

The Weather

Local showers probably Friday and Saturday.

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CANDIDATES' JOINT DEBATE CANCELLED BY THEIR CONSENT

Accidental Meeting At Jonesboro Restores Happy Harmony.

CANDIDATES CHEERED WHEN DECISION MADE

Governor Bickett Meets With Managers Of The Two Rivals.

Jonesboro, June 24.—During an accidental meeting here this afternoon between the democratic gubernatorial candidates...

Mr. Gardner was about to leave in a machine when Mr. Morrison's party arrived in the center of the town.

After a short talk the candidates agreed that it would serve to disrupt party harmony...

The men agreed that as both are seeking for the nomination on democratic principles...

Again shaking hands the men pledged their friendship and agreed that the loser would heartily support the winner in the general election.

The candidates then signed the following telegram which was despatched to their respective managers in Raleigh.

'Hon. Heriot Clarkson and Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh, N. C.: We give you in deference to the apparent sentiment of the people of the state...

Governor Bickett who vigorously opposed the joint discussion on the ground that it would serve to disrupt party harmony...

CAPTAIN MEARES BACK FROM RALEIGH MEETING

Attended Convention Of Municipal Association.

Capt. Thomas D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer of public health service...

The association was reorganized at this meeting. Gallatin Roberts, of Asheville, being chosen president...

Resolutions urging the amending of the re-valuation and municipal finance acts were also adopted.

CHLORINE GAS ESCAPES; MANY LIVES ENDANGERED

New York, June 24.—Thousands of persons living on the east side spent a sleepless night on the stoops of their homes...

Attention was first attracted to the smoking carboxy when scores of people were crowded into the streets coughing and sneezing.

Firemen visited all tenement houses in the district, but no one was found to be seriously affected by the vapor which was blowing throughout the night and today.

WAR ON RATS HAS BEGUN IN GALVESTON

Galveston, June 24.—With the aid of half a score of public health service men the mobilization of forces for a vigorous campaign of rat-extirpation in the fight against the bubonic plague got well under way here today.

It was estimated that \$150,000 of which \$50,000 was appropriated by the city has been set. One thousand rat traps have been ordered from New Orleans and 8,000 have been ordered from various other cities.

DANCE AT YACHT CLUB

The first dance of the season at the Carolina Yacht club at Wrightsville beach last night proved a great success...

LONDONDERRY CALM AFTER A WEEK OF LAWLESS WARFARE

Police Casualty List Shows Seventeen Dead And Nineteen Wounded.

Londonderry, June 24.—Since midday there has been virtually no firing by the unionist and nationalist forces...

No attempt has yet been made to resume business, however, and the streets are still deserted, the people keeping indoors.

At a meeting today of the magistrates, General Campbell gave the assurance that the government would provide sufficient troops for the protection of the law-abiding citizens of Londonderry.

The statement says that five persons were killed and ten wounded last Saturday; that two were killed and four wounded Monday; three killed and one wounded Tuesday; three killed and one wounded Wednesday, and four killed Thursday.

A ten-year-old boy was shot today while he was looking from a window. This morning the body of Patrick Plunkett, a commercial traveler and well known in Belfast as a cricketer...

The looting last night was more extensive than ever. Numerous cases were reported of armed and masked men calling at the homes of unionists and nationalists and giving them a couple of hours in which to clear out.

An English soldier who went through the war describing his experiences in Londonderry today said he had seen nothing in France to compare with the situation in Londonderry. Bullets, he said, were flying from all sides wherever he went and it was marvelous that so few lives were lost.

An attack by a mob on the gas works last night was frustrated by the military police and the presence of the plant. Several parts of the city were without food today.

PUBLIC HEALTH MEN GATHER IN CITY TODAY

Conferences To Be Held At Marine Hospital.

Numerous experiments conducted at the local marine hospital during the past year, along with experiments undertaken at other similar institutions, will be discussed at a conference of public health officials attending the annual meeting of the field investigating department of the service, to be held at the hospital today.

Dr. C. W. Stiles, of this city, is chairman of the board and the other members are: Prof. Earl B. Phelps, of New York; secretary, Surgeon L. L. Lumsden, Washington, D. C.; Prof. Edwin Jordan, University of Chicago; Prof. Victor Vaughan, University of Michigan; and Prof. Whipple, Harvard university; and Dr. W. S. Rankin, of Raleigh.

