

DEMOCRATS GATHER IN WASHINGTON FOR BIG RALLY TONIGHT

N. C. to Be Well Represented at Jackson Day Dinner Today.

Treat as Campaign Issue Looks up on the Political Horizon.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO SEAT ABOUT 1,400

OVERSHADOWS FIGHT FOR THE CONVENTION

Will Be One of Biggest Events of Year for the Democratic Party.

National Committee Will Be Asked to Support Wilson's Stand.

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(Staff Correspondent The Citizen.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—There are more democrats in Washington tonight that have assembled in this historic city at any one time since the second inauguration of Woodrow Wilson as president, and tomorrow will be the third most important day of this important year for the party.

There are democrats here tonight from every state and territory, and tomorrow night they will celebrate the probably the biggest political dinner ever served to the stalwarts of any political party, the date in history made famous by one of the greatest democrats, Andrew Jackson, of North Carolina, and Tennessee. In this army of democrats here for the Jackson day dinner are numbered many of the most prominent men of the party, and in the array of speakers who will tomorrow night unlimber their verbal batteries against the common enemy, the G. O. P., is practically every man who has ever been so much as mentioned for the presidency in the country and there is quite a company of them. Notable among them are such names as the great commoner, William Jennings Bryan, Attorney General Palmer, Senator Hitchcock, Secretary of the Treasury Charles G. Darr, Governor Cox, of Ohio; Senator Pomeroy, of the same state; Senator Underwood, of Alabama; Former Speaker Champ Clark, of Missouri; and Vice President Thomas Marshall, of Indiana, while the list of speakers includes a seemingly endless array of others prominent in the councils of their party, but who do not have any presidential ambitions at this time, or if they do, are succeeding in keeping them under cover for the present.

President Wilson will not be present simply because his medical advisor, Admiral Grayson, will advise it, but a personal message to the banqueters from the white house is expected to be received whose contents many would be glad to know in advance, and which they will wait with keen interest to receive. Just what the President will have to say in his message, no man save the President himself, knows, although several have attempted to forecast just what he will have to say. Most speculation about the contents of this anxiously awaited word from the white house has been as to whether or not the President entertains any serious presidential ambitions, but it is quite doubtful that the President will mention this matter at all at this time. He may do so, but it is extremely doubtful. While it is certain that he will not allow consideration of his name for a second nomination, it is not believed in well advised circles that the President regards this as a good time to discuss the matter, but some definite pronouncement on the subject may be expected not a great while later.

Outgrows One Hotel. The dinner, which has outgrown one hotel, will be held at the Willard and Washington hotels. There will be 800 places at the former and 600 at the latter, and it is to be unique therefore in that it is to be two divisions. This is necessary because of the enormous demand for tickets, the demand coming from every state and territory. Chairman Homer S. Cummings, of the national committee, who has been here for more than a week, has his personal attention to the arrangements for the big spread, realized several days ago that there were going to be a lot of faithful democrats disappointed because no provision was made to take care of a greater number than could be accommodated in any one hall in the city, and so he hit upon the plan of having two served co-incidentally at two hotels. Fortunately, the arrangement could be made without great inconvenience to the speakers, who have been asked to speak in both halls, as the Willard and Washington hotels are in the same block. Thus 600 additional requests for tickets could be honored. Chairman Cummings will be toastmaster at one, at the Willard, and J. Bruce Kremer, of Montana, first vice chairman of the national committee, will be master of speakers at the other.

Not only will the dinner be notable because it will be the largest thing of its kind ever in Asheville, but it will be notable for the added reason that it will be the first event of its kind attended by women with recognition for party service, past, present or prospective. Several score women will be there, including most of the national associate committee-women from the various states. Mrs. George Bass, of Chicago, is chairman of the women's associate committee, and will be present, as will Miss Mary Owen Graham, member from North Carolina. Other North Carolinians who will attend the dinner include, of course, the entire congressional delegation for all North Carolina's representatives on Capitol Hill are democrats, as well as Committee-man Angus McLean, of Lumberton; State Chairman Thomas D. Warren, of Warren; and several score other women from the Tar Heel state in the list of guests, some of whom are expected in tonight or tomorrow morning. And course, representatives of North Carolina newspapers at the capital will be among those present.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The peace treaty as a campaign issue loomed conspicuously on the political horizon today as leaders of the democratic party, gathered here for the quadrennial meeting of the democratic national committee, laid preliminary plans for the presidential contest. Already overshadowing the fight for the national convention, which apparently narrowed during the day to Kansas City, St. Francisco, discussion of the party got an additional impetus which became known that at its meeting tomorrow the committee would beasked by its officers to formally itself squarely behind President Wilson in his stand in the treaty controversy. A resolution was prepared for presentation and Chairman Cummings, of the committee, predicted that it would be adopted. It is understood to be in general terms endorsing the President's course without declaring specifically for or against ratification, but Mr. Cummings, in his introduction to make its language so plain that there would be no doubt that the party stood behind the President. The announcement stirred up endless speculation when it was coupled with unverified reports that William Jennings Bryan would advocate a "no" vote in his speech at the big Jackson day banquet to be held under the auspices of the committee tomorrow night.

