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DAVE BLAIR GETS PEG STILL NEARER TO APPOINTMENT

Successful in Running Gauntlet of Senatorial Committee Without Record Vote

NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN LINNEY SITUATION

Northern Republicans Will Crucify North Carolinian For Attempting to Make His Party Respectable; Petition Signed by Thousand Negroes Holds Up His Confirmation

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By EDWARD E. BRITTON (By Special Leased Wire)

Washington, May 17.—The nomination of Dave Blair to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue went "over the top" this morning in so far as the action of the Senate finance committee could get it out of the trenches. It has yet to run the fire of the Johnson sharpshooters when it reaches the floor of the Senate, which in all probability will be tomorrow. Under the rule the favorable report of the committee could not come up for action, the requirement being that it lay over one day.

If the Senate goes into executive session tomorrow, the Blair nomination will come up in the usual order, but the usual order will cease then, for Senator Hiram Johnson is set off some fireworks when he hears the name of "David H. Blair" called. That he will be overwhelmed the California Senator knows, but he is going to have his say in the matter, and he calculates that there will be quite a respectable number of votes cast with him for a denial of confirmation to Mr. Blair.

Mellon Calls for Confirmation
There was a full attendance at the meeting of the Senate finance committee this morning, only nine or ten were reported present, and there was no record vote taken when the motion was for a favorable vote on the Blair nomination. So far as I can learn there was but one voice heard to say "no" after there had been the call for the "ayes" with seemingly the entire committee voting "aye." It is understood that the solitary no came from Senator LaFollette, for from the inception of the contest LaFollette has stood by Senator Johnson in his fight. When the favorable report on the nomination reaches the Senate it is expected that Senator Johnson will get speaking and voting aid from Senator LaFollette, Senator Borah, Senator Pat Harrison, and Senator James Reid, the latter two Democrats. Senator Harrison will have some words to say also concerning the need to do away with secret sessions on nominations and for "open covenants openly arrived at."

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon is calling for the confirmation, as under the law he has to perform the duties of Commissioner of Internal Revenue pending the induction into office of a commissioner, as there has been an acting commissioner on the job for 30 days, and that is the limit for a temporary appointment. For the reason alone it appears that there will be no further delay in the confirmation of the nomination of Dave Blair. That nomination has had a hard road to travel, and it is to have a further verbal jolting when Senator Johnson expresses his views on the floor of the Senate concerning the "traitors who failed to obey the primary returns of North Carolina and vote for him as the nominee of the Republican national convention. If the mind of the Californian does not change before the Blair nomination reaches the Senate there will be a regular Johnson-esque flow of language that will be meant to flow as lava over those who failed to do as he holds they were ordered to do by the law.

Tar Heel Vote at Convention
I do not think that there has been given during this contest between the Harding administration and Senator Johnson a statement of the votes on the Presidential nomination of the North Carolina delegation at the Republican National convention, so here they are:

First ballot: Twenty-one votes cast for Judge Jeter Pritchard, for whom the delegation had been instructed by the Republican State convention. After that ballot the delegation split, and dropped him entirely on the third ballot. One vote for Hiram Johnson, said to

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FOR "US BOYS."

Every person who contributes as much as \$100 in the Y. M. C. A. campaign will be privileged to give membership in the Y. M. C. A. to some boy in Raleigh. It will carry all the privileges of the association. The dividend on that \$100 will pay coupons in character and physical fitness. No money can be so well invested in Raleigh. It is better than a Liberty bond or a North Carolina State bond. What the "Y" does for "Us Boys" was well told by William Brainer at the opening meeting of the campaign. It gives them moral stamina, mental fire and physical fitness. Invest in "Us Boys" and clip the most vitalizing coupons any man or woman ever possessed in Raleigh.

Condition of Aged Jurist Reported to be Precarious

Chief Justice White Suffers Relapse Following Operation in Washington Hospital, and Is Critically Ill; Attending Surgeons Say Operation Was of a Minor Nature

Washington, May 17.—Chief Justice White, of the United States Supreme Court, is not expected to live through the night, his physicians said late this evening. "His pulse is weak and his heart is bad," Dr. Francis R. Hagner said after a visit to the bedside at Garfield Hospital. "He probably will not survive the night."

The Chief Justice submitted to an operation for bladder trouble last Friday and had improved steadily until late today when he suffered a relapse. Dr. Hagner said that the patient's temperature was normal until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when he suffered a chill and then declined rapidly. Late tonight he lapsed into unconsciousness. For four months he had been unwell, the doctor said, but he refused to leave his work, saying that it was important and if necessary he would die rather than stop for treatment.

