

UNUSUAL INTEREST IN GATHERING OF DEMOCRATS TODAY

Jackson Day Dinner Promises To Be Biggest Political Event of Many Years

IMPORTANT FEATURES OF BIG PARTY BANQUET

What Will President Wilson Say In His Message and Will William Jennings Bryan Emerge As Formidable Power In Democratic Party Councils.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—On the eve of the gathering tomorrow of the Democratic National committee to select a place and time for the next convention and of the Jackson Day dinner which will follow there is uppermost in the minds of hundreds of Democrats already on the scene just two questions:

- 1—Will President Wilson urge the party to make the peace treaty and League of Nations the paramount issue in the coming campaign, and
2—Will William Jennings Bryan emerge from the grand pow-wow either as the most formidable contestant for the nomination or come through with enough support to name the next candidate of the Democrats?

Interest In Event Unusual.

Never in the history of the party has the interest in a Jackson day dinner been so keen. Those Democrats in Washington tonight who are not on tip-top footing for their city-to-win the contest for the convention are on edge for the answer to the two questions.

And never before has there been a gathering of political leaders about which so little can be forecast with a reasonable degree of assistance. The one and the most outstanding prophecy that can be made tonight, "without fear of successful contradiction" is that the banquet tomorrow night when it is given primarily to commemorate the militant democracy of Andrew Jackson, will be about "a bone dry" affair from cocktails to mints.

At the meeting of the committee tomorrow a resolution will be passed, according to a statement made by Chairman Homer Cummins this afternoon, commending the Democratic National administration and endorsing President Wilson's efforts to bring peace to the world.

"I do not undertake to analyze the President's position," Mr. Cummins said today. "The President has made a tour of the country and set forth his attitude. He has been subjected to misinterpretation and a deliberate campaign of slander which I think is one of the most disgraceful incidents in the history of American politics. If we live another decade, those who have opposed his efforts for a world peace will be ashamed."

Mr. Cummins was asked about platform work, whether or not the Democrats will appoint a committee to do pre-convention drafting as did the Republicans. He would not hazard a guess as to this but when reminded of Republican Chairman Hays' offer to the children to write a platform, said: "It is an insuperable task. Only extreme youth would undertake it."

What Will President Say?

No one pretends to have any information on what the President will say to his fellow Democrats tomorrow night. Political observers are surmising that he will take the opportunity to declare his position regarding a third term. Others have interpreted the Tumulty announcement of "an important message" as meaning the President would ask the Democrats to take up the treaty fight and go into the campaign for ratification of the covenant without reservations. The last conjecture is admittedly far-fetched because Senator Hitchcock, in his Charlotte speech, announced the basis of a compromise and conferences have been going steadily on with a compromise in view since that time.

Mr. Bryan had not arrived in Washington tonight for the dinner and until he does get here the local aggregation is in about the same state of expectancy as the home town ball team waiting for the "hired" pitcher to show up. Any suggestion of the Jackson day dinner, made anywhere in Washington, will raise a query about the Comconer. It is current gossip tonight that lead-

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NEW PLANT IN USE AT POWER HOUSE BEGINNING LAST SATURDAY.

Saving Hatches Almost 75 Per Cent With Kerosene For Fuel—Fine Piece Of Machinery.

The installation of the New Power Machinery at the power house was completed the past week and was thrown into service on Saturday with gratifying results to Supt. Hill and the City Commissioners. It is working fine and is working at present from 4 to 11 P. M. and 5 to 7 A. M. Supt. Hill told the TIMES man Tuesday that at present they were using Kerosene for fuel and figuring the cost at twenty cents a gallon the load of the old plant was being carried at a cost of only \$14.00 a day as compared with \$55.00 with the old steam-plant.

There is no question but that Louisburg will have one of the finest plants in the State when the electric pumps are installed, which have arrived and are being installed.

In answer to a request for a statement in regard to the plant Mr. Malone of the Board of Commissioners stated that the Board would not attempt to put on a twenty-four hour service at this time on account of an embargo that is now on against shipments of fuel oil, but as soon as this cleared up, which he has been informed, will be in about two weeks, and a supply of the cheaper fuel can be gotten here the full service will be given.

It will be interesting to the citizens of Louisburg to learn that the fuel oil can be purchased for about 7 or 9 cents delivered, which will again greatly reduce the cost of operations.

With the other plant that the Commissioners are contemplating buying, Louisburg will have one of the finest and most efficient plants in the South.

PEACH TREE CHURCH BURNS.

