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REGISTRANTS MUST APPEAR IN PERSON

WRITTEN REQUEST ON MATTER IS SUBJECT OF LETTER TO GENERAL MANNING

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S RULING

The Absent Voters Law Does Not Apply to Registration, but Only to the Casting of the Ballot

In response to an inquiry from Miss Minnie Hagwell, chairman of the research committee of the League of Women Voters, Attorney General James B. Manning ruled that a voter cannot be registered in any election unless he or she appears in person or herself in person to the precinct registrar in person in order to be enrolled.

Miss Hagwell had learned, she said, that in several instances, men had registered their wives for the coming school term election in the ward in which she lives. She held that such registration was illegal, and forwarded inquiry to the attorney general. Her letter was as follows:

"I will thank you to give me your written opinion as to whether or not, under the laws of our State, any person has a legal right to register for school for a general or special election."

The attorney general replied as follows: "Your favor is received. You ask whether or not one person may register for another in a general or special election. Such registration would be void under our Constitution, Art. I, sec. 4. That section requires a proposed voter, offering to register to appear in person for registration. That of course, means that it is a right which cannot be delegated in any way. The absent voters law does not apply to registration, indeed, could not but only to the casting of the ballot."

Report of Census Bureau

Washington.—The Census Bureau announced the population of four North Carolina counties as follows: Johnston county, 45,946, increase 7,889 or 18.2 per cent. Incorporated places: Benson, 1,191; Clinton, 1,431; Four Oaks, 558; Holly, 497; Minto, 133; Pinetops, 1,719; Princeton, 451; Warren, 1,601; Southfield, 1,346. Warren county, 31,451; increase 1,931 or 6.2 per cent. Incorporated places: Lenoir, 768; Mount Airy, 7,016; Thomas, 547; Vaughan, 713; Warrenton, 521. Popcorn county, 17,763, increase 28,358 or 41.3 per cent. Incorporated places: Lenoirville, 1,319; Winston-Salem, 45. Pamlico county, 9,260, increase of 51 per cent. Incorporated places: Beaufort, 438; Cash Course, 197; Oriental, 697; Newell, 319; Vanderboro, 308. Sampson county, 11,302, increase 1,870 or 16.7 per cent. Incorporated places: Andersonville, 611; Clinton, 1,110; Garland, 301; Newton, 1,100; Parkersburg, 76; Roxboro, 749; Salasburg, 218; Yancey, 138. High County, 8,385, increase 454 or 5.5 per cent. Incorporated places: Swan Quarter, 184.

Other Places in North Carolina
Fleming, 1,347; Hope, 1,845; Franklin, 1,068; Lenoirville, 1,304; Raleigh, 1,848; Womack, 1,359, increase 1,478 or 19.1 per cent; Weldon, 1,501; Dixie City, 1,533; East Lenoir, 1,011; Patuxent, 1,008.

Fire Losses in August
The North Carolina fire loss for August makes the best showing for the year, there having been but one in the \$10,000 class and that was a freight car loaded with fertilizer at Wilmington, inflicting a damage of \$4,000.

Kiltsack City and several other smaller towns report not a single fire or a false fire alarm during the entire month. The biggest town in the state, Winston-Salem, had but one fire, with a damage of only \$16 according to the report of the State Insurance Department.

Promises of Shake-up
Washington, (Special).—There is promise of a shake-up in the bureau of Internal Revenue that will affect North Carolina. Commissioner Williams is determined to have better enforcement of the prohibition law. He announced that it would be his policy to transfer men unscrupulously from the field of the service. His first move was to send Frank L. Bond, who has served various periods in North Carolina, to New York to take charge of the prohibition work there.

United Juvenile Courts
The special session of the Legislature passed an act permitting the transfer of over 25,000 population to counties with the county in maintaining a juvenile court for men and women with a judge unconnected with any other court.

Plans for the first year's work have not been obtainable with perfect accuracy, but there are enough to show that 4,488 children entered the institution or discipline of the juvenile courts and the county superintendent of public welfare as of July 1, 1920.

To Open Enrollment Books

Registration books in the 1924 voting precincts in North Carolina will be opened for the enrollment of voters in the coming State and National elections on September 29, and will close three weeks later, on October 19, according to an announcement by the State Board of Elections. It is estimated that upwards of 100,000 new voters will be enrolled this year, taking together the newly enfranchised women voters and the normal increase of male voters for the four year period.

A larger number of new registration books will be required for the enrollment of the new voters, and with a few days circular letters will be sent out by the board to the registrars of deeds in the several counties, calling their attention to the fact that poll books can be secured from the Secretary of State without cost when the books are to be used for the registration of voters in regular elections. The same books can be had at cost from the Secretary of State for special registrations in local elections.

