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RAILROAD STRIKE NOT YET SETTLED; CONFERENCE HELD

Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen Still Operating Trains On N. & W.

ASSEMBLAGE TO SEE IF STRIKE MATERIALIZES

When First Train Leaves Roanoke After Appointed Hour of 4 O'clock, Crowds Disperse; Further Conferences of Both Railway and Union Heads Are Held

Roanoke, Va., April 2.—A conference here between Norfolk and Western Railway officials and union officials, representing fifteen railroad crafts, at which the grievances of striking railway clerks was taken up, was concluded at 5:15 o'clock this afternoon.

Officials of the company will hold a conference again tonight, they announced, before the results of the meeting with the union officials will be made public.

In making the announcement railroad officials reiterated that they have received official notice that members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen would walk out because of what they claimed are "unfair conditions" on the road as a result of the strike of railway clerks.

About 500 men assembled at the company's passenger station here shortly after 4 o'clock to see if the announced purpose of the trainmen to walk out at 4 o'clock would be carried out.

The first train left Roanoke for the west at 4:00 o'clock. It was soon followed by another train. A fireman on the first train was called away from his cab by a group of men, but after a hurried conference with them, returned to his engine and was driving the train left.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SENDS AGENTS TO ROANOKE

Washington, April 2.—John D. Colpoys and Chas. Benheim, of the labor departments of the Bureau of Adjustments, were ordered to Roanoke, Va. today to confer with representatives of the striking clerks of the Norfolk and Western Railroad with a view to attempting a settlement of the strike.

THREE THOUSAND OUT IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Columbus, O., April 2.—Almost 3,000 workmen employed by the Norfolk and Western Railroad at the local terminal and at Portsmouth struck today in sympathy with the Brotherhood clerks whose members went out March 22.

Union officials predicted a complete tie up of the system within a few days. Passenger trains still were running but freight transportation was badly crippled. No cars for connections are being accepted by the company.

NINE CLERKS AT DURHAM JOIN IN N. & W. STRIKE

Durham, April 2.—Nine clerks in the local freight office of the Norfolk and Western and two yard brakemen quit their jobs today, joining union men elsewhere in a general walkout. No freight trains were operated to and from Durham over the Norfolk and Western lines today. All passenger trains, however, have been operated on schedule time.

Seven clerks in the local office, including two telegraph operators, did not join the strikers. W. H. P. Richards, agent here, stated tonight that without operation of freight trains his reduced force can amply take care of the situation. No freight is being received, and deliveries consist only of such freight as was on hand when curtailment of trains started.

VANDERLIP TALKS ON OUR FALSE PROSPERITY

Chicago, Ill., April 2.—America has entered an era of false prosperity, Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly president of the National City Bank of New York, declared today in an address. Mr. Vanderlip is en route to Japan where, in connection with a committee of commissioners, he will investigate conditions governing trade relations between the United States and Japan.

"There are three things upon which real prosperity must be based," he said. "These are ample capital, efficient labor and an application of sound economics. We are prosperous today in the face of all the three fundamentals, and our prosperity is false as well as dangerous."

Teachers Fix Minimum Wage.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 2.—Delegates of the American Federation of Teachers, representing every Eastern state from Maine to Georgia, adopted a resolution at their "better schools" conference here today recommending \$2,000 as the proper minimum annual salary for teachers in the city as well as in country schools. Equal pay for the same work without distinction as to sex was urged.

Order Storm Warnings Up.

Washington, April 2.—Storm warnings were displayed Friday on the Atlantic coast and north of Cape Hatteras.

MANY CONGRESSMEN TO MAKE VISIT TO ORIENT

Transport Mount Vernon Will Leave Early In July With The Legislators

Washington, D. C., April 2.—More than a hundred members of the House plan to leave San Francisco July 5th, aboard the transport Mount Vernon for a two months' trip to the Orient. The itinerary will include Hawaii, the Philippines, China and Japan.

The growing importance of legislative questions involving the Pacific, those contemplating the trip said today, necessitates the obtaining first hand information. The matters to be studied include the request of Hawaii for statehood, the movement in the Philippines for independence and Chinese and Japanese immigration. The party will go overland to San Francisco and returning will visit Los Angeles and other southern California cities and the Yosemite National park.

The first stop will be made in Hawaii, where the party plans to spend four or five days, going from there to the Philippines for a ten day visit. Four days each will be spent in China and Japan. Smaller transports will be available for thorough inspection purposes in the Hawaiian and Philippine Islands, members said.

