

21 RESOLUTIONS BY DEMOCRATS

Mass Meeting Endorses Wilson Administration and Twenty Progressive Measures For Platform.

STIRRING ADDRESSES ON PROGRESSIVE IDEAS

Ovations Given Daniels And Pomerene—Governor Craig Speaks on "Our Party And Tasks Ahead."

Raleigh, N. C., April 9.—The democratic mass meeting held here yesterday, presided over by Governor Locke Craig, with some two thousand attending, heard stirring addresses on progressive ideas during its three sessions from Governor Locke Craig, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Senator Alton Pomerene of Ohio.

Both Secretary Daniels and Senator Pomerene were given ovations at night when they spoke. The address of Senator Pomerene told of the work of progressive democracy in Ohio and it was applauded time and again, as was every reference to President Wilson and Secretary Bryan.

Resolutions endorsing the Wilson administration were unanimously adopted and with twenty resolutions on progressive measures, adopted the mass meeting at midnight, adopted resolutions setting forth its views, to be presented to the platform committee of the democratic state convention in June for insertion in the platform. These resolutions are: For a statewide legalized primary for county, state, district, legislative and national offices; ratification of amendment to the constitution looking to a revision of the tax system; restriction of private, local and special legislation by the general assembly; increased interest in public health and public morals enforcement of the prohibition law with the addition of a new law holding criminally liable owners of property who rent it for unlawful purposes; increased attention to public roads and using convicts on such roads; revision of the penal system adding the indeterminate sentence and the parole system; continuation of the fight for relief from alleged discrimination in fire insurance rates; for rural credits; teaching agriculture in the schools; prohibition of the employment in factories of any child under fourteen years of age and at night of any child under sixteen or of any woman or girl of any age; favoring the reference of a constitutional amendment to the initiative and referendum to the people; recommending that persons holding passes or having remunerative relations of any sort with public service corporations from being chosen for legislative, judicial or congressional positions; additional legislation for the conservation of natural resources.

No Ulterior Motive.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, April 9.—Chairman Clarence Fox of the committee that called the convention, stated that the call for the mass meeting was inspired by no ulterior motive or performed of any personal ambitions of any one. Governor Craig was placed in nomination and quickly elected as permanent chairman of the convention and accepted this position gracefully as a preliminary to his set speech on "Our Party and the Tasks Ahead of Us." The governor was greeted with much applause. He expressed hearty sympathy for the purposes of the convention.

Getting down to his set speech the governor referred to the past history of the party and his twenty-six years of allegiance and service. He declared that the welfare of the democratic party has been co-existent with the welfare of the state and nation. He said that the educational advancement in North Carolina is a direct outcome of democratic state membership; that the party has provided the advancement in the cause of temperance and enactment and enforcement of prohibition and many other measures that mean betterment to the people at large.

Freight rate legislation and reduction in passenger fares charged by railroad companies in North Carolina were also especially mentioned as achievements by the democratic party in the direction of the affairs of the state.

The governor declared that the time has arrived for the democratic party to face new and greater problems. He would not have it appeal to the people for continuance in power on account of what has been accomplished in the past, but because of what it pledges itself to do in the future.

FIGHT AT TAMPICO STILL GOING ON

Fletcher Reports That Neither Side Seems to Gain Advantage.

Washington, April 9.—Overnight dispatches from Rear Admiral Fletcher reported fighting continued at Tampico without advantage to either side. Because of a heavy northern breeze, Admiral Mayo was discouraging refugees from going aboard ships there. Admiral Fletcher sent this report, received from Admiral Mayo yesterday afternoon: "Mayo reports fighting continues with no change except that the gunboat Zaragoza is assisting the Vera Cruz in shelling Arbol Grande. On account of a norther and no advantage in fighting, am discouraging refugees from coming on board. Have received few on Des Moines alongside dock. If rebels receive artillery, which seems to be improbable, conditions will be more serious. Reports circulated on shore that American battleships are supplying arms to the rebels."

