

RECORD NUMBER ATTEND SESSIONS

Mid-Biennial Convention of General Federation of Women in Asheville

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Lieut.-Gov. Max Gardner Will Welcome Visitors To State at Reception Tonight; Mrs. Mrs. W. J. Bryan and Other Prominent Speakers On Program For Addresses

Asheville, May 26.—The mid-biennial convention of the General Federation of Women's Clubs opened today with the largest attendance in the history of the organization, women being present from every section of the nation.

The presiding officer of the convention is Mrs. Josiah Evans Cowles, of Los Angeles, Calif., whose husband, Dr. Cowles, was a former resident of Asheville.

The executive sessions were held today by the general federation officers and directors, who are stopping at the Grove Park Inn. Two other business sessions will be held by these women tomorrow morning.

Governor Unable to Attend.

The first session, at which all the club women will be present, will be the reception and official welcome tomorrow night at the city auditorium. Mayor Galatin Roberts will address the ladies in behalf of the city, and many prominent speakers will be on the program for that event. It has been announced that Governor Bickett will be unable to attend, and his place on the program will be filled by Lieutenant Governor Max Gardner.

Among the prominent speakers who will speak tomorrow at a luncheon to be given at Grove Park Inn, are: Mrs. Eugene Reilly, Charlotte; Mrs. W. O. Spencer, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Allison Hodges, Richmond, Va.; Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro; Mrs. Felix Harrey, Kinston; Mrs. J. E. Cowles, Mrs. Walter B. Sharp, Mrs. Clarence A. Johnson, Raleigh; Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt, Asheville, and many others. Most of the speakers will respond to toasts, and Mrs. Eugene Reilly will be the toastmistress.

Mrs. Bryan To Speak. Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, of Asheville, will respond to a toast on "Our Friend." The luncheon at which the toasts will be made, is one of the most elaborate affairs planned by the local women for the entertainment of the visiting club members. The chairman of the luncheon committee is Mrs. Fred L. Seely, daughter of E. W. Grove, owner of Grove Park Inn, and she is being assisted by a committee headed by Mrs. C. C. Lantz, of this city.

The official welcome at the auditorium tomorrow night will be followed by a reception at the Battery Park Hotel, given complimentary to the visitors by the Asheville Board of Trade. This event will be one of the most enjoyable of the entire week, as the official representatives of the city are giving the reception, and nothing has been spared to make it a success.

Business Sessions Daily. Brief conferences will feature the meetings throughout the week, and the ladies are planning to keep their business sessions clear by holding short meetings each day and thus have all business settled at the end of the convention.

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Plan For The Allies To Assist Anti-Bolshevik Struggle in Russia

(Continued from Page One.) merely a beginning. Once the militia is formed in the boroughs, chief towns and districts, they will be grouped to form provincial corps. In each region a central military commission will be appointed to assist the local authorities on all questions relating to organization of the militia.

SOLUTION OF AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN FINANCES

Paris, May 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Representatives of the new states carved out of the former Hapsburg monarchy were given a hearing today before the reparations commission to represent their objections to the proposed solution of the Austro-Hungarian financial problem under which they would be held responsible for their share of the pre-war debt, the war debt, the war loans of currency and reparations and would be required to compensate Austria and Hungary as they will be constituted in the future for the value of the public buildings and property inside their limits.

The protests against this great burden were met sympathetically by the council of four, which sent the question to the reparations sub-commission for a rehearing. This submission will be supplemented by Franco-British representatives, who are understood to be opposed to any change. The British representatives delegated are General Smuts and John M. Keynes, and the French are Captain Andre Tardieu and Louis Loucheur.

The belief is held here that a new report will be made exempting the new states from any payments on account of reparations or public property taken over.

The prime factor in the negotiations therefore has been the fact that about three billion francs of the Austrian pre-war debt is held in France, and the French government has promised a secure repayment to its nationals. Hence it has been anxious to distribute the financial burden, in order to prevent the bankruptcy of the new Austria and Hungary.