Democratic House members announced today they planned a trip from New York to San Francisco by way of the Panama Canal. They plan to study conditions in the Canal zone and arrive in San Francisco in time for the Democratic National convention.

NEWSPAPER EDITOR DIES IN DUEL WITH STATESMAN

South American Politicians Settle Their Differences In Ancient Manner

Montevideo, Uruguay, April 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Washington Beltran, editor of the newspaper El Pais, was shot and killed in a duel today by Jose Batlle Ordonez, former president of Uruguay.

The duel took place this morning with the usual formalities and with seconds and surgeons in attendance. The weapons used were pistols. Beltran was shot in the breast and died shortly afterward.

The morning newspapers today printed announcements of the impending duel. They said that former President Batlle had sent his seconds to Beltran, challenging the journalist because of statements published in El Pais, which Batlle considered offensive.

Beltran was a Nationalist member of the Chamber of Deputies and a leader of that party, which is opposed to the "Batlistas."

Battle twice has been President of Uruguay. His last term was from 1906 to 1910.

SIMS ADMITTED ADMIRAL HAD INADEQUATE FORCES

Counsel For Fletcher Places Reports To Navy Department On Record

Washington, April 2.—Reports from Vice-Admiral Sims to the Navy Department declaring that the convoy forces under command of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher at Brest were "wholly inadequate" to the service required were introduced by counsel for Admiral Fletcher today before the Naval Board investigating that officer's removal from the Brest command by Admiral Sims.

They were presented during cross-examination of Captain Byron T. Long, aide for operations on Sims' staff at London, to support the contention that Fletcher's forces were not adapted to operate under a comprehensive "doctrine" as to formation. Captain Long had testified that in failing to promulgate such a doctrine, Fletcher disregarded instructions from Sims.

The witness insisted that Fletcher had "ample force" to do the specific things Long declared, rather than what he might have been able to do with an improved force.

VERMONT WOMEN GOING TO ATTEMPT TO VOTE

Burlington, Vt., April 2.—Women will go to the primaries in this State next month and will attempt to vote notwithstanding Gov. Clement's refusal to call a special ratification session of the legislature, according to an announcement from the State Suffrage Association headquarters here tonight.

If they are refused the ballot, the association will appeal to the Supreme Court. The suffragists contend that a bill giving women the right to vote for Presidential electors which was passed in the Legislature of 1919, but vetoed by the Governor, is a law, claims that it did not require the Governor's signature.

LABOR LEADERS DISCUSS PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN

Washington, April 2.—Farm and railroad employes joined the American Federation of Labor today in a three-pronged discussion here of labor's plan for the coming campaign. The National Farm Council and the railroad brotherhoods were represented in the meeting with Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation and other Federation officials, but the result of their deliberations will not be made public as yet, it was said.

While refusing to disclose the subject talked over, Frank Morrison, secretary of the Federation, said that "everything was harmonious." Other officials also declared that the fullest harmony existed, and that complete cooperation in the coming campaign was looked for.

NO SETTLE STRIKE IN SIGHT; HOLD CONFERENCE

Longshoremen's Representatives Press Demand For Increase In Wages

ATLANTIC PORTS TIED-UP BY RECENT WALKOUTS

Reports Reach Labor Department That Railroad Employes May Refuse To Handle Freight Consigned To Point Affected By Strikes; Food Supplies Endangered

Washington, April 2.—A conference of coastwise shipping interests and shipping interests and longshoremen which convened at the Department of Labor today to attempt a settlement of the strikes at Atlantic and Gulf ports dissolved late today without having reached an agreement.

Members of the committee hope to obtain final action by the House before the contemplated recess for the National political conventions but they express doubt when action by the Senate could be had at this session.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, after a conference today with other Senate Republicans as to future legislation in the Senate, said he thought this would include a bill to give a money bonus to former service men, with provisions for a special tax to raise the necessary funds.

The program approved by the House committee declares against any bond issue. It is understood to have been submitted by Representative Longworth, Republican, Ohio, and was discussed at great length in executive session. While the exact form of the legislation was not decided upon, committee discussion was said to have indicated approval of a plan of extending vocational education as an alternative to the cash bonus.

These two plans are a part of the American Legion's program. Its other selected plan of government aid to soldiers and sailors for building homes or obtaining ownership of farms were said by some members of the committee to involve too many difficulties to be worked out by legislation before the recess.