The admiral added he had directed Admiral Mayo to give refuge to Americans and other foreigners on American vessels as far as possible. The department today suggested to Admiral Fletcher the possibility of taking marines off the transport Prairie at Vera Cruz and sending that vessel to Tampico to receive the refugees who cannot be cared for on other ships without more or less inconvenience. It is about settled that if an additional ship is sent to the east coast it will be either a navy transport—possibly the Hancock now at New Orleans—or a commercial vessel.

Officials here did not regard the shore report from Tampico that the rebels are receiving aid from the American battleships as worth commenting upon. State department officials said today foreign properties, especially the oil plants in Tampico were in grave danger, but there was thought to be little danger to lives of foreigners in the fighting zone.

A Torreon consul report states: "Very few orders have been re-established here." Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott at El Paso, reported today that fighting was said to be in progress at San Pedro and Parais but he gave no details.

WOMEN HELP DECIDE ELECTIONS IN ALASKA

Play Important Part and Are Victorious in Certain Districts.

Seattle, Wash., April 9.—Women helped decide elections in Alaska this week, according to dispatches received today. It was the first time women had voted in Alaska since enfranchisement by the first territorial legislature a year ago.

In Skagway campaigning brought victory to the feminine politicians. Electors were taken to polling places by women, who bought cigars and luncheons and supplied conveyances while explaining simple ballots. They elected the entire non-partisan ticket against the taxpayers' faction which had been in power six years. In a bitter municipal fight in Juneau women were active and the citizens party was able to elect only two aldermen against the people's party headed by former Mayor Valentine.

UNDERWOOD MAJORITY IS PROBABLY 30,000

Birmingham, Ala., April 9.—With scattering precincts from six counties still missing, an unofficial compilation today of the vote at Monday's democratic primary throughout Alabama indicated that Oscar Underwood's majority over Richmond Pearson Hobson for nomination to the United States senate would reach 30,000. The count as reported today was: Underwood 73,385; Hobson 43,514.

No changes were indicated today in the relative vote for candidates for other offices. Returns from the official canvass tomorrow will be necessary before the complete vote can be given.

GUSTAV OF SWEDEN UNDERGOES OPERATION

Stockholm, Sweden, April 9.—King Gustav of Sweden was operated on today at the Bopha hospital here. Surgeons found that he was suffering from extensive ulceration of the stomach. The operation, which was in charge of Professor John Wilhelm Cherg, a well known Swedish surgeon, lasted two hours. It was announced afterwards that the 70-year-old patient's condition was satisfactory, although his majesty was weak. The queen occupied an apartment in the hospital during the operation and will stay there until the king is convalescent.

JAPAN'S FORMER EMPRESS DEAD

Wife of Mutsuhito Suddenly Passes Away in Presence Of Emperor and the Royal Family.

SAW JAPAN DEPART FROM OLD CUSTOMS

Passed Through the Troubled Period of Japan's Transformation to One of World of Powers.

Tokio, Japan, April 9.—The Dowager Empress Haruko died at the imperial villa at Namazu today. A short time afterward her majesty became unconscious. Doctors in attendance applied restoratives but without avail and she died without recovering consciousness. Her majesty had been suffering for a considerable period from angina pectoris, but official diagnosis declared bright's disease was the direct cause of her death.

The Dowager Empress Haruko was the widow of Emperor Mutsuhito, who died on July 29, 1912. She was born on May 28, 1859 and was the daughter of a nobleman, Ichijo Tadako. In 1869 she married the late emperor and was declared empress.

Haruko by the side of her husband passed through the troubled period of the transformation of Japan at the beginning of Mutsuhito's reign. She saw him transfer his capital from Kyoto to Yedo, which was later renamed Tokyo. She watched with curious interest the opening of the country to foreign commerce, its departure from the old world customs and its adoption of western civilization. She awaited in the imperial palace news of the Japanese armies at war first with China and then with Russia and saw the complete evolution of Japan in a world power.

