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PROGRESSIVES MEET SAT.

Progressives of the Fifth Congressional District Meet in Courthouse in Greensboro Saturday.

Meet in Greensboro

Greensboro, July 3.—Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the fifth district convention of the Progressive party will be held in the court house. The convention will be called to order by James N. Williamson, Jr., of Burlington, chairman of the district executive committee and national committeeman from North Carolina of the party.

John W. Kurfess, of Stokes County, and Martin Douglas will be the principal speakers, and it is reported that among others to make speeches will be Major W. A. Guthrie, of Durham; Zeb Vance Walker, of Lexington, and Fredell Meares, of Wilmington.

Martin Douglas will be nominated for Congress from the Fifth District as the opponent of Major Charles M. Stedman.

Joe Barton, a Negro, Saves Lady and Baby.

Liberty, July 2.—Joe Barton, a negro, probably saved the lives of a lady and her baby near here yesterday in risking his own life to stop a runaway horse. The woman and child were in a buggy returning from Liberty and the horse became frightened when she raised an umbrella.

The animal had run at least a quarter of a mile and was just opposite the home of C. R. Curtis when Joe Barton and Will Carter, two negroes, saw the runaway. They tried to stop the horse by waving their arms and Carter struck at the horse as it was passing.

This failing, Barton gave a leap and caught the shafts where he held until he could get hold of the bridle, when he controlled the frightened animal. The act was the most heroic known in this section.

The Consumption of Whiskey Falling Off.

Washington, July 2.—Americans drank less whiskey during the past 12 months than they did the year before, but they consumed more beer and smoked more cigarettes.

Reports to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue made public today showed that receipts for the fiscal year just closed totalled \$864,000 less than for the previous year, and most of this decline was due to the marked decrease in taxes collected on distilled spirits. Detailed statements for the month of June are not yet available, but in the first 11 months of the fiscal year there was a decrease of \$3,734,857 in the income from the manufacture and sale of distilled liquor, due in part to reduction in the number of licenses. Estimates on the June receipts indicated the total decline in distilled liquor tax, for 12 months will probably be \$4,250,000.

Receipts from tobacco taxes showed an approximate increase of \$2,800,000 over last year. This gain is due almost entirely to a phenomenal increase in the cigarette sales. The gain in receipts from fermented liquors and the like, was about \$860,000.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hardin and Mr. Hecutt Way, of Ramseur, are the guest of Mrs. Mary E. Way for a few days.

The Pinchots could hardly expect Perkins to take a total loss on his Moose investments.—The Greensboro News.

I shall always consider the best guesser the best prophet.—Cicero.

EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Chief Wallace and Captain Dier From Injuries Received at Explosion at Fire.

Fire Chief and Captain

Charlotte, July 1.—W. B. Glenn, captain of fire station No. 2, was instantly killed, Chief J. B. Wallace, of Charlotte Fire Department, was seriously injured that he died in three hours; Fireman Randolph Erwin and Clyde E. Todd were seriously injured and half a dozen others were slightly bruised, by an explosion of dynamite this morning at 8:45 o'clock, when they answered a call to extinguish flames in a barn belonging to J. B. Hawkins, a railroad and grading contractor, at No. 309 South Cedar St.

But for the fact that the chief when he arrived on the scene to direct the fire-fighting, ordered several firemen back some distance from the barn to straighten out a kink in the hose line several other firemen might have been killed and injured.

Windows were broken and plaster was knocked off the walls and ceiling in houses for several blocks surrounding the scene of the explosion. A number of bystanders were struck by flying pieces of timber that went in every direction, but none was seriously hurt. Canned goods and other materials in two grocery stores near the scene of the explosion were knocked into a heterogeneous mass on the floors.

OTHERS MAY RECOVER.