Spokenmen for the committee said it was planned to have the final draft of the legislation ready for submission to the House within a fortnight. As no decision was made as to the amount of the bonus of the cost of other plans that might be adopted, it was said that no estimate of the funds needed could be made at this time. It also was said that there had been no decision as to whether the bonus would be paid in a lump sum or be graduated according to the length of service of each individual.

RAILROAD FERRY BOATS PROVIDE FOOD SUPPLIES.

New York, April 2.—Railroad owned ferry boats, upon which New York city depends for the transportation of its food supplies, are operating "practically normally" despite the marine workers strike, J. J. Mitchell, railroad managers representative announced here tonight. The tug boat situation "looks very good" and normal conditions are expected to prevail by Monday, he added.

Officials of the Marine Workers Association claimed that six thousand employes on lighters, tugs and ferries had struck, and that the vessels were being operated by strike-breakers. Unless the strikers demand for an eight hour day is granted, union officials threatened to spread the walkout to the longshoremen and other harbor workers organizations and "completely tie up the port."

Mr. Mantell admitted tonight that 2,000 of the 3,000 men engaged on ferry boats had answered the strike call. Thirteen hundred men employed on barges, he said, had been automatically thrown out of work by the walkout.

The railroads are prepared to fight the union "to a finish," Mr. Mantell asserted, adding that the Marine workers will find out that "they are no idealists with the Railroad Administration now."

Raising Hoover in Montana. Helena, Mont., April 2.—Nominating petitions to place the name of Herbert Hoover on the ballot at the April 23 primary in Montana as Republican candidate for President were filed with the Secretary of State today.

DANIELS DENIES REPORT PUBLISHED IN PAPERS

Secretary of Navy Never Said Japan Is Menace To The United States

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Chairman Page of the Senate Naval committee, made public today a letter from Secretary Daniels denying reports published in some newspapers that the Secretary had told the committee yesterday that Japan was a menace to the United States.

"I am moved to write you," said Mr. Daniels, "because this publication conveys an impression that is calculated to give a friendly nation a view of the attitudes of the Secretary of the Navy and your committee that is wholly at variance with the attitude of your committee and the Navy Department."

"I stated to the committee that our relations with all countries on the Pacific were most friendly and cordial, and that I was sure this country would adopt no policy based upon antagonism to any power in the Pacific."

"I am sure that you and all the members of the Senate Naval affairs committee will regret a misleading publication that may be misinterpreted by our Japanese ally and friend."

APPROVE BONUS TO REWARD SOLDIERS; TAX ON LUXURIES

House Ways and Means Committee Works Out General Features For Relief

EITHER EDUCATION OR CASH TO BE PROVIDED

Planned To Have Final Draft of Measure Ready For Submission In House Within Fortnight; Program Understood To Have Approval of Republican Leaders

Washington, April 2.—Soldier relief legislation with probable provision for a cash bonus, funds for which would be raised by a sales or luxuries tax was approved today by the House Ways and Means committee by a vote of 15 to 6.

Details of the bill to be recommended will be worked out by subcommittees to be appointed Monday. Members of the committee hope to obtain final action by the House before the contemplated recess for the National political conventions but they express doubt when action by the Senate could be had at this session.

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BOLSHEVIKI RELEASE ALL RED CROSS WORKERS

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Release of all American Red Cross workers held prisoner in Siberia by the Bolsheviki, with the exception of Alexander C. Tweedie of New York was reported today to National headquarters. The last report from Tweedie said he was ill with typhus at Krasnyarsk.

The following were freed March 23: Otto W. Owe, New York; Jos. R. Medill, Jaroso, Col.; Harry J. Donalley, Philadelphia, Dr. Wm. H. Ford, Kingsport, Oklahoma; and H. N. Bonzo, Manila. All of the captives reported that they suffered no harm while in the hands of the Bolsheviki.

The cablegram also reported the safety of all nurses and doctors connected with the British Red Cross who recently arrived at Vladivostok from Tomsk.

COAL OPERATORS OPPOSE PROFITEERING, HE SAYS

New York, April 2.—Responsible bituminous coal operators will "condemn any unwarrantable price and any profiteering policies," Thos. T. Brewster, chairman of the scale committee of the bituminous coal operators declared in a statement issued here tonight.

Insinuations that the coal operators are going to gouge the public because of the recent 27 per cent advance in wages as put out by the United Mine Workers' spokesmen in the guise of protest in the public interest are sheer nonsense," said Mr. Brewster.

