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DEMOCRATIC HOSTS GATHER IN RALEIGH

Will be Convention City June, 6th— Precinct Meetings and Primaries May 18th. With County Conventions One Week Later— Action on Senatorial Question

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., March 20.—The State Democratic Executive Committee selected Raleigh as the place and June 6th as the date for the State Convention and Saturday, May 18th for the precinct meetings and primaries, and Saturday, May 25th for the county convention to name delegates to the State convention and for other purposes.

This action was taken after a big delegation from the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, with Willis G. Briggs and R. U. Stimm, as spokesmen, had been heard in the interest of Raleigh as the place, and after Mr. F. R. McNinch of Charlotte, had made a unique speech as spokesman for the Greater Charlotte Club and the City of Charlotte. He felt, after hearing the pleas of the Raleigh speakers, almost persuaded to yield to Raleigh entirely and wait two years hence for the convention to come back to Charlotte and see how much better Charlotte is equipped for taking care of such a convention, since the conventions per force left her 12 years ago.

Raleigh and Wake county may, he said, need the convention to strengthen their Democratic record. Mecklenburg is already hard and fast Democratic. In conclusion he said, "Come to Charlotte if you will and we will be very glad to have you; if you prefer to go elsewhere, go where you will and where you go we will go also."

The most difficult matter before the committee was that of action as to a Senatorial primary requested by the four candidates for the United States Senate. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, offered a resolution recommending in compliance with the request of the candidates for the Senate that the State convention call a primary to be held on November 5th, general election day, and a second primary, if necessary, on November 19th, when the two highest should enter, only those voting the Democratic ticket at this general election to participate.

Mr. Bell, of Charlotte, offered a substitute that would only recommend the primary without stating the time. He opposed general election day as a time. E. L. Travis offered a substitute that would make the executive committee order the primary and prescribe the preferential plan. He insisted that if the question of a primary was not settled by the committee at this time it would necessitate the candidates for the United States Senate going into the counties and making fights as to the nominations of legislators as there was a question as to whether in the end the primaries would be ordered by the State convention.

There was a long argument and a sharp contest in which the Travis substitute was lost 17 to 39. The Bell substitute was lost 7 to 49, and then the McLean resolution passed 40 to 14. Thereafter, however, Mr. Travis procured the reconsideration of this vote and the amendment of the resolutions so that the State Executive Committee at the time orders the Senatorial primary instead of recommending this to the State convention and provides that the new State Executive Committee shall at its first meeting after the State convention make detail rules and regulations for holding the primary.

The committee adopted a resolution empowering the executive committee of any of the Congressional districts to order Congressional primaries at their discretion to be governed as nearly as possible by the primary regulations in the plan of organization.

This action resulted from a request for authority to hold primaries in the Sixth district. Major E. J. Hale presented the matter to the committee. The committee was in session until 12:30 o'clock.

FOR TWO BATTLESHIPS

Democrats Will Have Caucus to Reconsider Appropriation Washington, March 20.—By order of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, Representative Padgett, of Tennessee, the chairman, today circulated a petition among the Democratic members for a caucus to reconsider the action taken several weeks ago declaring against any appropriation for battleships this year. He was soon assured of enough signatures to demand a call for a caucus, which probably will be held Monday night. The Naval Committee now stands 11 to 19 in favor of an appropriation for two new battleships. When the Democrats met in caucus on the question of eliminating a public building bill for the sake of economy, those who opposed the economy plan amended the motion to include appropriations for the battleships. Many Democrats later regretted their votes against the battleships.

The Naval Affairs Committee is now ready to go over the naval appropriation bill for the fiscal year and it does not want to take final action on the battleship question until the caucus has met and reconsidered the matter. While many Democrats favor two battleships, others will urge an appropriation for only one this year.

ROOSEVELT FIRES THE OPENING GUN

Launches Campaign With Speech On "The Right of The People to Rule"

Taft's Criticism Answered

The Colonel Contrasted His Position With That Taken by the President—Vast Crowd Overflowed the Building.

