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## Age Does Not Daunt Spirit of 'Gen.' Coxe

May Lead "Great Unwashed" to Nation's Capital Once More; Unemployment Figures Vary

By ROBERT FULLER

New York, April 3. (Special)—

General Jacob S. Coxe, of "Coxey's army" fame, spent several days in New York in the course of a tour of the country during which he studied unemployment conditions and announced that soon he may lead another army to the nation's capital.

The march of Coxe's army to the steps of the capitol in 1894 has become history. His hair has turned gray, he is well on in years and bears a prosperous stone quarry business at Massillon, Ohio, but he still animated by the spirit that sent his song ringing through the air as his troops of unemployed approached Washington:

We're coming, Grover Cleveland, five hundred thousand strong, We're marching on to Washington to right the nation's wrong, By time and distance undismayed, by hunger unabashed,

For we are Coxe's army of the great unwashed.

"The boys will join me on the march," General Coxe told the writer in an exclusive interview. "They're anxious to come. Just as we did in 1894—each mother's son of them will start from his home town and get to Washington the best way he can.

"I will start from my own home town, Massillon, and we'll all get together and have a big demonstration at the capitol—there will be more of us than in 1894, because conditions are worse.

"Of course—and the general's tone became grave—"I want to avoid the march if possible. If my bill providing for the loaning of non-interest bearing bonds to state governments by the federal government goes through, the march will be unnecessary. The march would be a lot of trouble, but perhaps it will be needed to make the people wake up to the situation.

"The march may cause misunderstanding. When we marched before, Brown, Jones and myself were arrested for treading upon the turf or grass and injuring the shrubbery. They cast us into prison for 20 days and fined us \$500 each.

"But we are ready, in spite of all risks, and as soon as we hear that the bill is not going through, 'Coxey's army' will be on the road again. I am going to print a great number of pamphlets which the boys can sell on the road to help maintain themselves."

General Coxe has for many years been sponsoring the abolition of interest as a means for procuring nationwide prosperity. "The only people in the country who are now making money," he says, "are the big five, or the five B's, who are the bankers, brokers, bondowners, bootleggers and burglars.

"The five or six million Americans now unemployed cannot be employed unless the communities that would employ them have money. I have been trying to get a measure passed that will provide that congress coin money for the people at no cost to them. Between 1919 and 1922 I was in Washington seeking to obtain a hearing for this measure, and had conferences with the late President Harding and others.

"I think a farmer, a city dweller or anyone should be able to obtain money at the same rate that a bank obtains it—from one-half to one per cent would be the rate, and it would be a service charge rather than interest.

"Conditions are such that in the past six years two million farmers lost their farms and over 58 per cent of the farmers in Oklahoma have become tenants although their land was given to them only thirty-five years ago.

"I have been in Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas in the last three months, and have visited manufacturers between Minneapolis and Boston. Not over 25 per cent of the factories I saw were running to their full capacity. I consider unemployment due to the restriction of bank credits.

"By my bill the government would issue money on bonds to be offered by states, to be used to push forward or complete municipal construction, such as roads or buildings. This would give employment to practically all the unemployed in the country. The states would be required to recall the bonds at the end of twenty-five years, but would not have to pay interest on them."

Figures on the amount of unemployment in the country vary. Some estimate the number as high as 4,000,000, and a few place it as high as does General Coxe, who thinks there are about 6,000,000 unemployed.

"What's so artistic about that old pipe of yours?" "It draws well."

## POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Shipman Will Oppose Grist

Formal announcement was made Tuesday of the candidacy of M. L. Shipman of Raleigh for the position of commissioner of labor and printing to succeed Frank L. Grist. Mr. Shipman filled the office for a number of years in a most satisfactory manner and is desirous of again giving the state "the class of service to which it is entitled." In making the decision, Mr. Shipman is influenced largely by Democrats who did not support him four years ago and by the large numbers, self-satisfied that he would win, stayed away from the polls on the day of the second primary and did not vote at all. Mr. Shipman is president of the Commercial Printing Company of Raleigh.