Other persons to attend are: Senior Surgeon G. W. McCoy, director of the hygienic laboratory, Washington, D. C.; Associate Sanitary Engineer H. H. Croust, of this city, and Sanitarian Clifford P. Jan, of this city.

NOT TO TAKE CHARGES OF FRAUD TO COURTS

Ricaud May Drop Claim Of Election Irregularities.

Judge Addison G. Ricaud does not contemplate taking his allegations of irregularities in the recent democratic judicial primary in Columbus and Brunswick counties into the courts.

Mr. Ricaud said last night that as the state board of elections has already announced its decision in the matter, he does not contemplate carrying the charges further.

Charges of irregularities in the judicial and congressional primaries in the two counties mentioned were raised jointly by Mr. Ricaud and Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin.

SOLDIER'S BODY TO BE SENT BACK HOME

State Attorney General's Son Shipped From Brest.

Washington, D. C., June 24.—The remains of Lieut. Frederick Manning, son of Attorney General James S. Manning, of Durham, were shipped from Brest, June 24, and will arrive at New York about July 15th.

The body of the soldier will be carried to the home of his parents in Durham for burial. General Manning had several sons in the service.

PREACHING AT ACME SUNDAY

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Rev. J. J. Murray, the evangelist for Wilmington Presbytery, and superintendent of home missions, will preach at Acme.

The Rev. J. S. Crowley will preach at the evening service at 8 o'clock. A most cordial invitation is given to everybody to attend all these services.

HAIL STORM CAUSES FOUR MILLION LOSS

Kinston, June 24.—Reports of damage from last evening's hail storm poured in today from many Lenoir county farms. Investigators here said indications were that the damage in Wayne and Pitt counties and a small section of Greene, would probably equal that in Lenoir, making a total for the four counties of not less than \$4,000,000.

It was the most disastrous storm this part of the state has ever seen. Crops bearing maturity on thousands of acres in the most progressive sections of the four counties were cleared on every corn stalk. On a single plantation more than 700 acres of well developed tobacco, cotton and corn were obliterated.

Many of the losers were the tenants. Three of the townships in Lenoir were devastated by the hail, which fell for 15 minutes in some places and 30 minutes in others. The wind was terrific and the rain a deluge. It will be many hours before all the farms can be canvassed for individual losses, but scores have been listed today on having lost their entire crops.

A shift in the storm caused a few plantations to be side-swiped. No reports have been received of the loss of life.

MANY OPPOSE VOLSTEAD ACT

Bryan Told of Present Conditions by Wire

New Orleans, June 24.—Vigorous protest against the Volstead prohibition enforcement law was voiced here tonight in a telegram sent by Arsene Ferrillat, president of the Louisiana Liberty league, to William J. Bryan, at San Francisco.

Copies of the telegram were also sent to the chairman and members of the platform committee at the democratic national convention.

The Louisiana Liberty league is headed by the leading business men of New Orleans and claims to have a membership of nearly 17,000 members throughout the state. The telegram read in part:

'We are glad the saloons have been closed but in denying us the beverages which are so necessary to our health and in our homes to which, during many generations, our families have been accustomed, your school of class control has done us a very great detriment.'

'We as voters will be in sympathy with any democratic platform which will ignore our demands for the modification of the Volstead law. It is an undeniable fact that millions of once law-abiding citizens have become law violators and are being encouraged by the sale and distribution of harmful liquor.'

'Modification restoring personal liberty in the importation, manufacture, purchase and use of wine and beer is, we believe, the only national-wide practice of law violations.'

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD BOY TO GO TO DEATH CHAIR

Verdict Of Guilty Rendered For John McHenry, Murderer.

Washington, June 24.—John McHenry, former New London, Conn., youth, was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury in criminal court here today.

The victim, James E. Armstrong, detective sergeant, in the union station here last December. The verdict, which carries with it the death penalty, was returned within an hour and a quarter after the jury had heard the testimony.

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RALEIGH STRIKERS RESORT TO TENTS

Determined To Fight Cotton Mills In Ejectment Case.

Raleigh, June 24.—Families of twenty-three of the 15 striking union cotton mill employees of the Raleigh cotton mills today are prepared to move into tents erected on property belonging to one of their number, abandoning the company's houses as soon as ejectment papers are served.

In a hearing before a justice of the peace the Raleigh Cotton Mills company won its ejectment suit and tenants were required to put up bonds of \$500 pending appeal from the judgment of the court. They refused to put up the bond and with their tents erected are awaiting ejectment, which was expected today.

MURDER CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST NEGROES

Redding Said To Have Confessed As Being Instigator.

