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DIRTIEST FIGHT EVER CONDUCTED IN WAKE COUNTY

Recent Solicitorship Contest Thus Characterized.

WOMAN WON CLEAN FIGHT

But Dirtiest Work Done in Dirtiest Campaign on Record Is Charged to Women.

By Brock Barkley.

RALEIGH, July 3.—Wake county in a bitter retrospective after some four weeks of political activity, spent today, contemplating events associated with the "dirtiest contest in its history," revealing some interesting insights tending towards political disengagement.

The county named its first woman to office in one of the dirtiest fights it has ever witnessed. It also contributed to the nomination of a new editor for the seventh district in the latest third district political contest on record.

It put a hand into state politics, through the state and several congressmen of W. W. Hayes, and for a while set the three of Wake county in preparation for the 1924 constitutional convention. It produced a whole variety of "muckrakers" for the next few years, and made it possible for the state to elect a woman to the legislature.

Two weeks ago it was Mr. Bailey, every one was talking about him.

Mr. Bailey and his famous court-house speech in which he attacked Revenue Commissioner A. D. Watts and some others of lower prominence as anti-Bailey men, gave the recent district solicitorship contest its claim to state attention. Today Mr. Bailey is occupying the second row and a woman's maiden voyage on the sea of active and individual politics as the chief topic of discussion.

With a woman in the running, the contest for county the sure was one of the cleanest in political annals. With the women participating in a contest between two men, the solicitorship case was not an opposition.

The women of at least the second representatives in the Evans-Hindsdale fight disappointed and disgraced the most ardent suffragists.

They went into politics some two weeks ago to clean it up, but in the first participation they did not fight they found themselves doing the dirtiest part of the work.

They were doing the rumor spreading. The class of rumors they were spreading did not pass the common sense test.

And they did, whispering rumors, poisoning reports about under the cognomen of "they say" but the rumors the women led in broad daylight in the district came from a headquarters with a woman in charge.

Most of them were against W. P. Evans, the victor in the fight, and his heavy majority is attributed by many largely to these rumors.

Southern politicians long ago discovered that dirt rumors are not very effective as campaign fund-raising devices and they ordinarily have scattered them indiscriminately, placing them where they thought some little good might be accomplished and cautiously stepping any responsibility for them.

But the seventh district rumors, from their woman-managed headquarters, sought a degree of authenticity through a batch of alleged affidavits. A woman name appeared in the newspapers as a woman inviting voters to call and look at them. The set of affidavits made a series of charges against Evans beginning with the report that he attempted flirtation with women in the future show and running the category of indecency which passed the censorship line.

"Told You So." The general prevalence of uncleanliness in the campaign bringing the charge that it was "the dirtiest political contest in Wake county's history" has given the anti-suffragists an opportunity to cry "Told you so" and the most ardent supporters of the law amendment are hardly able to offer excuses.

The men are generally blamed for the bad part of the women's participation. The scheme, however, was responsible, failed because it created a spirit of "reconciliation" which grew into a sort of sympathy for Evans that won him many votes.

The women took away from Mr. Bailey responsibility for broad interest in a local fight, but the outcome leaves him still worth some space in view of his "definite purpose" in participating in the fight and his long-ranged preparations for the gubernatorial race.

He had not statement to make over the outcome. Evans and Bailey, according to Bailey, lined up against the Raleigh "underworld." He split about even in the vote for Evans and Hindsdale but Wake county gave Evans about 500 majority. Franklin county gave him 1,300. Mr. Bailey may be in a position to claim that he won the fight for Evans.

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BIRTHDAY OF A NATION

BY BERTON BRALEY

FOURTH OF JULY! It's a day inspirational which we can celebrate loud as we will. Banners and cannon and speeches sensational. Serve to express only part of our thrill! Though we may show a bombastic proclivity, We have a reason, you cannot deny: This is the day of a nation's nativity. Fourth of July!

BOAST! Why, of course, we do! Shout till we're hoarse, we do. Turn out in force, we do. Hearts beating high! Fire crackers hurled about. Sky rockets whirled about. We'll tell the world about Fourth of July!

