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Minority Leader Declares Republicans Must Act.

DEMOCRATS BATTLE AGAINST REPUBLICAN INDIFFERENCE.

The Determination of Republicans in Congress to Ignore Necessary Legislation Attacked by Hon. John Sharp Williams.

Special Correspondence.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—The Republican leaders are dicker-ing with President Roosevelt over what legislation this Congress must enact to save the Republican party from defeat and probable disintegration. The President was at first inclined to build a fire in the rear of Republican congressmen to force them to do something that would stay the growing discontent of the vast majority of the people, especially organized labor. The President approved the standpat attitude of Congress on the tariff because it would split the party wide open if the subject were discussed, but he feels to enter upon the election with a do-nothing policy on every reform demanded would surely invite defeat. The Republican Congressional leaders, especially Speaker Cannon, are not willing to concede anything to the Labor people, except the employers' liability bill, which Senator Knox has revised so as to evade the objection of the Supreme Court to the bill passed by the last Congress. The President wants the Sherman anti-trust law amended to allow corporations to legally combine as trusts and then as a crutch to Labor, to provide that, "nothing in said act is intended to interfere with or to restrict any right of employes to strike for any cause or to combine or to contract with each other or with employers". This quotation is from the bill just introduced in the House of Representatives as agreed upon between President Roosevelt and the Civic Federation. But it will be noticed there is not a word in the bill allowing Labor to boycott which is what the Labor leaders are demanding. So Labor will hardly be satisfied with a bill giving them the right to combine and to strike which rights are unobtainable in law or morals. As the Labor leaders are much exasperated with the Republican leaders on account of the refusal to concede their demands, there is no doubt that there will be a great effort made by organized labor to defeat those Republican candidates at the coming election who are not friendly.

Hon. John Sharp Williams, the Democratic leader, has notified the Republican leaders that unless they report an employers' liability bill, a campaign publicity bill, the anti-injunction bill, and bills removing the tariff duty on wood pulp and print paper the Democrats will feel compelled to object to requests for unanimous consent and will demand a roll call at every opportunity and compel the Republicans to keep a quorum on hand to do business during the remainder of the session. The Democrats consider that the do-nothing policy has gone far enough, and intend, as far as they are able, to compel the Republicans to bring to a vote such legislation as the people are demanding.

There is nothing now in the Republican factional fight for president. The probabilities are that the Roosevelt-Taft forces will not have a majority of the convention on the first ballot, unless they secure control of the National Committee and seat the Taft contesting delegates from the Southern States. That there will be a prolonged fight in the committee over each contested delegation seems unavoidable, and whatever decision is arrived at will create heartburnings that will have an effect upon the result of the election in those doubtful states where the negro vote counts.

A great furor has been kicked up here by the decision of the Supreme Court in the Minnesota and North Carolina railroad cases. Various views are expressed. Some think that the decision will allow the railroads to now charge "all the traffic will bear". Others believe that State Rights and state control of corporations have been invaded. After consultation with one of the best constitutional lawyers, who is a

Democrat, he advises me that the decisions are not nearly as sweeping as the majority of people have concluded they are. The Supreme Court does not say that States cannot make regulations to control the rates on freight or passengers, but that the states cannot prevent the railroads from going into the United States courts to protect their interest. Nor can the states make excessive penalties as punishment for disobeying the laws. It is, therefore, the character and terms of these state laws that have been decided are unconstitutional and not the broad principle of the right of the states to control the corporations within their borders that has been decided adversely.

Some people believe, however, that perhaps a question is involved that may release the Standard Oil Trust from the enormous fine that Judge Landis inflicted upon it, for it would seem that the courts of the United States would be exceeding their powers in punishing a corporation for rebating with such an enormous aggregation of fines as to virtually confiscate part of the property of the shareholders. That, however, the Supreme Court will have to pass upon before long. It must be remembered that this decision of the Supreme Court was not a five to four decision, as only Judge Harlan dissented. The three Democratic Justices joined the Republicans in making it, and no one will dispute that Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White and Peckham are what is known as State Rights Democrats and believe that all rights not expressly granted to the United States are reserved to the states and the people. ROBERT MILLER.

VIRGINIANS VS. TAR HEEL.

Strong Ball Game at Greensboro Monday of Next Week.

