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GREAT STRIDES MADE AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

One Million Dollars Federal Aid Provided For Flood Sufferers

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DEMOCRATS COULD CARRY HOUSE NOW HULL DECLARES Finds Trend Is Toward That Party and Strong Away From Republicans.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Democratic national committee met here today from an extended tour of the west, and he brought an optimistic report. "The trend is toward the democratic party," said he. "I am very strong away from the republicans. If the democrats would carry the house, the efforts of administration officials to convince the people at large that the financial depression is over are not meeting with success in the farming districts and in the industrial centers of the middle west and east. The farmer is too clever not to see through that sort of propaganda, and men who used to have jobs in mills and factories know better than anybody else whether or not prosperity has returned."

THIRD DISTRICT LEVEES HOLD SATISFACTORILY MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 21.—Levee conditions in the Mississippi river district—extending from Cairo to the mouth of the White River—near Lake Village, in the Arkansas City section, caused the hurried dispatch of a force of a hundred men and a quantity of material to that point early today. Morning reports indicated that the trouble had been remedied.

RELIEF COMMITTEES TO WORK IN COUNTY UNITS VICKSBURG, Miss., April 21.—Tension among the people living behind the levees along the swollen Mississippi river is reported here as very high, but they are showing a reluctance in quitting their homes until the back waters actually force them out. Those whose homes are reached by the water are living in nearby towns or high places with a good number camped on the levees waiting to be moved.

HUNDREDS ARE WORKING ON ARKANSAS LEVEES ARKANSAS CITY, Ark., April 21.—Signs of weakness in the levees on the Mississippi side of the river between here and Greenville, Miss., developed last night, according to reports reaching here today, and a harder fight to hold the levees is being conducted there than here today. Local levee officials who crossed the river late yesterday in motor boats, reported on their return this morning that hundreds of men are at work raising the levees near Greenville.

NEW GEORGIA BANKING LEGISLATION DISCUSSED ROME, Ga., April 21.—An announcement that legislation to reorganize the federal reserve system, provided congress will amend the federal reserve act, would be introduced in the Georgia legislature here today. Mr. Hamilton, a representative from Floyd county, Mr. Hamilton declared that many banks forced to close during the recent business depression had their members of the reserve system.

CONDUCTOR ALLEGED TO ADMIT KILLING WOMAN CHICAGO, April 21.—Thomas Roche, street car conductor, tonight confessed, according to reports reaching here today, to a murder which he had committed and mutilated body was found in an abandoned moving van near Roche's home early today. The woman was identified as Mrs. Anna Criss, 49, a divorcee, formerly of New Haven, Conn.

PERSON DECIDES HE WILL SEEK SEAT IN HOUSE Switches Ambitions, and Will Endeavor to Get Pou's Place.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—The troops of General Chang Tso-Lin, governor of Manchuria, today took possession of Pekin and Tien Tsin, replacing the local police forces of those cities. The transfer of authority was without incident. The only active sign of hostility between Chang Tso-Lin and General Wu Pei-Fu, commander of central Chinese forces, is the cutting of the Pekin-Fukow railroad at a point south of Tien Tsin, which caused inconvenience to a number of American travelers going to Shanghai.

MANY CANDIDATES IN FORMAL NOTICE Wisecracks Hesitate to Predict Strength Avery Will Show.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—This year may not be such a dull year after all if the state board of elections latest list of new candidates betokens any political activity whatsoever. It looks as if there will be candidates enough to go around anyway. Without a word of warning, Col. Willie M. Person, the granddaddy Franklin county anti-tax champion today shifted the object of his aspirations from the job of solicitor general to the job of congressman. He is giving up his district to Congressman Pou's seat in the lower house.

LAKEVIEW PARK'S NAME IS CHANGED TO BEAVER LAKE Directorate Engages City Planner to Harmonize Work With City's.

Decision to rename the development project in the "Beaverdam" section was reached by the directors of Lakeview, Inc., yesterday and in the future the region here to be known as Beaver lake. John Nolan will be employed as city planner and landscape architect, according to an agreement among directors, who met in the offices of the Central Bank and Trust company yesterday at 12 o'clock. It was generally understood that the property to be known as Lakeview park, but it is stated that the new name will apply to the entire project. The directors state that in employing Mr. Nolan to have charge of the planning for the park, they are offering for sale about the first of October, it was stated last night by Dr. J. A. Sinclair, one of the directors, and every detail will be completed before the property is offered for sale. Hard-surface roads, paved sidewalks, sewerage and electric lights will be completed when the property is offered for sale.

WALTER LOVE WILL RUN AGAINST MR. HAMMER (Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen)

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The political pot is beginning to boil in spots. It is now understood that Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, one of the talented women of the state, would oppose Representative Stedman at the November election. She will run as a republican. Walter Love, of Monroe, is slated to run against Representative Hammer. Mrs. Patterson is a good stump speaker, and knows how to conduct an interesting campaign.

POLITICS WILL BOOM FROM NOW TILL JUNE PRIMARY (CITIZEN NEWS SERVICE)

RALEIGH, April 21.—No one seems willing to venture an estimate of Avery's strength in the race for corporation commissioner. Chairman Lee has made an enviable record during his service as commissioner however and the bulk of the predictions as to the outcome are that he will have little difficulty retaining his seat. Mr. Avery is popular in his section and well known but Mr. Lee has proved his ability through years of service and the people have the utmost confidence in him. It is considered here, every section of the state will have its local fight, either congressional, judicial, or for seats in the general assembly, two or three contests are destined to attract statewide interest and politics will be far from silent between now and the June primary.