WHAT if we seem to be cheering perfrivally? This is SOME COUNTRY, we know for a fact. So on this day, we shall show unreservedly just how we feel by the way that we act. Proud? Sure we are, and we make it no mystery. Read it, in letters of fire, on our sky. This is the best of the dates in our history. Fourth of July!

COME, be by choice a bit noisy! Rejoice a bit! Lift up your voice a bit. Do not be shy. SOME COUNTRY! SAY IT! Tell 'em the way it is. You know what day it is— Fourth of July!

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Labor Board Seeking To Prevent Trackmen Joining Rail Shopmen In Walk-Out

CONFERENCE IN DEADLOCK STILL

Adjourns Until Monday Next Without Any Result.

Coal Operators and Miners' Union Officials Both Stand Firm and Unyielding.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The conference of bituminous coal mine operators and officials of the miners' union summoned by President Harding to consider methods of ending the coal strike in unionized fields adjourned today until Monday in the camped dock which had characterized its session on two previous days.

Participants apparently considered that only government intervention going much further than it has to date would offer possibilities of an early strike settlement. President Harding is expected on Monday to have again direct dealings with the negotiators, but the government plans are kept entirely secret.

From first to last, employers' contented in the discussions here that they could no longer negotiate warily with the union in the central competitive field as a unit or in a national gathering of all union coal operators and miners. Miners' officials continued to demand such negotiation as the established practice in the industry, and to refuse any suggestion that a committee of negotiators by districts, repeated in several forms as they were Secretaries Hoover and Davis, who have attended the meetings as representatives of the administration, have offered to propositions, outside of a tentative suggestion that a committee of miners and operators might be appointed to consider possibilities of outlining districts.

Meetings of operators and miners separately from the joint conferences were held today, but for no action. Secretary Hoover remarked after the meetings had been concluded that participants might renew their gatherings Monday with more hope of success after discussing the situation with associates at home.

COMMISSIONER BLAIR IS VISITING BLOWING ROCK

While in Winston-Salem Discussed Political Situation With Friends — Renewal Storm Over.

Special to The Observer. WINSTON-SALEM, July 3.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue D. H. Blair, spent Sunday here, leaving today for Blowing Rock, where Mrs. Blair and children will spend several weeks at their summer cottage. Commissioner Blair will return to Washington Wednesday or Thursday.

While here, friends discussed with him the recent antagonism against him in the first primary, but Evans led the field. Anti-Bailey people see the gubernatorial candidate as tagging on to Evans' coalition and gobbling up his victory for propaganda in preparation for his battle against A. W. McLean.

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TO GO TOO FAST IN COMMODITY RATE REVISION?

Commissioner Eastman Thinks Carolinians Are Trying.

HE WRITES MR. SIMMONS Says to Make Such Important Changes Requires Time—Been Conferring With Green.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT. WASHINGTON, July 3.—John S. Eastman, interstate commerce commissioner, in a letter to Senator Simmons today intimated that the North Carolinians were trying to go too fast in the commodity rate revision.

"The adjustment of these commodity rates is not a simple matter," said he. "On the contrary, it involves an enormous amount of detailed work. If I felt that the carriers were not proceeding seriously with this work, I should recommend that numbers 10,000 and 10,515 be repealed for the taking of further evidence with respect to commodity rates in order that we might have the necessary basis for a specific order. But this would not be an expeditious way of securing relief, and I am not persuaded that the attitude of the carrier renders it necessary. Mr. Green has been in the south. I shall confer with him personally at his home next week, this in view and impress upon him with such force as I am able to command the vital importance, as this commission sees it, of permitting nothing to delay the readjustment of these commodity rates."

Mr. Eastman stated Mr. Simmons that an erroneous impression relating to the order in the North Carolina case had gone abroad. He asked permission to correct it.

"You speak of the necessity for the enforcement without delay of our order in that case," said he. "The order dealt with class rates and in compliance with it, rates have been filed and are now in effect."

As I explained in a letter to Senator Overman of May 1, in our first report in the North Carolina case.

