

ASHEVILLE PAYS JUST TRIBUTE TO O. HENRY, AUTHOR

Mrs. William Sidney Porter, Widow, Tells of Early Life Together. PLAYS ARE SHOWN FROM HIS WORKS Speakers at Theatres Pay Tribute to Memory of Southerner.

(By PAT RICHARDS) Here in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains is a grave, but little different from other last resting places. No stately shaft or monument marks it from its fellows. But here lies the dust of O. Henry, author.

And it was in memory of this man, now sleeping his last sleep in the mountains he loved so well, in tribute to his genius and in appreciation of the life works he gave the world, that Asheville yesterday observed his 60th birth anniversary.

Each year for the past decade, falling but once, the Literary Clubs of America have set aside on their calendars September 17, "O. Henry Day." Each anniversary the observance has taken a different turn, and this year with announcement of the plans came word that Mrs. William Sidney Porter, O. Henry's widow, had consented to the placing over his grave by the Literary Clubs of the country a monument in lasting tribute to the Southerner who is recognized as the master of short story writer, and of whom it can be truthfully said, quoting his own words in describing one of his characters, he was "red-hot Southerner that ever delighted in the smell of crushed mint." But while a native son in all things, no sectionalism ever crept into his feelings, and as Dr. Archibald Henderson, former president of the State Historical Society, told his audience last night, he did for literature what Henry W. Grady did for oratory, in bringing about a renaissance of North and South.

Give Three-Minute Addresses. Last evening's observance found three speakers giving each three-minute talks in a room of the Pack and Imperial theatres, where special plays and pictures were shown, from the writings of O. Henry. These speakers were Mrs. William Sidney Porter, his widow; Mrs. Charles Malcolm Platt, representing the Literary clubs, and chairman of the day; and Dr. Archibald Henderson, who in addition to his above title is now a professor of the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. The others are well known, but it was Mrs. Porter who drew the eyes of all, and who given the greatest reaction on her appearance. Little and frail, and with some of that look in her eyes which characterized O. Henry, she sat at the imperious Theatre, with head bowed, while Robert Burnham, Miss Rhea Reynolds, accompanying, rendered a special song, the words from one of O. Henry's poems.

Then, after introduction by Mrs. Platt, she told her audience in a thin, clear voice, little snatches of the early life of herself and of O. Henry, and just a little of a romance which survived a score of decades when they met in New York, a little over 15 years ago.

Mrs. Porter's own story, as she told it last evening to the audience at the Pack and Imperial, was "I appreciate very much the tribute paid Mr. Porter, and in return I think I should tell you something of my own life."

Conferees Agree On Bonus Bill But It Goes Behind Tariff In Both Houses

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—Conferees on the soldiers' bonus bill reached an agreement late today and it was announced that the measure would be reported tomorrow to the House. It will not be called up there, however, until after the conference report on the tariff bill has been disposed of which may be on Wednesday or Thursday. After the House acts the bonus will go to the Senate where also it is to be put behind the tariff.

Four major changes were made in the bill in conference. They were: Elimination of the Simmons amendment authorizing the financing of the bonus out of interest from the foreign loan of \$350,000,000. Elimination of the land reclamation feature, which, under the Senate plan embodied in the Smith-McNary Reclamation Bill, would require an expenditure of \$350,000,000.

The limiting of the time in which veterans might file applications for a bonus to January 1, 1923. Acceptance of the House provision fixing the amount to be advanced for far or home aid to the amount of the adjusted service credit increased by 25 per cent in place of Senate plan of amounts adjusted service if the application were made in 1923 or thereafter.

Representative Citizens Give Hearty Support In Launching Greater Asheville Campaign

Leave Mis-Steps to Republicans, Wilson Advises Overman Fall in Washington May Keep Overman Out of Fall Campaign.

(Special Correspondence The Asheville Citizen) SALISBURY, Sept. 11.—Senator Lee S. Overman, who is at home and kept to his room on account of an injury received some days ago in a fall at Washington, has sympathy for one that he appreciates probably more than any other is a letter just received from Woodrow Wilson. This letter betrays some of the confidence the President is at least able to take notice of things political.

Mr. Wilson writes: "My dear Mr. Overman: I learned only yesterday of the accident to your ankle, which I am afraid must be very painful. I send you my sincere regret and great sympathy. I think I have left mis-steps to the Republicans, and I advise you as a true Democrat hereafter to 'watch your step.' We must all keep as fit as possible for the great task immediately ahead of us as a nation and as a party. Hoping that your inconvenience and distress will be very short lived. Faithfully yours, Woodrow Wilson."