Michigan for Hoover and Smith

Herbert Hoover, Republican, and Governor Smith, Democrat, were given indorsement as presidential nominees by Michigan voters in a preferential primary Monday.

Maine for Hoover

Uninstructed but later pledging in a telegram to Herbert Hoover their "loyal and unswerving support" in his candidacy for the Republican nomination for president, 15 delegates to the national convention in June were chosen by the Republicans of Maine last Thursday.

April Will Largely Determine Who's Who

Washington, April 1.—Off to a rather slow start, the national political campaign is gathering speed that during the next few weeks will show the running qualities of Republican and Democratic presidential aspirants who are actively bidding for convention delegates.

April is here and the "makeup" of the Kansas City and Houston conventions, both of them less than three months away, still is very much in the making. Less than one-fifth of the Republican delegates and less than one-sixth of the Democrats who will have voting credentials at Houston have been chosen.

April, however, will be a month of activity with eight state primaries and party conventions in more than a score of states on its political calendar. During the month 555 Republican delegates, or more than half the number who will be at Kansas City will be designated. Slightly less than half the total of Democratic delegates—472—will be selected.

There will be 1,088 delegate votes in the Kansas City convention; 1,100 in the Democratic gathering. Up to this time 215 Republicans and 164 Democrats have been named. Once April is out of the way, 319 Republican delegates and 464 Democrats will remain to be selected in May and early June.

On April 10 Illinois and Nebraska primaries will be held, and two weeks later will come those in Ohio, where the sudden death of Senator Willis has upset calculations and campaign plans of Republicans, and in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. On April 24, Alaska which will have two delegates at Kansas City and six at Houston, will hold a primary.

In all, through primaries 360 Republican delegates and 352 Democratic will be chosen during the month.

Party conventions will account for 145 Republican delegates from Kansas, Kentucky, Rhode Island, Idaho, North Carolina, New Mexico, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Nevada, Oklahoma, Michigan and Arizona. In eight states—Maine, Utah, Oklahoma, Washington, New York, Iowa, Rhode Island and Kansas—and in Porto Rico, 120 Democratic delegates will be selected by the same method.

Cramer Favored as G. O. P. Candidate for Governor

William Giles Mebane, Beaufort editor, thinks that either Elwood Cox or Charles J. Harris or Stuart W. Cramer should receive the Republican nomination for governor of North Carolina. Mr. Mebane believes that one of these days the Republicans are going to have a huge accident and elect a governor. Already there have been too many lawyers governors, he thinks. North Carolina being an industrial state, therefore it should have a business man for governor, and therefore, he believes Mr. Cramer would make an ideal candidate.

Morrison Advises Democrats to Keep Cool

Charlotte, April 1.—An appeal to North Carolina Democrats to "keep cool" was made in a formal statement.

## The Grand Jury Makes Its Report

Inquisitorial Body Passes on All Presentments and Finds County Affairs in Good Shape

Working diligently the grand jury which completed its business just ahead of the criminal court here last Thursday, passed upon a number of bills and presentments, and made its investigations into many matters of importance. David P. Wyke was foreman of the inquisitorial body.

The report of the grand jury is as follows:

To the Honorable Judge of the Superior Court:

We, the grand jury for the spring term of the superior court of Watauga county make the following report:

First: We have given due consideration and passed upon all bills presentments that have come before us.

Second: We find the clerk's and register's offices in good condition.

Third: The jail is new and in excellent condition, with the exception of nine window lights being broken out. The prisoners were interviewed and said they could not ask for better treatment. There are nine prisoners.

Fourth: In the county home there are nine white and one colored inmates. There are some leaks in the roof that need repairing and the plumbing needs to be repaired also. We also recommend that the county home have electric lights installed.

