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Hiram Johnson Explains That Private Letter Was Obtained Surreptitiously

It Said He'd Like to Be President But Chance Was SLIM

PUBLISHER ACCUSED OF TOO MUCH ENTERPRISE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Publication of a letter written by Senator Hiram Johnson to a friend in California discussing the political outlook for 1924, impelled the senator to issue a statement tonight paying his respects to those who gave the letter to the public, and adding that he hoped the incident would "not be taken by the opposition as an invitation to a contest in California."

Apart from confidences, the statement said "the progressive Republicans of California are determined that the state's delegation to the Republican national convention next year, will be from a progressive republican state. The letter to whose publication the senator referred was written from Europe in May and was addressed to Chas. K. McClatchy, of Sacramento."

In it Mr. Johnson said he would like to be president, but saw no prospect that President Harding could be defeated for re-nomination. He added that he was convinced the Johnson element could not rally its old time strength in California, and doubted whether he could carry the state against Harding, Hoover or any other candidate."

Johnson Writes Statement. Tonight's statement was prefaced by Senator Johnson with a stipulation that he was giving it out for publication "on the express condition that it shall be published exactly as written and fully as written or not at all."

It was as follows: "The only importance of the publication of this letter is illustrative of the kind of political opposition we have in California, an opposition with no limitation of honor or decency as written."

"Last May, while I was in Europe, I wrote to a friend of mine, Chas. K. McClatchy of Sacramento, an intimate, personal letter. Mr. McClatchy sent excerpts and excerpts only of this letter in a letter of his own to Albert E. Merritt, of San Francisco, chairman of the Republican committee of California."

Publisher's Enterprise Scored. "Andy Lawrence, formerly of Chicago, is publishing a small paper in San Francisco called 'The Journal.' Lawrence is the chief supporter in northern California of Herbert Hoover, and devotes himself to mendacious abuse of me. Lawrence surreptitiously obtained letters from the files and private offices of Mr. Boynton and McClatchy to Boynton with excerpts from my letter and published McClatchy's letter in his paper. This is the letter now being circulated by him and published in this paper."

There are some things that must not come into the public domain, and that decent men and women cannot condone. The act of entering an opponents room or stealing his private property, or correspondence or receiving things thus appropriated. This is exactly (Continued on page 2)

What Anthracite Strike Involves

These last available figures show the magnitude of the Pennsylvania anthracite industry which will be tied up if a walkout is declared: Number of enterprises, 254; number of mines, collieries, etc., 374; location, Pennsylvania; loaded at mipples (1921 net tons), 77,981,110; sold to local trade and used by employees (net tons), 2,812,551; used at mines for steam and heat (net tons), 9,759,790; total value, \$452,305,000; average value per ton, \$47; number workers, 159,493; average number days worked, 271; net cost unutilized, 100; taxes, \$14,060,983; wages, \$210,289,473; average pay from \$4.20 (minimum pay rate) to \$5.50.

SLEMP'S SELECTION AS SECRETARY HAS SAD TALE ATTACHED

Now That He is Criticised, Blame is Being Passed by President

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Criticism of the President for the appointment of former representative, Campbell Bascom Slemm, of Virginia, to be his private secretary is getting under the thin-skins of some Republican leaders. Friends of Mr. Coolidge admit that it is not popular in spots. Those close of the new President want it understood that outsiders did the picking. The story of Mr. Slemm's selection as now revealed, is interesting. It turns that Representative Gillette, speaker of the House, Senator Curtis, whip of the Senate, and Secretary of the War Department were asked by President Coolidge to find a man, and they found the Virginian. It is emphatically denied that Mr. Slemm was selected to round up Southern delegates for the next Republican convention. But, nevertheless, Democrats believe that a far-seeing political eye directed the three old guard men who located Mr. Slemm.

WEATHER FORECAST BY STATE. Virginia: fair and somewhat warmer Friday; Saturday fair. North Carolina: showers Friday; Saturday fair and somewhat warmer. South Carolina: showers Friday; Saturday clearing; moderate temperature. Georgia: partly cloudy in north; showers in south portion Friday; Saturday fair; moderate temperature. Florida: local thunder showers Friday and Saturday.

