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GERMANY CONSIDERS HERSELF NO LONGER BOUND BY CLAUSE OF VERSAILLES TREATY TO SURRENDER COLONIES TO ALLIES

CHARGES STUFFED BALLOT BOXES MADE AT JACKSON BOARD

More Votes in Box Than on Registration Books.

CANVASSING BOARD MOVES TO CITY

Indian Vote Will Probably Be Thrown Out—Crowd Came With Board.

By DONALD GILLIS The Jackson county board of canvassers met yesterday afternoon in the Buncombe county court house to judicially determine the results of the November 2 election, having been driven from Sylva by riot and bloodshed...

THEODORE BURTON MAY BE SPEAKER OF NEW CONGRESS



Congressman-elect Theo. Burton. Theodore Burton, formerly U. S. senator and new congressman-elect from the twenty-second district in Ohio, may be chosen speaker, say political leaders.

BUTLER ENDORSED BY DEMOCRATS FOR HARDING CABINET

Tom Warren's Name not Among Them.

What About Former Criticisms of Butler, Asks Other Democrats.

Asheville Citizen News Bureau, 427 Merchants' Nat'l Bk. Bldg. (By J. H. Kiser) Raleigh, Nov. 18.—The endorsement of Ex-Senator Marion Butler for secretary of agriculture in President-elect Harding's cabinet by a large number of prominent democratic leaders and office holders has caused quite a stir of political interest in Raleigh.

Challenges Decided.

On the contrary, everyone treated everyone else with scrupulous politeness, and partisans who must be supposed to be bitter against each other accepted the many statements of the sworn word of the other as conclusive evidence in a controverted vote because of non-residence or non-payment of poll tax were decided yesterday on the basis of a simple individual present and with simplicity of procedure which would have amazed Buncombe election officials, these votes if repeated, were deducted from the total of candidates, according as some judge or registrar declared how the challenged votes were cast.

Indian Votes.

It is hardly divisible a secret to say that the present judgment of the board is to reject the Indian votes, and they, following the advice, are almost as much convinced that the only thing to do with the "stuffed" ballot boxes is to reject their votes entirely—eliminate them one and all. And this means, if proposed action is taken in only one of these matters, that democrats and not republicans will win. And, what stir will follow in Jackson county on such news is not pleasing of contemplation—but members of the board are ready to follow where their leaders lead.

13 Members Here.

The board met at 2:30 o'clock, and when called to order by Chairman J. J. Mason 13 of the members were present to answer the call by Clerk H. C. Moss, these being: Mason, Moss, F. N. Price, J. J. Cowan, E. B. Shouler, C. P. Dillard, John Phillips, Ramsey Dilla, W. J. Fisher, H. A. Fell, J. C. Brown, democrats; and F. R. Queen and K. C. Howell, republicans. The latter were taken in at Qualatown, being sworn in (Continued on Page Two)

COUNCIL OF LABOR BANDIT KILLED AND FEDERATION KEEPS ITS ACTION SECRET IN PITCHED BATTLE

Concludes Discussions Lasting Two Weeks in Washington.

WILL CONFER WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERT

Policy of Organization for Sharp Restriction of Immigration.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor concluded its work here tonight without making any formal announcement as to what had been accomplished during its two weeks of discussions.

Although members of the council, including President Gompers, of the federation, were disinclined to talk of proceedings in the executive sessions, it is known that certain programs were discussed which by common consent will practically become policies of the organization. These include what was described as a healthy stand against radicalism within organized labor, and for sharp restriction of immigration.

There was also an almost unanimous agreement among the labor leaders, it is understood, for closer cooperation between labor and industrial engineers. In this labor leaders believed they were accomplishing the dual purpose of eliminating waste and inefficiency and creating an atmosphere which would foster greater production. The council was said to have made plain in its discussions its realization of wide needs in the respect and members of the council held that labor's conduct should be such that no blame for low output could attach to the workers.

Block the Roads.