Chicago, June 24.—Charges of murder today were placed against five negroes in connection with the South Side riot last Sunday night, in which two white men, one an American sailor, lost their lives and several persons were injured.

One of those charged with murder is Grover C. Redding, who, according to the police, has confessed that he was the instigator of the riot and the man who set fire to an American flag, thus starting the trouble.

REED WANTS FIGHT FOR FULL RECOGNITION

Lead Fight For Full Enforcement Of Volstead Act.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERS SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Vice-President Marshall Not A Candidate For Any Office.

San Francisco, June 24.—Members of the national committee which meets tomorrow afternoon to complete the temporary roll of delegates to the democratic convention, anticipate a lively time if Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, tries to have himself placed on the list. The Missouri senator, who is a bitter opponent of the league constitution covenant and who has opposed many administration measures in the senate, arrived here late today to fight his own battle for recognition as a delegate.

Although Reed claims to have been elected a delegate from the fifth Missouri district, his name does not appear on the list of delegates made up by the secretary of the national committee for submission to the committee tomorrow.

The Missouri state convention some time ago rejected the selection of Reed as a delegate by the fifth district democrats. According to the records of the national committee the fifth district did not select a delegate to the state convention during the life of the state convention, but re-elected him at a subsequent meeting.

According to Legislative Secretary Hallock, national committee, it is claimed Reed's re-election was illegal and for that reason his name was not placed on the temporary roll for approval by the national committee.

It was also said by Mr. Hollister that James T. Brown, of Kansas City, an alternate, would be recognized as a Senator Reed substitute. The other regular delegate from the fifth district is Jos. E. Shannon, Kansas City.

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Glass Platform Criticised By Mark Sullivan

League Will Be Indorsed Without Reservation, Correspondent Declares—Condemns "Virginia Platform."

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

San Francisco, Cal., June 24.—Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, is here now, and we all understand he is slated to be chairman of the committee of resolutions, which writes the platform.

He is an admirable choice for this very important post being markedly a man of conscience and strict intellectual integrity. Mr. Glass brought a model platform with him. His model is what has come to have a kind of institutional prestige under the slogan of "Virginia Platform." It is the platform of the recent Virginia state convention and it derives its vogue largely from the fact that it received so many evidences of approval at the white platform house. He says with pride that he is responsible for every word of it. Since it is likely to cut so much figure here, your correspondent has been at some pains to give a thorough analysis of the Virginia platform. It took some pains. The sentiments are all right, if you happen to believe in that kind of sentiment, but from the point of view of length and circumlocution, and especially from the point of view of excessive verbal ornamentation, your correspondent ventures to hope and expect that the Virginia platform will undergo some condensation and some improvement in the direction of brevity before it turns up as the national platform of the democratic party. The Virginia platform is of the 1880 torch-light procession and "Starry Banner" period of political controversy. It "acclaims" the President in one paragraph, "commends" him and another "endorses" him in a third, "congratulates" him in a fourth, and repeats the sprits of indiscriminate adulation in all. Old-fashioned phrases like "incomparable statesman," "being a spirit" and "person" partisan envy and personal hatred" and "masterly leadership" stick out on every page. But, of course, it isn't the verbal ornamentation of the Virginia platform that gives it the prominence it enjoys here. By the "Virginia platform" as it figures here really means merely that part of the Virginia platform which endorses the league of nations. The essential league of nations endorsement of the Virginia platform, as I have already pointed out, is that it advocates prompt ratification of the treaty, without reservations which would impair its essential integrity.

It is your correspondent's expectation that the spirit of endorsement of the league of nations will be adopted here. There was at one time much opposition among some democrats to such a generous endorsement of the league, but since the republican contention of the sprits and of practically all democrats has changed. Since the republicans took a position which nearly everybody now interprets as strong opposition to ratification, the democratic spirit has shifted upon taking a position of direct endorsement to the republicans. It is still possible that there might be some difference of opinion in the resolutions committee, but probably no more than to change the wording of the endorsement slightly. Bryan is expected to have a plank of his own on the league, but the prevailing sentiment here is decidedly in the direction of a generous endorsement of the sprits, and of practically unrestrained advocacy of the adoption of the treaty. As to the other parts of the platform to be adopted here there will be little resemblance to Senator Glass' Virginia platform. For example, the resolution on prohibition contains no reference to prohibition and it is expected that this one will say that it is expected that the national platform will say something about prohibition, either pro or con. But on that point also, there are indications of looking to harmony. This part of the platform however, will be treated by your correspondent in a separate dispatch. Bryan hasn't arrived yet, and no one can write as deftly as to what this convention is going to do about those until he has first talked with Bryan.