New York, March 20.—In the first speech of his campaign for the Presidential nomination Col. Roosevelt tonight contrasted his position with that taken by President Taft. The real issue, he said, was whether the American people should govern themselves.

Col. Roosevelt's speech was delivered before a crowd which filled Carnegie Hall. So many persons were there that an overflow meeting was held in a smaller hall within the same building. Col. Roosevelt was received with marked enthusiasm.

President Taft's recent speech at Toledo was referred to several times by Col. Roosevelt, who devoted a large part of his remarks to a reply.

"The great fundamental issue now before the Republican party and before our people can be stated briefly. It is, are the American people fit to govern themselves, to rule themselves, to control themselves? I believe they are. My opponents do not."

With these words Theodore Roosevelt tonight opened the first speech he has delivered since the public announcement of his willingness to accept the Republican nomination for President. His subject was "The Right of The People to Rule."

After his opening declaration Col. Roosevelt continued:

"I believe in the right of the people to rule. I believe that the majority of the plain people of the United States will say in and day out, make fewer mistakes in governing themselves than any smaller class or body of men, no matter what their training, will make in trying to govern them. I believe, again, that the American people as a whole, capable of self-control and of learning by their mistakes. Our opponents pay lip-service to this doctrine; but they show their real beliefs by the way in which they champion every device to make them masters of the people."

"I have scant patience with this talk of the tyranny of the majority. Whenever there is tyranny of the majority, I shall protest against it with all my heart and soul. But we are today suffering from the tyranny of minorities. It is a small minority that grabs our water power, and our harbor fronts. It is a small minority that is behind the present law of master and servant, the sweat-shops, and the whole calendar of social and industrial injustice. It is a small minority that is today using our convention system to defeat the will of a majority of the people in the choice of delegates to the Chicago convention."

"No sane man who has been familiar with the government of this country for the last 20 years will complain that we have had too much of the rule of the majority. The trouble has been a far different one—that, at many times and in many localities, there have held public office in the States and in the Nation men who have, in fact, served not the whole people, but some special class or special interest."

"To further the rule of the majority," continued the speaker, "the Progressives of the Republican party have formulated certain proposals for change in the form of the State government—certain 'checks and balances' which may check and balance the special interests and their allies."

"There are the 'initiative and referendum' which are so framed that if the Legislatures obey the command of some special interest, and obstinately refuse the will of the majority, the majority may step in and legislate directly."

"The real one, is the direct primary—the real one, is the direct primary—and that, too, the Progressives offer as a check on the special interests. Most clearly of all does it seem to me that this change is wholly good—"

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ATTORNEYS FIGHT IN PACKED COURT

The Trial of Annie Crawford at New Orleans Ended in a Near Riot.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS HIT

Defense Expert Severely Beaten by the District Attorney's Brother. Renewal of Court Room Quarrel.

New Orleans, Mich. 20.—The trial today of Annie Crawford, charged with the murder of her sister Elsie, ended in a near riot in the packed court room when Lionel Adams, of counsel for the defense, struck District Attorney St. Clair Adams in the face, after the renewal of a court room quarrel between the two attorneys earlier in the afternoon. Dr. Gustave Mann, a defense expert, moved towards the district attorney and was set upon and severely beaten by Sturges Adams, brother of the district attorney, who was a spectator in the court room.

All four of the participants were placed under arrest, charged with fighting and disturbing the peace, and later were released on bond.

During the fight one woman is said to have fainted. The Crawford woman was shoved and tossed about in the melee and several men who stood upon benches were struck and slightly hurt by the blast of an electric fan with which their heads came in contact.

The quarrel, which led up to the fight, came when Lionel Adams, who is not related to the district attorney, also began to question Dr. Charles D. Duval, medical expert for the State, who was being examined by Joseph Generally, of the defense. District Attorney Adams asked the court to enforce the rule that only one attorney at a time may examine a witness.

"I do not care to be lectured by you," said Lionel Adams, turning to the district attorney, "if you don't like what I've said we can settle it outside."

When court adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, District Attorney Adams, smiling, walked over to Lionel Adams.