The grand jury was composed of the following citizens: D. P. Wyke, foreman; B. D. Clawson, Everett Pitts, R. F. Miller, E. B. Hagaman, H. W. Clark, G. C. Wilcox, Solomon Eggers, Lee Minton, C. C. Farthing, E. C. Hodges, Jeff Hampton, G. W. Carroll, St. G. W. Caudill, Sherman Baird, M. O. Coffey, H. R. Lockabill, and J. B. Clawson.

GAME AND FISH CLUB WILL MEET FRIDAY P. M.

The Watauga County Game and Fish Club will meet at the Daniet Boone hotel Friday night, April 6th at 8 o'clock. State Game and Fish Commissioner Dixon and others interested in the propagation of fish and game in the county will be present and make discuss the idea of establishing a deer park in the county. All members and others interested in this work are cordially invited and urged to attend this meeting. F. A. Linney is president, and Richard R. Johnson is secretary of the local club.

"Business is fine," said the scissors grinder. "I've never seen things so dull."

## Easter Day--All Hail!

By BISHOP JOSEPH F. BERRY

With glad hearts we bid Easter welcome! Easter is the doxology among all the festivals of the Christian church.

Christmas is a happy day. It brought the angels from the sky, and caused them to chant a song that has echoed around the world. "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Good Friday is a day that stirs all hearts. On that day we remember the uplifted cross, and the suffering Victim, and the darkened sky, and the rictus earth, and the wounded body of our Lord, placed in the new sepulcher. On that day the sun seems to hide his golden brilliance, and the earth to shiver in the damp and cold of an unutterable gloom.

But Easter is a day of gladness. It bursts upon the world like a flood of light and hope. It is the evangel of life. It reminds us that the Divine Christ could not be kept within the confines of Joseph's tomb. The great stone and the Roman seal and the watching soldiers could not keep him there. From the place of the dead he came forth alive. He appeared unto the astonished women. He stood in the presence of the bewildered disciples. Death lost its sting that day. The grave surrendered its victory. "Immortality was made sure, and may now be proclaimed in all the earth as an unquestioned reality. "And now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

No wonder the church bells ring out joyfully on Easter morning. No wonder saints on earth rejoice. No wonder heaven becomes jubilant. No wonder devils grind their teeth in rage. Be superlatively glad, O Christian worshippers! "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise."

"All hail!" The words were spoken to the wondering women by their risen Lord. He did not command the heavens to open that he might shout the greeting into the ears of angels. He spoke them to the yearning hearts of those for whom he died

## WATAUGA OF THE 16 AGO

Happened at the Town and County five to Thirty-nine Years as Chronicled in the Columns of the Watauga Democrat

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The first issue of the Alleghany Star has been received by us, and is gladly entered on our exchange list. It is an ably edited sheet and is worthy of the support of the people, which it is sure to receive.

Col. Folk and his brother, Capt. Sam Folk arrived in Boone Thursday last on their way to Ashe court. Capt. Sam Folk lives in Sunter, S. C., has been there since the Civil war. We were glad to meet our old war friends for over three years we were together. Capt. Sam was a general good fellow and was a favorite of the camps. He was then in his youth, fine looking and in full manhood. He is now reduced by disease so much that we did not recognize him. He goes to the spring in Ashe county to recuperate. Hope he will regain his health again.

A little daughter of J. W. Whitehead of Banner Elk was burned to death the 13th inst., by falling into a kettle of boiling water. She only lived about fifteen minutes. She was a sweet child of three summers and the idle of the household. To be bereaved we send our deepest sympathy.

J. M. Smith has located in our town with his renovating crew for the purpose of cleansing the feather beds of Watauga. We bespeak for them success for they come well recommended from their last place of business.

An advertisement of this firm in the same issue reads: I have located here with the latest improved feather renovator. With our process we remove all bad odors, feather moths, and make them as fresh as new ones. We charge five cents per pound, or one seventh of the feathers, and guarantee satisfaction. I have been in business seven years and have recommendations from nearly every place I have been. Among the recommendations referred to are Judge Avery of Morganton, Dr. Morphew of Marion, Dr. Warding and Dr. Horwick of Marshall, Drs. Ray and Whittington of Burnsville.