The local police immediately took steps to meet the incoming automobile on any of the three roads leading into the city from the north. Upon each road a car was placed lengthwise to block the passage of the alleged bandits. On the Hollins road where the pitched battle occurred, the police patrol in charge of motorcycle officers, when the charging car appeared, was heard, presently the car appeared over the brow of a hill, several hundred feet away. At the same moment Officer Robertson fired the shot that killed Rodgers, and cried "halt." The car still speeding, bore down. A blinding beam from a flashlight, was thrown in Officer Robertson's face, accompanied by a shot. Other shots then came from the alleged bandits and a general firing between the occupants and the police ensued. In an effort to go around the patrol wagon, Rodgers, the driver of the car, swerved to the side of the road. At the same time, according to the report, Officer Robertson fired the shot that killed Rodgers, the bullet entering the alleged bandit's neck. The car then struck a rock, turned turtle and plumed the other two occupants beneath it. One of the men was killed several times after being thus caught.

Stoneville Bank.

Chief of Police Rigney announced tonight that the robbery of the Stoneville bank will not be counted as a robbery until tomorrow pending the arrival here of bank officials who have been summoned to the scene. Federal and local police were the sources here tonight.

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HE STANDS ALONE IN LEGISLATURE OF NEW JERSEY



Harry Runyon.

Harry Runyon is the only democrat who was successful in getting elected to the assembly of New Jersey. If he carries out the usual custom of nominating a candidate for speaker of the house from his party to run against the candidate of the opposite party, he may be in the delicate situation of having to nominate himself.

LOCATE LOOT TAKEN IN NORTH CAROLINA

Liberty Bonds and Currency Amounting to \$150,000 Are Recovered.

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 19.—The Bank of Glasgow, Va., 40 miles north of here, at 2 o'clock this morning, was robbed by three bandits of \$150,000 in Liberty bonds and currency, according to an estimate of President Vaughan of the bank and three hours later Roanoke police having received the alarm blocked the three roads leading into this city from the north, halted the robbers, who were speeding in a seven passenger automobile on one of the thoroughfares, killed one of them, and the other two prisoners in a pitched battle, and recovered the loot. The dead man, according to the police, is James B. Rodgers, 29, of Philadelphia. The men under arrest gave their names as New College, Georgia, Virginia and Tennessee.

TELLS OF VIOLENCE HEARD BY PROBERS OF IRISH QUESTION

Commission Adjourns Over Thanksgiving.

F. Hackett Says Many of the "Black and Tans" Are Ex-Convicts.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—More eye witness tales of violence in Ireland and accounts of social and economic developments resulting from the effort for Irish independence, were received today by the commission of the committee of 100 investigating the Irish question. The commission then adjourned over Thanksgiving to resume its inquiry probably the first week in December.

STATUS OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEMS GIVEN IN U. S. COURT

Distinguished From Ordinary National Banks.

Court of Appeals Upholds Decision of District Court in Georgia.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 19.—The legal status of the federal reserve banking system, as distinguished from that of state and ordinary national banks and their right to collect checks at par from non-members of the system was effectively determined in an important decision rendered in the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

REPUBLICAN COURTS.

Mr. Hackett, associate editor of the New Republic, said that magistrates and civil police had resigned "in shoals" and that the people generally (Continued on Page Two)

THOUGHT SHE WOULD BE ADMITTED TO THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Presents Note of Protest to League Declaring Allies Have not Fulfilled Their Undertakings Regarding the Clause of the Treaty Concerning Allotment of German Colonies.

ONE MEMBER OF THE JAPANESE DELEGATION DEPLORES ABSENCE OF U. S. FROM LEAGUE

Admission of Former Enemy States Discussed in League Assembly—Views of Labor as Regards the League Presented by G. N. Barnes, of the British Delegation.

GENEVA, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German government no longer considers itself bound by the clause of the Versailles treaty, by which Germany surrenders her colonies to the allies, according to a note of protest which has been presented to the league of nations.

MANDATES ARE DISCUSSED.

GENEVA, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Mandates, open diplomacy and the admission of former enemy states to the league of nations, furnished today's material for discussion in the assembly of the league of nations. For the first time the word "revision" was pronounced in connection with article 18 of the covenant of the league which provides for the registration of treaties or international engagements. For the first time, also, the viewpoint of labor as regards the league was presented.

Views of Labor.

The views of labor were presented by George Nicoll Barnes, of the British delegation, who gained applause when he declared that "it is impossible to have industrial peace, and industrial peace is impossible until labor gets its full share of the product of its own effort."