Haruko was simple in her tastes. She presided over court functions with great dignity on most occasions wearing western dress especially when she came into contact with Americans or Europeans. When the function was purely Japanese she occasionally returned to the picturesque costume of her youth.

The dowager empress was greatly affected by the death of Mutsuhito, suffering for many months from an affection of the heart. She died at the imperial villa at Namazu, a watering place near Yokohama.

"TAP LINES" CONTENT FOR SHARE OF FREIGHT

Washington, April 9.—Representatives of "tap line" railroads of the southwest argued before the Supreme court today against the order of the interstate commerce commission prohibiting their receiving a share of trunk line rates on lumber owned by the same interests as the "tap lines." The government is seeking to have the court reverse the decision of the commerce court holding that order illegal.

Counsel argued that the "tap lines" are legitimate railroads and not, as the government contends merely devices of lumber companies to write rebates from trunk lines. They let the little lines are developing the sections of the country through which they pass and in truth were common carriers.

OMAHA BANKS ARE DRAWING UP PROTEST

Omaha, Neb., April 9.—Officers of national banks of Omaha today drew up a protest to be sent to the secretary of the treasury objecting to the placing of Omaha in the Kansas City district of the reserve banking system. The protest asks that if Omaha may not have a regional bank of its own it be thrown into the Chicago district as the trend of its business is in that direction.

Earnings for Chicago.

Chicago, April 19.—The city of Chicago will receive \$3,299,000 as its share of the net earnings for the last year of the surface street railways according to annual reports published today.

PETERS ATTACKS WILSON POLICIES

Says Mexican Policy Is Unintelligible and Aimless, In Address Today.

Augusta, Me., April 9.—An attack on President Wilson's Mexican and Panama canal tolls policy was made by Representative John A. Peters, of Maine, in his address as presiding officer of the republican state convention today. "I have great admiration and respect for President Wilson," said Mr. Peters, "but no one but the blindest partisan or one who has given the matter no thought can have the slightest respect for the foreign policy of his administration, especially in Mexico. Indeed, it cannot be properly called a policy at all because it is unintelligible and aimless."

"During this 'watchful waiting' process of the administration," Mr. Peters continued, "lives and property of our own and other citizens are being destroyed, England and other countries have acted with extraordinary forbearance but the limit must be reached sometime. The Mexican policy of the administration has excited the surprise and contempt of European countries."

"It looks in Washington as if England had our administration in a hole. Apparently she has taken advantage of the situation and said to the president: 'Kindly have your congress reverse its action in giving your coastwise vessels a right to go through the Panama canal free and we will keep out of Mexico.'"

NO IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION OF DRAPER

Physicians Indicate They Entertain Grave Fears For His Recovery.

Greenville, S. C., April 9.—No improvement was reported today in the condition of former Governor Eben S. Draper of Massachusetts, seriously ill here with paralysis. Attending physicians would make no predictions regarding the outcome of the attack, but indicated they entertained grave fears for Mr. Draper's recovery. Members of the former governor's family, summoned by telegraph when he was stricken two days ago, arrived today from Massachusetts. They announced that two physicians from Boston would reach the stricken man's bedside within a few hours to aid the four doctors now in attendance upon him. Mr. Draper is being cared for at a local hotel where he was taken ill a few hours after his arrival here on his way home from a trip to Florida. His entire left side is affected by the disease and he has been conscious only a part of the time since he was stricken.

UMBERGER PLEADS GUILTY OF BIGAMY

Savannah, Ga., April 9.—Joseph H. UMBERGER entered a plea of guilty to the charge of bigamy in the superior court this morning and was sentenced to serve six months in the Georgia penitentiary. UMBERGER married Besie A. May, of N. W. Ga., several years ago, and last month married Miss Charlotte Wickenberg of this city. Both his wives were here to appear against him in court. UMBERGER's attorney stated that his client believed the New Jersey wife dead when he married Miss Wickenberg. The defendant made no statement. UMBERGER had been employed here by a moving picture house.

