

I. W. W. WORKING AMONG NEGROES

Representative Visits New Bern, Officers Learn, But Soon Leaves

New Bern, Dec. 11.—According to statements made today by a prominent manufacturer in this city, who employs a large number of colored laborers, a representative of the I. W. W. has been in New Bern recently endeavoring to form an organization among the negroes in this city. According to statements made today by this gentleman, this man spent several days here spreading his propaganda and aroused much interest among the colored people.

That he evidently impressed upon them the necessity for secrecy is demonstrated by the fact that practically everyone who is said to have been approached has emphatically denied all knowledge of the matter. The authorities have been informed of the affair and intend to arrest the organizer if he shows up here again.

Teachers and school committees from all over Craven county will gather in New Bern tomorrow to hear the address to be made by Prof. E. C. Brooks, state superintendent of Public Instruction, who is scheduled to speak here. In addition to the address to be made by Dr. Brooks, addresses will be made by other educators who are well known in the State and a hundred or more visiting teachers are expected to be in attendance.

CARRANZA PLACES ENTIRE BLAME UPON THE AMERICAN

Mexico Claims Dead Man Responsible For Meeting Death at Sentry's Hands

Washington, Dec. 11.—Complete blame for the killing of James Wallace, an American citizen by a Mexican soldier two weeks ago near Tampico, is placed upon Wallace himself, by the Mexican government in its note replying to the urgent inquiry made by the United States. The note, which has been handed to the American Embassy in Mexico City, was summarized in a dispatch received from the embassy today by the State Department.

The note, the summary indicates, amounts to a charge that Wallace, while intoxicated, passed a sentry, stationed at what is characterized as a "dangerous spot" and the American failing to halt was shot and killed. The note adds that the killing was made a matter of official record and that the arrest of the soldier and an investigation of the incident were ordered immediately by the Mexican authorities.

Officials at the State Department withheld comment on this last interchange with the Carranza government, pending receipt of the full text of the communication which is expected tomorrow.

FOUR TEAMS JOIN IN BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The committee for the organization of the Sunday School Basketball League has formed a circuit composed of four teams and one other has promised to hand in its line-up not later than Monday, December 15.

The committee also decided to play the games on Tuesday nights instead of Friday nights as previously announced. The first game will be played next Tuesday night beginning promptly at 8 o'clock. When the first games are played next Tuesday night it is hoped that the balcony will be filled with spectators to cheer their team on to victory.

Following are the Sunday schools which have already handed in their line-ups:

Edenton St. Methodist.

Pell, captain; Garris, Mial, Holmes, Hunter, Eldridge.

First Baptist.

Ray, captain; Davis, Newcomb, Manning, Sears, Denmark.

Tabernacle Baptist.

Massey, manager; Shumaker, captain; Richardson, Johnson, Brady, Fleming, Phelps.

Central Methodist.

Caviness, captain; Harrison, Chapman, O'Connor, Younger, Caviness.

REPUBLICANS COMPLETE POW-WOW IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 11.—Plans for the 1920 campaign were discussed at a meeting here today of the National Association of Republican State Chairmen, at which many of the party's national leaders were present to give counsel regarding organization and policies.

The meeting, which concluded the series of conferences which had brought several hundred Republican leaders here, was held while preliminary arrangements were in progress for the 1920 national convention which the National Committee voted yesterday to hold in Chicago June 8. The formal call for the convention was issued and those in charge of arrangements started the big task of allotting tickets and providing facilities.

One decision calculated to further close relations between the state and national organizations contemplates the reservation of places in the convention hall for all of the State Chairmen, for the heads of the women's division in each state and for two representatives, a man and a woman from every state committee on ways and means.

The formal call sent out tonight by Chairman Hays lays down the new apportionment of State representatives as announced yesterday and provides that all delegates and alternates must be chosen not earlier than thirty days after the date of this call and not later than thirty days before the date of meeting of such Republican national convention unless otherwise provided by the laws of the State in which the election occurs.