WAR DEPARTMENT REFUSES TO SURRENDER SOLDIERS.

Washington, April 2.—The War Department announced today that it had refused to surrender Lieutenant Talbert B. Fowler, Corporal Edmond F. Maston, Private Roy E. Sanders and Private Roy Janusz, of Camp Jackson, S. C., to civil authorities for trial for the alleged killing of Wm. S. Chapin in January. The men will be brought to trial immediately before a general court martial.

SIR ROBERT DROPS IN FOR VISIT TO ASHEVILLE

Asheville, April 2.—Right Hon. Sir Robert Baird Borden, Premier of Canada, and Mrs. Borden have arrived in Asheville and plan to spend the month of April here. They have just returned to this country from London, where Sir Robert had an audience with the King regarding present problems in Canada.

DELAWARE MAY YET RATIFY SUFFRAGE; DUPONT CHANGES

Democrats Blame Republicans For Failure To Secure Ratification In House

RECORD IN CONGRESS SHOWS FRIENDLINESS

Alfred I. DuPont, Who Caused Defeat of Resolution In Delaware Assembly, Changes Attitude Over Night; Hoover's Change of Attitude Also Causes Lot of Comment

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg. By R. E. POWELL. (By Special Licensed Wire.)

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Suffrage leaders in Washington, receiving advice from the Delaware state capitol today, announced that the fight is not over in the little state until the legislature is adjourned sine die, and the resolution of ratification left on the table.

More jubilant perhaps than any others in Miss Alice Paul of the National Woman's Party, who has been in constant attendance upon the deliberations of the Delaware solons. To her today came the news that Alfred I. DuPont, whose political lieutenants brought about defeat of the resolution in the lower branch of the assembly there yesterday, has publicly announced that he is supporting "suffrage for National reasons."

If this report is correct, prominent suffrage workers here feel that they have cause to be jubilant over the Delaware situation, in spite of the fact that the anti has a majority of eleven votes out of a possible 35 on the first trial. It also became known here today that President Pro-tem Short, of the Delaware Senate, will use his influence to have the House reconsider its action yesterday.

Blame Republicans For Defeat. Among politicians at the capitol today the defeat of the issue in Delaware was a leading topic of conversation. Democrats are not mad because Delaware did not ratify the amendment. They don't take much stock in the claims of the Republican National committee that it exhausted every means at its command to bring about final ratification.

Such Republican bosses as Penrose and Lodge, always opposed to suffrage, are blamed for the inaction in Delaware. The standpatters in the party, according to seasoned political observers, remember that the women elected Wilson in 1916, and for the reason they don't want any more of them to get the ballot until after the November elections.

Unless Delaware does ratify before its session ends about May 1, it is conceded generally that the women will not be able to vote in the presidential or state primaries except in those states where they have already been enfranchised. As in North Carolina, they will probably participate in the various conventions and in many delegates to Chicago and San Francisco will be selected from the potential addition to the country's electorate.

Look To North Carolina. Little hope is held out here that Vermont or Connecticut will act on the amendment before the session of the North Carolina body. It is doubtful that Louisiana will ratify the amendment, but suffrage leaders and prominent Democrats are pinning their faith on North Carolina. If the old North State gets a chance to win the honor, first for the Democratic party, and second, for the state, there seems to be a general consensus of opinion that ratification in North Carolina is assured.

Democrats are pleased with their suffrage record in Congress. The first favorable action in Congress came in 1880 when a Democratic House adopted a resolution calling for the appointment

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REPUBLICANS EXPECT TO SECURE PROMPT ADOPTION

House Peace Resolution Expected To Come Up In Senate At An Early Day

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Prompt adoption by the Senate of the House resolution declaring the state of war with Germany at an end is expected by Republican leaders. They had a conference today to discuss future legislation at this session and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, said later that he did not anticipate any great delay in the Senate.

Mr. Lodge who returned today from a brief vacation, said the whole controversy had "thrashed out pretty thoroughly" and that he believed the resolution would be adopted probably with the United Republican support and general opposition by the Democrats. The leaders decided at the conference that army re-organization legislation would be the next measure taken up by the Senate. They expect to dispose of it by time the House has acted on the peace resolution. It will be followed by the House bill to increase dye-stuffs tariffs.

Mr. Lodge said early action on the Anglo-American-French treaty was not expected and that until the treaty of Versailles had been disposed of its consideration was improbable.