The Chief Justice, who is 76 years of age, had always been in rugged health, except for a slight impairment of vision which had troubled him for several years. He was a well-known figure about the capital, as he enjoyed walking and was to be seen frequently among the crowds on the streets. Although recently there have been reports current that he contemplated resigning, no word from him supported them, but in fact gave quite the opposite impression. Several weeks ago he was absent from the bench for a period of six weeks with a severe cold, but returned to his duties in apparently as good health as ever. On May 2 he delivered a vigorous dissenting opinion in the Newberry case with his old-time force.

Because of what is understood to have been a developing trouble, he was taken to Garfield Hospital last week and operated on Friday. The Chief Justice is a native of Louisiana and served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. He served in the United States Senate three years before he was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Cleveland in 1894.

"LIKKERED" CANDY JOKE SAYS ALLEN

Analysis of Sweets Sent Over From Charlotte Finds It Harmless

Hopes of the wet-minded and fears of the dry-minded that a way had been found of fetching spirits into the State emboldened and concealed in harmless looking lemon drops died a death yesterday when State Chemist Allen applied the tests to suspected candy sent here by the school authorities in Charlotte. Not a trace of alcohol, was his verdict when he had exhausted all known scientific means of finding out what's in a thing.

Considerable commotion was aroused by the candy when it appeared in a Charlotte school two weeks ago, and the eaters thereof, all of them grammar-grade school children, became drunk. Investigation of a most sweeping nature was instituted, and the candy traced to the father of the child who had brought it to school. The father had brought it from Chicago when he returned from a recent trip to the Windy City. School officials were sure the candy had liquor in it, that they had discovered a well laid plot to thwart the Volstead Act. The children who had eaten it were undeniably intoxicated, and by a simple process of reasoning the candy was what made them drunk. They collected all of the extant supply of it and sent it to the State Laboratory. It didn't fool there and was forwarded to the food analysis branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Allen was skeptical from the beginning. As a chemist he was unable to see how a crystallized candy could contain any form of alcohol, which is not soluble with sugar. He was willing to assume that there was nothing in the candy but candy, recognizing a remote possibility that there was some form of opiate in it. Neither liquor nor opiate was found, and the question now recurs to the original commotion—"What made the Charlotte school children drunk?"

RAILWAYS AT HIGHEST POINT OF EFFICIENCY

Daniel Willard Declares Financial Problem Still Must Be Solved

Washington, May 17.—In point of efficiency, American railroads have at this time reached the highest mark in their history, Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, testified today in concluding his direct statement on the railroad situation before a Senate investigating committee. Last year, he added, they were at their lowest point.

The financial problem still exists, Mr. Willard said, but he contended through explanation of statistical studies which he submitted to the committee that the expenses of railroad operation had increased in recent years until during the last twelve months they had tended to exceed the sum total of revenues from the highest scale of transportation charges ever allowed.

The excess expenses, Mr. Willard's studies indicated, had arisen very largely from the increases in labor costs and wage scales. "In comparing 1920 with 1916," he said in explaining one table, "we find that the total hours of labor worked on American railroads increased 7-1/2 per cent, but that the total payrolls increased 151 per cent."

HARDING TO CONFER ON PEACE RESOLUTION

Washington, May 17.—President Harding will confer at the White House Thursday with Chairman Porter, of the House foreign affairs committee, on the peace resolution situation in the House. In making this announcement, Mr. Porter said no action would be taken by his committee on the question until after the conference.

A number of Republican leaders in the House expressed the opinion today that the House would take up the peace resolution before the end of the week.

RAIL LABOR BOARD DECIDES TO BRING WAGES DOWNWARD

Says Conditions Justify Readjustment to Extent Yet to Be Determined

FINAL DECISION WILL BE HANDED DOWN JUNE 1

Announcement of Board, Which Affects Labor on Practically Every Road in the Country, Entirely Unexpected, as Formal Consideration of Case Had Just Begun

Chicago, May 17.—The United States Railroad Labor Board announced today that it had decided that "prevailing conditions justify to an extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wages of the employees of the carriers which are parties to the dispute already heard by the board."

The announcement, which affects labor on practically every road in the country, was entirely unexpected, as the board only began formal consideration of the case yesterday.

The board declared it would hand down its final decision in all wage disputes docketed prior to April 18 on June 1, to be effective July 1. Disputes filed since April 18 will be heard on June 6, "it being the purpose of the board to make its decision of the disputes heard June 6 effective on July 1."

The railroads completed their evidence May 7, and yesterday B. M. Jewell, president of the Railway Employees' Department of the American Federation of Labor, filed the employees' final statement.