The annual base-ball game between the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia which is to be played in Greensboro on Monday, April 6th, promises to be one of the most exciting contests ever held between these two rival institutions. The Carolina team this year is thought to be one of the strongest ever gotten out by this state institution, whereas on the other hand, the same can be said of the team from the Old Dominion. The Cone Athletic Park on which the game is to be played has been materially improved this spring. New bleachers and grandstands have been erected and much needed work has been done on the playing ground. As to the personnel of the two teams the exact men who will compose them is not known.

Red Men in Few Weeks.

The Improved Order of Red Men of the 6th district composed of Rockingham, Guilford, Alamance, Randolph, Surry and Forsyth counties, met at High Point last Thursday. Great Sachem E. A. Elbert reported 20 new lodges already instituted in the State this year with an increased membership of about 1,000. The next meeting will be held at Winston-Salem in September. Minnehaha Tribe, No. 64, at Ramseur, was represented by Prof. D. M. Weatherly.

Deadly Gas Kills Scores.

In a mine explosion at Hanna, Wyoming Friday night nearly 70 people lost their lives. There were two explosions in the Union Pacific Coal Co's mine, and were caused by gases and coal dust. About 50 of the missing were members of the rescue party and were victims of the second explosion.

Boys Drug Stock.

R. I. Dickens has purchased an interest in the business of the Asheboro Drug Co. The transfer of the stock was made yesterday. Mr. Dickens will devote a large part of his time to the interest of the company.

Strange Procedure.

The Presbyterians of Fayetteville refused to allow Ex Gov. Chas. B. Aycock to speak in their church in the interest of prohibition on the grounds that they do not care to have politics brought into the church.

Saloon Keeper Bankrupt.

H. B. Miller, a saloon keeper of Salisbury, has been adjudged a bankrupt and J. J. Stewart appointed receiver.

"PLAYING SCHOOL."

By Prof. Bruce Craven, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Written for The Courier.

Every careful observer of the signs of the times must perceive that the wonderful material wealth of this nation has developed in about equal proportion with moral poverty, and that both have developed simultaneously with the public free school system in the last fifty years. This is a sad but obvious fact, and the connection is not hard to trace. The old time school with all its faults was generally presided over by a powerful mind and soul, and the students were taught reading and writing and arithmetic and the fear of God. The modern school retains only arithmetic from this



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splendid curriculum and it is taught not as a means of mind training but as a help toward making money.

There is something radically wrong in the school system, and the germ of it is to be found in the prevalent desire for display and temporary gain that sacrifices the fundamental principles for the fads that will appear well and strike the popular fancy. We boast of our schools without suspecting that many of them are drifting along without any purpose or any hope. Without some definite aim, a school is as a ship without a rudder, and in its drifting to and fro, trims its sails to every passing breeze, and accomplishes nothing.

"Woe unto you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint, and anise, and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

Play schools are plentiful and they are the ones that often set themselves up as models, because the average teacher and the average school are popular in inverse ratio to their efficiency and faithfulness. The playing with school is to be found in every phase of the work and all of it is probably attributable to the fact that the result is so remote that we are careless in working for it, and any way the ones starting the work will not get the credit or blame for the ultimate product. So all concerned temporize with what should be the greatest epoch in life, and sacrifice enduring merit for the pleasure of present ease and popularity.

In the system of schools and in the making of laws there is no definite purpose and but little uniformity and order. There is a great deal of thinking yet to be done in the work of education, and in our own state the school system is yet in its infancy. There is no hand of the trainer visible in the development and if it be not here at the beginning what can we hope for as we go farther? The structure grows by degrees as grow "ramshackle" buildings, without purpose and without conformity, and it will go on this way until the designing architect will find that to get tight we must begin again. The first and greatest need in North Carolina today is for an educational statesman big enough, and wise and brave enough to take hold of the work with convictions, and with determination to put them into effect. We need the hand of a master, as merciless as skillful, and as saving as the knife in the hand of a master surgeon.

The men in charge of a school do not govern it as they govern their own business, though the school is supposed to be the preparation for those very things. They start the play as the system started, and let it grow as the occasion demands. There is no looking ahead and no purpose. There must be a building and enough teachers to keep the children in some kind of order, and then if only trouble be avoided everything is alright. If the children are pleased and there are no complaints and everything runs smoothly, then the school is reckoned a great institution. The graduates may go to the penitentiary but the school is alright. Who would run a mill in that way? What is the real test beside which others are not considered? It is the merit of the product. This rule applies everywhere except in the school, where the demand above all, is that the machinery run smoothly.

