"We quickly served notice in an uncertain time upon the wild radicals who would by force attempt to injure those very institutions we had risked our lives to protect," Commander D'Olier said.

"We stated plainly we were ready for them and could meet their force with far greater force sufficient to stop them instantly."

"During these present days of unrest and readjustment, the American legion and the stand of the ex-service man for law and order is the greatest possible nuisance policy our country could have, and the only insurance premium the ex-service man expects in return is simply fair play from that government with which he has played so fair."

Commander D'Olier said in part: "The rapid growth of the legion has been phenomenal. Such a thing has never happened before in either this or any other country. This great growth has been due first to the fact that our ideals as laid down last year are now proven to be not only right, but also practical and second, to the spontaneous desire of nearly every veteran of the world war to keep alive his wonderful spirit of service to his country and service to his comrade."

"The American legion is the only organization in which is represented every good element in the entire country. It is the nearest attempt at organizing public opinion and we all know that when public opinion speaks it speaks with authority. And so during this past year, you have played fair with every element in the legion and have thus gained the support of public opinion, and so the closer we stick to sound public opinion, the greater will be our service to our country and the better able we will be to look after our comrades' needs."

While in town he was entertained in the home of N. A. Townsend, who introduced him to his Tuesday night's audience, and third, to the sound and

WOMAN CHOSEN TO PRESENT MR. DANIELS AT FAIR

Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Salemburg Accepts Invitation

Many Horses Enter For Big Race Meet

Lillian C and Little Peter Are Among Trotters Secured By Goldstein

Mrs. W. J. Jones, head of the Pine-land School for Girls, secretary of the Roanoke and Salemburg Railway Company and an ardent suffragist, will introduce Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy, when he speaks here Wednesday, October 13, at the Dunn Fair. Decision to invite Mrs. Jones was made in a recent meeting of the executive committee. Her acceptance has just been received by Secretary T. L. Riddle, of the Harnett County Agricultural Fair Association.

The choice of Mrs. Jones to introduce the secretary is in line with the Fair Association's policy to make the Dunn event one representative of the entire Dunn District. It was promptly agreed that a desire to recognize the equality of women with men in the public affairs of the community. Mrs. Jones will be introduced by Charles Ross, of Lillington.

Preparations for the fair's opening on Tuesday, October 13, are going along nicely. Bills Goldstein, business manager for the association, announced today that he was assured that sixty-five horses would enter for the four-day race meet. It is probable that the number will reach eighty, he said.

Lillian C and Little Peter are among the horses to be shown. They are the fast trotters of the Dale-Jones stables and have the best records of any horses to be seen at the Carolina circuit this year.

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APPEAL IS MADE TO SISTER CITIZEN

Mrs. Bickett Wants Women to Measure Up

Under the new order it is as much the duty of the women of North Carolina to vote for the right as it is to pray for the right, declares Mrs. Thomas Walter Bickett, wife of the Governor, in a statement and appeal issued to the women of the State.

Though herself an advocate of Woman Suffrage, and never a believer that the women of America needed the ballot, Mrs. Bickett has accepted the new day, and with it the obligations that go with a place in the political life of the State. She calls upon the women of the State to be not negligent of their duty. The statement is as follows:

"The women of North Carolina have never failed to answer every call to service.

"In the sixties, when the men and women of this State were united in a selfish leadership of the little groups of willing workers in every community who appreciate the amount of work necessary to make a success of this great movement."

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NEGROES TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION IF PLANS CARRY

Evidence Of Intentions Disclosed At Raleigh

Form A Committee To Foster The Cause

Slipman Confident Of Big Majority For The Democrats In West

(Special Correspondence) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 27.—Additional evidence is disclosed here of the intention of negroes to figure more actively in the election in North Carolina this year than in many years. At a meeting of the negro Republican executive committee held here a few days ago the membership of the committee was increased from thirty-five, and an address was prepared to be issued to the negroes of the state "calling on them to stand by the Republican national ticket."