The Nebraska is generally regarded as the worst marshal of the bone-dry element, and the only one who is a supreme commander of associated states opposed to President Wilson's views.

Supporters of proposals to modify the Volstead enforcement act are claiming that the Volstead act is a proposition, but up to date Senator Glass has not indicated what views Mr. Wilson may have expressed in this regard. Mr. Bryan has already disclosed his views on the enforcement of the act. He is understood to favor putting the party on record for rigid enforcement of prohibition to the full limit of the Volstead measure. Between this suggestion and the support of Senator Owen of Oklahoma, for a presidential aspirant to reach the scene, and that of the enforcement modification advocates, the gulf is so wide that the possibility of compromise is visibly nil. The platform is based on an agreement to follow the platform of the Virginia democrats and ignore prohibition.

The bone-dry has a working majority on the committee. That is admitted by its opponents. They also are credited with a slight majority in the convention itself.

Officials of the democratic committee are considering today the nature of the declaration of intention which they would like to see incorporated in the party platform. There have been several consultations with suffrage leaders here and members of the committee say they desire to do everything to complete ratification of the amendments and that it is now only a question of what means should be adopted. That the convention will take some sort of a stand for ratification is a foregone conclusion.

Suffrage leaders were enheartened today by the news that Governor Roberts of Tennessee, was planning to call a session of the legislature to act on the suffrage amendment. They predicted that it aid the democratic campaign throughout the country.

A new feature for political conventions was introduced today when a nomination lightning rod was jointly erected for Secretary Meredith and former Ambassador Gerard. It took the shape of headquarters at a local hotel presided over by I. T. Jones of Des Moines. Meredith workers are establishing in a connecting room on one side of the central office and Gerard supporters similarly placed on the other side, thus starting the trouble.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former president, has an engagement to confer with Mr. Harding tomorrow. Among those who saw the candidate today were Senator Fletcher, democrat, of Florida, and T. C. Atkeson, a Washington representative of the National Garage.

STRIKE FAILS

Berne, June 24.—The railway strike in Upper Italy has ended with complete failure of the strikers. The men are resuming work unconditionally and regular traffic is expected tomorrow morning.

M'ADOO BOOM SEEMS TO THRIVE DESPITE HIS FROSTY ATTITUDE

BOARD DECISION ON WAGES MAY BE MADE NEXT WEEK

President Wilson Assured Railway Award Would Be Expedited.

Chicago, June 24.—The railway labor board may hand down its decision, fixing a new wage scale for all classes of railroad workers next week. No date can be set definitely, however, according to Judge R. M. Barton, chairman of the board, as reconsideration of the assembled decisions may delay the final award for a week or more.

Judge Barton denied reports that the board faced a deadlock because of the widely divergent opinions of the members representing the roads and men.

Publication today in Washington of the text of President Wilson's message asking the board to expedite the award cleared up the mystery which had surrounded the telegram, receipt of which had been denied by the members of the board.

Judge Barton declined to make public his answer to the message but he would be glad to have the President do so.

The request embodied in the President's message that, if a complete award could not be made at this time, a "partial settlement" be announced, could not be acted on, Judge Barton said, as the hundred or more separate schedules are all related and it may be necessary to revise awards tentatively decided on when all the figures are compiled.

There is looking toward settlement of the series of sporadic railway strikes will be taken here tomorrow. Heads of all the organized unions will meet here for a conference, at which the strike situation will be discussed and also will endeavor to learn more definitely when the railway board's decision will be announced.

Tomorrow night the Chicago Yardsmen's association and the United Engineers' association, representing organizations of railway vacationists, as the strikers term themselves, will hold a mass meeting to lay before the public the true situation and just what means have been employed to bring the strike to a close.

Washington, June 24.—Assurances that the railroad labor board would expedite its award in the railroad wage controversy were received today by President Wilson.

The board's message to the President was in reply to an inquiry by the executive as to the possibility of hastening the award of announcing a tentative partial settlement of the board had not been made public at the white house tonight, but it was understood to set forth that some delay must occur in a matter in which there are so many conflicting interests, so many classes of workers to be considered and so much evidence, both oral and written, to be reviewed.