If a group of men were selecting some one to manage a great business they would get one especially qualified for it and earnestly devoted to it, but for school purposes all college graduates look alike, and if a particular one carried off the orator's medal, he is all right to conduct the school. His qualifications of course would not be held sufficient for the management of a store or bank, though they really apply as much to one as to another. A knowledge of calculus does not qualify a man to teach arithmetic any more than it does to dig the Panama Canal. He can tell what he knows, but if that is all he can do he might be dispensed with, because the book itself holds more than that. A man recently advertised for some one to train two bird dogs, and stipulated that "only experts of successful experience need apply". By "successful experience" he meant that the dogs trained must be able to set birds and to get them. Any one else would be equally careful with dogs, but line out of every ten persons would pay the dog trainer a big salary, and at the same time not even know the name of the teacher of their children and would complain about the assessment of a little tax for for the maintenance of the school. "Sat verbum sapienti."

The teacher is the determining factor in the play, yet he cannot justly get much of the blame. The dog trainer would not be worried to death by the importunities and advice of the employer. The latter would be certain the trainer knew his business and would let him alone. The child trainer, however, must consider every move in connection

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HON. W. W. KITCHEN.

The above is a photograph of Hon. W. W. Kitchen, candidate for Governor of North Carolina who recently spoke at the courthouse in Asheboro, an account of which appeared in these columns.

State Tuberculosis Hospital.

The state hospital for treatment tuberculosis will probably be opened the latter part of June. The hospital will be located in Cumberland county near Aberdeen. The State has purchased 950 acres of land, and is erecting the hospital buildings. The hospital will be in charge of Dr. J. E. Brooks, of Greensboro.

BOARD OF ELECTION MEETING.

Registrars and Judges of Election Appointed for Each Township.

Following is a list of Registrars and Judges of Election for holding election on the question of Prohibition, on May 26, 1908, as selected by the Board of Elections Monday. The first name in each township is the registrar and the other two poll-holders:

- Cedar Grove—W. S. Gatlin, E. E. Vancannon, Cicero Skewen.
- Grant—A. S. Pugh, O. P. Brown, W. W. Wright.
- Coleridge—M. C. Yow, T. A. Craven, Chas. H. Craven.
- New Hope—T. W. Ingram, J. M. Chandler, S. C. Cranford.
- Union—C. H. Lucas, C. W. Shaw, C. O. Bean.
- Richland—O. M. Yow, M. J. Presnell, W. L. Stotts.
- Brower—E. B. Leach, W. J. Moffitt, Alfred Manassa.
- Pleasant Grove—J. P. Phillips, B. M. Caviness, J. T. Powers.
- Asheboro—Z. F. Rusb, S. E. Phillips, M. W. Parrish.
- Trinity—John Hill, T. R. Payne, R. E. Mendenhall.
- E. New Market—R. L. Cansey, Sam Staunton, W. L. Adams.
- W. New Market—R. L. Coltrane, Sam McDowell, J. R. Coltrane.
- Liberty—J. E. Cole, John Swain, L. H. Smith, Sr.
- Tabernacle—L. C. Phillips, Benj. Lanier, G. L. Briles.
- Back Creek—B. A. Redding, Cicero Robbins, B. F. Bulla.
- Handlemans—Eli Caudle, W. M. Coble, C. Z. Laneberry.
- Providence—W. R. Julian, C. L. Cranford, Stanton King.
- West Franklinville—E. O. York, S. T. Laughlin, A. M. Williams.
- E. Franklinville—W. C. Jones, J. F. S. Hulst, T. M. Jennings.
- Columbia—J. D. Leonard, J. A. Brady, Preston Craven.
- Concord—Monte Lewis, Robert Steed, Ed Kearns.
- J. A. SPENCE, Chairman, TROY REDDING, Secretary, SETH W. LAUGHLIN, Board of Elections.

HELLO! WINSTON-SALEM.

Local Telephone Exchange Will Soon Have Direct Connection.

The independent telephone companies have secured a franchise for a line to enter Winston-Salem and have begun the construction of a line from High Point to that place. This will give Asheboro and points connected with the local exchange, direct connection with the Twin-City. The new line will be pushed to completion.