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STRIKE OF TRACKMEN AGAIN IS DEFERRED

DETROIT, Mich., July 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The threatened strike of maintenance of way workers again was deferred today, when the executive board of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers announced after an all-day session, that no action would be taken until after conference with the United States railroad labor board in Chicago tomorrow.

The board, which was called to canvass the strike of the organization's 280,000 members and 120,000 non-union workers whose wishes also were consulted, was in session from early this forenoon until 5 p. m.

HARDING AGAIN IN HOME TOWN

Reaches Marion for First Time Since Inauguration.

Presidential Party Travels All Day and Until Late at Night by Automobile.

MARION, OHIO, July 3.—President Harding arrived in Marion late tonight for his first visit here since his inauguration.

It was 10:15 p. m. when the President and Mrs. Harding who had been on the road since 8 p. m., reached their destination. They were greeted by crowds at various points along the route from Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Harding slipped into their home town practically unnoticed. Entering the city the President's automobile was whisked by a circuitous route through side streets to their stopping place. The business section elaborately decorated in honor of the President's visit and the centennial celebration now in full swing, was avoided, and most Marion citizens went to bed unaware that the President was in town.

Arriving at the home of his father, the President was greeted by members of his family and a small group of neighbors and friends.

The President's first public appearance will be tomorrow afternoon.

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GOMPERS SAYS BOARD'S RULING IS 'DOLDSHEVIK'

Denounces Action in "Outlawing" Striking Shopmen.

WOULD DISBAND UNIONS 'Logical Outcome of the Very Establishment of Such Boards.'

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The ruling of the United States labor board "outlawing" the railroad unions now on strike was denounced by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement issued tonight as "utterly bolshevik in character and an excited advance attempt by the board to disband unions at will." The ruling, Mr. Gompers added, was palpably "too ridiculous and fatuous to be accepted as permanent American government policy."

"The action of the board," Mr. Gompers' statement continued, "is exactly a replica of the action of the communists in turning the unions into government controlled agencies for the carrying out of the orders of the state. Freedom of expression vanishes under the order of the board."

"But I say now that the workers of America, either on the railroads or elsewhere, do not intend to sacrifice freedom of expression and of action. The board undertakes to say that unless the average of private reports must cease to exist—they are 'outlawed.' Whether this is for the moment an assumption of authority on the part of the board is immaterial. It is the logical outcome of the very establishment of such boards. It is a veritable consequence of an initial action that was wrong in principle and that has proven impossible in action."

"The railroad labor board, as an institution functioning in the twentieth century, is second in importance only to the so-called 'open shop' movement."

"The law gives the workers, or the railroads, the right to decline to accept the board's rulings. The workers, of necessity, declined and voted on the membership question, drew their services. They declined to work for the terms ordered by the board."

"Autocracy." The board now declares them "outlawed." This is autocracy with a vengeance. It seeks to put the whole force of government back of the movement to kill the spirit and the fact of collective bargaining, of joint negotiation and agreement by the voluntary coming together of workers and employers. It is the calamitous outgrowth of a mistaken idea.

"Unions cannot be unmade and remade at government dictation. This is neither Russia or the red autocrat. It is America, where the principle of voluntary action, of conference and agreement, of freedom of expression and of lawful action is rooted in our soil and grown into our institutions."

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Sovereign Council Of W. O. W. Is Profoundly Impressed By Carolina

Fraser at Hendersonville Praises Mountain Country.

HIS WORK IS EULOGIZED Sovereign Executives Given Royal Welcome to State.

BANQUET IS ELABORATE Woodmen of State and Nation to Be Addressed by Governor Harvey Today.

BY W. B. STUART. Editor Fraternal Order Department Charlotte Observer.

HENDERSONVILLE, July 3.—How if any men have received such a welcome into Hendersonville as did the officials of the executive council, Woodmen of the World of the United States, in session here, Speaker after speaker eulogized the national service rendered for years by Sovereign Commander W. A. Fraser and his associates from all over the country.

Tonight an elaborate dinner was given to the visitors at the Dunraggan inn and the spacious banquet hall was filled to overflowing by Woodmen and their friends.

San T. Hodges, of Hendersonville, acted as toast master and master of ceremonies and introduced the speakers of the evening.