No one professed to know Mr. Bryan's intentions, but many committee-men were turning over in their minds various stories quoting him as advocating ratification with any compromise that could be secured. Involved in the possibilities of this situation, was another unknown quantity—the message which President Wilson is to send to his fellow democrats at the banquet. It generally was assumed that he will touch on the treaty in his speech, but no information as to how far he will go or whether he will urge that ratification be made an active issue in the campaign.

Occupied with these reflections the committee members apparently have given little attention to the subjects of possible candidates, several of whom are expected to announce their views on the treaty in the course of the banquet. On this subject, also, there has been hesitancy because of uncertainty over the intentions of Mr. Bryan. Some committee members have made a more positive declaration from one who may come to light tomorrow night. Although San Francisco and Kansas City apparently were left in front tonight in the race for the convention, it was declared by the leaders that the matter was by no means settled, and there still was a chance for Chicago or St. Louis. The Chicago banker became very active in the day and word came from St. Louis that his plans to capture the big meeting, abandoned several days ago might be revised if a compromise solution were sought.

New Members Seated. Among the new members who will be seated when the committee meets tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock are A. B. Patterson, succeeding E. D. Smith, of Alabama; A. P. Felt, succeeding Robert Ewing, of Louisiana; and Thomas Love, succeeding O. S. Canton, of Texas. Included in today's arrivals among the committeemen were J. T. G. Crawford, Florida; Clark Howell, Georgia; A. P. Fugo, Louisiana; J. M. McBeath, Mississippi; and John Gary Evans, South Carolina. When the committee meets tomorrow the bids for the convention will be required in writing and a hearing on them will be given in open session. The party's invitation with a pledge of \$100,000, while Kansas City will present a check of \$50,000 and an offer of use of the city hall. Discussion of the time for opening the convention, also to be determined at tomorrow's meeting, centers about June 22 and June 29. The committee probably will be called on also to consider a recommendation that the rule requiring two-thirds to nominate be changed so that only a majority would be necessary. Chairman Cummings predicted today, however, that no such action would be taken. There seemed to be a feeling among the committeemen, he said, that the change would be impracticable as long as the rule requiring state delegations to vote as a unit remained in force. A majority rule and only a majority required to nominate, it was pointed out.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Complete co-ordination of all governmental agencies together with an awakened congress tonight had given the campaign to rid the nation of radicals a broader aspect. While assistant Attorney-General Garvan's force continued its raids including a search for Ludvig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled envoy of the Russian soviet government, there were evidences of new activity and more determined cooperation in all other departments of the government.

Congress received a bill, introduced by Representative Johnson, of Michigan, Washington, which would make every government employe an agent for ferreting out undesirables. Each clerk would be given the duty of reporting any information concerning alien activities to the department of justice and the immigration authorities. The treasury secret service was also enlisted in running down persons for whom the immigration and customs officials have issued warrants. Customs officials also have been asked to report any information they gather, while the army and navy intelligence arms of the service will cooperate in gathering evidence and searching out of radicals.

Secretary Baker ordered the vacation of all buildings and other facilities used by the army at Ellis Island in order to make room for handling Mongols, which were already there pending deportation proceedings. The department of justice has had to deal with a serious problem in the detention of the radicals arrested since last Friday at Ellis Island, which was already over-crowded and an epidemic of measles was reported to have broken out there.

Warrant For Martens. During the day the department of justice announced that a warrant had been ordered for the arrests and deportation of "Russian soviet ambassador" made public in a letter to Attorney-General Palmer in which he accused Mr. Palmer of any information that the department of justice desired to transmit to Martens would be communicated to him. Nuorteva said Martens and his party had established temporary headquarters in Washington so that Martens would be able to appear before a senate foreign relation sub-committee when that body desired to have his testimony.