Wilmington Needs Have No Fear of Threatened Coal Strike, Authorities Say

Dealers and Power Company Have Ample Stocks to Protect City

ANTHRACITE MINES ONLY GRAVE PROBLEM

People of Wilmington have no need to worry about any threatened coal strike in the United States. There is on hand, in local yards, enough coal today, and the supply of Wilmington up until January first, regardless of what action miners may take in their conferences with operators at this time. This assurance came yesterday in an interview with Raymond Hunt, general manager of the Tide Water Power company, and Daniel H. Penton, president of the Springer Coal company, of Wilmington.

The power company, one of the largest consumers of coal in eastern North Carolina, according to Mr. Hunt, has a supply of coal at their power house sufficient to last 60 days, and a supply at the gas plant sufficient to carry that institution throughout 90 days. Mr. Hunt also said that enough contracts were in hand with various mines to supply the Tide Water concern with coal throughout the entire winter, whether the anthracite miners struck or not.

Watching Coal Situation. "We have been watching the situation," Mr. Hunt told The Star, "and at no time have been lax in making proper preparations to meet any emergency. There are certain signs that the public is becoming anxious at this time, over the complexity of the situation in the coal fields, but there is nothing to be concerned over. The Tide Water Power company has provided for anything that might happen, and there is more coal in their bins at the present than has been the habit to carry on hand." From the side of the dealer, Mr. Penton, who has been studying the situation in the coal circles since the

M'ADOO IN DEMAND TO SPEAK IN STATE TO FAIR AUDIENCE AT FORT BRAGG CAMP

Durham Delegation Invited to Attend Exhibition as Orator

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—McAdoo is in demand to speak in North Carolina. Senator Simmons has just received letters from Secretary William T. Klyser, of the Kinston Fair association, and Joe H. Ruff, of Durham, for the Durham County fair, urging him to invite Mr. McAdoo. The Kinston County fair is October 9-12 and Durham county during the week of October 8. President Coolidge was invited to the Durham exhibition by a delegation that called on him today. A. W. McLean and some other North Carolina Democrats are to be invited. John G. Dawson, Democratic state chairman in North Carolina conferred today with Frank A. Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons.

Mr. Dawson was accompanied by his father and son. President L. F. Tillery, of the Tar Heel Council of Boy Scouts of America, embracing the towns of Rocky Mount, Wilson and Tarboro, has written Mr. Hampton asking that engagements be obtained with President Coolidge and former President Wilson for the council. The scouts sail from Norfolk Tuesday, August 8, on a 12-day cruise to Washington, Baltimore, Annapolis and other places of interest. Four North Carolinians called on President Coolidge today to invite him to speak at Durham. They were M. G. Benham, of the Republican committee; John G. Dawson, of the Democratic committee; R. O. Everett and Col. B. Cameron. The President took the matter under advisement.

Witnesses Deny That Co-ops Made Promises

GREENVILLE, N. C., Aug. 23.—The plaintiff rested this afternoon in the case of G. H. Pittman against the Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association seeking to have his contract with the association annulled on the ground of fraud and misrepresentation in the procuring of his signature. Witnesses corroborating Pittman were heard. Pittman testified yesterday that the agents of the association had promised 60 per cent of the valuation of all tobacco would be delivered on receipt of the tobacco on opening day, and that warehouse receipts good up to 75 per cent of their value for borrowing purposes would be given for the balance. He also testified that he had found, on the opening day, that the association's warehouses were giving only 20 to 25 per cent advance, and he therefore did not tender his tobacco, but returned home where he read his contract and found the association was abiding by it. He said that he had not read the contract when he signed it. The defense introduced testimony today tending to refute the plaintiff's witnesses. W. B. Pate testified that he had attended the meeting at which Pittman said misrepresentations were made, and where he signed his contract. That no promise of 60 per cent and 40 per cent warehouse receipts was made by the association's agent. H. B. Mask, also testified that they had been no misrepresentation at the meeting attended by the farmer.

Oklahoma Floggers Get Two Years Each

TULSA, Okla., Aug. 23.—Ben F. Sikes, Grover G. Sikes and Earl Sack, of Broken Arrow, pleaded guilty tonight to rioting charges before District Judge W. B. Williams and were sentenced to serve two years each in the state penitentiary. Their arrest came as a result of the investigation by Adjutant General B. H. Markham into the recent floggings in Tulsa county.

