

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Forecast for North and South Carolina: Local showers and drizzle; Friday, Saturday fair and warmer.

ESTABLISHED 1868.

"DEDICATED TO THE UP-BUILDING OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA"

ASHEVILLE, N. C., FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 1922.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Secure Half Number Signatures Needed To Call Bond Election

NO OPPOSITION TO CALLING ELECTION TO VOTE BONDS

Endorse Million Dollar Issue Unanimously at Public Gathering

SPEAKERS POINT TO MANY ADVANTAGES To Circulate Petitions Asking For Election Over City Today

Five hundred and eighty-one signatures were affixed yesterday to petitions to the city commissioners asking that an election be called to determine the will of the voters of Asheville on the proposed floating of a million-dollar bond issue...

Since more than half the sufficient number, 1,375, of qualified voters necessary for the calling of an election, signed the petition cards yesterday, the first day on which they were circulated, those advocating the bond issue for the purpose of making municipal improvements have already won the endorsement of the city...

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No Public Opposition To Bond Issue

The fact that no opposition to the proposal was made known at the mass meeting was construed by advocates of the bond issue as overshadowing success for the movement.

In the event an election is called voters will have an opportunity to ballot upon whom will have charge of the expenditure of the funds and as to how the total cost will be apportioned to the respective improvements.

The ordinance which would be submitted to a vote of the people, if the election is called, would embody the specific purposes to which the funds would be applied...

High school boys were given 1,000 petition cards yesterday and today to circulate among their parents, neighbors and friends...

The mass meeting was opened with prayer by Rabbi Harvey E. Wessel and Carl B. Hyatt...

The judge started in the courtroom with a declaration that the city would gain and lose nothing by the additional number of petitions which would be attracted by the bank system...

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OVERMAN SPEAKS AGAINST ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIPS

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BIG ENOUGH TO HELP (By BILLY BORNE)



Desire To Give Jobs To More Republicans Causes "Cleanup"

Harding Declared Already Sick of Outing Engraving Bureau Men

ONLY ONE STEP IN WHOLESALE PLAN Flying Squadron Has Battered Executive Into Action, Finally

WASHINGTON, April 6.—For the third time within a year the house was thrown into an uproar today, with Representative Blanton, democrat, Texas, the object of attack.

In a fiery 10-minute speech, Representative Garner, dean of the Texas delegation, declared that Mr. Blanton was "as common a liar as ever spoke a word of English in this country."

Standing six feet away, Mr. Garner held up his hand during the confusion, asking for order and requesting Mr. Blanton not to leave.

Garner Says Many Kinds of Liars In World

Starting out with the statement that the world is full of all kinds of liars, the artistic liar, the inartistic liar and the common ordinary liar, Garner, his face flushed, declared that the man he had in mind "would destroy his own family in order to accumulate wealth or to place himself forward from a political standpoint."

"If I could only suspend the rules of the house," Mr. Garner said, as he moved toward his seat, "I would say what is in your hearts. If the rules did not prevent, I would say that 420 members believe at this moment—that Thomas Blanton, of Texas, is a disgrace to the house of representatives and ought to be kicked out."

A moment later Mr. Blanton returned to his seat and within 10 minutes was making points of order on the twenty-six million dollar bill carrying appropriations for the departments of justice and state.

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Soft Coal Famine In Six Weeks Forecast As Mine Owners Turn Down Tender For Negotiations

Chairman Nolan Thinks Answers on Negotiations Not Hopeless

WATKINS DEFENDS OPERATORS' STAND

Says It Would Be Financial Suicide to Hold to Interstate Basis

PASADENA, Calif., April 6.—Somehow in Pasadena a thief who steals a home so much that he is stealing to get one...

For a time time hardly a night went by that some small quantity of building material—a door, a window, a bath tub—was stolen from some home under construction.

Then—indicating the police said, that his house was built and he was putting in his sidewalk and driveway—came a series of thefts of cement.

And for the last ten nights sarums and plants have been stolen.