Mr. Overman is able to rest well, but six weeks off his feet is the shortest time given by his physicians. This enforced vacation is going to keep the senator out of the approaching campaign fight to a great extent.

Rate Hearings For Asheville In Line of Import

Commerce Commission to Make Investigations October 2-21.

Southern cities will be represented at the investigation of the Interstate Commerce Commission into rates from and within the Southern territory, to be held in Asheville, October 2 to 21. The investigation will be started in Atlanta, Thursday, September 14, and following the hearings in Asheville, similar hearings will be held at New Orleans, Chicago and New York.

The North Carolina Corporation Commission, through A. J. Maxwell, is completing plans for representing the business interests of this State and rates between Western shipping points and the Carolinas will be one of the outstanding features of the hearing. A number of traffic men have alleged high rates for the Carolinas and the Interstate Commerce Commission will accumulate a mass of evidence to sustain this contention.

At the instance of Governor Max Baucus, the Commission is employed as legal counsel to represent the State, the firm of Clark and LaRue, of Washington, Mr. Clark being a former member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and widely known in rate cases. The case is said to be unprecedented in the South and to be presented in the most important way. The railroads from all parts of the country have already submitted testimony in the case, asking that the rates be lowered, while the shippers still have their testimony to submit.

It is understood that shippers from Northern cities, especially along the Ohio River, who would be injured by the passage of new rates, are opposing the move and many manufacturers and jobbers have actively interested themselves in the case.

Improvement of Charleston Navy Yard Not Closed For the Present

Mrs. Harding is Said Continuing Encouraging Reports Relieve the Tension. at White House. RELAPSE IS STILL FIGURED PROBABLE Many Prominent People Express Interest in Her Recovery.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 11.—Mrs. Harding was said to be "getting along very nicely" by Dr. Carl Sawyer, son of Brigadier General Sawyer, at 10:05 o'clock tonight. "Her improvement is continuing," he said to newspapermen as he entered an automobile for a ride with Mrs. Sawyer and Chairman Lasker, of the Shipping Board.

It was learned that President Harding retired at 9:30 o'clock tonight. Tension at the White House over the illness of Mrs. Harding was relieved somewhat by encouraging reports from her bedside. It was made plain, however, that the crisis had not been passed, and that the patient's condition was still critical.

Previous to issuance of the morning bulletin visitors who called at the White House reported that Mrs. Harding had rested well during the night and that her condition was believed to have improved. Later in the day unofficial advices from the bedside were to the effect that she continued to gain ground. The steady improvement friends of the President said, had greatly encouraged him.

Discussing the case with newspapermen late in the afternoon, Dr. Sawyer declared that the increased elimination of wastes through the kidneys, noted in the morning bulletin, had given the attending physicians a sense of relief they had not felt heretofore. Dr. Charles Mayo, Rochester, Minn., specialist, who was called in to consult on the case, made no comment to newspapermen aside from the statement that he hoped to be able to start for home any time now. He indicated, however, that he would remain at the White House tomorrow and longer if it was deemed advisable.

Dr. John Finney, of Baltimore, who has participated in the consultation, was not at the White House today. It was regarded as a favorable sign by those watching the case that he did not consider it necessary to be at Mrs. Harding's bedside. Patient Cheerful and Asks For Food. During a brief talk with newspapermen Dr. George T. Harding, Jr., a brother of the President, declared, however, that the patient was able to take nourishment, but for the first time since her illness reached the critical stage, she had asked for it—an encouraging sign, he said, adding that the patient was cheerful and her voice was considerably stronger.

The President, according to his brother, in taking his wife's illness as well as could be expected. Despite the strain he has been under since Friday, he was said by Dr. Harding to be in excellent physical condition. The President's brother added, was noticeably relieved by the change in Mrs. Harding's condition last night and today. While Mr. Harding remained away from his office throughout the day, he spent nearly two hours in the Potomac Park, where his companions were Will H. Hays, former postmaster-general, and E. B. McLean, Washington newspaper publisher.

An announcement has been made tomorrow morning with the President whether the President would members of his cabinet for their regular semi-weekly meeting. Secretary Christian said it was probable that the meeting might be cancelled. Visitors began calling at the White House at an early hour today.

Temporary Restraining Order Granted Government Against Striking Crafts Is Continued

Elimination of Word "Obey" From Bride's Vow Endorsed by Bishops Of Protestant Episcopal Church

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 11.—Announcement of the attitude of the bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States on the proposed changes in the Book of Common Prayer, including endorsement of the elimination of the word "obey" from the bride's vow in the marriage ceremony and a change in the title of the communion service, was a feature of today's sessions of the triennial convention here.

