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DOUGHTON IS DOUBTFUL AS TO BICKETT'S PLAN

The Congressman Thinks the Campaign Might Be Eliminated in Counties, But in Districts, Never

Many local people are interested in the announcement from Washington in yesterday's Greensboro Daily News of the stand Representative Doughton has taken in reference to Gov. Bickett's plan to eliminate politics in North Carolina this year. Representative Doughton, says the News' Washington correspondent, has given a partial endorsement to Gov. Bickett's plan to eliminate politics in North Carolina this year and devote the time usually taken up with political discussions to an effort to solidify the people against Prussianism.

Mr. Doughton thinks the governor's recommendation is a splendid theory, but, like many others, he doubts if it can be worked out. He thinks possibly the plan could be worked out in some counties where there is Republican or Democratic control for the opposition party to allow the party in control to keep the places without a Democratic or Republican fight.

In so far as congressional candidates are concerned, however, Mr. Doughton does not believe it can be worked out. He thinks it impracticable and does not believe the powers that be will agree to such a plan.

"I read with interest the governor's recommendation that the present campaign in North Carolina be conducted without partisan politics," said Mr. Doughton. "I think it splendid in theory, but doubt if it is workable or practicable. The manifest disposition of both parties should be to subordinate everything to a successful termination of the war, and the great patriotism manifested on all sides may make it possible to work out the governor's plan in some localities.

"For instance, take a locality or county that is safely Republican; the Democrats may consider it wise not to run any candidates for offices in that county, and where a county is safely Democratic the Republicans could pursue the same course.

"So far as candidates for Congress in close districts are concerned, of course it would be impossible to get either side to agree to this plan, as undoubtedly a desperate fight will be waged by both parties to control both the Senate and House. The margin in the House is so close that a single congressman may change the control from the Democrats to the Republicans and vice versa. So far as I am personally concerned, I would approve any plan that would bring the war to a successful and honorable end at the earliest possible date."

Statesmen and visitors from the state discussed the governor's plan with more or less interest, but Mr. Doughton apparently is the only one at the present time who cares to be put on record regarding the plan. Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, told newspaper men tonight that Gov. Bickett's plan, or one similar to the one suggested by the North Carolina governor, has been put up to him by a number of Democrats, but that he had not gone into the matter to the extent where he would be able to render an opinion as to what his party's attitude will be should the plan get far enough for the national party to advise with the state committees.

In his first statement to the press in Washington tonight Mr. Hays said there are to be no factions in the Republican party from now on. He does not care, he said, how a man voted in the last campaign or what faction he belonged to. There will be no such word as "faction" in the new organization. Mr. Hays said both Col. Roosevelt and Justice Hughes called on him in New York today and that he received a nice note from former President Taft. He will visit Mr. Taft at his home early next week.

If anyone thinks the Republicans are not preparing to play politics he is mistaken. The party machinery of that once great organization has never been in better shape for a real political campaign, nor have the members of the Republican organization ever been so enthusiastic as they are now. They are in for a fight, patriotism or no patriotism.

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE TO GERMANS IS STIFFENING

London, Feb. 26.—A Petrograd dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, dated Monday, says:

"That resistance to the German advance is growing is shown by the reports of fighting which continues in the vicinity of Pskov. This town has changed hands several times. The German detachments which first entered Pskov were very small, but they have since been reinforced.

"There is a general belief that the Germans are moving forward hastily because supplies of ammunition worth 400,000,000 rubles are concentrated in the neighborhood of Pskov. The Russians, however, are taking measures to guard the railway and are sending more soviet troops to Pskov."

Later advices say that the soviet armies are now everywhere resisting the invaders. At Narva the garrison and workmen have formed an army of 10,000 and gone to Revel. There are similar reports from Walk. Great activity is manifested at the Bolshevik headquarters in Petrograd and arms and ammunition are being distributed.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR LAYS DOWN BASIS FOR PEACE

Speaking before the reichstag Monday, the imperial German chancellor, Count von Hertling, made this declaration, says a dispatch from Amsterdam:

"I can fundamentally agree with the four principles which, in President Wilson view, must be applied in a mutual exchange of views, and thus declare with President Wilson that a general peace can be discussed on such a basis.

"Only one reserve need be made in this connection: These principles must not only be proposed by the President of the United States, but must also actually be recognized by all states and peoples."

MR. ABERNETHY HAS BOUGHT THE ELKIN DRUG COMPANY

Having bought the Elkin Drug Company store at Elkin, N. C., Mr. J. G. Abernethy will leave here about April 1 to take charge of that business. Mr. Abernethy is a registered druggist and, aside from being a stockholder in the Lenoir Drug Company, has had charge of the prescription work of that store for several years. He has been connected with that store seventeen years. Mr. Abernethy is a specialist and a thorough worker in his line. Elkin is fortunate in attracting him.