The University of North Carolina announces the opening of the session

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## Blowing Rock Bulletin To Appear Next Week

Copy, Advertising Matter, Etc. of Chamber of Commerce Monthly Publication Ready for Printer

Blowing Rock, April 5.—The first issue of the Blowing Rock Bulletin, monthly publication of the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce, will be published some time next week, it was decided at a meeting of the executive committee Monday night. Almost enough advertisements to fill the issue have already been received, but more will be received until this (Thursday) afternoon. All business men and owners of rooming houses and cottages should leave their advertisements with some member of the executive committee before 6 o'clock Thursday evening. Mr. Martin, the president, said. The committee is composed of Mr. Martin, J. A. Panella, Lloyd Robbins, Mrs. Gillett and C. S. Prevette. The Bulletin will contain news of all developments in Blowing Rock since the last summer season and will outline the advantages of the town as a summer resort. It will be mailed to all prospective visitors and will be put on display in the chambers of commerce of cities all over the south.

Work Resumed on Street Paving

With the surveying completed, work on Blowing Rock's sidewalks was resumed Monday by a large crew of men under the direction of D. W. Wooten, the contractor. The walks are to be completed from the service filling station to Novell's Hill, from Holshouser's store to the Standard filling station, from Main street to the new schoolhouse, and from Main street along the Yonahlossee road 100 yards.

New Roof on Church

Workmen this week began work of repairing the Presbyterian church. A new slate roof is to be put on the building and other repairs are to be made.

Fire Dept. Adds Third Alarm

The Blowing Rock fire department has installed a new signal alarm station, located at the telephone exchange on Boone street. This makes the third, others being located at fire department headquarters and the other on Main street near the Carolina store.

Martin Cottage Opens

The Martin cottage, summer hotel, was opened Monday. Mr. Martin says that the house will be open for guests from now until the end of the summer. Mr. Martin has also opened his store and novelty shop on Main street.

Club to Give Play

Rehearsals for the play "Sunshine," which is being prepared by the Tuesday Afternoon Club under the direction of Mrs. E. O. Underdown, are being held frequently in preparation for a performance to be given at an early date. The play is a three-act comedy, with many humorous, as well as semi-tragic scenes. The Blowing Rock Band is expected to assist in the performance.

Social and Personal

Miss Lucie Ray was hostess to a group of her friends on the evening of her birthday, March 31. An Easter color scheme of yellow and white was carried out in the decorations and refreshments. The evening opened with a contest, "Easter," which was won by Doris White and Fred Spann. Other games followed and at the close of the evening the candles on the large birthday cake were lighted by the guests, each making a wish. A salad course, cake and coffee were served by the hostess, assisted by Elizabeth Sauerth. Guests were Misses Elizabeth, Margaret and Helen Sudderth, Edith and Doris White, Lois Klutz, Fenn Robbins and Lucie Coffey, Roscoe, Roy and Philo Hartley, Harry and Frank Klutz, Fred Spann, William Lutz, Glenn Coffey, Donald Greene and Steward Bolek.

Miss Lucy Williams entertained a small group of friends last Wednesday evening. A delightful supper, served at her home, included a salad course, ice cream topped with whipped cream and nuts, and following these refreshments the party motored to Boone to see a popular film there. Guests were Mr. Henry Conrad, in honor of whose birthday Miss Williams entertained, Misses Mary Robbins and Comie Moody and Fred Church and Harry Thaxton.

Miss Anne Ward has returned from Lenoir where she has been for a number of weeks.

Miss Marjorie Coffey returned last week from an extended visit with relatives and friends in Watauga.

Mrs. J. A. Panella has had as a guest for the past week a friend from Statesville, Mrs. Joines, who returned to Statesville Tuesday.