VALIDITY OF FIVE MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE UP

School Loan Fund Procedure Is Also Before Supreme Court

RALEIGH, April 6.—The supreme court had before it today the school loan fund case, in which the validity of a five million dollar bond issue, authorized by the 1921 general assembly, is being tested.

It is an agreed case, and on its outcome will depend the continuance of the state department of education's nine-year policy of making loans to counties and special districts for the erection of modern school buildings.

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The following have been named as a committee to have charge and arrange for the mass meeting at an early date: Rev. Dr. R. F. Campbell, Rev. Dr. E. K. McClary, Rev. Dr. R. J. Bateman, Rev. Benjamin Sorge, Rev. D. Atkins, Rev. Harvey E. Wessel and Rev. Willis G. Clark.

The report of the special committee follows:

"The committee was called to order by Rev. Dr. Atkins who asked that prayer be made for the divine guidance on our deliberations. Brother Sorge offered prayer. Brother Atkins was asked to act as chairman and Brother Clark as secretary.

"The committee very carefully considered the business before them—to recommend to the Minister's association some plan for constructive action against the immoral tendency of the people of our city, manifested in the dance and other means of social intercourse.

"We think it best to ask the city commissioners to let the present dance ordinance stand as it is for the time being.

"While it may not be as effective as some think it should be, nevertheless, it stands as an indictment against the evil condition in which the dancers have brought this form of pleasure. We believe that this ordinance would not have been passed had not those who had charge of the dances allowed this form of pleasure to degenerate into a condition that is an undoubted menace to the morals of the younger people.

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"We further recommend that a committee be appointed to work out a program for this meeting and attend to the details thereof; and that we set the date and name the place in order that no time be lost and that the assistance of the papers be requested."

MRS. CAMPBELL AGAIN SECRETARY OF WORKERS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 6.—"Moonshine and the mountains" was one of the topics that engaged the attention of some 200 delegates at the closing session of the tenth annual conference of the southern mountain workers here today.

DECLARES HALF-NON-UNION MEN UNITE IN STRIKE

15,000 More Railroad Shop Craftsmen Will Be Idle This Week

FOUR-STATE WAGE PARLEY ABANDONED

Refusal of Operators to Meet Miners Means Fight to Finish

NEW YORK, April 6.—Predicting that the nation will be in the midst of a bituminous coal famine in six weeks unless the present strike is settled, Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight declared that congress must be urged to see what the country is up against.

Mr. Murray's statement was made shortly after John L. Lewis, president of the mine workers' international union, asserted that the refusal of operators in the central competitive field to confer with the workers at the invitation of the house labor committee, meant the strike would become a "fight to the finish."

In support of his prediction of a famine, Mr. Murray asserted that stock piles of the country contain only 60,000,000 tons of bituminous coal, of which 20,000,000 are already in the bins of the consumers.

At the present rate of consumption of 8,000,000 tons a week, the 40,000,000 tons will suffice for only another five weeks, according to Mr. Murray's figures.

Claims of the operators that the production of non-union mines would prolong the nation's supply to eight weeks were denied by Mr. Murray. Latest reports from non-union districts, he said, indicated that 75 per cent of the union miners would have walked out with the strikers before the week-end. Fifty per cent have already done so, he said.

"I am certain when the present strike is exhausted," he said, "the non-union mines will have piled up sufficient fuel for one more week. Then will come an actual shortage which will cripple basic industries throughout the country."

Mr. Murray cited that the United States Steel corporation and its subsidiaries in the Pittsburgh district now have only sufficient coal for 72 hours. A shut-down of the coal hauling trains through the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania,

FOUR-STATE JOINT WAGE CONFERENCE IS ABANDONED

PITTSBURGH, April 6.—The Pittsburgh Coal Producers' association today said in a telegram that it had definitely abandoned the four-state joint wage conference and declined his invitation to participate in the conference called to meet in Washington next Monday.

The association in its telegram took the position that such a conference was in violation of the federal anti-trust law because of the presence of the United Mine Workers of America and at least one company for taking part in such conferences as was proposed.