MOSCOW HAS TRADE TREATY WITH FAR EAST

MOSCOW, April 20.—(By The Associated Press.)—A new economic treaty has been concluded between soviet Russia and the eastern republic of Siberia, the Chinese government, it is learned here today.

Miners Would Call Strike Off If Coal Award Of 1920 Applied To Soft Coal Men

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The coal miners would declare the strike off and return to work pending negotiations of a new agreement, if congress will pass a joint resolution or bill applying the bituminous coal commission's award of 1920 to all soft coal operations. Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America declared at a debate on the coal strike tonight. Another requirement for the end of the difficulty, he said, would be a recommendation to President Harding to call a national conference of the representatives of all operators and mine workers to negotiate a new agreement.

OPERATORS MAINTAIN WAGES MUST COME DOWN NEW YORK, April 21.—Anthracite operators who had announced that today they would submit to the miners' terms upon which they would sign an agreement ending the strike, contented themselves with a simple reiteration of their general demand that wages come down.

At the close of a session of the joint sub-committee on wage contract negotiations, S. D. Warriner, spokesman for the operators, said: "We informed representatives of the anthracite miners, with whom we have been in conference since March 15, that it was our firm conviction that wage and other demands which would result in an increase in the price of coal, could not be granted. On the contrary, our attitude was that there must be a substantial reduction in wages. Developments since those negotiations began have only served to confirm the opinion already expressed by the producers of anthracite that the price was too high. Not even suspension of production has served to stimulate sales. We are faced by the practical difficulty that the consumer will not pay the price for coal that we are required to ask in order to maintain even the present labor costs. Labor members of the sub-committee expressed great disappointment over the attitude of the operators."

TALK REYNOLDS FOR GOVERNOR'S POST

Robert Rice Reynolds, former solicitor for nineteenth judicial district and candidate for the democratic nomination for congress in the tenth district six years ago, is being mentioned as a probable candidate for lieutenant governor to compete with Don Scott for the nomination this year. Mr. Reynolds had been mentioned in Raleigh yesterday he was chosen a member of the state executive committee by the Buncombe delegates. When asked if he intended to enter the primary Mr. Reynolds said he had not reached such a decision, but that a number of his friends had urged him to seek the nomination for lieutenant governor. In Raleigh during the state democratic convention his name was mentioned in a number of the Yarbrough political discussions and evidence of popularity was abundant in many quarters. "Bob," as he is familiarly known by hosts of friends, is about 55 years old and has had a wide range of experience with the public. At the beginning of the war he was chief of staff of the Cinema News Syndicate and charged with the responsibility of obtaining and distributing motion pictures of the army and navy activities.

REPUBLICANS CONFERENCE ON BONUS MEASURE TODAY

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Republicans of the senate finance committee will hold their first conference tomorrow on the soldiers bonus bill passed last month by the house. Chairman McCumber said today that he would have a general discussion of the whole subject, adding it was too early to undertake to say what form the bill finally would take. The North Dakota senator made known his opposition to the plan suggested recently by some republican senators of attaching the bonus bill to the pending tariff measure. He said also he was not favorable to any plan of financing the bonus with certificates of indebtedness, but declared that even this was preferable to any proposition calling for added taxation.

MANY FIRE CHIEFS GO TO SEE DEMONSTRATION CHARLOTTE, April 21.—A party of Charlotte firemen headed by Mayor Walker went to Lexington Friday morning to witness a demonstration of fire equipment purchased by the town of Lexington. Fire chiefs and city officials were invited to witness the demonstration and attend the barbecue given by the American La France company, which sold the Lexington apparatus.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON MUSCOV SHOALS NAMED WASHINGTON, April 21.—A sub-committee consisting of three republicans and two democrats was appointed today by Chairman Kahn in the house military committee, and instructed to begin drafting a report for the house containing the committee's recommendations and opinions of the private offers for development of the government-owned properties at Muscov Shoals, Ala.

BLOCKADE MEXICO KING URGES SENATE ADDRESS Would Seize Ports Until American Loss of Life Is Compensated.

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TARIFF BILL OFFICIAL IS BEFORE THE SENATE

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Officially the tariff bill was before the senate today, but it received such scant attention that republican leaders finally acquiesced in a request of the democrats that further consideration of it be deferred until Monday. By that time the minority expected to proceed with the general discussion of the measure. When the bill was called up today by Chairman McCumber, Senator King, a democrat, Utah, took the floor, and after a reference to the tariff, launched into nearly a four-hour discussion of the Mexican situation. After his address, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, had the senate clerk read a lengthy newspaper account of a speech by Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, in which the agricultural and many other things were discussed.

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MODIFYING MERCHANT MARINE BILL URGENT

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Modification of the American merchant marine bill so that it would specifically safeguard the interests of the smaller ports and shipping companies was advocated at today's session of the joint congressional hearings on the measure by Matthew Hale, of Greenville, S. C., president of the South Atlantic States association. Insisting upon the adoption of an amendment which would require the perpetuation for five years, by either the shipping board or private companies of trade routes recently established from South Atlantic and gulf ports, Mr. Hale declared that unless such a provision was added to the bill, the business men of the south and shippers in the middle west who export their products through the southern ports in preference to the "few congested" North Atlantic ports would swing from "conditional" support of the administration program to a position of "effective" opposition.

SECOND MAN SUCCUMBS TO DOWNY EXPLOSION

DOWNEY, Calif., April 21.—Edward Vandergift, a retired merchant, died tonight from burns received in an oil station fire here today, the second death due to the blaze and explosion here. W. L. Henry, grain merchant, died about two hours before Vandergift. The list of seriously injured was increased to five by reports from Downey hospital.

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Russo-German Pact Now Eliminated As Disturbing Element

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INVESTIGATION OF HISTORY TEXTS TO BE CONDUCTED

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