"DRYS" PREPARING TO CONTINUE CAMPAIGN

Chicago, April 9.—Inspired by victories in the Illinois local option elections Tuesday, temperance forces today issued a call for a meeting next Sunday to plan a week, and dry vote in Chicago at the majority election next spring. The "drys" contemplate beginning the city campaign now and continuing it until election day a year hence. Revised returns from Tuesday's local option elections in Illinois show that 52 of the 102 counties in the state are now anti-saloon territory.

Pierre Sales Dead.

Paris, April 9.—Pierre Sales, one of the most popular French authors of stories of romance and adventure, died today aged 60. He was originally a bank clerk, then a journalist and afterward a writer of novels of peculiarly Parisian setting.

Mr. Woodward Better. Orlando, Fla., April 9.—Senator-elect Underwood, of Alabama, will leave here Saturday for Washington as his father-in-law, J. H. Woodward, is much improved in health and the doctors say he will soon recover.

COLD WEATHER AGAIN PREVAILS

Extremely Low Temperatures, In Many Cases Breaking Records, Reported from Southern States.

FROSTS PREDICTED IN FAR SOUTH TONIGHT

Much Damage to Fruit Crop And Vegetables Feared—Snow in Several Southern Cities.

Atlanta, Ga., April 9.—Extremely low temperatures, in many cases breaking weather bureau records of years standing, were reported today over the South Atlantic and Gulf states. Much damage is believed to have resulted to fruit and vegetables in Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia. The lowest temperature to be recorded on the Gulf was reported from Mobile where the mercury dropped from 70 to 40 degrees. Southern Georgia suffered less although Columbus reported a temperature of 44, the lowest for this section in 15 years. In Atlanta the lowest point reached was 33 degrees.

Snok Burries were reported as far south as Greenville, S. C., breaking April records of several years. Freezing temperatures with frost were experienced over parts of Virginia, North Carolina and northern South Carolina.

East of Rockies. Washington, April 9.—With cold weather prevailing generally east of the Rocky mountains, Spring stumbled upon the heels of slowly departing winter today. Snow fell last night at several points in the interior of the South Atlantic states and temperatures dropped to freezing in the north portion of the Gulf states.

Heavy frosts or freezing temperatures are predicted in the south as far as northern Florida tonight. Warmer weather for Friday is predicted in the eastern section of the country except on the Atlantic coast.

Freezing at Memphis. Memphis, Tenn., April 9.—Freezing and almost freezing temperatures were reported from west Tennessee, Arkansas, north Mississippi and Oklahoma today. At Fort Smith, Ark., the mercury fell to 49 degrees.

At Jackson, Miss., the temperature was 36 and at Vicksburg 35. In Memphis the freezing point was reached at Nashville and Chattanooga. The temperature at Memphis was 35 degrees. Indications are that the sun is shining with promise of a decided rise in temperature.

Muskogee, Okla., reported the coldest April weather in 25 years. From Bartlesville, Okla., near the Kansas line to Durant, on the Texas border, freezing temperatures were recorded. Much damage was reported to the garden truck and fruit in Arkansas where in many sections ice formed. Farmers and orchard owners used smudge pots during the night in an effort to protect the fruit trees.

Snow at Greenville, S. C. Greenville, S. C., April 9.—With the temperature close to freezing a light flurry of snow fell here early today.

Fruit Growers Fearful. Norfolk, Va., April 9.—With fruit trees in bloom there was a return today of winter weather. Growers of early truck as well as fruit growers are fearful of the unusual conditions but no material damage has been done as yet.

Snow in Richmond. Richmond, Va., April 9.—Snow fell here this morning for the first time in April since April 20, 1898. The flakes were large, melting as they fell.