MR. PRESTWOOD BUYS THE WATSON PROPERTY

Mr. R. M. Prestwood has bought the new J. K. Watson bungalow on the Hickory road, the sale being made through Mr. J. W. Self.

123 KILLED; 100 INJURED IN SOUTHERN WRECK

Train From Asheville Crashed Into Rear of Train from Greenville, Near Columbia, Telescoping the Steel Smoking Car

Twelve persons were killed, many seriously injured and 100 more or less seriously hurt when train No. 42 from Asheville and Spartanburg ran into the rear of train No. 18 from Greenville at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon near Frost's station, five miles and a half from Columbia. Both were Southern railway trains.

The dead and injured were all passengers on train No. 18. There were no injuries or casualties among the passengers on train No. 42.

The rear coach on train No. 18 was a steel coach and the force of the collision telescoped this coach half way through the coach ahead, which was wooden.

The dead, all white men, are said to have been occupying a smoking compartment.

None of the train crews was hurt except J. O. Meredith of train No. 18, who is reported seriously injured.

A special train took the injured to the hospitals in Columbia, all of which were taxed to their capacity. State Factory Inspector Bonner is reported among the seriously injured.

W. C. Tomlinson of Durham and Raleigh, traveling salesman and brother of Mrs. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, died of his injuries in the hospital at Columbia Monday night.

300 HIGH SCHOOLS IN A STATE-WIDE DEBATE

Only Seven Counties in the Entire State Have No School in the Debating Union—Other University Notes

With only a month before the triangular debates over the state, the North Carolina Debating Union is hard at work preparing for the final event. Secretary E. R. Rankin reports a great amount of interest in this year's contest, and also in the athletic events which will be held at the same time during the high school week, April 11-12.

So far 300 separate high schools have entered the debating contest. Many of the counties have many schools entered. Robeson has 11, Mecklenburg 10, Buncombe 9, Guilford, 8 Alamance and Wake 7 each, Davidson 6, Durham 6, Gaston 6, Iredell 6, Johnston 6, Moore 6, Pitt 6, Rowan 6, Scotland 6, Union 6, Wayne 6, Bladen, Duplin and Northampton 5. The following seven counties are the only ones without any representation: Brunswick, Hertford, Jackson, Jones, Madison, Mitchell and Watauga.

Preparations are being made vigorously in the schools for the approaching contest and the indications are that this year's contest will be one of the most successful in the history of the union.

The Tar Heel, student weekly newspaper of the University, celebrated on Feb. 23 the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment. It has been an important force on the campus during these years in promoting proper school spirit and furthering athletics and other student activities. The Tar Heel was established just after Carolina's first football game with Virginia and has given proper encouragement and encouragement to all athletic efforts since.

The paper has also numbered among its editors some of the most distinguished citizens of the state today, as well as many well known newspaper men. Dr. Charles Baskerville, now a distinguished professor of chemistry in New York, was the first editor-in-chief, while Hon. Walter Murphy of Salisbury was the first managing editor. Judge Crawford Biggs and Dr. Howard Rondthaler were frequent contributors during the first year. The paper has had among its many editors President Graham, Prof. N. W. Walker, Ralph H. Graves of the New York Times, Quincy S. Mills of the New York Sun, R. D. W. Connor, C. P. Russell, Victor L. Stephenson, W. T. Bost, O. J. Coffin, Whitehead Klutz and others equally well known. The issue of the paper for last week gave a thorough review of its interesting career.

Two extension centers for study have already been organized by the University, and applications have been made for others. The ones already established are in Winston-Salem and Raleigh. The Raleigh group has taken up the study of Russia, and last week the first lecture was given by Prof. Edwin Greenlaw of the University. Over 100 people have joined. At Winston-Salem the general subject is "America and Her Allies." The method of work contemplates the visit of three members of the faculty of the University at intervals of about three weeks.

REV. C. T. SQUIRES HAS TENDERED RESIGNATION

Rev. C. T. Squires, for seven years pastor of the Presbyterian church here, has tendered his resignation to become effective April 1, to accept a call to Laurens, S. C. A conference is called for Sunday morning to consider the resignation. A delegation of four men from the Laurens church was here several days ago to confer with Mr. Squires on this matter.

AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE "GASSED" BY GERMANS

With the American Army in France, Feb. 26.—Three American soldiers were killed and nine badly "gassed" in two formidable gas attacks made by the Germans on the American positions in the Toul sector early this morning with projectors.

The enemy also heavily bombarded the American batteries with gas shells, but without result.

THE GRAND JURY MEANS BUSINESS AS TO ROADS

Some Roads Not Worked in Twelve Months, Says Report Submitted to Judge Cline—Will Get Law After Overseers

Complaint of road conditions over the county and the fact that some of them have not been worked within twelve months brought a strong recommendation from the grand jury, which handed in its report to Judge E. D. Cline Wednesday morning. The report recommends that all overseers shall work their roads and report to the supervisors, who in turn will report to the county commissioners on the first Monday in April.