The text of the board's announcement follows: "Whereas, under date of April sixth, 1921, the United States Railroad Labor Board adopted a resolution which recited, among other things, that in the judgment of the board it is desirable to hear at one time and decide in one decision, as far as may be possible, the question as to what may constitute just and reasonable wages for all classes of employees of carriers parties to decision No. Two as to whose wages there may be disputes; and

"Whereas, the board has now heard the evidence and arguments of both parties to all such disputes which were filed and docketed prior to April 18, 1921, but since said date a large number of applications for decisions on similar disputes have been filed and there are reasonable grounds to believe that still other such applications are about to be filed; and

"Whereas, the Railroad Labor Board has this day, by formal resolution, declared that, in its judgment, based upon the evidence before it in the disputes already heard, prevailing conditions justify to some extent, yet to be determined, a readjustment downward of the wages of the employees of the carriers which are parties to the disputes already heard by the labor board; therefore be it resolved:

"(1) That this board will on June first, 1921, announce its decision, covering the disputes as to wages between carriers and their employees, which have been heretofore heard by the board, to become effective July 1, 1921.

"(2) That Monday, June sixth, 1921, be set as the date when this board will hear the representatives of the parties to disputes filed since April 18, 1921, or which may yet be filed and docketed prior to June sixth, it being the purpose of the Railroad Labor Board to make its decision of the disputes heard June six, 1921, effective July 1, 1921.

Hits Unskilled Men. The board announced the revising downward of the wages would affect more than 1,000,000 unskilled rail workers effective July first. The amount of the decrease will be made public June first.

On July 20, 1920, the board rendered increasing the pay of all classes of railway employees approximately 21 per cent or about \$600,000,000 a year. Several months ago several roads announced reductions averaging about 20 per cent for unskilled employees. The workers appealed to the board, which decided that the roads could not make summary reductions, but must first hold conferences with their men.

Practically every large road in the country then held conferences with its unskilled employees regarding reductions and when the employees refused to accept cuts, carried the case to the board. The roads pleaded that they were being forced to pay more for labor than they could employ it for in the open market; that reduction in the cost of living justifies a similar reduction in wages; that they were being forced to operate in many cases at a loss, and that they wished to reduce their rates for the benefit of the public, but could not do so while forced to pay a wartime scale to labor.

The employees charged that the financial embarrassment of the roads was due to gross mismanagement; that increased rentals had practically nullified any decreases in other necessities; and that the wages in other necessities were still below those paid in other lines of industry.

RAIL EXECUTIVES ACCEPT DECISION WITH RESERVE

Washington, May 17.—Announcement of the decision of the Railroad Labor Board to readjust downward wages of employees of the carriers was received with some reserve tonight by railroad

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BAPTISTS ADJOURN CONVENTION AFTER DOING MUCH WORK

Extensive Plans for Future Expansion of Denomination Are Outlined

MEMORIAL SERVICE IS FEATURE OF LAST DAY

Evangelistic Campaign, Proposal to Enroll Half Million Tithers, Plan for New Theological Seminary, and Provision for Giving Women Official Places Chief Features

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 17.—While the meeting place of the 1922 session of the Southern Baptist convention was left to the executive committee at the closing session here today for investigation of the facilities and propositions of the competing cities, consideration will be given only to the claims of Jacksonville, Fla.; Houston, Texas; Hot Springs, Ark.; Atlanta, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Chattanooga.

Except the Atlanta convention in 1919 when the \$75,000,000 campaign was projected, the session that closed at noon today was marked by the transaction of more business relative to the future program of the denomination than almost any other, in the opinion of the officials of the body.

Among its actions were those relating to completion of the \$75,000,000 campaign, a program of evangelism to reach all the local churches; enrollment of a half million tithers during the year; establishment of another theological seminary; the possible establishment of one or more Southwestern universities; provisions for a new charter of the convention and the rechartering of all its general boards and the Southwestern educational institutions with a view to safeguarding the denomination of all property; suggestions to the Baptist colleges and secondary institutions that they establish their own standardizing agencies rather than affiliate with independent bodies, and provision for the representation of women on the executive committee and general boards of the convention after another year.

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MERCHANT HIDES IN STORE, SHOOTS BURGLAR

High Point, May 17.—When P. L. Cullum, local grocer, received information that his store was to be burglarized last night he secreted himself in the rear of the building and when the intruder arrived shortly after midnight Cullum fired at him, the would-be robber retreating through the window he had just entered. Investigation showed a stream of blood leading from the store and the police believe the intruder suffered serious wounds. No arrests have been made.