PROGRESS OF THE FORD LIBEL SUIT

Plaintiff Has a Good Day With Witnesses Who Refute One Charge

(By The Associated Press.)

Mount Clemens, Mich., May 26.—Witnesses for Henry Ford, who is suing the Chicago Daily Tribune for \$1,000,000 damages on a charge of libel, gave glimpses of the routine of the big Ford plant today. Opening testimony was along the line of refutation of the assertion in the Tribune's alleged libelous editorial, headed "Ford is an anarchist," that at the time the national guard was called out for service on the Mexican border, Mr. Ford would not hold his employees jobs open for them while absent.

The witnesses were John J. Henkel, head of the employment department, which has power to hire and dismiss an average of 30,000 persons employed in the factories; Harry Sommers, his assistant and Norman M. Baker, a foreman in the plant, who for seven years has been a member of the Michigan national guard.

Baker said he served with the guard during the copper strike in upper Michigan in 1913; answered the call for Mexican service in 1916 and had attended the annual guard encampments at Grayling, Mich. He testified that during his military service he was always reinstated and never discriminated against because of his activity in the national guard.

The substance of the testimony of the witnesses was that for years it has been the Ford policy to reinstate men who ceased employment for reasons beyond their control, such as sickness or military service and that this policy was in full operation when the national guard was called out in 1916.

Much of the testimony revolved around memorandum slips made out by foremen when men quit their employment and little discs given some of them when they left to go with the guard.

A man who quits his employment at the Ford plant, it was said gets the slip as a clearance from his foreman and returns it to the employment division when he wishes to reenter the service. Some 30 or 40 employees joined the guard, it was said. Those who came personally to Henkel or Sommers, they testified, were given the little discs which the witnesses declared assured them reinstatement when they returned.

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MRS. BUSBEE LEADS IN LOCAL MOVIE CONTEST

First Count of Votes Made By Strand Theatre Management; 13,740 Votes Cast

First count of the votes in the Strand Theatre's motion picture contest was made in the theatre last night. Within the last few days a number of ballots have found their way to the big Coca-Cola barrel in front of the theatre, and the management was getting curious.

Incidentally, the management had no monopoly on the curiosity about the contest. The votes were counted at Manager Morfield's desk in the foyer, and as the crowds came out from the show, "The Political Boss," they asked so many questions as to make counting impossible.

Briefly, the count showed the following facts: that there have been 28 girls and 15 boys nominated for the leading roles, and a total of 13,740 votes cast. Mrs. Charles Busbee, Jr., leads the girls' list with 925 votes, and Mr. J. W. Lanaster the men's list with 1,900 votes.

One of the girl ushers had put in a number of votes, but by a ruling of the management no employees of the theatre may enter the contest.

The final preparations for taking the picture are now under way, though the date for the closing of the contest has not yet been announced. A complete list of the nominees appears elsewhere in the paper.

OPENING SESSION OF FEDERAL COURT

Spring Term Will Convene in Raleigh This Morning; Continues Two Weeks

The Spring term of the United States Circuit Court at Raleigh will convene this morning with Judge Henry C. Connor, of Wilson, presiding.

With nearly 100 cases on the docket, it is expected that Raleigh will have about 500 court visitors during the two weeks of the session. It is one of the heaviest dockets in several years.

A feature of the term will be District Attorney Thomas Warren's first appearance before the bar of the court in this city as prosecuting officer. It will also be Marshal George Bellamy's first court in Raleigh. Both of these district officers began their duties since the last session of court in the Capital City, but both have been on duty at the sessions of the Federal Court in other cities within the Eastern North Carolina district.

The docket is composed largely of cases involving the illicit manufacture of whiskey originating in several counties. Several cases, however, hold considerable local interest. One of these is against two Gypsies, Miller and Steve Joncoe, charged with violating the Mann "White Slave" act. George John and his daughter, Rosa, are the principal government witnesses against the two defendants who, it is alleged, brought Rosa from Virginia into North Carolina for immoral purposes.