Department of justice officials working on the deportation of the radicals arrested in the recent raids decided to request use of two transports, both of which will be larger than the Buford, which carried the 249 radicals away before Christmas.

GERMANS DEPORTED. NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Two Germans arrested in recent raids on New York were deported from Ellis Island on the American steamship Mongols, which sailed today for Hamburg. They were George Schwarzwald, and Ernest Emil Albert Heilmuller. They were taken from the island under guard and their transportation was paid by federal agents.

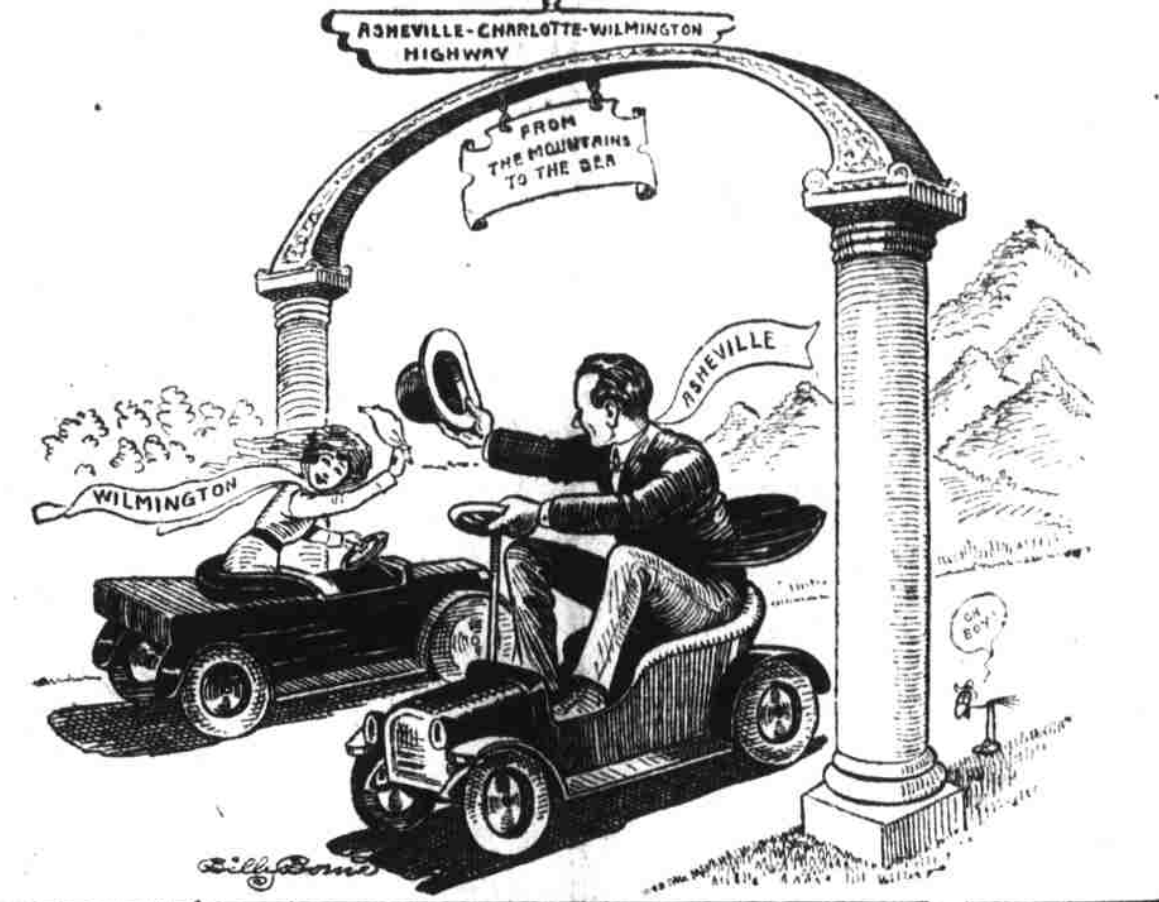
Isaac Schorr, attorney for many aliens taken in recent raids, claimed tonight to have information that another deportation "ark" will sail within a few days. His information, he says, indicates that communists taken in raids of the past week will not be included in the next ship load of the large number of aliens who were left in detention at Ellis Island, Hartford, Conn., and other stations when accommodations

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One of These Days

By Billy Borne



New Advances Claimed By Bolsheviki Armies

LONDON, Jan. 7.—A bolsheviki communication dated Wednesday says: "Our troops have reached the coast to the east and west of Mariupol (government of Ekaterinoslav) in the course of operations in the Don basin. The booty captured by a single one of our divisions amounted to 4,000 prisoners, 220 guns, four tanks, four armored trains and an aviation base. In the Sarepta region the captures included 1,000 wagons, 20 locomotives and three armored trains."