"If you are looking for trouble," said Lionel Adams, "I'll have to send my friends to you, I guess."

"Do you mean to say that you wish to fight a duel with me?" asked the district attorney, who is the brother-in-law of the district attorney.

Lionel Adams then struck the district attorney, who struck back. The doctor was believed to have been severely injured. The trial was adjourned until Thursday. The Government expressed the opinion that justice would be done in Carroll county.

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OUTLINES

Yesterday's trial of Annie Crawford, charged with the murder of her sister, ended in a near riot when attorneys in the case engaged in a fight.

Forty miners were killed and little hope is held out for 47 others entombed in a mine of the Sanbols Coal Co., at McClure, Okla., by an explosion yesterday.

Wage discussions between coal operators and miners' representatives yesterday were without any definite results and a suspension of work seems unavoidable.

The detectives who were hurriedly summoned to the supposed hiding place of the Allen gang near Floyd Allen's home failed to find any trace of the court murderers yesterday.

Theodore Roosevelt made the opening speech of his campaign to a large crowd in New York last night. He spoke on "The Right of The People to Rule," and answered some of the criticisms of Taft.

Misses Lora and Marion Little and a two-year-old child were killed yesterday and several others injured when the two-story building occupied by the Parsons Drug Co., at Wadesboro, collapsed.

THE POSSE FAILED TO FIND OUTLAWS

Detectives Summoned to Their Hiding Place Return Emptyhanded

ANOTHER VICTIM IS DYING

On Seventh Day Since Virginia Tragedy Search for Allens Proves Fruitless—Detectives Not Disheartened.

Hillsville, Va., Mich. 20.—With the search for the Allen gang fruitless on the eve of the seventh day since the Court House tragedy it seems probable tonight that the death list soon may be increased to six before morning. Andrew P. Howlett, who was shot in the back, is likely not to live through the night. He was trying to protect his wife from the shower of lead which killed the judge, prosecutor, sheriff and two others, and set the countryside into such a state of excitement as it had never known. The ball cut through his body, coming out above the chest.

Detectives who were hurriedly summoned by messenger yesterday to the supposed hiding place of the Allen gang had not returned from their mountain quest at nightfall. With almost a week elapsed since the shooting up of the court, not a single authentic report has reached here of the movements of any of the outlaws who have spread terror throughout the countryside for more than a generation. It is believed that there are a dozen of the Allens and their henchmen in the band somewhere in the mountain fastnesses hereabouts, and although many of the men in the posse are trained detectives and are leading mountaineers accustomed to the country and to mountain skirmishing, the law of Carroll county has thus far been powerless to brook the situation.

But the detectives and their followers are not disheartened. It is believed that the search will be successful. The posse will continue until the last of the Allen clan is killed or captured.

Persons otherwise unemployed have busied themselves counting bullet holes in the court room which a week ago was the scene of the massacre. Upwards of 200 have been found and the wonder is that more persons were not killed by the fusillade. On account of the short range most of the bullets lodged in the walls after piercing the heads of the victims. Twenty-seven of the bullets fired hit those killed and wounded. Governor Mann today sent letters to Court Clerk Dexter Goad and his daughter, Jerebel, commending them for their bravery in the court room last Thursday. The Governor expressed the opinion that justice would be done in Carroll county.

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Thinks Outlaws Will Be Taken Raleigh, N. C., March 20.—Sheriff C. F. Haynes, of Surry county, of which Mount Airy is the county seat, is here for the State Democratic Executive Committee meeting and talks interestingly of the search that is being made in his section and across the Carroll county line for the Allens who started the whole country a few days ago with their shooting up of the Carroll county court. Sheriff Haynes says he is confident that the outlaws will be taken. He has a number of deputies in the search for the fugitives. He talks interestingly of the Allens and their escapades in the past. He laughs about newspaper references a few days ago to the arrival of the officers at "the cabin of Sydna Allen" in the mountain coves and says that there is not a band-some residence in that whole section of the country. It is a fine old place with all modern improvements including hardwood floors, gas lights and a water plant. Sydna Allen went to the Klondyke a number of years ago and came back with a considerable fortune. He says different members of the Allen family and their kin have violated the laws of Virginia and North Carolina frequently and that there has always been a spirit of insubordination to the law and resentment of any treatment unjustly accorded to prisoners. He believes this terrible tragedy will completely stamp out this condition of things in that whole country.