It was brought to the attention of the board that in accordance with a custom of long standing registration books have been purchased from the State Department by private concerns and resold to local election officials. In some instances, it is stated by the Secretary of the board, W. F. Bealer, the books have been sold at a profit.

A Valuable Acquisition

Among recent valuable acquisitions of the North Carolina Historical Commission is the History of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Field Artillery, by the Historical Committee of that regiment, a beautifully printed and illustrated volume of two hundred and sixty-two pages. The volume presents the history proper and several appendices, giving a facsimile of the Artillery, sketches of each company and battery, an appreciation of the regiment by their French allies, Lieutenant Jacques J. L. Poppelt, Carrington On About Carrington, by George Graham, and interesting personal and statistical information. The War of the 13th F. A. by states, counties and foreign countries is of particular historical value.

Report of Population

Washington.—The Census Bureau announced the population of the following North Carolina counties and towns:

Alamance county, 14,725, increase 578 or 4.1 per cent. Incorporated places: Jacksonville, 654; Richlands, 348; Rashboro, 420. Perquimans county, 11,117, increase 65 or 0.5 per cent. Incorporated places: Hartwood, 4,394; Wintail, 385. Pender county, 14,735, decrease 193 or 4.4 per cent. Incorporated places: Akin, 326; Burgaw, 1,040; White, 181. Currituck county, 15,212, increase 1,108 or 7.3 per cent. Incorporated places: Andrews, 1,534; Calverton, 199; Harbo, 145; Murphy, 1,214.

Walker Goes to Washington

Washington.—It was announced here by the national association opposed to woman suffrage that Seth M. Walker, speaker of the Tennessee house of representatives, who vigorously opposed the ratification of the 19th amendment, left Nashville for Washington to urge Secretary of State Clegg to withdraw the suffrage proclamation. This action of Mr. Walker is based on the contention of himself and other members of the Tennessee legislature that the amendment has not been legally ratified, and great confusion and many questions may follow the withdrawal of the proclamation.

Program for Conference

E. L. Middleton, Sunday school secretary of the Baptist State Convention, announced a program for the conference of superintendents of Baptist Sunday schools to be held in Hickory September 18, 19 and 20. Heavy representation in the State is invited and entertainment will be on the Harvard plan—lunch and breakfast free and other meals at the visitors' expense.

Strength of National Guard

Washington.—The strength of the national guard in North Carolina at this time is 19 officers and 341 men. He authorized strength of enlisted men is 2,101. North Carolina has 31 officers and 475 enlisted men, with an authorized strength of 1,355.

State College Registration

The registration at State College had reached 800 with the enrollment of students and is still under way. Papers have been received, and the applications of admission passed upon, from 143 additional men. These men are enrolling from day to day and it is expected that the total registration will be between 850 and 1,000. The college laboratories, class rooms and shops are not overcrowded. President Middleton announced that thousands of students can be accommodated in the college plant.

Contract Let for Road

Contracts were let by Highway Commissioner Frank Pett for the longest single stretch of hard surfaced roads that has been authorized since the formation of the Highway Commission. Fourteen miles of water bound macadam road will be built across the mountains in Avery, a part of the Bruce trail, at a cost of \$114,000. The contractor is the Southern Dry Co., Asheville. No type other than hard surface has proved satisfactory in Avery county.



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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

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MAY BE PART OF HUGE PLOT

Republicans Say Maine Result Previews Their Victory in November.—Attitude of Women Voters Significant—Cox Approves Rees's Plan for World Court.

W. EDWARD W. PICKARD

New York's financial center was shattered and the entire country shocked on Thursday by a terrible explosion that took the lives of about 30 persons and injured some 300 others. That it was the result of a deliberate plot by anarchists is the firm belief of Federal and local officials, and there is reason to feel that it was but the start of a campaign of terrorism against the Republic of America.

The explosion came exactly at the noon hour, directly in front of the new seven building at Broad and Wall streets adjoining the subway, and across the street from the beautiful J. F. Morgan building. A one-story brick was standing there and the anarchists believe it contained a gigantic bomb that was exploded by a time clock. The deaths and injuries and the damage done to buildings were mostly caused by shrapnel, heavy steel rods, and other missiles that were hurled from the broken roof into the street below. The Wall street district, this fact, together with many other developments, furnished a basis for the theory of the officials. After the disaster it was learned that a Wall street employee and the French high commissioner had both received warning that there would be an explosion in the district on September 22. The letters both came from E. Fischer, formerly an employee of the French consulate, and were mailed from Toronto. Fischer is said to be a German, and a result of a nervous breakdown.