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CAROLINA TOWNS IN VIRGINIA LEAGUE

Rocky Mt. and Wilson Allied With Six Old Dominion Clubs For Class B Ball

Rocky Mount, Dec. 11.—At a meeting of the directors of the Virginia League, held at Suffolk yesterday and attended by Mr. W. S. Mays, former president of the Rocky Mount club, and vice-president of the league, franchises were granted Rocky Mount and Wilson for next season when the circuit was enlarged to take in eight clubs and the standard raised to class B ball.

The matter of securing a berth in the league has been engineered by the Chamber of Commerce for a motive and the decision of the directors is most joyously received by local baseball enthusiasts, whose memory still lingers on the performances of the Down Homers several years ago. The decision to make the league an eight club circuit was reached after all last year's members wanted to stay in again this season and franchises were awarded Rocky Mount and Wilson.

While both this city and Wilson were mentioned as members of the proposed Eastern Carolina circuit, no definite action has been taken in the formation of the league here and it is not thought the plans will in any way interfere with the newly offered berth in the higher class and well established league. Although Lynchburg made application for a franchise at the Suffolk meeting, the eastern Virginia cities on account of the great distance to Shocemakerville opposed the granting and Rocky Mount and Wilson were admitted by a vote of 4 to 2.

Arrangements to carry the project through will be made by the chamber of commerce under the direction of President N. L. Aleske, who is an enthusiastic fan, and at a meeting of the directors of the chamber yesterday a committee was appointed to work out all details and serve as a rallying point for the citizens of the city. With the compact personal of the league, Richmond, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Petersburg, Suffolk, Rocky Mount and Wilson, and the standard of ball raised to class B great things are expected of the 1920 season.

PRESIDENT HONORS MANY IN NAVY AND MARINES

Distinguished Service Medal Awarded To 144 Officers and Enlisted Men

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Wilson has awarded the Distinguished Service Medal to 144 officers and enlisted men of the navy and marine corps for exceptionally meritorious service during the war. The list, made public today by the Navy Department, included 112 officers of the regular navy, eleven in the reserve, thirteen in the marine corps and four in the United States coast guard, while enlisted men receiving the decoration totaled 15, including three in the marine corps.

These are the first awards of the Distinguished Service Medal authorized by a special act of Congress approved last February 4.

Among Southerners included in the list of those awarded the Distinguished Service Medal are the following:

- Rear Admiral Benson, Mason, Ga.; Captain Henry V. Butler, Winchester, Va.; Vice Admiral Dewitt W. Coffman, Coconut Grove, Fla.; Commander Percy W. Poole, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Vice Admiral Albert W. Grant, Norfolk, Va.; Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully, Anderson, S. C.; Rear Admiral Samuel McGowan, Laurens, S. C.; Captain Joseph E. Tausig, Norfolk, Va.; Captain Thomas Washington Goldsboro, N. C.; Brigadier General Wendell C. Neville, Portsmouth, Va., marine corps.
- Enlisted men included Amil Wiman, Miami, Fla., and E. Ursher L. Eifor, Weyers Cave, Va.

Those who enjoy a dollar most
Are those who really earn it;
And if they have the cash to burn
'Tis because they do not burn it.

TECHS PLAY FIRST GAME ON SATURDAY

State College Opens Quint Season By Meeting Strong Durham "Y" Team

Cochran's Techs will open the local basketball season Saturday night on the auditorium court with a game with Durham Y. M. C. A. Fans will no doubt appreciate the opportunity of seeing the Red and White quint in action before the holidays. The college schedule in Raleigh has usually opened about the middle of January and practice has been delayed until after Christmas. This season, however, the schedule calls for a number of hard games somewhat early, and for this reason the Tech leader called for candidates immediately after the close of the football season.

It is probable that only experienced men will be used against the tossers from Durham, although these are several promising men in the large bunch of new material. Captain Cline, who is rounding out his fourth year on the team will play right guard. Either Gurley or Deal, both letter men, will fill in at the other defensive position. Grooms, who played an exceptionally strong game all last year, will take care of the work in the center-of-the-floor. Ripple and Tommy Park form an unusually strong scoring combination under the baskets. Both are tall, rangy men capable of causing any guard a lot of trouble. This is Ripple's third year on the team while Park won his spurs last season.