Mistaken Identity. Winston-Salem, N. C., Mich. 20.—Two men, said to answer the descriptions of Fred Allen and Wesley Edwards, members of the Allen clan, and who were seen walking toward Pilot Mountain, were arrested at that place today. They proved to be two Winston-Salem boys walking to their homes. One was the son of Police-man Swain, of Salem.

FORTY MEN WERE KILLED IN MINE

Forty-Seven Others Entombed as a Result of an Explosion

HOPE HAS BEEN ABANDONED

Government Experts Say There is No Possible Chance That They Are Alive—Seventy-five Coffins Ordered

McCurtain, Okla., March 20.—One hundred and five lives is accepted tonight as an approximately correct estimate of the human toll taken this morning when Mine No. 2 of the Sanbols Coal Company here was wrecked by an explosion. Of 116 men of the day shift only 11 are known to be alive, while the others are entombed behind the debris. In the opinion of government experts and mine officials they are dead and a special train which brought physicians and nurses from Fort Smith, Ark., today returned tonight. Five physicians remained with the faint hope that some of the imprisoned men might be found alive. Among those unaccounted for are a surveying party headed by W. D. Roper, of Clio, S. C. Forty-three Americans were employed in the mine.

Fort Smith, Ark., March 20.—Forty miners are known to have been killed as the result of an explosion in Mine No. 2 of the Sanbols Coal Company, at McCurtain, Okla., 37 miles west of here, today and practically all hope that 47 others entombed in the mine are alive, has been abandoned. "Thirteen of the miners escaped shortly after the explosion occurred. Several, however, are so badly injured that their recovery is not thought possible."

A systematic search of the wrecked mine began early this morning under the direction of government experts and up to 9 o'clock five bodies had been recovered and 25 others located. At that hour the rescuers had reached the 11 level but here their progress was retarded by a mass of coal, earth and twisted timbers.

The explosion occurred shortly after 9 o'clock this morning and according to an official statement from the offices of the Fort Smith & Western Railway Company, owners of the property, about 100 men were employed in the mine. Whether gas or coal dust caused the explosion has not been determined.

Eight of the men who escaped alive were at work in the mule stables and made their way to the surface through the mine. At least three of them injured. The first party of volunteers to enter the mine at noon found their progress blocked by wreckage at the first entrance.

After their first survey of the wreckage mine government experts expressed the opinion tonight that all of the men imprisoned are dead and 75 coffins were ordered shipped to the grief-stricken mining company.

Mayor Bourland, of Fort Smith, has issued an appeal for aid for the families of the victims.

"Forty-three of the entombed men are Americans and three are members of a surveying party."

INDIANA FOR MARSHALL

District Conventions Favor Candidacy of the Governor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mich. 20.—In district conventions in this city tonight Indiana Democrats elected delegates to the National Convention. The delegates were not instructed, but in statements issued today Bernard Kirby, chairman of the State committee, and other party leaders said the State convention tomorrow would adopt a resolution without opposition instructing the Indiana delegates to vote for Governor Thomas R. Marshall for the Presidential nomination. The State committee already has endorsed his candidacy.

Four delegates at large to the National convention and all State tickets are to be chosen at tomorrow's convention.

MRS. TAFT FELL DOWN

Wife of President Met With Slight Accident

New York, March 20.—Mrs. Taft, wife of President Taft, turned and she was alighting from a wheeled chair at the Woman's Industrial Exhibition in the Grand Central Palace this afternoon and fell to the floor. She was not injured and later was able to attend the matinee performance at a theatre. The report that Mrs. Taft had been badly hurt spread rapidly, but inquirers were speedily reassured. President Taft called on the long distance telephone when he arrived in Washington and was informed that Mrs. Taft had merely stepped on her dress and fallen but had not been hurt.