Loss of About \$12,000.00 With No Insurance—Thought To Be Incendiary.

Reports received in Louisburg Friday were to the effect that Peach Tree Baptist church, located near Dr. Edwards home place in Nash county, was destroyed by fire the night before at a loss of about \$12,000.00, with no insurance. The building was a new structure having been just completed the day before and turned over to the Committee. There is no knowledge of the origin of the fire, however, it is supposed by some to have been the work of some illicit distillers or their friends based upon the fact that a day or so before the revenue officers had been in that section and destroyed several stills, and the report says, it is thought that the moonshiners connected the church or some of its membership with the visit of the revenue officers.

KENTUCKY JOINS RHODE ISLAND IN RATIFYING SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT

Providence, R. I., Jan. 6.—The State legislature formally accepted ratification of the Woman's Suffrage Amendment today.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 6.—Ratification of the Federal Woman Suffrage amendment was completed by the Kentucky legislature late this afternoon. The House of Representatives voted 72 to 25 and the Senate 30 to 8, to ratify the amendment. There was little debate in the lower House but action in the Senate was not taken until an amendment which would have submitted the question of ratification to a State wide referendum was rejected by a vote of 23 to 15.

F. A. ROTH & CO.

Mr. F. A. Roth of the I. J. Deits Co. has purchased the interests of Mr. I. J. Deits, of East Downingtown, Pa., in the I. J. Deits Co., of Louisburg, and will continue the business, which he has had full charge of, at the same place and under the same management, under the firm name of F. A. Roth & Co.

THERMOMETER REGISTERS 4.

Tuesday morning registered the lowest temperature seen in this section since the winter of 1918, when the Government thermometer registered 4 above zero.

AMERICAN OIL MEN KILLED IN MEXICO

STATE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES ADVICES OF MURDER OF TWO MEN AT TAMPICO

Mexican Government Urged to Take Steps—Brings Total of American Citizens Murdered in Tampico Up To Nineteen Since April, 1917; Two Navy Bluejackets Under Two Months Sentence To Be Released.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Receipt by the State Department late today of advice that two more American oil men, F. J. Roney and Earl Bowles, had been murdered by Mexicans in the Tampico district of Mexico, was followed by instructions to the American Embassy in Mexico City to urge the Mexican government to take every possible step to bring about the capture and punishment of the murderers.

First word of the killing of the two Americans, which brought the total of American citizens murdered in the Tampico district since April, 1917, up to nineteen, reached Washington through private sources. Later the State Department announced the receipt of similar advices.

The State Department also was informed during the day in a report from the American consul at Mazatlan, Mexico, that Harry V. Leonard and Harry O. Martin, members of the crew of United States submarine tender Pocumoke, arrested in Mazatlan November 12, after a street fight with a Mexican, had been sentenced to two months imprisonment. The report said, however, that as the sentence dated back to November 12, when the two bluejackets were arrested, their release should be effected January 12.

LEE AND JACKSON SERVICE.

In the Methodist Church on Jan. 18th at 7 o'clock P. M., services in honor of Lee and Jackson will be held. We earnestly hope that all who hold dear the memory of these heroes of our Southland will attend. A special program will be given, and we trust the occasion may be reverently impressive.

Historian, U. D. C.

"THE ONLY GIRL."

Come to Hickory Rock Wednesday night, Jan. 14, 1920, to see "The Only Girl." On this date the High School pupils will present one of the best shows ever given by amateurs. The entire play is a thrilling story of such things that really exist both of bad and of good. Come and be ready for the beginning at 7:00 as we are anxious for everybody to see it all. Reserved seats 50c, general admission 25c school children 15c. Don't forget the date January 14, Wednesday night at 7:30. The public cordially invited.

YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met at the home of Miss Sallie Taylor Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, 1920, 7:30 o'clock. This being the first meeting in the year, our new president, Mrs. J. M. Allen presided over the meeting. The Scripture lesson was taken from Romans 12th chapter followed by prayer by Mrs. M. C. Pleasants. After which she read a very interesting paper, "The New Year," and Miss Lonie Meadows, Ring out the old year, and the new.

The society adjourned to meet Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, 1920, 7:30 o'clock in a regular study circle meeting. Those present were Mesdames M. C. Pleasants, J. M. Allen, F. M. Fuller, Misses Sue Alston, Sallie Taylor and Lonie Meadows.

METHODIST MISSIONARIES.

During the year 1919, thirty new missionaries sailed for the various foreign fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Twenty-one have been sent out by the General Board and nine by the Woman's Missionary Council.