The injured were rushed to the Presbyterian hospital where Chief Wallace died at 12:20 o'clock. Fireman Todd and Erwin, both of fire station No. 2, are doing well and it is said they will recover. Erwin has a badly lacerated right arm and a gapping wound in his left leg, while Todd has a bad bruise on the head and a bad wound in the left shoulder. Fireman Barnes was sent to the hospital with a bad wound over his left eye, but left the hospital in an hour and promptly resumed duty at his station.

DYNAMITE OR POWDER.

It has not been fully ascertained, as the owner of the barn and his family were out of town, whether the explosive was dynamite or blasting powder, but it is believed both were in the small storage room ten feet from the side of the barn. Mr. Hawkins has been doing considerable grading and work of that sort about the city, and it is assumed that he had left a quantity of the explosive in the storage house under lock and key, in reservation for another contract.

SCENE OF WILD DISORDER.

The scene following the explosion was one of confusion and uproar. A crowd had surged forward toward the fire, but was prevented from reaching the scene of it because of several fences. When the explosion occurred there was a pell mell rush away from the place and several persons were more or less bruised up. Members of the police department arrived in answer to a call and kept the crowds from crowding round the injured until they could be removed to the hospital, which, however, was accomplished quickly.

CASTS GLOOM OVER THE CITY.

The tragedy, one of the most disastrous that has ever occurred in Charlotte, has cast a gloom over the city, as the dead firemen were men of universal popularity and very competent as firemen. The city hall and the three fire stations were draped in mourning after the disaster. Chief Wallace had been head of the Char-

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WHITE SLAVERY CHARGED

W. E. Sandiford, Durham Druggist, Arrested and Held in Norfolk on Charge of Slave Traffic.

Durham Druggist in Jail

Norfolk, Va., July 1.—W. E. Sandiford, said to be a druggist from Durham, N. C., was arrested by Probation Officer Stevenson at 297 Cumberland street last night and Josephine Cokerel, a rather pretty girl of 19 years, is being held on a charge of violating the Mann White Slave Act.

Sandiford, apparently under no, had heard of the girl before he met her and was introduced to her last Saturday in Durham. They took an automobile, it is said, to Raleigh, where he spent the night at a hotel, occupying separate rooms, and on Sunday came to Norfolk.

Here they stopped at a house in Main Street and visited several reports, making application for the girl's entrance. After applying at the Cumberland street house twice they were admitted. In the meantime, Officer Stevenson had learned of the case and the arrest followed.

The girl, who is being held at the poston's department at headquarters, claims not to have been harmed, and Sandiford makes the same statement. The girl whose mother is a widow, says that she wanted to leave Durham and get away to a larger place and was perfectly willing to come with anyone who would take her away. She says she has given her mother much trouble and that her mother does not want her there, any more.

When Sandiford was brought before United States Commissioner P. S. Stevenson this afternoon, at the request of the defense the case was continued until July 11. Sandiford claims to be well connected in North Carolina and expects to be able to pay bail for his appearance. He has written to his father at Durham but has not yet received a reply.

The Call of Love Takes Young Girl to Lover in West.

Elizabeth City, July 1.—A trip of many hundred miles alone, among strangers, did not deter Miss Lucy Only, a pretty little country maiden of Pasquotank country from starting yesterday afternoon on a trip to Columbus, Ohio, where she will marry her sweetheart whom she has never seen. This marriage will be the culmination of a romance which was begun by correspondence about a year ago between Miss Only and a gentleman in Tipton, Indiana.

A mutual friend introduced them by correspondence and they have written to each other continuously since then. An exchange of photographs convinced them that they were intended for each other. A few days ago Miss Only received a letter from her fiancé enclosing a ticket to Columbus, Ohio, and a piece of red ribbon, which she was instructed to wear when she arrived in that city that he might identify her.

Miss Only is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Only, in the Four Forks section of this county. She is a trimmed and retiring country girl and no one would suspicion that she would undertake a journey that stouter hearts would quail before.