The report of the grand jury follows in full:

"To His Honor, E. B. Cline, Judge: "We, the undersigned grand jurors for February term, 1918, of Caldwell Superior Court, submit herewith our report to the court, as follows:

"We have investigated all bills of indictment sent us by the solicitor, with the result that we have found several true bills and a number of bills ignored. We have examined the county jail and find same well cared for and inmates in good physical condition. We find one of the flues at the top needs repairing at once and would suggest that the sheriff have same attended to at once; also one of the cells needs a bar, and outside door to prison department is in bad repair and needs attention at once. We would also recommend that some steps be built to side entrance. We think it advisable to paint the jail roof and that screens to doors and windows be put in.

"We find that the county home was visited at the November term and that a number of our body have passed said home during this term and find that same is in good condition. We all examined all the offices in the court house and find same well kept and in good condition.

"We find that all road overseers shall at once work their roads and report to the supervisors so that the supervisors may report to the county commissioners not later than the first Monday in April, and upon failure to do so they will be reported to the solicitor. We hear a lot of complaint about the roads over the county being in a bad condition. Some of them have not been worked for a period of twelve months.

"In conclusion, we wish to express our thanks to his honor, Judge Cline, for his patriotic charge to the grand jury, as we all feel strengthened by it. One member of the grand jury, after asking to be released, after hearing the charge decided to remain on said body, as it was his duty to serve his country.

"Respectfully submitted,
"W. L. ERNEST, Foreman."

THE LENOIR FIRE COMPANY ELECTS SIX NEW MEMBERS

Six new members were elected to membership in the local fire department at a meeting Tuesday night. The membership for the past year numbered only nine. The election of the new members brings the 1918 membership up to sixteen. The first nine names on the following list constituted the 1917 membership. The six added make up the total for the present year: G. C. Courtney, chief; J. L. Cottrell, assistant chief; J. D. Matheson, captain; O. D. Heffner, secretary; F. T. Sherrill, C. W. Hailley, F. D. Blackwell, Tom Seaboch, Fons McDade, driver; L. F. Stine, Dave Bower, Wade McGowan, J. A. Knox, M. I. Cloer, C. C. Stimson, W. E. Miller.

BRITISH FORCES IN PAL- ESTINE CAPTURE JERICHO

The British forces in Palestine have captured the city of Jericho, Australian troops entering the city last week. Aside from its historical and sentimental importance, the capture of the city gives Gen. Allenby, the British commander, control of a number of strategic roads over which to move his men and their supplies. Within twenty-four miles from the present British position is the railroad from Damascus to Mecca, which has been the artery which has fed the Turkish forces operating against the Arabian tribesmen. If this road were cut it would give the tribesmen great advantage in their struggle.

AMBASSADOR FRANCIS IS FLEEING FROM PETROGRAD

Washington, Feb. 26.—The state department was advised by Ambassador Francis today that on yesterday the German army was only eight hours' march from Petrograd and that he was preparing to leave the Russian capital with his staff.

The message, which was dated yesterday and sent by way of Peking, said Mr. Francis would join the Chinese and Japanese diplomats, also preparing to leave. It did not refer to plans of the European diplomats. It was taken for granted at the state department that the ambassador has abandoned an idea of following the Lenine-Trotsky authorities to a temporary capital and that the route chosen is that over the trans-Siberian railway into China.

No instructions have been sent by the state department to Mr. Francis, who in all his negotiations with the de facto government in Petrograd has used his own judgment.

An abandonment of Russia will be construed by officials here as an indication that the ambassador regards the situation of the Bolshevik government as practically hopeless.

MR. MCCONNAUGHEY LEAVES R. R. TO MANAGE FARM

Lure of the farm has been too much for Mr. Joe McConnaughey, who for some time has been ticket agent and cashier at the local Carolina & Northwestern office. Mr. McConnaughey has accepted the management of a big cotton farm and store near Rocky Mount, N. C., for Mr. Will Ervin, a big cotton mill man and farmer of Edgecomb and Nash counties. Mr. and Mrs. McConnaughey and the children left this week for their new home.

Mr. L. L. Pipes succeeds Mr. McConnaughey with the Carolina & Northwestern.

GERMAN REVOLUTION IS FORECAST IN REICHSTAG

A revolution in Germany was predicted by Dr. Cohn, independent socialist deputy, in an address to the reichstag last week, the Volks Zeitung of Cologne says, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam. Dr. Cohn's address, made during the debate on the peace treaty with Ukraine, threw the reichstag into an uproar.

"It is not correct to say that the people of Russia's Baltic provinces are longing for German rule," he declared.