Twice again the admission of former enemy states into the league was advocated. Labor was quoted by Mr. Barnes as in a large majority demanding it. There now have been represented in the demands for the admission of the former enemy states, South Africa, Great Britain, Switzerland, Argentina and Scandinavia, it still appears, however, that no one of the delegations is ready to take the lead in proposing the election of Germany to membership.

Lord Robert Cecil, of the British delegation has said that he will not do so and Honorio and Pueyrredon, head of the Argentine delegation, who has spoken strongly in favor of Germany coming in, has said that he will not nominate her. Neither will the Dutch and Swedish delegations, which are supposed to be Germany's strongest supporters, propose her admission to membership.

It is now generally considered that the question lies entirely with a committee as delegates hesitate to propose German admission from the floor of the assembly, are quite free in bringing up the discussion in committee.

Opinion is about equally divided between the probability of proposing admission of all former enemy states until the next meeting of the assembly, and the admission of all of them, with the exception of Turkey, during the present session.

Germany's Protest.

A protest by Germany against the manner of the distribution of mandates for her colonies today created a marked impression in the assembly, particularly on account of the fact that it was addressed to the assembly by the council of the league of nations. Germany recently has maintained the attitude that the council of the league does not possess sufficient authority to deal with such questions, since a majority of its representatives form a group of former belligerents and that the assembly is representative of the entire league and therefore competent to deal with the question.

Giuseppe Motta, president of Switzerland, and head of the Swiss delegation, in a speech today held that the council and the assembly were two separate and independent organizations, and it is probable that the council, as a delegate organization will be called upon to solve the problem.

M. Motta's appeal for the most open diplomacy through the publication of treaties made a great impression on the assembly, since a majority of its representatives form a group of former belligerents and that the assembly is representative of the entire league and therefore competent to deal with the question.

It is not expected in league circles that treaties such as the Franco-Belgian military understanding will be integrally registered, since their defensive value largely depends on secrecy.

Urges Admission.

Immediately after the German and other former enemy states to the league was urged before the assembly of the league today by George Nicoll Barnes, of the British delegation, representing as he did the laboring people of Great Britain, said Mr. Barnes, he knew the great majority of (Continued on Page Two)

Bottom Reached on Clothing

GREENVILLE, S. C., Nov. 19.—Chamber of commerce directors here today adopted resolutions declaring that "the bottom has apparently been reached in the price of clothing, dry goods and many other commodities," that "merchants have taken their losses as these losses should be taken," and urging the public to respond in the same spirit evinced by the merchants and to "make such purchases as have been postponed awaiting further reductions."

DEFIATION OF VALUES ON THE STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Deflation of values on the stock exchange and the principal commodity markets was resumed in heavy volume today, shares of stocks aggregating 1,500,000 shares a total only a few times equalled this year.

Extreme losses in the industrial and special issues extended from two to ten points with no material rallies at the close. Fully 100 shares were at lowest prices of the year. United States Steel at 89 made a minimum for three years and Bethlehem Steel, whose earnings were reported as very satisfactory established a new low record for five years at 51.

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Would Keep to Letter of Treaties Signed.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—Former King Constantine, of Greece, today outlined his views of the future foreign policy of Greece to a representative of the Petit Parisien.

"Our policy," Constantine is reported to have said, "will be one of peace. We must reach an agreement with Bulgaria concerning Bulgarian outlets to the sea and also must conclude with Serbia a lasting agreement."

"Concerning Asia, we will hold out for restoration of Greek territory and eventually we will succeed in arriving at such relations with Turkey as will put an end to the massacres of Greeks in Asia Minor."

"I always have tried to establish friendly relations with Roumania and Turkey and still maintain that our efforts should be united. But in order that this may be done, Turkey must accept the accomplished fact created by the Sevres treaty."

"We shall keep to the letter of the treaties just signed. It would be solely with the aim of insuring their execution that we would accept co-operation with the 'little entente.' Such co-operation even then would be conditional upon Greece not being dragged into any adventure."

Wants to Reach Agreement Bulgaria, Roumania and Serbia.

Universal Acceptance and Use of Collective Bargaining Urged.

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