The victims of the explosion were mostly clerks and messengers. No prominent figures were killed, though many of them had carried weapons, and Justice Spencer Morgan, one of J. F. Morgan, was not by being slain.

If it is still true that "as soon as Maine, so goes the nation," the Republicans will have a tremendous victory in November. They swept the Pine Tree state, electing Parkhurst for governor, and all the rest of their ticket by a majority of about 65,000. Every county in the state went Republican. National leaders of the party, of course, greeted this result with shouts of joy. Nearly 50,000 women went to the polls and some 50,000 of them voted the Republican ticket. This is regarded as especially significant, for it has been contended that the women of the country would support the League of Nations. The campaign in Maine was conducted largely on national issues, the league issue being foremost, and both parties and national figures into the state as campaign orators. The Democratic forces were led by Frank D. Rowland, candidate for vice president, and Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Calvin Coolidge, Republican candidate for vice president, Senator Lodge and other heavy guns were there for the Republican ticket, and devoted much of their energies to attacking the Wilson draft of the league. Governor Cox, Mr. Roosevelt, Chairman White and other leading Democrats all refused to consider Maine a reliable political barometer. Secretary Taft, after conferring with President Wilson, said only that the Maine result "cannot be considered as indicative of the general result in November."

The impartial observer will accord the greatest importance to the attitude of the Maine women, though it may be true that the women of the central and western states do not feel the same way about the league as President Wilson wants it. Russian bolsheviks, not giving up their attempt to conquer Poland, concentrated a large force for an attack in the direction of Lemberg, but the Poles report that they have annihilated a crushing defeat to these troops, and that their own operations along the river coast of the Bug river have been very successful. Hostilities between the Poles and the Ukrainians seemed to have quieted down, but the latter were gathered around the leader to great force, according to recent dispatches, and a battle was fought in the Bukovina sector.

Boris Wrangel carried out a complete change of front in northern Russia. Abandoning his plan of concentration on the Kuban and formation of a Russian with the remaining Cossacks, he collected all his forces in Taurida and started out to capture Kherson and Nikolai with the intention of forming a union with the Ukrainians further west and of pushing northward toward Alexander and Kharkov. Already he has won several victories over the Soviet troops. In the Balkan region in the Caucasus the anti-bolshevik result is reported to be spreading and the Hells, who already had abandoned Baku, are continuing their retreat.

Notwithstanding these reverses he and about three hundred countrymen the Russian Hells are committing in their efforts to "bolshyevize" the rest of the world. Tokyo reports that they have perfected plans for this propaganda and are soon to send emissaries to America, Japan, China and other countries in Asia.

The head of the bolshevik is apparently in northern Italy. Radiotelegrams from the communists movement that sprang up there and to fill the efforts of the labor confederation to bring about a compromise between the workers and the employers. In some instances they drove convicted employees from factories and seized the plants. Though the government was spreading counter-propaganda, there was no reason to change the prediction that it would ultimately fail, but the probability that the employers would offer to the new equal control and profit sharing movement. Premier Giolitti finally took a hand in the dispute, having representation of the employers and workers in the local plants to meet him in Turin. Giolitti became a storm center when the communists there, led by some Russian and Hungarian, seized municipal buildings and incited looting, announcing they would fight if their demands were not met. In answer to this the government sent a squadron of battle-ships and destroyers. The Italian leaders who were arrested were all in possession of large amounts of money.

Before the land began in Italy when commercial banks took possession of several large farms. As some of them belong to high church officials it was expected the Vatican would protest to the government and demand protection of the property.

The congressional junket party to on its way home from the Orient and when it arrives perhaps some of the members will be able to give the government valuable advice on the Japanese problem. Possibly they will not be able to do so. The problem is becoming acute both here and in Japan. Ambassador Hildreth has been authorized to conduct negotiations direct with Secretary Clegg for a new treaty of non-interference that will safeguard Japanese property holding and more strictly restrict Japanese immigration. Tokyo doubtless prefers to have the trouble settled by the present administration, hoping for better times than might be agreed to by the Republicans if they win in November. Senator Harding has declared himself in favor of the exclusion of the Japanese on the ground of racial difference. The Wilson administration still insists on the restriction of immigration from Japan, and also still objects to Japan's occupation of the Russian half of Manchuria.

The Yelverton of Foreign Wars, a large and influential society, in connection with Washington, has adopted a resolution advocating the exclusion of Japanese and a constitutional amendment withdrawing American citizenship from American-born Japanese and other "unpatriotic races."