The speeches were brief, filled with wit and humor and pathos. Short addresses were made by Sovereign Commander Fraser, State Manager E. B. Lewis, Sovereign Delegate E. S. Royster, Hon. Consul W. M. Rutledge, Sovereign Officer J. T. Yates, Health Officer W. S. Rankin of Raleigh, D. E. Bradshaw, T. E. Patterson and others.

Head Adviser D. E. Henderson, of the North Carolina organization, made a big hit in burlesque on practically every member of the executive council. He impersonated State Manager Lewis, representing Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, with the North Carolina field workers and the sovereign headquarters, assisted by J. Milton Todd, of the field workers.

Tomorrow will be the big day of the session, when addresses will be made by Sovereign Commander Fraser, Governor Harvey, of South Carolina, Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the state health office, representing Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, and other prominent Woodmen and citizens.

Sovereign Banker Morris Shepard, who is also United States Senator from Texas, was unavoidably detained in Washington, but all of the other executive officers are in attendance.

The opening official session of the sovereign executive council of Woodmen of the World was held this morning in conjunction with the state health office, representing Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, and other prominent Woodmen and citizens.

Following these men W. A. Smith welcomed the visitors on behalf of the city of Hendersonville and in strong language commended to them this plateau section of the place most fitted by the Almighty for the planting of a home for orphans, widows and, most of all, the indigent members of the order.

Sovereign Officer, of Alkon, S. C., was next introduced. The highest eulogy he spoke of his home.

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JO JO SAYS

Cloudy and cooler today, fair and somewhat warmer Wednesday.

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Formally Brands Striking Shop Workers as "Outlaws."

JEWELL STANDS BY CLAIM Rail Executives, However, Assert Trains Not Interrupted.

CONFERENCE AT 10 TODAY Strong Hope Is Expressed That Maintenance-of-Way Men Will Stick to Their Jobs.

CHICAGO, July 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—With striking shopmen formally branded by the United States railroad labor board as "outlaws," the board tonight directed its efforts toward the prevention of an extension of the walkout to some 400,000 maintenance-of-way men.

Following a meeting of the executive council of the United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers in Detroit today to discuss a strike vote, it was announced that the threatened walkout would be held in pending a conference with the labor board in Chicago at 10 a. m. tomorrow.

Members of the board expressed concern tonight that the conference would meet a walkout. They declared that the only question at issue was one of wages and that the way already had been opened for a readjustment of some conditions which were into effect on July 1 simultaneously with the shopmen's walkout.

Living Costs Increased. At that time W. H. Hooper, chairman of the board, announced that government reports indicated an increase in the cost of living since the board rendered its wage reduction decisions and that this could be made the basis of an immediate appeal to the board by the employers for wage increase.

Union leaders were quoted today as demanding only that the board hold up its wage-cutting policy. The difference was slight, it was declared, and the belief was expressed that the gap would be bridged without a strike.

Meanwhile continuing claims concerning the number of men involved in the walkout of the men. Neither the union leaders nor the railway managers would give any figures, but W. M. Jewell, chief of operations, stated that the strike was certainly 100 per cent effective.

The railway executives, on the other hand, are faced that traffic is being interrupted practically without interruption and reported their assertions that the efficiency of the roads would not be seriously impaired by the walkout for several weeks and perhaps months.

New orders are being required to take the places of the strikers and the opinion of the rail heads was unanimous that there would be no interruption of transportation.

Hooper's "outlaw" order. The "outlaw" order issued by the labor board today followed a statement by Mr. Hooper last week that "blood would be upon Mr. Jewell's head" in ignoring the board's order to appear before it and justify his strike order. The order said, in part:

"If it be assumed that the employees who leave the service of the carriers because of their dissatisfaction with any decision of the labor board are within their rights, it must also be conceded that the men who remain in the service and those who enter it now are within their rights in accepting such employment that they are not strike-breakers seeking to impose the arbitrary will of an employer on employees who have some of the best known work in operating a fine street railway."