SOUTHERN OHIO MEN ALL TURN DOWN CONFERENCE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 6.—Southern Ohio coal operators today added their refusal to the invitation of John J. Nolan, chairman of the labor committee of the joint conference of representatives of the central competitive field and the United Mine Workers of America, to negotiate a wage scale and determine working conditions called for Washington April 16.

The Ohio operators reiterated that they were ready to meet mine workers of this district and declared "we cannot under any circumstances contemplate entering into any joint meeting with the states proposed whose conditions of market and employment are such as to prevent them from operating their mines and give their workmen more employment than we can give the miners of southern Ohio."

CHICAGO, April 6.—Illinois operators today in effect rejected the invitation of Representative Nolan, of the house labor committee, for a conference.

NO CHANGE IN SITUATION IN MINES AROUND SCRANTON

SCRANTON, Pa., April 6.—There was no change in the mine situation in this section today. All mines heretofore which had been shut down continued effective. It was reported.

IOWA COAL OPERATORS NOT TO GO TO WASHINGTON

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 6.—Iowa coal operators will not attend the joint conference of miners at Washington next at which it was announced here by E. C. Smith, president of the Iowa Coal Operators' association.

POSSIBILITY OF SUFFERING IS IMMINENT IN WYOM

SHERIDAN, Wyo., April 6.—Possibility of suffering due to a shortage of coal was declared imminent here today with the heavens fall in progress which ever occurred during April. Sheridan has depended on output of western mines...

GREENSBORO JUDGE IS HARD ON AUTO-THEVES

Would Break Up Practice; Three Boys Held In Bail of \$5,000

GREENSBORO, April 6.—In an effort to discourage automobile thievery, Municipal Court Judge L. H. Collins fixed the bonds of three youths, tried before him Wednesday at \$5,000 each, the heaviest ever set here for that offense. The three boys, Clyde Norwood, D. E. Dawkins and A. M. Fritz, were arrested Saturday night when policemen found them around a car, smothered against an embankment near here, about an hour after its owner had reported it as stolen.



HENRY FORD

Henry Ford, millionaire automobile manufacturer, who has offered to buy Muscle Shoals, will probably arrive in Asheville today...

Mr. Firestone several days ago wired Mr. Ford and Thomas A. Edison, to stop over and join him in Asheville, so the party, which has enjoyed several summer-camping trips would be united. It is possible that Mr. Edison may accompany Mr. Ford to Asheville.

EMPLOYMENT IN COUNTRY GAINS, DATA INDICATES

Labor Department Figures Show Increase of 2.5 Per Cent in March

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Increased employment ranging up to 2.5 per cent over the preceding month was reported today to the employment service of the department of labor from 43 to 65 representative cities for the month ending March 31.

The net increase for the country, figured on reports from 1428 firms was 2.5 per cent.

Many of the 22 cities reporting decreases were in the New England states, their reports reflecting the results of the textile strikes now in progress. Leather, chemicals and food products also employed fewer workers in March than in February.

Denver led the reporting cities with an increase in employment in March of 23.2 per cent. Memphis figured second with 18.1. The south indicated generally improved employment conditions during March, the report said, with indications that further progress would be recorded in the next 30 days.

Despite some slackness in textiles, Virginia industries were more active as a whole and the outlook was considered good. Lumber and fertilizers shared the increase in workers in Georgia during the past months. Atlanta reported "a little improvement in the industries" and the demand for labor being about 8 per cent over that of January. Savannah indicated textiles, lumber and repair shops more active, but not sufficiently so to assimilate all available labor.

North Carolina textiles increased their forces in March and the leading cities reported surplus labor being rapidly absorbed. In South...

The Flying Squadron is a term that came into national usage with the advent of prohibition when Prohibition Director Kramer formed small but highly efficient forces of detectives and revenue agents to sweep down on cities and clear out the bootleggers and other violators of the Volstead act.

"The Flying Squadron" in this case, has as its general objective the democrats in high or medium high position in the executive field formed at the capitol about two months ago, or about the time Will H. Hays was planning to leave the postoffice department.