Mexico, our nearest neighbor on the South, was fortunate enough to have six of this number as her share, while Brazil and China have five each, Cuba four, Congo Belge three, Japan three, Belgium one, and Korea three.

Dr. David Sloan has the honor of being the first missionary to be sent by the M. E. Church South to Belgium. He will open work in Brussels and employ his splendid gifts in the administration of the work in Belgium and northern France.

RAISES SALARY OF MISS SMITH

J. H. COOKE ELECTED COTTON WEIGHER FRANKLINTON

Adopt Style of Bonds For Cedar Rock Township—Many Reports Received And Filed—Draws Jurors—To Meet At County Home.

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday with all members present. Business was transacted as follows after approving minutes of previous meetings:

With the assistance of the Sheriff the Board drew the jury for the February term of Franklin Superior Court. Henry Griffin was placed on outside pauper list at \$4.00 per month, and was allowed to draw the past quarter's allowance.

The election of cotton weigher for Franklinton having been deferred at the request of applicants and citizens from regular statutory time, is on motion, to be held, all applications and petitions being on file. On motion of J. D. Alston and seconded by J. M. Sykes, R. W. Long, J. H. Cooke and W. P. Edwards were placed in nomination without prejudice, and on motion it was ordered that a ballot be taken, which resulted as follows:

- Long 1.
Cooke 4.
Edwards 0.

J. H. Cooke having received the largest number of votes was declared elected, until November 1st, 1921.

Report of J. J. Holden, Superintendent of County Home, was received and ordered filed. He reports 4 white women; 3 white men; 3 colored women; and 5 colored men, making a total of 15 inmates. Since last report the baby has been taken to Greensboro to a children's home, and one woman, Marnerva Kelly, has died. He also submits therewith check for \$121.45 to cover \$111.45 crops marketed since last report, and \$10.00 rents paid by Ed. Collins.

The bond of J. H. Cooke, cotton weigher for Franklinton, was received and ordered filed.

Report of Dr. J. E. Matons, Superintendent of Health, was received and filed.

The County's portion of Miss Pauline Smith, Home Demonstration Agent salary was increased from \$500.00 to \$900.00 per year.

Upon order the County gave its note for a Truck for the Louisburg Township roads, which is to be paid by the Louisburg Township Road Trustees when due, and it is further ordered that J. P. Timberlake be and he is hereby appointed a committee with the Louisburg Township Road Trustees to purchase said Truck.

The form of bonds for the Cedar Rock Township Roads was adopted and properly signed.

After allowing a number of accounts the Board adjourned to meet at the County Home on Thursday.

FIRE AT MR. M. C. PLEASANTS.

The fire alarm on Monday evening was caused from the packing around the water pipes in the home of Mr. M. C. Pleasants on Nash Street, catching fire. On account of the smothered condition of the flames only slight damage was done. The fire department answered promptly but the fire was extinguished without the use of the hose. The damage was estimated at about one hundred dollars fully insured.

NEW YORK BRYAN LEAGUE SWINGS TOWARD GERARD

New York, Jan. 6.—The Bryan League of New York, resurrected a few days ago for the purpose of boosting William Jennings Bryan for the Presidency, today announced it had swung around in support of James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, who has filed in South Dakota his formal notice of candidacy for the Democratic nomination.

PURCHASES ANOTHER UNIT.

The Town Commissioners' 4th meeting Wednesday night purchased a duplicate one hundred and fifty horse power unit for the power house, of the same make as the new machinery now running. This is, no doubt, wise policy on the part of the Board as the present plant has demonstrated a big saving.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There.

Miss Lorine Turner, of Oxford, is visiting Mrs. W. T. Person.

Mr. G. L. Crowell was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Ruffin returned Saturday from a two weeks visit to New York.

Messrs. Claude Collins and P. J. Brown left Monday for a trip to Havana, Cuba.

Mr. W. H. Yarborough has returned from a visit to Raleigh.

Mrs. E. F. Thomas left Tuesday for a visit to Raleigh.

Mr. Clarence Stimpson, of Statesville, visited his sisters, Mesdames F. B. and D. F. McKinne the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Crowell, of Brockton, Mass., who have been visiting her son, Dr. H. H. Johnson, have returned home.

Mr. W. C. Cooke, of Spartanburg, S. C., was a visitor to his people here this week.

Messrs. John D. Hines and F. W. Hicks left Sunday for a visit to New York.

Mr. W. E. White returned this week from a visit to New York.

Mr. I. J. Deitz, of East Downingtown, Pa., was a visitor to Louisburg during the holidays.