FEDERAL OFFICERS BEGIN SEARCH FOR BOLSHEVIK AGENT

Warrant Issued for "Soviet Ambassador" Ludvig Martens.

Bride-Elect Is Missing Day Before the Wedding

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 7.—The day before she would have marched down the aisle of the First Presbyterian church of this city, with Leland Thornton Dymart, of Dallas, Texas, a former lieutenant of marines, Miss Louise Eyles daughter of H. H. Eyles, a prominent lawyer of this city, disappeared and her whereabouts remains a mystery. The hour of the marriage had been fixed at high noon tomorrow. The family tonight announced the wedding had been indefinitely postponed.

QUESTION PALMER ON PACKERS' CASE

Attorney-General Before the Senate Committee.

Sharp Exchanges Mark the Hearing on Government Settlement Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—More was accomplished through the government's settlement of its anti-trust proceedings against the five big Chicago meat packers than could have been expected from a court decision adverse to the packers. Attorney-General Palmer told the senate agriculture committee today. He appeared there by invitation of the committee in connection with its consideration of what legislation is required for the meat packing industry.

FEDERAL AGENCIES WORKING IN UNISON

In Campaign to Rid Nation of Undesirables—Congress Gets Busy.

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DENY SOCIALISTS ASSEMBLY SEATS

Action Taken By N. Y. Law-makers on 140 to 6 Vote.

Adherence With Revolutionary Party Is Referred to In Resolution.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Five socialist members of the assembly of the New York state legislature were denied their seats at the lower branch's opening meeting of the 124th session today. A resolution questioning whether they could be loyal to their oaths of office when bound to act subject to instructions of the socialist party was quickly passed, 140 to 6, after Thomas C. Stewart, of New York county, their party leader; Samuel A. Dewitt and Samuel Orr, of Bronx county; Charles Solomon, of Kings college; and Louis Waldman of New York county, were ushered before the speaker's desk in the pit of the house.

BROTHERS TO BEGIN CAMP AGAINST H.C.L.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The American labor co-operative conference was announced today at the city offices of the National Labor Relations Board. Another conference will be held at Chicago, February 15, which will be the first of a series of conferences of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and one of the general organizers of the Chicago meeting, the treasurer of the co-operative conference, and other officials of the railway employes' union.

AGED MAN IS ACCUSED OF BEATING WIFE TO DEATH

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 7.—Wilson H. Brokaw, Sr., 75 years old, was placed under arrest here this afternoon charged with having beaten his wife, 45 years of age, to death with a hammer. He was committed to Camp Eustis, near here, where the Brokaw had made their home for the last month, coming here from Chicago to be near their son, Wilson H. Brokaw, Jr., who is a lieutenant in the army, stationed at Camp Eustis.

COMPANY IS FORMED TO PURCHASE MOUNT MITCHELL RAILROAD

Following Trip of Inspection Yesterday By Party of Asheville and Western North Carolina Business Men, Temporary Organization Perfected on Train and Nearly \$25,000 Pledged In Stock Subscriptions—Corporation Will Be Formed Here Tuesday and Stock Sold—Road Will Probably Open April 1.

Riding down from Mt. Mitchell yesterday afternoon, surrounded by the most wonderful mountain magnificence in the world, a party of Asheville and Western North Carolina business men subscribed and made pledges amounting to \$25,000, forming a temporary organization for the purchase of the railway from Perley and Crockett and converting it into one of the greatest scenic railways in the world. This action was taken after the party, called together by Col. Sanford H. Cohen, who first started the road for passengers and the local board of trade, had made a complete tour of inspection of the road.