Other cases of interest in Raleigh are those against Louise Price, Blanche McCade, Clara Lester, white, and Nancy Cotton, colored, who are charged with immoral conduct. The women were arrested in East Raleigh during a raid by agents of the Department of Justice, local police and military police of Camp Polk.

BARLOW NO MATCH FOR RAZOR; HENCE CUTTING

Mamie Robinson's barlow was no match for Carrie Chappell's trusty razor last night when the two negro women clashed on Wilmington street and as the result of the hostilities Mamie was rushed to St. Agnes Hospital with a severe gash on her left arm. Carrie spent the night in jail. The fight occurred in front of Hamlin's cafe and drew a large crowd of spectators.

The wielding of the deadly weapons, according to Carrie, followed a sudden rage of jealousy. It was all about a man, both claiming the same fellow for a sweetheart. Carrie stated that Mamie chased her several blocks with the knife before she succeeded in entangling her razor from his hiding place. She did not say where she kept the weapon. She had it ready for action; however, in front of the cafe on Wilmington street and there the chase ended.

If Mamie recovers sufficiently, the trouble will be aired this morning in city court. From reports of the woman's condition it is expected they will be some delay.

Bitter Speech Against League By Senator Reed

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nois, made a speech criticizing it in the House and declaring the American people never could mingle on equal terms with the peoples of Europe. No general debate developed, however, at that end of the capital.

Robinson to Speak Wednesday. When the Johnson resolution comes up in the Senate Wednesday Senator Robinson, Democrat, of Arkansas, expects to open debate with a speech supporting the league. He had given notice that he would speak today but adjournment was taken before he had the opportunity.

M'ADOO EMPHASIZES NECESSITY OF LEAGUE

New York, May 26.—Europe and the world at large will be plunged again into "incessant turmoil and strife" if the United States Senate fails to ratify the League of Nations covenant, William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury, predicted tonight in an address at a non-partisan League of nations dinner.

"If no league is created and a simple treaty of peace is attempted there can be no stability in Europe," he declared. "A continual ferment of turbulent population, already overburdened by debt and struggling in poverty will precipitate new wars in the near future."

CHAMBERLAIN PAYS FIFTY DOLLAR FINE

By Pleading Guilty To One Charge, He Is Freed of The Other Two

By special agreement made between attorneys out of court, Frank D. Chamberlain was yesterday fined \$50 and costs in city court before Judge Harris, and the other charges against him were dropped.

This brought to a conclusion the little shooting affair that attracted so much attention here nearly six weeks ago. It was on the night of April 10th that Mr. Chamberlain shot Dr. E. B. Eyles on the street in front of Gierseh's Cafe.

The case has been on the docket ever since. First it was set for Wednesday, April 16. Several witnesses were absent that morning, and the case was continued until April 28. When 28th came, some more witnesses neglected to show up, and the case was again continued, this time indefinitely.

Last week Solicitor Willis Briggs started in to clear up the city court docket before Federal court, which opens today, should intervene. There were three major cases on the docket; this case, the Johnson homicide case and the Fleming hotel law violation case. The Johnson case was tried this morning; the other is still pending.

No testimony was introduced by either the State or Chamberlain. It was merely announced that Mr. Chamberlain would plead guilty to the charge of carrying a concealed weapon, pay \$50 fine and the costs, and that the other charges, of assault with a deadly weapon and assault with intent to kill, would be dropped.

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HOPWELL FIREBUG SUSPECT ARRESTED.

Norfolk, Va., May 26.—George Mitton, alias George Spiro, charged by the Hopewell police with starting the fire

that resulted in the death of three persons in that city early Sunday morning, surrendered to detectives here today. He was identified by the Hopewell police as the man wanted there and will be taken to Hopewell tomorrow morning. According to the Hopewell police Mitton was in the city two hours before the fire was discovered.

DIES IN HOSPITAL RESULT OF SHOOTING (Special to the News and Observer.) Asheville, May 26.—Robert Burnett, colored, who was shot Sunday afternoon in a gambling game near Black Mountain by Francis Stepp, died this evening at the Mission Hospital at 8 o'clock. Stepp is being held in the Buncombe county jail.

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