President DeWitt of Evans, who has been seriously ill for some months, has decided that he might, in return, be called abroad to the public notice. He has been placed in the hospital in the hands of Premier Hildreth, and on September 20 the national emergency will convene to review his recovery.

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WANT COMMISSION TO CONTROL COAL

INVESTIGATOR OF THE COAL STRIKE IN ALABAMA MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

PUBLIC THE ONLY SUFFERER

Governor Kirby Approves of Bill and Will Have it Introduced in the Legislature Nov. in Session.

Montgomery, Ala.—Appointment of a state commission with absolute power to control and regulate the coal industry of Alabama, is recommended in the report of Governor Kirby's committee which has been investigating the general strike of United Mine Workers.

The report, which was read before the governor and the senate and house judiciary committee of the legislature, finds operators and union leaders equally responsible for present conditions in the bituminous coal fields of Alabama.

It states the public has been the only sufferer from the strike, which has limited the production of domestic coal and caused prices to soar. Some operators, says the report, have taken advantage of the situation and have been guilty of profiteering.

Governor Kirby expressed approval of the bill. He said he would have it introduced at the special session of the legislature now in session and would make every effort to have it enacted into law.

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CO-OPERATION IS ASKED BY DEALERS

POLICY OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD IS FEARED IS LEADING TO DISASTER.

CHARGE OF PROPAGANDA MADE

Questionnaires Have Been Submitted to the Textile Men of the South and Answers Show Concern.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Blaming the present unbalanced conditions of the domestic market, the southwestern division of the National Association of Hosiery and Underwear Manufacturers which closed its convention here sent a communication to the Southern Hosiery association warning it to take immediate action in order to prevent the "very institution that was established to prevent ruin and disaster from taking the leadership in a policy that can have no other end."

Questionnaires which had been submitted to the textile men of the southwest and which were answered, showed that a vast majority of the textile manufacturers are receiving no new orders of satisfactory prices that practically all old orders have been filled, that less than 12 per cent of the output of the knitting industry is being sold, and that there is an overproduction in most lines of hosiery.

The textile manufacturers charge that these conditions have been brought about by the Federal reserve board's attitude in forcing liquidation and deflation by a systematic program of propaganda.

Red Journalist Arrested

New York.—Alexander J. Heston, a Russian journalist, who was taken into custody after the police had received an anonymous letter that he was seen in the financial district, a short time after the Wall Street explosion, was formally placed under arrest on a charge of being an agitator, who often. He will be turned over to the department of justice agents, the police said, while a check is being made of his movements.

Vets Not to Camp Out

Houston, Texas.—Veterans who come to the Confederate reunion in Houston October 2 to 5 will not be quartered in camp, instead, the plan was announced at Tulsa on Sept. 22 and at Memphis in 1919 will be followed and the old soldiers housed in schools and public buildings.

Refusal by the quartermaster general of the army to lend any equipment except tents to the U. S. Cavalry caused the change of plan. A resolution passed by Congress in July provides for the loan of tents to veterans' organizations but does not mention other equipment.

Milford Won't Accept

Paris.—Premier Millerand informed the cabinet that he would not accept the post left vacant by the resignation of President Doumergue. He later told Marcel Perrot, president of the chamber of deputies and Charles C. A. Johnson, extraordinary ambassador to the Vatican, that they are the only possible candidates, the newspaper adding that he suggested to the cabinet that they settle the controversy between themselves. They later told the premier by letter that he is the only possible candidate to be considered.

Employees Walk Out

Newport News, Va.—Three hundred employees of the Chesapeake & Ohio Terminal here walked out in protest against the failure of the company to pay all of the "back wages" allowed by the railroad labor board in July. The men include members of the railroad union, carpenters, electricians and those working on the coal pits.

Government Expenditures Lower

Washington.—Governmental expenditures in August were \$483,000,000 lower than in July. Ordinary expenditures by the month amounted to \$447,571,000 against \$504,551,000 in July.

Wages Rejected Packers' Plan

Washington.—Rejection by the Department of Justice of the plan of the "big five" packers for the disposition of their ownership in stockpiles was recommended by the Federal Trade Commission in a special report.

Polish Delegation Arrives

Lombard, N. Y.—The Polish peace commission, headed by M. Smolinski, arrived at Riga preparatory to its conference with Russian delegates, according to dispatches from Riga.

Wife Held in Debt

Geneva.—Eighteen "Swiss" arrested in connection with a South American in the stock exchange market here had been "investigated" and reported "Swiss" when it was reported that some Swiss consular officials had been arrested and sent off by a Swiss ship.