This was made in a report on the pre-convention deliberations which was read as a guide to the general convention. Debate on prayer book revision, in which protests against revision were made by Bishop Irving P. Johnson of Colorado and John McKittrick, a missionary from Japan, occurred in both houses of the convention, but the objecting voices did not interfere with the program of the convention leaders, who have already put into motion the work of revision.

Denunciation of France's policy of conquest among the natives of colonies in Africa as carrying "There will be no immediate discontinuance of any present major shore stations." The immediate effect of this, Secretary Denby said, would be to keep the Charleston yard open for the purpose of making an investigation of all shore establishments of the navy with a view to determining what changes if any should be recommended to congress in the interest of efficiency and economy.

Secretary Denby said today that he and Acting Secretary Roosevelt were in perfect accord as to a policy concerning the future of the naval shore stations, and it had been determined that the appointment of a board to go into the whole question scientifically to determine which should be closed was the best means of meeting the situation from the viewpoint of economy. Since Acting Secretary Roosevelt's outburst, Senator Smith, of South Carolina, appeared several times at the White House after which Secretary Roosevelt declared to keep the yard open. One of the occasions, the senator said he had received assurances that the yard would be kept open after which Secretary Roosevelt, instead of revoking his original order, extended the time of closing to November 1 in order that the dismissed economy scientist might be personally asked by general. He based this action on the industrial situation which had resulted in serious unemployment in Charleston.

Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, will lead the effort to prevent closing of the yard expressed much gratification over Secretary Denby's order. Senator Smith, after recent conferences with President Harding and Mr. Roosevelt, had a conference early in the day with Mr. Denby and at that time it was said, expressed satisfaction with Mr. Denby's course.

MANY LIVES LOST WHEN GERMAN STEAMER FOUNDERS SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—There was a considerable loss of life when the German steamer Hambrun, bound for New York, foundered in the Atlantic today. Confirmation of this was obtained at 1:15 o'clock this morning when the British Steamer Kinfauns Castle docked here with 245 passengers and members of the crew of the Hambrun on board. Captain Day, command of the Kinfauns Castle, said the loss of life possibly would reach 800. Others on board estimated the dead at 150.

A preliminary conference of members of the Executive Committee for the Sixty Region will be held at the Grove Park Inn this afternoon and the committee members will leave for the conference after this session. Among those to be present are Douglas, Miami, Fla., chairman; M. R. Wilkinson, Atlanta, vice chairman; Roger Davis, Charlotte; E. J. O'Donnell, Raleigh; Harry Melikham, Lendale, Ga.; Roger Miller, Macon, Ga.; Major Harry E. Raines, Charleston, S. C.; and Charles F. Foggs, Jacksonville, Fla., and J. O'Donnell, Raleigh. The biennial conference will officially open at 8 o'clock and the officials, executives and guests will be given an opportunity to shake hands and make personal acquaintance and general good fellowship, previous to the address of Chief Scout Executive James E. West, scheduled for 9 o'clock.

Among the prominent speakers to address the conference will be the following: Herman H. Horn, Professor of History of Education and History of Philosophy, New York University; E. S. Elmo Lewis, famous merchant seaman; Dr. Albert Shies, Assistant Director, Institutional Educational Research, Teachers College, Columbia University; Charles F. Smith, Instructor in Scouting and Recreational Activities, Teachers College, Columbia University; J. C. Elson, Professor of Physical Education, University of Wisconsin; Edward C. Lindeman, Author of "The Community" and Commodore W. E. Longfellow, National Field Representative, Life Savings Corp., American Red Cross.

HALE AND BAXTER ARE VICTORIOUS IN MAINE PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 11.—Senator Frederick Hale, Republican, and Governor Percival P. Baxter, Republican, were elected in Maine today by a landslide vote. Below those given Republican candidates in 1920, The Democratic vote of the State was nearly 5,000 ahead of the vote of two years ago, while the Republican vote fell off by 25,000 from that of the presidential year.

Returns from 484 election precincts representing 426 cities and towns gave for Senator: Hale, Republican, 68,280; Curtis, Democrat, 17,477. For Governor: Baxter, Republican, 61,737; Pattangall, Democrat, 49,283. Partial returns indicated the re-election of the four Republican congressmen from Maine. Congressman Carroll L. Beedy, Wallace H. White, Jr., John E. Nelson and Ira G. Hersey, all Republicans were leading in the early returns, but close contest was indicated in the second district. In this district Congressman White had a lead of 1,154, over Bertrand G. McIntire, Democrat.