Of course the committee will expect them to "support" the Republican state ticket also. The new chairman of the negro Republican committee, S. H. Vick, is an old negro Federal office-holder, having held a position as postmaster of a town in this state, with a good salary attached, for twelve years. With the election of Harding, Vick and many others would naturally expect to get their snouts into the Federal political maelstrom again.

Mr. M. L. Slipman, who has just returned from a tour that took him over the Tenth Congressional District and into several towns and counties in other western districts, brings tidings of much joy about the prospects of Democratic success in those districts. He says the party is lining up in great shape, and that if the Republicans really believe they will be able to carry either of those districts they are headed for a rough jolt of disappointment.

Mr. Morrison, who reluctantly cancelled his appointments for last Friday and Saturday because of the inclement weather in Ashe and Watauga counties, will open his western campaign at Sparta today and carry through the other appointments of his itinerary as heretofore announced.

BEAR MOVEMENT PUTS KING COTTON ON TOBOGGAN

Heavy Selling Causes The Market To Sag

REDUCTIONS HAVE HAD BAD EFFECT ON PRICE

Automobile Manufacturer Starts The Downward Swing On Commodities

Alexander Sprunt & Sons have issued the following letter: As was indicated in our letter of last week, a somewhat more hopeful tone in certain directions led to more or less covering in the market and with a storm threatened the early part of the week prices advanced on a basis of 26 1/2c for December. The recovery proved short lived. The advance encountered so much selling from the south that operators became convinced the advance had culminated and a selling movement started that broke near positions over 2c and by the middle of the week prices had reached on the receipt of the last bureau. The market appeared quite helpless. It is true a great deal of the cotton sold is believed to be of a speculative character on account of Wall Street and Western interests, cotton being sold on the theory that the price will decline in order to below the last bushel, with the Ford Company starting drastic reductions in the price of automobiles and the American Company making a cut of 33 1/3 per cent in the price of cotton goods, there was nothing but lower prices in store for raw material.

On the decline, it became evident that the buying orders in distant positions were a decided feature. As a result while near months lost at one time over 2 1/4c, March contracts showed a decline of less than 1 1/2c. The selling movement seemed to be centered in October and December as those positions were relatively the highest. A sharp break in the price of spot cotton in Texas assisted the downward movement. Cotton is opening rapidly in that portion of the belt and weighs on the market by reason of the fact that the actual spot demand is in no degree aggressive. As a more general movement of new cotton will be underway in all sections of the belt and conditions are anything but hopeful it is extremely difficult to prevent sagging prices.

Interest in the forthcoming Government Report on October 2nd, the last condition report of the season, will soon become a factor. A private estimate issued on Thursday placed the condition at 89.6. The source of this report is of such a reliable character and in recent years has approximated the Government so closely that there is little doubt that the Government figures will indicate such a drastic reduction in the probable yield that this year will fall under the head of a small rather than a large crop year thus making the sixth successive year.

But for the time more attention is being paid to influences affecting consumption rather than the question of supply. The labor situation throughout the world is anything but settled. Both Italy and England have disturbances that prevent business going on in anything like a normal fashion. It is not surprising that exports to date are only 256,000 bales

Cumberland Gained In Population, Cook Says

Census Supervisor Calls Attention To Parts of Country Being Added to Two Others

Fayetteville, Sept. 27.—Cumberland county did not lose in population during the last census period, Judge H. L. Cook, census supervisor for the sixth district, today wrote to the director of the census in Washington calling his attention to the fact that the records of his office show that the population as taken by the enumerators is 36,299, instead of 35,064 as given out by the census bureau Saturday. This shows an increase of 935 over the 1910 figures for the county. But the increase is in reality larger than that.

Judge Cook is requesting the census director to call attention, in case a revision of Cumberland's figures are made to the fact that since the 1910 census Hoke county has been created, largely from Cumberland, part of one township is being added to Harnett county. It is estimated that the population taken from Cumberland and added to the adjacent county will total about 4,000. This 4,000 subtracted from the 1910 population of the entire county gives 31,299 as the total population of the territory now comprising Cumberland county. Supervisor Cook's figures for the present population are 36,299, showing an actual increase of 4,985. This is an increase of 12.7 per cent, a very creditable showing.