The weather bureau forecasts continued wintry conditions for tonight and tomorrow.

Record Weather. Columbus, Ga., April 9.—The thermometer registered 44 here this morning, showing the coldest April weather in 15 years, with but one exception. Fears are entertained for the vegetable and fruit crops.

Truckers Concerned. Charleston, S. C., April 9.—While the expected cold snap did not develop here this morning, truck planters are concerned over the forecast for heavy frost tonight or tomorrow morning. Freezing weather is forecast for the upper part of South Carolina.

Laborers Killed. Toronto, Ontario, April 9.—Two laborers were killed and 30 injured last night by the fall of a 60-foot wall of a building previously destroyed by fire.

Prof. Chamberlain Dies. Worcester, Mass., April 9.—Dr. Alexander F. Chamberlain, professor of anthropology since 1886 at Clark university, died here today.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON REPEAL BEGUN

Norris Urges Amendment to Reaffirm Right to Favor U. S. Ships.

Washington, April 9.—Public hearings were begun today before the senate canal committee on the repeal of the Panama tolls exemption. Senator O'Gorman, republican, spoke on his amendment to reaffirm the right of the United States to discriminate in favor of its own ships of its chooses to do so and to direct the president to submit the controversy to arbitration. He opposed the exemption as a subsidy and said he did not want congress to construe the treaty and foreclose the right of the United States to control the canal. Senator Thomas, democrat, urged his proposal to make the canal free to all ships of all nations. Senator O'Gorman said witnesses from New Orleans and the Pacific coast would be unable to appear until next week.

FIRST ADMISSION THAT VILLA TOOK TORREON

But Paper Says Velasco Has Not Evacuated in "Full Sense of Word."

Mexico City, April 9.—The first admission that General Villa and the rebel army have occupied Torreon is made by the Mexican Herald today. The newspaper states that General Adreliano Blanquet declares that General Jose Refugio Velasco, the federal commander, has not evacuated the city "in the full sense of the word."

The minister of war says the federal commander has made a strategic move which is expected to give the best results on the arrival of the federal columns now on their way to Torreon. According to General Blanquet, a position has been established by General Velasco at Cerro de la Cruz, from which place he dominates Torreon with his artillery.

The government announced this morning through the newspapers its intention of instituting a censorship on cable dispatches.

Andy Appoints. Washington, April 9.—Andy Carnegie—an interloper in the house gallery today, applauded a speech supporting the Panama tolls exemption repeal bill by Representative Volmer of Iowa, the newest member of the house. Later Mr. Carnegie visited the White House.

RUMOR GUNMAN WILL CONFESS

Believed at Least One of Four Men Sentenced to Die Monday Will Tell of Rosenthal Murder.

STATEMENT WOULD BE USED IN BECKER TRIAL

Gunmen Have Not Given up Hope But It Is Not Likely That Execution Will Be Delayed.

New York, April 9.—There were persistent rumors today to the effect that at least one of the four gunmen who are to die at Sing Sing Monday morning for the part they played in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler, would confess. The rumors could not be traced to their source. Joseph A. Shay, counsel for Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant convicted of instigating the murder but saved by higher court ruling, said he might go to the prison some time today and endeavor to get statements from the four men to be used by the defense at the second trial of Becker. In case the condemned men decline to make statements to him, he has prepared an application to the Supreme court for an order requiring the appointment of a commissioner to take their depositions. In either event, it was said, the execution of the sentence would not be delayed.

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Today he will send a memorandum to Governor Glynn on the state's refusal to grant a reprieve. The memorandum will be in the form of an argument in answer to the governor's reasons for his refusal. Wable had at first intended to go to Albany today to make a personal plea to Governor Glynn but when the delegation of rabbis failed yesterday to move the governor to reconsider his decision, Wable determined that the interests of his clients were best served by remaining in New York. (Continued on Page Nine).

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