The owners offered to sell the railway, with two engines, nine passenger cars, repair shops, all buildings on the famous mountain, for \$160,000 and those who are behind the move state that several thousand of this amount will be sold in bonds, \$60,000 would be raised in cash, and nearly one-half of it subscribed yesterday. The party elected M. A. Brinkman, local manager of the Southern Bell Telephone company, as temporary chairman, and W. H. Buckner, secretary of board of trade, as secretary. An organization meeting has been called for Tuesday night at the Board of Trade, when the officers will be elected, a charter applied for. It is proposed to open the road for tourist travel by April 1, this year. This means that what thousands of people have called the greatest mountain scenery in the world, will always be available to the tourists who flock here from all sections to make the trip to the top of the peak. Colonel Wade Harris, editor of the Charlotte Observer, who came here for the purpose of making the trip, declared that the undertaking is the most important now before the people of North Carolina and he with George Stephens of Charlotte subscribed for stock.

PLUMB'S NEW PLAN FOR ALL INDUSTRY

Is Modelled After the One For Railroads.

Tri-Partite Control Idea Carried Out In the New Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press)—A Plumb plan for all-American industry, modeled after the plan of the same name for the railroads, has been prepared and is expected to be publicly announced soon. Copies of the plan, captioned "An industrial program by Glenn E. Plumb" are being circulated in Washington and some of them have come into the hands of government officials. Briefly the plan proposes for all American industry the system of tripartite railroad control advanced sometime ago with the backing of the great brotherhoods, and which it has been announced would be made an issue at the elections. It proposes practically the same division of representation for capital, labor and the public.

Meals on Train. Leaving here at 8:10 o'clock by Southern Railway yesterday morning the party boarded the Mt. Mitchell special train shortly after 9 o'clock and the memorable trip to the top of the famous mountain was started. Supplied by Colonel Cohen and Secretary Buckner a tempting breakfast was served on the train and later dinner was served consisting of hot coffee, two large boiled hams, sliced cold, bread cheese, pickles, etc. The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and some time was spent on the top of the mountain, several of the party walking to the summit.

Soon after the party started back down the mountain the enthusiasm was running so high that M. A. Brinkman and H. E. Gruber announced the time for the public subscription to the Mt. Mitchell railway. When the news of the passenger cars the members of the party perfected the organization which will result in the purchase of the scenic railway.

Arriving at Mt. Mitchell station at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Col. Cohen had arranged that automobiles meet the members of the party, and they were driven to the hotel to which their surprise as it was originally planned to come in on No. 21 last night. Started 1914. As a scenic proposition the Mt. Mitchell railway began its operation in 1914. Perley and Crockett were included by the number of applications by persons to go up on their logging trains to the top of Mt. Mitchell, that the decision to build the railway was made. When the full capacity from the very first trip. This condition was due entirely to the advertising campaign in the local papers telling of the scenic beauties of the trip.

On July 20, President Fairfax Harrison, Vice President Spencer, General Manager W. H. Coapman and Superintendent Collins of the Southern railway went up as guests of the Mt. Mitchell railway. When they got to the train the passenger coach that the company had and a box-car were full of passengers. Benches had to be put on a flat car to accommodate the passengers. When the party reached Montreat there was such a big crowd that the train had to run by without stopping, stopped at the tank beyond to get water, when about 50 people headed by the great evangelist singer, Charles Alexander, associated with the late Dr. Wilbur Chapman, rushed to the tank and climbed on the flat car with the Harrison party. It was a most beautiful day, the air clear and the distant mountains showing clear and strong, and the visitors who had been over the mountains of Switzerland and other places in Europe and America were delighted. The railroad officials were so pleased with the views and prospects of the road that President Harrison gave orders and had a station built one mile west of Blue Mount to connect with Mt. Mitchell station, and that it should be completed in ten days, so as to connect with Mt. Mitchell railroad, which was done by Superintendent Collins. From that day on every trip tested the capacity of the equipment, which was composed of two cars at that time.

Several Cars Added. Several flat cars were fitted up and on August 12 the Asheville Board of Trade gave its heartfelt indorsement to the project by carrying a large complement if its members over the road for a day's outing. The success from that time on was so great that next season the terminus of the road was changed, dining hall erected and 10 cars built for handling the passengers. The following year the road was extended to the 23 miles of scenic wonderland. The business was heavy from the beginning of that season and although being interrupted by a freshet in four or five weeks and two or three weeks of rain preceding, did such a large business as to induce the management for the next season to make greater preparations and in 1918 running two and three trips a week, carried over

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