A recess of Congress over the convention period, Mr. Lodge said, was probable. Congress hardly can complete its work by June 1, he added, and would have considerable work to do after the conventions.

TENNESSEE RIVER GOES ON WILD FLOOD SPREE

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 2.—With a forty-seven foot stage of the Tennessee river predicted by Sunday night and many of the low sections of the city already under water, city officials moved today to furnish relief to flood sufferers. Early today motorcycle policemen were sent into all threatened territory and the inhabitants were warned to move out at once. The Armory Tabernacle and school buildings have been set apart to house the homeless, and flood relief headquarters have been established at the office of Mayor A. W. Chambliss.

Railroad and street car traffic is demoralized, a long fill on the Southern railroad near Tyner having collapsed this morning, necessitating the detouring of all traffic between Chattanooga and Knoxville and Atlanta via Harrison. Several important bridges near the city have washed away and the street car line to Roseville, Ga., is under water.

GERMANY WANTS TO SEND TROOPS TO RUHR REGION

Cabinet Resolved To Dispatch Troops As Soon As Entente Will Permit

Berlin, April 2.—(By The Associated Press.)—The German government announces in a communication to the Press that it has resolved to dispatch troops to the Ruhr region as soon as the Entente consents to such a move. The decision was reached after a three-hour cabinet meeting today.

The statement declared that this action was inevitable in view of the unchecked lawlessness in the region about Essen, Dortmund, Duisburg and Muhlheim, which it is asserted has now assumed such proportions that the local authorities and the labor leaders admit that they no longer are able to protect the civilian population.

The Chancellor said he had received urgent reports from Essen where terrorist bands were looting stores, trains for supplies. The looting brigades, the Chancellor added, had been dissolved by all parties even the communists and the independent socialists in the Ruhr districts.

TWO MORE INCIDENTS IN MEXICO CAUSE TROUBLE

An American Killed While Bandits Attack Train With Americans On

Washington, April 2.—Two new incidents involving American citizens in Mexico were reported today to the State Department.

One of the attacks resulted in the killing of H. A. Jafredson, an American, and the wounding, probably fatally, of Alexander Oberg, whose nationality was not stated, at the Amatlan camp of the International Petroleum Company, by whom both were employed. The attack, which occurred March 30, is stated in the dispatch to have been made by Mexican fellow employees.

The department instructed the embassy at Mexico City and the consulate at Tampico to urge the Mexican government to institute measures to apprehend and punish the Mexicans involved.

The second incident was an attack on a train on which Major Edgar W. Burr, military attaché of the American Embassy at Mexico City, Mrs. Burr and two other Americans Dr. Florence Haile and Mr. Hurd, were traveling. All escaped without injury. The attack took place March 28 near Tres Marias on the Mexico City-Cuernavaca line.

The department was informed from Calexico that Calisto Ruiz, charged with the murders of Lieutenants Connelly and Waterhouse, American aviators, whose bodies were found in Lower California, had confessed to the crime and would be tried at Tia Juana.

Another dispatch said orders for the return of the airplanes of Lieutenants G. L. Usher and L. M. Wolf, army aviators, who recently were forced to land in Sonora had been issued.

STREETS UNSWEPT WHILE SWEEPERS GO ON STRIKE

Their Demands For Reinstatement of Head of Teamsters Causes Walkout

Wilmington, April 2.—Wilmington streets are today unswept while policemen are guarding property on account of the strike this morning of half a hundred white wings, comprising practically the entire street force of the city.

The walkout came as a climax to the wage demands made on the city council by the workmen, although actually precipitated by the refusal of the city authorities to reinstate Tom Nichols, head of the teamsters union, who was dismissed from the service two days ago. A demand was made this morning that Nichols be returned to duty and for the refusal of this request all of the members of the department not affiliated with the union laid down their brooms and quit.

The sweepers demanded an increase in wages of 25 cents an hour. Council met their demand by granting an increase of \$2.50 a week and they returned to work until this morning when they again walked out following the dismissal of Nichols.

NEAR-GALE KNOCKS UP THINGS AROUND KINSTON

Kinston, April 2.—A gale of near-cyclonic intensity struck this city today raising fences and blowing out windows at places. Miss Melissa Y. Pollock, employee of a department store, was severely cut on her shoulder by a fragment of plate glass.