"The treaty with Ukraine is not the first step toward general peace. I see the day coming when revolution will reach Germany, and the people will take the fate of their rulers into their own hands."

The independent socialists cheered the speaker. From other parts of the house came shouts of "Traitor!"

TWENTY CALDWELL MEN ARE CALLED TO ENTRAIN

They Will Leave for Camp Jackson Next Tuesday to Help Make Up the First Quota for the County

Twenty men have been called by the exemption board to report here Tuesday ready to leave for Camp Jackson. This number is to help fill out the first quota called last fall. Caldwell county is due about fifty men on the first quota, which, if every one of this twenty are accepted, will leave about thirty men to be sent later. The remaining thirty will be called later, and, according to Mr. F. H. Coffey, chairman of the local board, they will be allowed to make up this number with colored men. Mr. Coffey says that they will soon have things in shape to accommodate the negro drafted men, and unless new rules are made they will be the next called to camp.

The men to leave Tuesday are: George Davidson Long, John Wesley Knight, Harlie Abel Miller, Raymond Collins, James C. Beaver, Thomas Lafayette Warren, Columbus H. Kirby, Avery Oscar Miller, Thomas Jefferson Hudson, William Fred Haas, Alonzo Mott Joines, Clarence Tuttle Coffey, Roby Arthur White, Joseph Lail, John F. Edmonds, Roy Gerald Wood, William Harris, James W. Cloer, Jarvis Colie Tolbert, Charles C. Triplett.

The annual expenditure of the United States for candy is approximately \$400,000,000.

JURY GAVE H. L. D. CLARK DIVORCE YESTERDAY

Took the Jury About Two Hours to Reach Verdict—Other Cases Taken Up—Criminal Court Over Wednesday

The jury yesterday granted Mr. H. D. L. Clark his petition for divorce from Mrs. Mary Clark. Two hours or more were required for the jury to reach a verdict and for a time it seemed that they would be held over night.

Only two days were taken up this week to grind out the criminal cases slated for this term of Caldwell Superior Court. Wednesday morning following the submission of the report of the grand jury Judge Cline ordered Sheriff Triplett to adjourn criminal court.

In order to take advantage of the balance of this week the divorce cases and some other civil cases were moved forward on the calendar to be tried this week. The divorce cases were taken up yesterday with the case of H. D. L. Clark against Mrs. Mary Clark. This case consumed almost the entire day. However, just before adjourning court yesterday afternoon the case of June Blackburn against Mrs. Clare Blackburn and the case of Mrs. Jessie Smith against Charles Smith were tried. Divorces were granted in both of these cases. The divorce cases of Mrs. Callie Correll against Will Correll and Elijah Triplett against Mrs. Rebecca Triplett were continued. The remaining days of this week will be devoted to civil cases moved forward.

The criminal term disposed of the following cases:

Pink Horton, larceny, 12 months on roads.

Will West, Oscar Sides, Ab Triplett, gambling; \$25 and costs.

Ira Shell and Fred Coffey, affray; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Spencer Clarke and Clarence Clarke, affray; not guilty.

John Pennell, abandonment; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Charlie Helton, larceny; two years in penitentiary.

R. G. Coffey, abandonment; \$75 and costs.

Bert Bradshaw, larceny, 15 months on roads.

Ham Horton, larceny and carrying concealed weapon; four months on roads.

Avery Bean, retailing; not guilty.

Allen Laws, forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

RULING DOES NOT APPLY TO FARMERS GROWING OWN GRAIN

Farmers who have their own wheat are privileged to have it ground in any quantities and hold the flour made from it. The provision of the food control law relating to hoarding does not apply to producers, says County Food Administrator W. C. Moore, Jr. There seems to be a misapprehension in the minds of many farmers on this point and some uneasiness has been expressed by farmers lest their wheat be damaged by weevils before they are able to use it.

Farmers who have wheat ground into flour may not only hold as much of this flour as they need for their own consumption, but are privileged also to sell it to other consumers. In selling flour, however, they assume the status of a retailer and they must sell only in combination with cereal substitutes or to consumers who sign a certificate stating that they have produced and are using corn meal or other cereal substitutes at the same ratio as they use flour. Farmers selling flour are also limited as to the amounts they may sell to consumers.

S-S-S-SURRENDER? C-C-C-CERTAINLY NOT!

About to be rejected at recruiting headquarters of the marine corps in New York because he stammers Solis Solomon O'Hanna said:

"L-l-look here, d-d-d-you w-w-want a t-t-talking m-m-m-man or a f-f-fighting m-m-m-man? I'm a f-f-fighting m-m-m-man, b-b-but I c-c-c-can't g-g-get my words out q-q-q-quick enough to s-s-say s-s-s-surrender if the whole d-d-d-d—d G-G-G-German army's on t-t-top o' me."

The recruiting officer was greatly impressed and took the case under advisement.