Elaborate entertainments, comfortable quarters and scenic automobile rides, these will be preliminary to the annual reunion of Confederate Veterans of North Carolina, when Asheville acts as host September 26-27-28. The preliminary draft of plans having been tentatively formulated at the session Monday morning at the Chamber of Commerce, the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the general committee on arrangements.

A score or more members were present at the meeting and a budget plan for the financing of the reunion was presented and agreed upon. Judge R. M. Wells, head of the local camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, presided and much of the work of preparation for the gathering has been placed in the hands of Mrs. J. M. Guider, Jr., Vice-Chairman.

STRIKE LEADERS WANT PENALTIES NAMED MODIFIED

Will Seek Modification When Court Convenes This Morning. 953 MAIL TRAINS ARE WITHDRAWN Many Crimes the Outgrowth of Strike—Government Introduces Facts

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—The temporary restraining order granted the government September 1, against the striking railroad shop crafts and their leaders, tonight was continued in effect for not to exceed 10 days. The order, secretary-treasurer of the Federated Shop Crafts, argued for a modification of its penalties. Donald R. Richberg, representing the strike leaders, served modifications when court convened the solicitor-general to the government that he would move some tomorrow.

Jewell and Scott were the only two of the more than 640 strike leaders who appeared in court represented by the restraining order effected in court by counsel today. They lost the first battle when the court denied their motion that the government's petition be discharged in an not prepared at this time to decide that the bill fails to set up any grounds for relief. Judge Wilkerson said and ordered Blackburn, Esterline, assistant to the solicitor-general to proceed with the presentation of the government's case.

In the argument over the continuance of the restraining order, the government's case pointed out the difference between the charges of "unlawful combination" and "unlawful combination to do unlawful acts" and indicated that if the defense can show only the latter in the prosecution of individuals and "illegally and without warrant" for corporations "for certain lawful acts" with failure to prosecute violations has become a public scandal. The concluding counts charged that the attorney-general had defeated the ends of justice by recommending the release from prison of certain persons against the Sherman anti-trust act and with failure to prosecute persons legally indicted for crimes against the people.

Mr. Daugherty refused to amplify his statement. ATORNEY-GENERAL SAYS HE IS NOT DISTURBED CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—Attorney-General Daugherty, when told of Representative Keller's move to unseat him, said the government personal motive in his action. The attorney-general smiled when first told of the impeachment move and later a brief comment as follows: "I am not disturbed because based on the fact that he could not control of the Department of Justice in a case he was personally interested in. I am not disturbed."

On the same understanding Judge Wilkerson admitted a certificate from the secretary-general showing that 953 mail trains operating over track aggregating 32,912 miles have been withdrawn because of the strike, and that delivery of mail has been seriously hampered. Likewise he admitted for the time being a report from the director of agriculture of California showing the falling off in fruit shipments during the strike-up, the need of cars to California fruit growers to the Interstate Commerce Commission setting up a special rate for cars.

Attorney-General Daugherty was surrounded today by one of the heaviest batteries of legal talent in the Government, his assistant, Mr. Esterline, he is supported by J. W. H. Crim, Assistant Attorney General James A. Fowle.

GRAY REUNION TO BE GREAT EVENT IN CITY'S HISTORY

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E. M. Burdette, president of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, was a speaker and read to the committee a letter of acceptance of the body's invitation to meet in the Land of the Sky from Major General W. A. Smith, of Ansonville, head of the North Carolina Veterans. It was announced that railroads have authorized a reduction in fares for the occasion. Veterans and their families who attend them will be charged fare and a half for the trip. About 600 survivors of the war is estimated.

LET'S RING THE BELL BY BILLY BORNE.



Asheville Banks in Big Gains During Year—Total \$14,572,000.

Bank deposits in Asheville have increased approximately one and one-half million dollars since September 1, last year, and during this period two new banks have opened and thousands of dollars have been expended by the financial institutions for remodeling banking houses and the purchase of new equipment.

Nine banking houses are now engaged in handling the finances of Asheville and a large part of Western North Carolina. They are the Central Bank and Trust Company, National Bank of Commerce, Battery Park Bank, American National Bank, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, Southern State Bank, Bank of West Asheville, Biltmore-Oteen Bank and the Citizens Bank.

The approximate aggregate deposits according to a survey made by a representative of The Citizen yesterday, are \$14,572,000. While the amount of deposits in Asheville for the past year is understood that the deposits at this time last year amounted to around \$13,000,000.

Officials of the two new institutions the Biltmore-Oteen Bank and the National Bank of Commerce, speak in an enthusiastic manner of the reception accorded the new banks, and are highly optimistic over the prospects for future growth.