Story by David Shaw. For quarter of a century George G. Scott has been one of the recognized active workers in the development of Charlotte. He has given without stint his talents and time in public service. As a former city alderman and one of the well known names that have the moral backbone of operating a fine street railway. It has been Mr. Scott's delight

ful privilege to see Charlotte snap out of a slumbering town into the class of fast-growing municipalities.

About a dozen of us, as his effort to work as a member of the Municipal League resulted in his election to membership upon the board of a (former) of 21 members. Under Mr.

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CHARLOTTE BUILDERS

A SERIES OF PEN ETCHINGS OF MEN OF AFFAIRS BY HARRY PALMER, NOTED ARTIST OF THE NEW YORK WORLD. THESE SKETCHES WERE MADE FROM PHOTOGRAPHS BY COOKE.



GEORGE G. SCOTT

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS SPEND 4TH IN STATE

All Now at Home Except Senator Simmons Who Is Detained—Other News of Interest.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT. WASHINGTON, July 3.—The North Carolina members of Congress with few exceptions, will spend the fourth in the state. Senator Overman is at Salisbury. Representative Doughton is on his way to home for the American Legion assembly. Representatives Weaver and Hamner left tonight. Representatives Ward, Kitchen, Lyon and Buwinkle are already in the state. Senator Simmons had to remain here as the senate is being required to consider the tariff bill early Wednesday.

Mr. Weaver was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hites, the latter being his daughter. Mr. Hites has just been made editor of The American Motorist, the organ of the American Automobile association.

Before leaving Representative Hamner predicted that the state would ship north 500,000 cars of peaches this year if the threatened rail strike does not interfere.

Senator Overman has made arrangements for the burial of John P. Strother, a world war veteran, who died at Hendersonville.

STOPPED WINNING STREAK. GASTONIA, July 3.—For a long side game this afternoon the Baseball team stopped the winning streak of Rex, defeating them 16 to 1. Feature of the game was the hitting of the Baseball club.

BALLS AND PITCHES. The baseball club and pitcher, R. B. Lutz, show and corners.

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ELEVEN MILLION BALES FORECAST

Condition Percentage 71.2; Acreage 34,852,000.

Publication of Report Causes Extremely Rapid and Excited Advance in Market.

NEW YORK, July 3.—An extremely rapid and excited advance followed the publication of the government's end-year crop figures in the cotton market here today. The report, making the condition of the crop 71.2, the area under cultivation 34,852,000 acres, 10 per cent more than last year's and the indicated crop 11,065,000 bales, compared with 10,650,000 bales of 1921, at this time last year, was not very far below the average of private reports recently published. It was evidently well below general expectations, however, and after a comparatively quiet morning, proved the signal for heavy general buying.

There was enough realizing to momentarily check the advance around the 23-cent level for October, but circulation of the figures brought out the best levels late in the afternoon, with all deliveries making new high records for the season. October contracts which had sold off to 20.74 on the decline of early last week, advanced to 24.24 this afternoon, making an advance of over 2 1/2 cents per pound from the recent low level and of 1 1/2 cents or approximately \$8.80 per bale from the closing quotation of Saturday.

The buying on the small crop figures was said to be stimulated by expectations that the report would lead to heavy buying by foreign spinners in Liverpool while the American markets are closed tomorrow.

There was also bullish comment on rumors that ocean freight rates had been engaged last week for the shipment of 37,000 bales of cotton from the Gulf of Mexico to Europe, but the main factor was the small crop indication and apprehension of more than the average deterioration in condition on this summer because of the boll weevil.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The area under cultivation June 25 and the condition of the cotton crop on that date by states follows: Virginia, 122,000 and 75; North Carolina, 1,601,000 and 70; South Carolina, 2,230,000 and 66; Georgia, 4,129,000 and 68; Florida, 1,220,000 and 75; Alabama, 2,995,000 and 68; Mississippi, 2,260,000 and 76; Louisiana, 1,311,000 and 69; Texas, 12,312,000 and 72; Arkansas, 2,822,000 and 80; Tennessee, 4,190,000 and 83; Missouri, 1,550,000 and 92; Oklahoma, 2,840,000 and 76; California, 270,000 and 91; Arizona, 19,000 and 85; New Mexico, 40,000 and 87.

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