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OUR RALEIGH LETTER

By M. L. Shipman

Raleigh, May 7.—The entrance of Cordell Hull into the Democratic presidential race in the State and the declination of Josephus Daniels to accept a vice-presidential post on a third party in the event the Democrats nominated Smith were the two outstanding events of the past week. Mr. Daniels said that he is a Democrat and expects to abide by the verdict at Houston. The campaign for Hull did not make much progress.

It was a matter of interest to political circles for several days but it was apparent that Congressman Hull did not arouse any great enthusiasm. It was rumored that he was the candidate of the Simmons leaders to offset the candidacy of Smith. While this may be true it became a matter of common knowledge that not even to follow Simmons leadership will the great majority of North Carolinians unite on Hull. If Hull is their choice it will not be votes for Hull but votes against Smith. Thus far no leader has fired the imagination of the opponents of Smith in a manner to link together all factions. Smith sentiment was given another boost by the victory in California and the withdrawal of Walsh from the race for delegates.

Mr. Daniels made his sentiments known when he received a telegram from California after the victory of Smith in that state. He was asked by a Reed manager to accept a position as vice-president on a third party ticket in the event that Smith is nominated. He declined the offer in terms that indicated he was still against Smith but felt that it would be the duty of all who take part in the convention to abide by its outcome.

During the past nine months there have been 482 fatal accidents on the roads of North Carolina it is revealed in the report of the State Highway Commission. Three thousand three hundred and eight persons were injured. The Highway Commission believes that this total might be cut if a highway police force were authorized. The commission also announced that the headlight law would not be enforced effectively this year because of the fact that local officials are not giving cooperation. It believes that this law also may be enforced if there is a state constabulary.

State's Prison gained 77 new inhabitants during the month of April, it was reported by Superintendent Poy. It was also announced that federal court costs for operating court for the three months ended March 31 were \$26,231, which is about five thousand dollars higher than the same period last year.

An addition to the Sir Walter Hotel to provide 104 new rooms will begin in the near future, it was stated during the week. It is hoped to have the addition completed within six months. The Sir Walter has a capacity of 240 rooms at present but these have not met the demands.

The campaign of the women to stop the billboard nuisance on the public roads was brought forcibly to Raleigh with an address during the week by Mrs. W. L. Lawton, chairman of the committee on billboard restriction of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. She illustrated her lecture with slides showing how the advertisement boards ruin the scenery.

The insurance in North Carolina gained \$113,000,000 last year and the total in force on January 1, 1928 was \$1,135,000,000. During the year there were 664,848 policies written on which premiums totalled thirty-five and a half million dollars. The Jefferson Standard of Greensboro and the Durham Life of Raleigh led all others, including all the great out of state insurance companies.

North Carolina banks during the past decade or so have more than held their own and have shown a greater increase in resources than banks of other sections, it is shown in a government report. The bankers convention at Pinehurst attracted attention locally and many local bankers were in attendance. The Rotary convention at Greensboro also attracted many to that city from Raleigh.

It is announced that Camp Glenn will not be used by the National Guard this summer for its encampment. Instead the state troops will train at regular army camps with regular army men and other national guard units. The change is in the way of an experiment. It is proposed to set aside some of the state fair grounds acreage for the establishment of a municipal golf course for the use of Raleigh. The \$25,000 suit of Rev. J. R. Pentuff against the Raleigh Times reached the Supreme Court and was thrown out because the law of appeals had not been heeded. The court took under advisement a motion to reinstate the case. Governor McLean paroled three prisoners during the week. The state is certainly paying huge sums to the federal treasury. Collections for the first ten months of the fiscal year are around \$132,000,000 which is \$17,000,000 above last year and places the state third in ranking of states in payments to federal government.

Raleigh's new station was delayed again when the case was declared a mistrial by Judge Cranmer on the ground that the North Carolina railroad should have been made a party to the suit. It now goes to the Supreme Court, and further endless delay. The man caught possessing liquor must show to the court that it was for the use of his guests and the State is not required to show unlawful possession according to an interpretation of the Turlington act. This makes the rope a little tighter for those who violate the liquor law.

Colonel Fred A. Olds led 3,492 citizens of the State about the capital during the past sixty days his report shows. Colonel Olds knows his North Carolina and delights in showing it to others. The State Highway Commission received bids during the

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week on twelve new road projects, eliminating illiteracy entirely. Receipts from hunting licenses issued during the past year were \$200,780. It is reported by the department of conservation and development. Connecticut has decided to drop its suit against North Carolina for collection of carpetbagger bonds, it having been decided that the bonds were fraudulently issued. The North Carolina Education Association again has selected Raleigh as the meeting city and the meeting will be in March, 1929.

It takes nature 10,000 years to form a foot of fertile soil from the rocks of the earth's crust yet some landowners permit this foot to be washed away in one year.

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