The independent companies are also making an effort to secure a franchise at Salisbury and if granted will construct a copper line from Lexington to Salisbury, thence to Concord and Statesville.

In spite of the resistance offered by the Bell monopoly the independent companies are making rapid progress.

No Conflict With Germany.

Emperor William, of Germany, assures the President that he will receive Dr. David J. Hill as the American Ambassador to Germany, and that the German government has never considered withdrawing the recent acceptance of Dr. Hill. The rumor that the emperor objected to Dr. Hill grew out of some personal differences between Dr. Hill and Prince Henry, is said to be false, and that Dr. Hill will be cordially received at Berlin.

Congressman Shoots Insolent Negro.

Congressman Thos. J. Hellin, of Alabama, shot and dangerously wounded an insolent negro on a street car in Washington Saturday. Mr. Hellin protested against the negro drinking on the car in the presence of ladies. When the negro approached the congressman swearing violently Mr. Hellin drew a pistol and fired. He is under a \$5,000 bond.

Trains Men Acquitted.

Engineer W. W. Rippey and conductor C. M. Oakley, of the Southern charged with manslaughter in Wake county, in that they were in charge on the train wrecked at Auburn last August were acquitted by a verdict of "not guilty" Saturday. The jury was out four hours. Great applause by the spectators in the courtroom followed the verdict.

SAD DEATH OF CHILD

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rom Smith, of Liberty, Drowned

FELL INTO A HOLE DUG FOR FENCE POST.

Attempting to Dig Water the Child Fell Headforemost and Was Helpless.

The three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rom Smith, of Liberty, was nearly drowned Monday by falling into a hole which had been dug in the yard to plant a fence. The hole was about two feet deep and had only about a gallon of water in it. The boy had a tin can in his hand and it is supposed he was trying to dip the water out when he fell in head foremost and was unable to help himself.

A letter received yesterday says the child died a short while after being taken from the hole.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

WHITNEY PROJECT.

Plan for Reorganization -- Pittsburg Stockholders Meet.

There is great hopes now for the early reorganization of the Whitney Company, and the immediate resumption of operations at the Narrows. Recently a meeting of the Pittsburg bondholders was held in Pittsburg with the result that an expenditure of \$2,000,000 more of money may be made to prevent the sacrifice of the property. The meeting, the Pittsburg Gazette-Times says, was attended by about fifty persons and the agreement reached provides for placing the matter in the hands of a committee of five to investigate the various plans offered for rehabilitating the affairs of the company and putting the property on a paying basis.

RIOT IN NEW YORK.

Socialist Meeting Ended in Bomb Throwing--Wild Excitement Prevails.

Ten thousand unemployed people met at Union Square, New York City Saturday to hear an address by Robert Hunter, the socialist leader of note. The lawless appearance of the crowd was met with an order from the police department that the crowd disperse. Mounted police were sent to the scene and as the officers crossed the park a young man aged 20 years, and claiming Russia as the land of his nativity rushed after them with a bomb. As he threw it the machine exploded, killing one of the mob and injuring many others. The socialists declare the police incited the mob to riot, but do not account for the presence of the bomb. Hunter declared he would speak in defiance of the police.

Murderer of Police Chief to Hang.

Sam Murchison, alias Melvin, slayer of Chief of Police Jas. H. Benton, of Fayetteville, was found guilty of murder in the first degree at Fayetteville last Thursday. The trial consumed two days, and the jury returned the verdict after deliberating 35 minutes. The crime for which Murchison will forfeit his life was committed in February.

Bank Officers Jailed.

John Young, auditor, and Henry Reiber, teller, for 25 years in the service of the Farmers' Deposit National Bank, of Pittsburg, Pa., are in jail at Pittsburg, charged with stealing \$85,000 of the bank's funds to use in speculation. They are prominent in Pittsburg society and business circles.

Reward For Blockader.

The U. S. Department of Justice has offered a reward of \$100 for the capture of Jim Staley, the notorious negro moonshiner, who shot and seriously injured Deputy Marshal Henry Reece, near Siler City, last week.

Impeached Judge.

Judge J. W. G. Blackstone, of Virginia, has been found guilty of immorality and gross neglect of duty by the General Assembly of that State, and the defendant expelled.

Rev. W. E. Swain received a telegram announcing the death of Franklin C. Patterson at his home near Graham yesterday. The funeral will be conducted today.