Misses Claudie and Lessie Gattis were at home Wednesday evening to quite a large number of friends. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and music furnished by Miss Marion Kirkpatrick. Refreshments, consisting of cream and cake and fruits were served. About thirty-five were present.

MEDIATION TAKES A RECESS

THE A. B. C. Delegates, Huerta Delegates and U. S. Representatives Finish Present Plans.

Proves Indefinite Success

Mediators Take An Indefinite Recess—Negotiations Here, July 1.—Ambassador Da Gama, of Brazil, today formally announced the virtual settlement of the conflict between the United States and Mexico.

The ambassador explained that while mediation would take an indefinite recess pending the outcome of efforts by representatives of the two Mexican factions to solve the internal problems of Mexico, the task of mediation was not yet concluded, though an essential part of its work had been accomplished.

The ambassador spoke at a luncheon given by the three mediators to newspaper correspondents. The American and Huerta delegates were present, and the remarks of Mr. Da Gama, after careful revision, were made public later, constituting a formal statement of the mediation work thus far.

"It is a source of satisfaction for me," said the ambassador, "to be able to say that one of the essential points of our program, that dealing with the international side of the conflict is virtually settled. This does not imply that we go home with our task concluded, but we feel that so far we have averted war. We have established also through agreement between the parties most directly interested and in complete harmony with the sentiments of the government of the United States that it is a principle of American policy to have our national problems always given a fair examination and settled without foreign interference. We understand that if such a result is obtained we shall have created a more favorable atmosphere in politics in America."

Mr. Da Gama called attention to the fact that President Wilson personally had informed the mediators before they left Washington that the only way to solve Mexico's problem was "to aid the contending parties in Mexico to reach an agreement among themselves, thus obtaining a Mexican solution of the Mexican question."

In this manner the ambassador revealed that the course of mediation has taken was in President Wilson's mind from the beginning.

The speech served also as a definition for the world generally of the hitherto unsettled status of mediation. Ambassador Da Gama and Minister Naen had planned to leave tonight, but found many details to arrange and postponed their departure until tomorrow. The Washington government would have preferred that the mediation board remain here while the constitutionalists were urged to act quickly or the invitation already extended them.

The mediators tonight formally acknowledged the latest note from General Carranza. The answer expresses appreciation for Carranza's friendly sentiments toward peace and is courteously phrased. It will be made public tomorrow.

The American delegates today received word from Washington to leave her when they thought advisable, but they will be the last to go. The Huerta delegates received formal instructions from their government giving them plenary powers to discuss internal questions with constitutionalists. The Huerta delegation is anxious to know when and where the conference will take place.

No protocol has been signed indicating when the American forces will be withdrawn.

As future meetings of the mediation

RURAL CARRIERS MEET

Eleventh Annual Session of the North Carolina Association—Held for the Benefit of the Service.

In Session For Two Days

The eleventh annual session of the Rural Letter Carriers' Association is being held here today and tomorrow, a program full of interest and educational looking to the advancement of the good of the rural carriers and their service.

The session opened this morning at 10 o'clock following the singing of "America" and devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. Donald McIver, the address of welcome in behalf of the town was made by E. S. W. Dameron. The address of welcome on behalf of the rural carriers was made by J. M. Cook. The response was made by C. H. Howard. They followed the roll call of officers, the roll call of counties, reading and adjournment for dinner.

At 2 p. m. the report of the executive committee was read and the sitting of delegates took place. An address was made by Postmaster D. E. Crowson and one by Rev. D. H. Tuttle. A talk discussion was held on "How Our Association Can Aid the Department in Making the Rural Delivery Service the Greatest Branch of the Postoffice Department."

At the evening session at 8 o'clock the officers will make their reports. Addresses will be made by E. B. Honeycutt on "An Ideal Carrier," T. C. Smith on "An Ideal Patron," W. C. Johnson on "Organization and Achievement." The officers and national delegates will be elected and the next place of meeting and the state organ will be selected.