RALEIGH WAREHOUSE COMPLETE

RALEIGH, Aug. 23.—N. E. Edgerton announces the completion of the Raleigh bonded warehouse, that is to be used by the North Carolina Cotton Growers cooperative association for storage of cotton the present season. This is one of the most modern storage warehouses in the state.

TOWNS GUESTS GEN. A. J. BOWLEY AT FORT BRAGG CAMP

Senator Lee S. Overman is With the Party of Sixty-Five Citizens

FAYETTEVILLE, Aug. 23.—Delegations from nine North Carolina towns arrived at Fort Bragg this afternoon for the first of the two North Carolina days during which the visitors will live in barracks and mess halls, become acquainted with the life of a soldier as it really is and see for themselves what is going on in the world's greatest field artillery training post. Sixty-five leading citizens of the communities represented compose the list of Fort Bragg's guests. The most distinguished of the visitors is Senator Lee S. Overman, of Salisbury, who arrived yesterday and is the personal guest of General A. J. Bowley, post commander, at the general's bungalow. Although the weather today was inclement, the program arranged for the visitors under the direction of Lieut.-Col. Hartshorn was carried through without a hitch, and an even more interesting one is promised for tomorrow, when a firing demonstration of field guns of all calibre will be arranged in their honor, and the Tar Heels will inspect the camps in which the Virginia National guardsmen and the citizens military training corps are receiving their summer training; visit the many utilities of the post, witness a polo game in the afternoon and wind up the day at an informal reception in their honor at the officers club.

RESUMPTION NEAR OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH LATIN REPUBLIC

Chas. B. Warren Says Settlement Will be Satisfactory to U. S. Government

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Resumption of friendly relations with Mexico is regarded here as virtually a certainty and it is said that official announcement of such a step will be made shortly by the Washington government. The attitude of the administration has been revealed to diplomatic representatives here who, it is believed, will extend recognition to Mexico once the United States has done so. Announcement was made today that Charles B. Warren, one of the American commissioners to the recent Mexico City conference, had concluded his work for the time being at least. He said he was fully content as to the results of the negotiations, and this assertion was taken as an additional indication that a recognition announcement was not far off. "When I returned to the United States from Mexico City," Mr. Warren said, "I announced that the report of the proceedings there was satisfactory to the Mexican government and I hoped would be found satisfactory to our government. Now I can say that I have no doubt on this point, and I am going home entirely satisfied as to the outcome." It was authoritatively stated that the record of the Mexico City conference contained signed agreements between the representatives of the two governments which fully protected their mutual interests and it was indicated that relations would be resumed on a basis of these agreements. Stipulations insuring the protection of American lives and property in Mexico, it is understood, were obtained by the United States commissioners and recorded in their report to President Coolidge and the state department. In some quarters it is regarded as certain that these would be included in at least one of the claims conventions and submitted to the senate for ratification in the event of recognition.

PREMIER REPORTED DEAD

TOKIO, Aug. 23.—It was unofficially reported here this afternoon that Baron Totsuaburo Kato, premier of Japan had died.

Coal Conference Ended And Government Plans For Walkout on Sept 1

Representatives of Eleven States Will Meet in New York Next Tuesday

Following are the summarized demands submitted by the anthracite workers to the coal operators: 1. A new contract extending from September 1 for a period of two years with complete and unconditional recognition of the United Mine Workers of America in the three districts embracing the anthracite field. 2. Twenty per cent wage increase in contract wages, with \$2 increase for all day men. 3. Uniformity and equalization of day rates and those of all skilled mechanics, with not less than 90 cents an hour as a basis. 4. Eight-hour day for all those working in and around collieries. 5. Definite standard of 2,240 pounds as a standard ton where coal is mined on a car basis. 6. Average daily earnings of contract miners under normal conditions to be a basis of pay for men working under abnormal conditions or on "dead work." 7. Jack hammers and other tools to be supplied free of charge. 8. Minimum rate of 20 cents an inch for clearing refuse and 30 cents an inch for top and bottom blasting. 9. Decision by the umpire within 30 days on all grievances disposed of by conciliation board. 10. Employees of stripping contractors to be brought under general wage agreement as outlined above. 11. All wage schedules to be brought up to date and agreement to be reached on all new work before same is begun. 12. Enforcement of the checkoff (collection of union dues at the mine) by all operators.