Judge Cook stated today that every township in the county showed a gain with the exception of two, Carter's Creek and Rockfish. Slight decreases in these two townships are accounted for by the fact that large lumber mills which operated there before 1910 have been closed down after sawing up all material and persons employed by these industries have moved elsewhere.

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U. S. TO REJECT JAPS PROPOSAL

Officials Decline To Discuss The Situation

Washington, Sept. 27.—Administration officials continue to decline to discuss for publication any of the phases of the negotiations with Japan growing out of the proposed anti-Japanese law.

The conversations regarding the California law which have been going on between Ambassador Stevens and Japanese and state department officials are continuing and so far as has been learned the proposal for a joint commission has not been formally communicated to Washington by the Japanese government.

What progress, if any, has been made in the negotiations has not been disclosed. The attitude of the state department is described as one calculated to prevent the development of a feeling of alarm in the United States that might approach even approximately that which appears to be growing in Japan.

Conflicting opinions of both American and Japanese authorities on international law are said to have made the task of the state department of officials and the Japanese ambassadors more difficult. Proponents of the California law say that California is enacting a measure barring the Japanese in this county any rights or privileges which are not retained by Japanese law in American in Japan.

Japan contends that the California law, which is to be voted on in November, is discriminatory because it does not apply to all foreigners alike as does the Japanese law. The suggestion has been made in Tokio that after the law is enacted it be tested in the United States supreme court. Some Japanese authorities on international law doubt that this would be effective in the state frankly that the proposed California law conflict with the constitution nor with the terms of the American-Japanese treaty.

HARNETT WOMEN ENTER POLITICS AT BIG MEETING

Womans Club Will Serve Dinner On Wednesday

ALL NEW DEMOCRATS INVITED TO LILLINGTON

Thousands Expected To Attend And Take Part In Proceedings

Members of the Woman's Club of Dunn will serve dinner to the big crowd expected at the Democratic rally in Lillington Wednesday tomorrow. Preparations are being made to entertain at least 2,000 people, it is said.

This will mark the entrance of Harnett women in politics. Although there were few who cared for the ballot and none who made an active campaign for suffrage, the women are deeply interested now and are preparing to cast a big vote in the coming election.

Charles Ross, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, looks to the women to make Harnett safe for Democracy this year. He expects them to greatly increase the Democratic majority in the county.

Democratic women in this end of the county are urged to attend the rally. Hundreds are expected to accept.

Every person who attends the rally is requested to carry a basket. Baskets will be furnished by the committee, but it is intended to have a basket picnic also.

Cox Following Ideas That Bryan Preaches

Says He Would Have Supported Bryan If Latter Had Been Made Nominee

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 27.—Governor Cox, Democratic presidential candidate, tonight gave out a statement that he would have supported William J. Bryan for the presidency had the former secretary of state been nominated and added that he was "wondering progressive ideas gained currency in the presidential campaign."

Disapproval of "matters" in the administration of Attorney General Palmer and Postmaster General Burson, was expressed by Governor Cox in addressing a large audience at the auditorium where a strenuous Nebraska campaign was closed.

The Democratic presidential candidate said that although he believed in two cabinet officers had performed their duties "whole heartedly" and were conscientious men, he did not endorse matters in both their administrations. No specific affairs were cited by the governor.

THIRTIETH DIVISION IS GATHERING IN ASHEVILLE

Hundreds of Veterans Belonging To The Famous "Old Hickory" Unit Are Attending Reception

Asheville, Sept. 27.—Hundreds of members of the 30th division arrived here today for the second annual reunion of the famous "Old Hickory" unit of the A. E. F., which is accredited with the breaking of the Hindenburg line and was given a royal welcome by the committee and people of the city.

In an interview today, Col. E. B. Springs, president of the division association, said: "The welcome of our citizens is as warm as the rays of the sun."

Some of the men were dressed in khaki, some were clad in "civils," some walked some rode, and some limped. The honorable wounds that placed these soldiers on crutches served to bring from those who witnessed them a kindly, admiring smile, for the people regarded the stumped legs, the armless sleeves, and the crutches as mute tokens of sacrifice.

The official program opens tomorrow morning.