The devotional exercises of July 4 at 10 a. m. will be conducted by Rev. A. B. Kendall and the musical exercises led by Chaplain Hart. At 10:30 o'clock Clarence Fox will speak. He will be followed by an address by a representative of the Department. The closing exercises will be the song, "What Be With You Till We Meet Again," and the benediction by Chaplain Hunt.

Chauffeur Out on Bail.

Asheville, July 1.—Fred A. Waldford, the chauffeur who drove the car used by the "Joy Riders" Sunday night who came to grief here Monday, was released under a bond of \$500, the bail being reduced from \$3,000 which was originally named. The reduction of the bond followed the recommendation of the solicitor.

That Charles E. Sorrels, the young business man who is charged with criminal assault, is preparing to wage a bitter fight for his life was evidenced today when he retained the law firm of Jones & Williams to be associated with Judge P. C. Cook in the defense of his case.

Valuation Order Issued.

Washington, July 1.—A physical valuation order issued today by the Interstate Commerce Commission requires railroads to take inventory of all materials and supplies some time during April, May or June of each year and adjust the inventory to June 30. For the year 1914, the inventory may be taken any time prior to September 1, but adjusted so as of June 30.

The commission also issued regulations to govern the recording and reporting of all extensions and improvements or other changes in physical property of common carriers.

Board and delegates probably will be held in New York or Washington, today's luncheon was in the nature of a farewell.

VANBERBILT TO DURHAM

There is a Chance that The City of Durham May Land the Great New University.

Will Be Plan Known Soon

Durham, July 1.—Methodists in Durham have been especially interested in the suggestion that Trinity College has a chance to land the great Methodist University which would be the capstone of the Church's educational system, since the court have decided that the Southern Methodists have nothing to do with Vanderbilt University.

"Of course nothing will be known about the plans of the commission appointed to settle this proposition," said one of the prominent members of the Methodist Church today, "until after their meeting, and an announcement." Bishop John C. Kilgo and Dr. Pharo T. Durham are members of this educational commission and if there is any chance to bring the big university to North Carolina, it will be located after by these two men.

"In some respects Trinity College holds a unique position in this contest for the seat of the great Methodist university. It already has an endowment and a plant, as well as a well equipped faculty, and all of these things would help in bringing the university to Trinity College and Durham, were there any inclination on the part of the Southern Church or the commission to do so."

The bringing of this university to Trinity College and the establishment of the Women's Co-ordinate College there would make Durham one of the big educational centers of the South, and the Durham people are looking forward with a great deal of interest in the announcement of the plans of the commission, which is scheduled to hold a meeting sometime between now and the 15th of July.

Lunsford Takes Charge of Durham Postoffice.

Durham, July 1.—J. Otho Lunsford took charge of the Durham postoffice today, and has been shown over the work by former Postmaster J. A. Giles. Mr. Lunsford received a telegram yesterday telling him to take charge of the office on the first of July, which is the beginning of the fiscal year in the department, and also notifying him that his commission had been mailed. The commission arrived this morning on the first train.

Mr. Giles, who had been in the office a little over four years, will resume the practice of law in Durham and has already located offices.

This evening Mr. Lunsford gave a banquet in the basement of the postoffice building. Many employees of the office and prominent Democrats and Republicans, as well as the defeated candidates, attended this banquet.

New Passenger Station for Betsy.

Elizabeth City, July 1.—The first Norfolk Southern passenger train will stop at the new passenger station at 10 o'clock Saturday, July 4. After that date all passenger trains will stop there.

The new \$1,700 station located at the head of Main street was completed the first of the week and the keys to the building were turned over to the railroad officials. The offices are now being moved from the old station in Pennsylvania Avenue. The new station is a handsome and commodious building, said to be the nicest station that the Norfolk Southern has on any of its lines. Its dimensions are such as to insure its adequacy to the needs of Elizabeth City for years to come.

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