Durham usually puts out one of the strongest "Y" teams in this section and this fall they are reported to have the best team in years. Carolina recently won from them by a small score, although Durham showed the way all during the first half.

The game Saturday night will be called promptly at 8 o'clock.

Many Industries Closed Down

Rome, Ga., Dec. 11.—Six industries were forced to shut down today and about fifty families had to move because of high water in the Coosa River here. The river which overflowed its banks today soon reached its highest stage and began to recede. No lives were lost and the property damage was not great. No locks or dams are in danger, as far as is known here.

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ELECT SMALL HEAD OF NATIONAL BODY

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the order, which was made today, is in effect that when the consumer has coal on hand which was received prior to October 31, the restrictions of the United States Fuel Administration do not apply, and the manufacturers may operate their plants by using such coal without regard to the curtailment required by the fuel administration as to coal received since that time.

Colonel A. J. Field, a prominent attorney of Raleigh, who is in Washington on legal business, was a visitor to Representative Robinson and other members of the North Carolina delegation today.

Sells Wilmington Shipyard

United States Shipping Board has sold the Carolina Shipbuilding Company yards at Wilmington, N. C., to the George A. Fuller Company of New York, which is one of the largest construction companies in the United States. The George A. Fuller Company, it is understood, will complete the full program of ships which the United States Shipping Board had contemplated building at the Wilmington yards. This insures the continuance of Wilmington as the principal shipbuilding point on the Southeastern coast.

Senator Simmons is urging the Southern regional coal committee to give the same classification in respect to coal

priority to the manufacturers of fertilizer bags as is given to fertilizer factories. This course has been urged by many representative people in North Carolina and it is felt that their wishes are reasonable and ought to be complied with.

Congress Discusses Camp Bragg

The House of Representatives today had under consideration the bill reported from the military affairs committee in which provision is made for the purchase of Camp Bragg.

Representative Robinson and Representative Hannibal Godwin both participated in the debate regarding the authorization for the completion of Camp Bragg.

"The situation at Camp Bragg is this," said Representative Robinson, "while the government decided to take this site it ordered all the landowners to move away. The farmers abandoned their crops. School houses and churches were razed. Many of the landowners went elsewhere and bought new homesteads, depending upon the government to fulfill its obligations and pay for their land around Camp Bragg. Then the work was halted."

"Did these people move before or after the armistice?" asked Representative Butler, Republican, of Pennsylvania.

"Both," said Representative Robinson. "Some of them were moved off their farms before the armistice and some of them afterwards. This property was all these good people had. They were virtually driven from their homes in order that their government might build a camp. They bought elsewhere, and they have a right to expect this government to keep its obligations. There were several hundred of them."

"Is it not true," asked Representative Godwin, "that some of these landowners were moved away before the armistice, in the summer and fall of 1918?"

"That is true," replied Mr. Robinson. "What difference does it make when they moved away so long as they were ordered to move by this government?" asked Representative Caraway, of Arkansas.

"That is one of the points I am making," said Representative Robinson. Referring to further questions, Representative Robinson said the community interests about Camp Bragg had been destroyed, the land set up for military purposes and families moved elsewhere. "This land could be sold today for more than it cost the government," said Mr. Robinson.

"Then what is wrong with turning it back to these farmers?" suggested Representative Reavis, Republican, of Nebraska.

"For the reason I have given," answered Representative Robinson. "Community interests are gone; churches and schools are gone and these homes have been split up for military purposes. It is clearly the duty of the government to carry out its contracts made in good faith with these citizens of North Carolina."

Godwin backs Robinson. Representative Godwin supported the argument of his colleague, saying that he knew of numerous instances where farmers had reluctantly left their homes only to have payment therefor stopped by the government because of the rider on the last army appropriation bill stopping further purchases of real estate. The bill providing for the purchase of Camp Bragg carries a total of \$1,173,000 to pay for the real estate and to make specific improvements.

There seemed not to be much opposition to the Camp Bragg provision, and it is believed it will remain in the bill and pass.

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