TEMPERATURE DROP NOT ABNORMAL HERE, SAYS WEATHER MAN

Unsettled Weather is In Sight for Next Few Days Forecaster States

With August weather records tumbling throughout the south, and records broken in Raleigh, Richmond and other places, the weather conditions of Wilmington were much cooler, although no extraordinary tumble was made by the thermometer, according to Paul Hess, local forecaster who watches the weather from the United States observatory in the postoffice building. The record for yesterday was 69 while that of the day before was only 76. Mr. Hess says that this is quiet drop yet it is no record breaker and that August, from very first day until the 21st, has been above the normal when it comes to measuring the heat. For seven days the thermometer registered 93 and then capered back to 90 Tuesday. When asked about storms and unsettled weather, Mr. Hess stated that no storms were in sight for today although the weather will be a little unsettled for the next few days. The weather man said that it was impossible to forecast an early or late approach of the winter at this time, as all weather stations usually fortold the weather with accuracy only two days ahead.

Meeting of Truckers at Wallace 10:30 a. m.

WALLACE, Aug. 23.—There will be a meeting here of the truckers of the W. & W. railroad Friday, August 24, at 10:30 a. m. for the purpose of discussing the best course to pursue as to organizing for a meeting which will be held on about September 5, between the carriers and truckers. The object in view is to secure express refrigeration for trucks the coming season. The organizers appointed and urged to be present at Wallace Friday morning are: S. V. Wilkins, Rose Hill; W. A. Brown, Rocky Point; Geo. J. Powers, Willard; W. R. Harrell, Burgaw; R. H. Melvin, Wallace; J. J. Wells & Sons, Teachey; John F. Crow, Jr., Magnolia; Billie Buck Williams, Warsaw; Henry Faison, Faison; Dr. R. C. Williams, Wallace; J. A. Harrell, Wallace; Geo. R. Ward, Wallace; H. McKinnon, Clinton.

Junior Order Delegates Return With High Hopes Of Securing Orphanage

Wilmington Offers Great Land Tracts; October Meeting to Decide Location. Returning from the meeting of the state council at Durham last night, Wilmington delegates of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, who are seeking to have located here, a branch of the organization's national orphanage, stated that negotiations will be further continued at a meeting to be held in Raleigh during the first week in October. The October session will be held with W. E. Cooper, of Raleigh, chairman of the state committee on location of the institution, working in conjunction with a committee representing the national orphanage, located at Tiffin, Ohio, and representatives of the board of trustees. The national committee will make an inspection of all offers at the Raleigh meeting, and their decision is expected to follow immediately. A list of cities in North Carolina are making a strenuous effort to secure the branch orphanage and Wilmington delegates are seeking to present the most attractive offer of the lot. H. W. Hewlett, W. H. Hancammon and G. L. Sanders, were the delegates representing George Washington council, of the Junior Order, of Wilmington, and working with them were: J. M. Kelly, A. D. Cashwell and F. L. Congleton, of another Wilmington local. The offer which the local delegates are making consists of three sites for the proposed institution, site would provide 130 acres, another consists of 200 acres and the third is made up of 215 acres of land. The national orphanage at Tiffin now housing 100 children, has grown too small to meet the requirements of the organization, and it is necessary to locate the branch in another state. North Carolina having been considered. Wilmington delegates, besides their presented the advantages which the location of the city and the year around climate affords. Other cities in the state which are making strong bids for the institution, are Goldsboro, Clayton, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Durham, Henderson, Shelbyboro, Reidsville, Lexington, Shelby, Morganton, and Troy. The local delegation reported a successful session of the state council in Durham, and were eagerly looking forward to the coming meeting which will give them greater opportunity to further press Wilmington's claims.

STRATEGIC PRINCIPALS BACK OF LOWERING CLOUDS IN THE BREWING COAL STRIKE. Includes portraits and names of Rinaldo Capellini, John L. Lewis, Colonel John Hays Hammond, George Otis Smith, and Samuel D. Warriner.