Daniels Sums Up Stupendous Work Done by Our Navy in War

By JOSEPHUS DANIELS Former Secretary of the Navy—1913 to 1921.

Let me tell you a few of the big things the navy did in the world war, some of which you may not realize. Even in peace times the navy's operations extend over a considerable portion of the globe, with fleets in the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Far East.

During the war our ships operated from Archangel and the White sea, in northern Russia, to the Adriatic and the Mediterranean; in the North sea, in English and Irish waters, all along the coast of France, Spain and Portugal, in Italian waters in the Azores; patrolled our own coasts and the western Caribbean sea, the South American coast, guarded the Panama canal, and maintained a vast flotilla of troop-ships, cargo transports and conveying vessels carrying troops, munitions and supplies from America to Europe.

Guarding against possible raiders and German activities in the Pacific, our operations extended from our own west coast to Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines, and the few vessels left in the Orient co-operated with the Japanese and other allied naval forces from Manila to Vladivostok.

Activities Belied the World. When we were pressing into service in the "war zone" all available anti-sub-

SUDAN CEREMONIAL WILL START TODAY; 5,000 ARE COMING

Official Program Starts Tonight With Meeting of Divan and Dance in City Auditorium for Shriners and Friends

THURSDAY WILL BE BIG DAY OF SHRINE GATHERING

W. E. Smith of Raleigh, is illustrious Potentate of Sudan Temple; Elaborate Plans Are Made For Entertainment of Shriners, Their Guests, and Candidates Who Will Number 225; Spectacular Parade Thursday

Official Program for CEREMONIAL EVENTS Wednesday, May 18.—Dance Auditorium, 9 p. m. to 2 a. m. Meeting of Divan of Sudan Temple in Masonic Temple 7:30 p. m. Visit of Divan to Auditorium Dance at 10 p. m. Thursday, May 19th.—8 a. m. arrival of Sudan band from New Bern, and Drum Corps from Wilmington. Headquarters on their train which will be parked at Union Station. 8:30 a. m. to 11 a. m. registration of candidates in lobby Auditorium, Noble Jon. F. Rhem, recorder. 9:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. registration of visiting ladies at headquarters in Yarrowburgh Hotel when badges and tickets to various entertainments will be delivered. 11:00 a. m. parade starts. 12:30 p. m. luncheon served in Cadillac Garage, Kline Sales Company, and garage of Cothran and McKimmon. 2:30 p. m. Ceremonial session Sudan Temple, Auditorium. 3:30 p. m. Start from north side Capital Square of automobile ride for Shrine ladies. 5:00 p. m. Reception to ladies at Woman's Club. 7:30 p. m. Dinner served in three garages named above. 9:00 p. m. to 2 a. m. Shrine Dance, Auditorium, for Shriners only.

With Fayetteville street flanking banners of welcome and the Raleigh-Wake Shrine Club turning itself inside out to translate the mute word into action, the vanguard of five thousand odd Shriners and their guests will arrive in Raleigh today for the first ever in Raleigh. Ceremonial of Sudan Temple in the city Auditorium tonight when the Shrine's Ball will be staged. Altogether Raleigh's preparation attribute to Potentate W. E. Smith, of Raleigh.

CERTIORARI WRIT BY SUPREME COURT

Judge Long Ordered to Produce Record of Argument in Harris Trial

Following argument of counsel in the appeal of J. T. Harris, sentenced to death in Buncombe county superior court last November for the murder of F. W. Monahan in September, the State Supreme Court yesterday issued a writ of certiorari against Judge B. F. Long, from whose jurisdiction the action comes to the higher court, directing him to produce the record of the argument at the trial.

Variance of assertion between the prosecuting and defending attorneys as to which counsel made use of the declaration that "this defendant has been tried, convicted and sentenced to death by his own wife" moved the higher court to have the presiding judge bring in the record for the purpose of establishing the contention. The writ is answerable at the earliest convenience of Judge Long.

Exceptions Argued. Exception to the excluding of a prosecuting witness before the defense had cross-examined him, and exception to allusion to the fact that the defendant's wife had not attended the trial or testified in argument of counsel when allusion to her absence was excluded from the record of the case were the main foundation of the argument before the Supreme Court yesterday. Mark Brown and Assistant Attorney General Frank Nash presented the case for the State and ex-Judge Thomas A. Jones and ex-Judge Frank Carter represented Harris. Argument lasted for nearly three hours.

Admission was made by the State that Solicitor J. M. Swain did make the statement relative to the wife and daughter before the jury, but the State

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