At Gaylord's. All the new style hats for this season at Gaylord's opening today.

THREE ARE KILLED AT WADESBORO

Brick Building of Parsons Drug Company Collapses Under Repairs

TWO LADIES AND A CHILD

Misses Lora and Marion Little and Child of Dr. Covington—Prominent People of Section and State—The Tragedy

Wadesboro, N. C., March 20.—The two-story brick building, occupied by the Parsons Drug Company of this place, collapsed at 7 o'clock this morning, killing two young ladies and a two-year-old child besides injuring several others.

The dead are: Misses Lora and Marion Little, daughters of John J. Little, a well-known citizen of Wadesboro, and Virginia May, the two-year-old daughter of Dr. J. M. Covington, Jr.

The injured include Mrs. J. M. Covington, Sr., who has a shoulder broken and three or four employees of the drug store, though their injuries are not serious. The building was one of the oldest in Wadesboro. It was located on the Court House square.

The Misses Little were sitting at a table partaking of drinks from the fountain, when the crash came; they were crushed to death. Their ages were 20 and 22 years. The daughter of Dr. Covington was struck and killed by a falling piece of timber. The mother and grandmother of the little girl had gone into the drug store to make purchases. Mrs. Covington, Jr., escaped injury. Workmen were lowering the first floor of the drug store to a level with the sidewalk and in making the excavations they undermined the foundation wall. The men at work were making excavations for a new building when the walls giving way and managed to get out just in time to avoid injury, if not death.

Details of Tragedy. Wadesboro, N. C., March 20.—The Ansonian published this afternoon gives the details of the sad tragedy as follows:

At 11 o'clock this morning the walls of the Parsons Drug Co.'s store, a two-story brick structure standing on the public square of this city, crashed with a loud noise and buried a number of men and women beneath the ruins, killing at least three of them in the street. The dead are little Virginia May Covington, oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Covington, Jr.; Miss Marion and Miss Lora Little, youngest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Little, all of Wadesboro.

Mrs. J. M. Covington and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. M. Covington, Jr., and little Virginia May, and Mrs. L. D. Robinson were seated at a table in the corner of the store, with the Misses Little, when the crash came. When the bystanders realized what had happened they tried to make excavations for their own lives and succeeded in bringing out the two Mrs. Covingtons and Mrs. Robinson. The little girl was found pinned beneath the heavy timbers dead. No trace of the Misses Little was found until a great part of the debris had been cleared away. During the time men worked like demons and in an hour the body of Miss Lora was found. It was several hours later before the body of Miss Marion was located and taken from the ruins.

A force of hands were at work under the building, making excavations for the purpose of remodeling the store. Mr. Dock Cranford, who has charge of these, noticed that the walls were cracking and told someone about the store that they were unsafe. Mr. Harry Covington, one of the clerks, had phoned Mr. Dock Cranford to get a tractor to take the walls had been declared unsafe before the crash came. Mr. Cranford had gone out to take another look, when he noticed that they were falling. He called to those inside, but it was too late.

All of the employees of the store managed to escape through the closing doors and windows except Mr. John Willie Mills. He was upstairs and fell in among the ruins, but managed to crawl out with only a few minor injuries. Nearly everyone of the men employed in the store have their faces cut and bruised, but none are fatally injured.

It is a miracle how anyone in the building escaped. The clerks were all busy, running to and fro and there were a number of customers in different parts of the store. Mr. C. W. Beverly heard the crash, caught the corner of the store, and escaped through the door. He was near the prescription desk and went out the back door a moment before it closed, receiving only a few injuries caused by falling timbers. Mr. Fred Parsons, a leading stockholder, was near the center of the building and managed to crawl out through the window. His head was cut by timbers and he is bruised about the body, but is able to help in the rescue work. The bookkeeper, Mr. Roy Pratt, was near the back door and escaped without injury.

A number of men were standing on the sidewalks about the fatal building, but ran off when Mr. Rea and Mr. Cranford warned them to get away. Mr. Rea first noticed that the sidewalks were cracking and gave the alarm, but before those in the store