Harry Cooper went to Statesville Sunday for a last examination of his hand which has given him continued trouble since he received a severe cut before Christmas, but which is now pronounced almost well.

Mrs. Blanche Ward had as guests Monday her mother and sister, Miss Carrie Miller of Lenoir.

## EMERGENCY JUDGE HERE THIS WEEK

Judge Hoyle Sink Relieves Judge Schenck Who Became Ill Friday Afternoon, Minor Civil Cases Being Heard

The second week of Watauga superior court convened Monday morning with Emergency Judge Hoyle Sink of Lexington presiding, vice Judge Michael Schenck, who became ill last Friday afternoon, when he adjourned court until Monday. Judge Schenck left Friday for Statesville to take treatment in the Davis hospital.

The criminal docket was completed last Thursday afternoon and since that time the court has been engaged in the trial of civil cases. Following is the criminal cases disposed of since last Wednesday morning:

Claude Payne, liquor; retailing \$500 and costs; possession prayer for judgment continued upon good behavior.

Lee Presnell, liquor, six months on the county roads.

Frank Shore, disturbing public gathering, \$50 and costs; carrying concealed weapon, prayer for judgment continued.

Vance Harmon, assault with deadly weapon, \$25 and costs.

Oscar Auler, liquor, fined with costs; resisting an officer, judgment suspended upon payment of costs; operating car while drunk, \$50 and costs.

Henry Greene, possessing liquor, \$100 and costs.

Dean Ashley, liquor, \$25 and costs.

J. B. Band, possession of liquor, \$250 and costs; transporting prayer for judgment continued for 12 months.

Walter Hicks, liquor, two months on the roads.

Walter Hicks, driving car while drunk, four months on the roads.

Arthur Moretz, liquor, fined \$250 and costs and given four months suspended sentence.

Dewey Harmon, forgery, prayer for judgment continued.

Wesley Presnell, abandonment, to pay Beatrice Presnell \$150 per month for 18 months.

Carl Osborne, assault with deadly weapon, \$35 and costs.

Fred Harmon, carrying concealed weapon, \$50 and costs.

Fred Harmon, assault with deadly weapon, \$300 and costs.

Charlie Critcher and Ralph Critcher, affray, each to pay one-half the costs; Charles to file \$2,000 bond to keep the peace and Ralph \$1,000 bond for same purpose; Charlie Critcher deeds one-half of property to his wife during her lifetime.

Charlie Critcher, assault with deadly weapon, judgment suspended upon payment of the costs.

Albert Hampton, assault with deadly weapon, \$100 and costs.

Henry Regan, liquor, \$25 and costs.

Buck Oldham, larceny of car, three years in the state prison.

Thos. McGill and Arthur Smith, storebreaking, transferred to federal court.

Jack Greene, housebreaking, not guilty.

Enoch Church, liquor, \$25 and costs.

Don Bingham, violating motor vehicle law, \$50 and costs.

Don Dotson, liquor, four months on the roads.

## METHODISM ASSAILED AS POLITICAL MACHINE

Charlotte, March 30.—Brevard Nixon, prominent lawyer, former representative of Mecklenburg county in the state senate and leader in Mecklenburg county politics for many years, has asked that his name be taken off the rolls of the First Methodist church here, alleging that the Methodist church has become a political machine, instead of an organization, with Bishop Edwin Mouton of North Carolina, and Bishop James G. Cannon of Virginia as the directors of the machine's political activities.

Although the letter does not specifically advert to the burning issue of whether Al Smith, a Catholic, shall be nominated as Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, the writer has discussed adversely some of the recent pronouncements of Bishop Mouton as to his attitude to this subject.

GOVERNOR SMITH TO VISIT ASHEVILLE NEXT TUESDAY

Asheville, April 3.—Governor Al Smith will arrive in Asheville next Tuesday for a short vacation, it was announced tonight. Reservations have been made at Biltmore Forest Country club for a large party, including the New York executive.

"How late did you sit in that poker game?" "Till about \$12.30."