Mr. F. A. Roth left Monday for a business visit to New York and other Northern Cities.

Mr. W. C. Poe returned Monday from a visit to his people at Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Harris and little daughter returned Monday from a visit to Mrs. Harris' people here.

Mr. D. P. Smithwick, of Philadelphia, spent the holidays with his people here.

Mr. Macon G. Smithwick left yesterday for Philadelphia to take a position with the DuPont Co.

WEDDING AT BUNN.

Beautiful in its simplicity was the marriage ceremony performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives at the home of the brides parents, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Jan. 4th, when Miss Faber Gay became the bride of Mr. Robt. L. Seymore, resident of this town.

The bride and groom entered together to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, played by Miss Lanie Horton. Rev. T. D. Collins, pastor of the Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

ESCORTS VICTOR BERGER AWAY FROM JERSEY CITY

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 6.—Victor L. Berger, representative-elect from the Fifth Wisconsin District, was escorted out of Jersey City tonight by Chief of Police Richard T. Bittersby. His departure followed promptly his arrival in the scheduled role of principal orator at a widely advertised mass meeting under the auspices of the Socialist Educational Club.

The police refused to permit the meeting to be held, announcing that those who desired to pay dues, or transact business with the officers of the club could do so, but that speeches would be barred.

We appear to enjoy the rare distinction of being the only people on earth who can put the finishing touches to a war and then can not make peace after it is done.

Gosh! Dame Fashion has been handing us another thrill. Women's skirts, she says, are to be shorter than ever before. And now we know, the price of neckties will soar.

PLANNED TO DEVELOP REVOLUTION OUT OF TWO RECENT STRIKES

Definite Program To Expand Coal and Steel Strikes Into Movement Against Government, It Is Declared

Radicals Blamed For Effort To Overturn Organized Society

Evidence Gathered In Half a Score Cities In Raids Against Communists Declared To Have Shown That Both Groups of Party Awaited Opportunity To Invade Other Classes of Workers; Raids Disclosed Also That 'Slush' Fund Had Been Gathered; Movement Well Organized Along All Lines.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Radical leaders planned to develop the recent steel and coal strikes into a general strike and ultimately into a revolution to overthrow the Government, according to information gathered by Federal agents in Friday night's wholesale round up of members of the communist and communist labor parties. A definite program to expand the two labor disturbances for the purpose of blotting out every semblance of organized government was disclosed in evidence gathered in half a score of cities. This data, officials said, tended to prove that the Nation wide raids had nipped the most menacing revolutionary plot yet unearthed.

Officials indicated that both groups of radicals were only awaiting an opportune moment to carry among other classes of workers the same sort of agitation employed among the steel workers and coal miners. Among the foreign element of the communist and communist labor parties, information described as conclusive revealed that the pay rolls had been loaded with agitators to be sent suddenly to every fertile field in support of a general strike campaign.

Invade Mining Communities. During the last two weeks of the coal strike, communist agitators were discovered to have penetrated practically every mining center east of the Mississippi River. Evidence showed that in several instances, where miners had voted to return to work, the communists had spread their propaganda of destruction of the Government to such an extent, it was said, that few if any miners actually got back to their jobs.

Attempts to incite the mine workers to violence were the most bold in West Virginia, officials said, serious trouble being narrowly averted there. But all soft coal regions were infested and much of the data leading up to Friday's Nation wide raids were gathered by secret agents circulating among the mine workers and coming in contact with the agitators themselves, it was disclosed.

The raids also disclosed that a "slush fund" has been created by the two parties against whom the Government moves were directed. Much of this money, said to run into several millions had been set aside for use in balling out adherents of the doctrine in case of arrest or sedition and the teaching of violence.

Movement Well Organized. Proof also was said to have been obtained that in the case of agitators who went among the steel and mine strikers, funds for ball were made available in every section frequented by the

organization of the workers in support of the Communist cause were pictured as more complete than even a political campaign. It was evident, officials declared, that the movement was "ripe" and that settlement of the coal strike had been a keen disappointment to the radical leaders.

Assistant Attorney-General Garvan made public tonight the department's memorandum, submitted to the Bureau of Immigration, upon which was based the government classification of the Communist and Communist Labor parties as coming under the Espionage Act. This disclosed that both groups were pledged to fight any suggestion of military action by America against the Soviet Russians. Membership applications revealed that both groups were indirectly under the control of the Russian Communist Council.

Principles of Party. Significant among other features of the Communist Labor party's doctrine

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