WOMEN WILL ASK TO BE DELEGATES STATE CONVENTION

Will Sit In County Conventions In State For First Time Today

CONTEST IS EXPECTED FROM WAKE'S ANTIS

Wake County Women Will Ask For At Least Five of Thirty-One Delegates To Be Elected To State Convention; Other Requests Upon Wake Democracy Problematical

For the first time in the history of the State, women will sit in several Democratic county conventions in North Carolina today, and will ask for representation on delegations to the State convention, which meets here April 8.

From some counties word has come that representation will be accorded women without contest, while in others, including Wake county, the suffrage fight is likely to be spirited.

Assembling at noon in the county court house, the convention will be called to order by Chairman Ed Hugh Lee, and the prospects are that Wake county women, including delegations from the county as well as Raleigh precincts, will be in attendance. Five precincts in the Saturday meetings accorded women of those precincts the right to sit in the county convention. On the basis of this, the women are expecting to have at least five of the thirty-one delegates to the State convention from Wake county.

A number of the larger precincts of the county in which delegates to the convention were named in the precinct have sent to the convention delegations said to be pro-suffrage, while others are radically anti. Raleigh precincts which opened the way for the women delegates included both divisions of the second ward, the first division of the first ward and the first division of the fourth ward. Outside of Raleigh, Cary is believed to be the only precinct in which women were accorded the privilege of attending the convention as delegates.

Sent On Being Delegates. Whether the women will ask for instruction of Wake County representatives in the General Assembly to vote for ratification, or whether they will ask for an endorsement and seek instruction for a suffrage plank in the Democratic State Platform is yet problematical. Thus far, it seems, the women have not gone beyond securing representation in the State Convention.

The greatest uncertainty prevailed yesterday in political circles as to what the outcome of the convention in Wake today. Some good advisers of the women have assured them that they need anticipate no opposition. On the other hand, with the defeat of final ratification thereby, considerable encouragement has come to the anti-suffrage opposition from this source.

Immediate expectation from this source may be expected, and there are many high in the councils of the party in the county, who are willing to forecast a bitter future for the party in the event that women are admitted to the county and state conventions. How they accommodate this view to the stand already taken by the Wake County Republicans when they elected a woman—Mrs. Eugene Hester—as a delegate to the State Convention, is hard to determine.

County Delegations. The number of delegates entitled to seats in the convention from the various precincts in the county, according to Chairman Ed Hugh Lee, follows:

Bartons Creek, 6; Buckhorn, 4; Cary, 4; Cedar Forks-Morrisville, 2; Cedar Fork-Pollocks, 2; House Creek-O'Kelley's Store, 2; House Creek-Edwards' Store, 2; Hilly Springs-Leslieville, 2; Little River-Mitchell's Mill, 2; Marks Creek-Wendell, 7; Marks Creek-Eagle Creek, 5; Middle Creek-Section, 3; Middle Creek-Faunoy, 4; Neuse, 2; Little River-Wakefield, 11; Newlight-Robertson's, 2; New Light-Stoney Hill, 2; Panther Branch, 5; St. Mary's Garner, 3; St. Mary's Auburn, 3; St. Matthews-Milburnie, 3; St. Matthews-Samaris, 1; Swift Creek, 6; Wake Forest-Wake Forest, 9; Wake Forest-Rolesville, 3; White Oak-Alex, 12; Outside West North, 6; Outside West South-Carleigh, 2; Outside East North-Parlie IMLS, 2; First Ward-First Division, 8; First Ward-Second Division, 6; Second Ward-First Division, 10; Third Ward-First Division, 12; Third Ward-Second Division, 4; Fourth Ward-First Division, 11; Fourth Ward-Second Division, 6.

Just prior to the meeting of the convention, the county Democratic Executive Committee will meet for the purpose of electing a chairman. Mr. Ed Hugh Lee has been urged by friends to stand for election again.

North Carolina's Opportunity. On the eve of the county conventions in the State, Miss Gertrude Well, of Goldsboro, president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage League, was asked for a statement of her views in regard to the situation confronting North Carolina with the failure of Delaware to ratify. This is what Miss Well said:

"Delaware's failure to ratify the suffrage amendment gives to North Carolina the opportunity of being the thirty-sixth state to ratify. I believe the men of the State will be glad to take advantage of this opportunity to bestow upon their women the privilege of the franchise instead of letting them receive it through the action of other states."

Encouraging developments in suffrage sentiment in North Carolina, from the suffrage viewpoint, is found in Wilmington which has been utterly dead.