While hopeful that the text of the board's reply would be made public, the hotel in front of the Potomac river from Washington, resulted in the placing of temporary embargoes on all freight passing through the yards which handled freight in the eastern portion of the country. It was announced tonight, however, that the full night crew reported for work. Yard officials estimated that there were 600 carloads of freight in the yards, 90 per cent of which is billed for cities other than Washington.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR NEW TRINITY CHURCH

O. G. Gulley, Of Wilmington, Lands Job—Work Begun.

Contract for the construction of the new Trinity Methodist church, at Fourteenth and Market streets, was let to the architects of this city, O. G. Gulley, a local contractor.

Contractor Gulley has commenced work on the new edifice and construction is to be pushed to completion. The church is to cost \$100,000.

Under the supervision of L. N. Boney, engineer and architect at the office of Wilkins & Co., plans for a \$600,000 hotel to be erected in Florence in the near future, have just been completed.

The hotel in the South Carolina city is to have 188 rooms and is to be modern in every respect. It will be constructed of terra cotta tile and brick.

Money for the construction of the hotel in Florence was raised by popular subscription as has been the money for the new hotel this city is soon to have.

RYAN WILL TAKE HIS CASE INTO COURTS

New York, June 24.—Expelled today from the New York stock exchange, Allan A. Ryan principal figure in the alleged Stutz motor carner last March tonight announced he would carry on his case to the courts and "stand or fall on the case as the public has it."

The statement was interpreted as confirming reports in Wall street that Mr. Ryan who has denounced the exchange investigation as a "stay chamber proceeding" would bring \$10,000,000 against the exchange and some of its officers.

Neighboring considerations, it was stated, would result in his selection.

Platform Holds Its Place as Principal Topic for Discussion. VERY UNCERTAIN

Protest by Chairman Cummings Against Hotel Lobby Slander.

San Francisco, June 24.—More and more elements of uncertainty appeared in the line-up of the democratic national convention as the leaders of first magnitude arrived in increasing numbers and put their heads together over questions of policies and men.

For the time being the platform held its place as the big topic of cogitation and negotiation, with the problem of bone-dry prohibition, the chief material for controversy.

Talks with candidates in a moribund stage for a week, was reviewed precisely as the convention crowds gathered. Boosters for Palmer, Cox and a half dozen other aspirants became increasingly active among unstructured delegates. A whole horde of favorite sons and dark horses blossomed out with headquarters of their own.

Meantime the phantom McAdoo bones stalked around through hotel corridors and conference rooms hovering behind a trail of uncertainty and suspicion. Though publicly executed at the hands of Mr. McAdoo himself, the movement did not die. Perambulations were suggestive of a ghost, a ghost which turned up uninvited as the ghost at the council table of more than one candidate's manager.

On several questions of convention organization, too, the party chiefs were in a quandary. There were some ramblings of a fight against Senator Glass; the administration choice for chairman of platform committee, and the problem of choosing a permanent convention chairman got into a mass which threatened to upset seriously the plans of some administration supporters.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, who participated in the senate last March for ratification of the peace treaty with the republican reservations, promised to become the storm center of the organization fight. In some quarters he was regarded as the most likely choice for Glass for the head of the platform committee, though others thought he should have the permanent chairmanship instead. He had the backing of many of the national committees, but also by other powerful forces, more or less out of accord with some administration policies. The administration people have suggested Secretary Colby for the platform committee.

William Cummings and other national officials engaged in a talk of the merits of an anti-administration and protested vigorously against lobby gossip that the President was attempting to dictate in regard to the candidate.

Mr. Cummings, said that the President would not seek to communicate with any of the administration's supporters in regard to the candidates. He added, that there could be no restraint of the press, which in any communication they might desire to make to the white house, though he said the whole attitude of the chief executive had been to let the convention work out its own destiny.

Senator Walsh arrived last night from Washington as the commonly reputed spokesman of the convention, stated that the President would not seek to control the deliberations here. The senator also said that if he brought any word of white house interference between candidates it did not show up on the surface in today's conference.

Despite W. G. McAdoo's assertion that he would not be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, his name recurs very frequently in gossip in national convention circles. The McAdoo boom for the roots and wings of which the senate campaign investigating committee sought in vain, appears to thrive even against the frosty attitude of Mr. McAdoo himself. Its chief characteristic continues to be the same intangible quality that haunted the senatorial boom investigators.

On the surface the McAdoo supporters have accepted the dictum and publicly transferred their allegiance to the senator. There is something about their sincerity, however, that makes other democrats here wonder whether they will "stay put" in their new affiliations.