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## FOR REGULATION OF CHILD LABOR MANY PROMINENT PEOPLE MEET IN ATLANTA, GA.

Objects Are to Assist in Protecting Children of the Country by Suitable Legislation Against Injurious Employment.

Fourth Annual Meeting of National Child Labor Committee Opens in Atlanta With Hundreds of Men and Women Present.

Atlanta, Ga., April 2.—Several hundred men and women, including religious workers, educators, philanthropists and others of wide prominence, assembled in Atlanta today to discuss the question of securing adequate protection for the hundreds of thousands of toiling children throughout the United States.

The occasion is the fourth annual meeting of the National Child Labor Committee, an organization which has already accomplished much in the direction of solving the problem of child labor in factories, mines and other industries.

There is perhaps no body in the United States more widely representative than the National Child Labor Committee. Among its noted members are President Roosevelt, Secretary Taft, Cardinal Gibbons, ex-President Cleveland, Senator Tillman, Miss Jane Adams, Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia; President Eliot, of Harvard University; Felix Adler and Gifford Pinchot.

The objects of the committee as outlined in the call for the present gathering are to assist in protecting children by suitable legislation against premature or otherwise injurious employment, and thus to aid in securing for them an opportunity for elementary education and physical development sufficient for the demands of citizenship and the requirements of industrial efficiency.

The initial session today was held in the auditorium of the Piedmont hotel.

After the preliminary business of organization had been disposed of, the committee listened to addresses by Senator Roberts, of Pennsylvania, and General Secretary O. R. Lovejoy.

Senator Roberts discussed the question, "What is a Good Child Labor Law?" and Secretary Lovejoy took as his subject, "Uniformity of the State Laws."

Ex-President Cleveland and Secretary Taft sent letters expressing their sympathy with the work of the committee and regretting their inability to attend the convention in person.

During the remaining two days of the conference the following interesting program of papers and addresses will be carried out.

### He Talks About Populist Party

National Chairman Ferris Says His is Only Party That is United—Advocates Government Ownership of Public Utilities.

St. Louis, Mo., April 2.—James H. Ferris, national chairman of the Populist party, in an address before the Populist national convention today prefaced his address with this declaration:

"The People's party is the only party with a membership thoroughly united and entirely harmonious upon the great issues under discussion. It is the only party in which the most violent opponents of its platform and its great leaders are not inside the party itself."

The late financial panic was discussed. Mr. Ferris declaring it was caused by a "general distrust of the well known rascals."

"There can never be permanent confidence," he asserted, "without public ownership because under government ownership there can be no juggling of securities, no boncing of investors, and the public will then have reason for faith, hope and the spirit of co-operation. With the government behind the deposits and the currency distributed through the ordinary business channels rather than through favorite banks, there would be no panics. With the government ownership of public utilities there would be perfect confidence in railroad securities, and less rotten politics."

Mr. Ferris declared himself in favor of the "most complete, strongest, most widespread, dead-open-and-shut plank against manufacture, transportation and sale of alcohol or any other person for eating or drinking purposes."

### Indiana For Fairbanks

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 2.—The Indiana republican state convention today adopted its platform, elected delegates-at-large to the national convention, instructed its delegates to work for the nomination of Fairbanks for president.

The platform also endorses Roosevelt's administration, opposes corporate contribution to campaign funds; favors economy in public expenditures, especially mentioning the army and navy. It favors a modification of the financial system; pledges a complete regulation of capitalistic combination and urges revision of tariff by special session of congress and demands the abolishment of child labor.

### Placing Corner Stone of N. C. Female College

Raleigh, N. C., April 2.—General Julian S. Carr, Durham, accompanied by several prominent Masons from Raleigh, went to Maxton today for the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the North Carolina Female College to be established there by the Eastern Carolina Methodists. General Carr will deliver an address.

### Fleet Off for North.

San Francisco, Cal., April 2.—A wireless dispatch has been received here from the fleet at Magdalena Bay, as follows: "Record target practice practically completed. Vermont finished with big guns yesterday. Navajo has arrived with mail. Fleet sails for north today."

### Indignation Aroused.

Tokio, April 2.—Advices from Seoul are to the effect that intense indignation has been aroused among both natives and foreigners in Seoul on account of the action of the French consul general who posted a notice on the board of club opposing the message of condolence sent to the family of D. W. Stevens.

### Sensation At Spartanburg

White Man Arrested on Charge Of Attempting Criminal Assault On Young Woman—A Sensational Case.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 2.—Mack Giles, white, has been committed to jail by Magistrate Kirby on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Anna Gault, an attractive looking young woman, charging Giles with attempting to make a criminal assault upon her in her room at midnight during the absence of her husband.

### New Incorporations.

Raleigh, N. C., April 2.—Governor Glenn orders today the headquarters of Company L, second infantry, back to Lumber Bridge from Parkton, Robeson county, where the army equipment was moved by Capt. Malloy because it was regarded as unsafe. The order requires the business men of Lumber Bridge to give bond for the safety of the military equipment and guarantee an ample new armory within six months.

### Charges Teacher With Assault And Battery

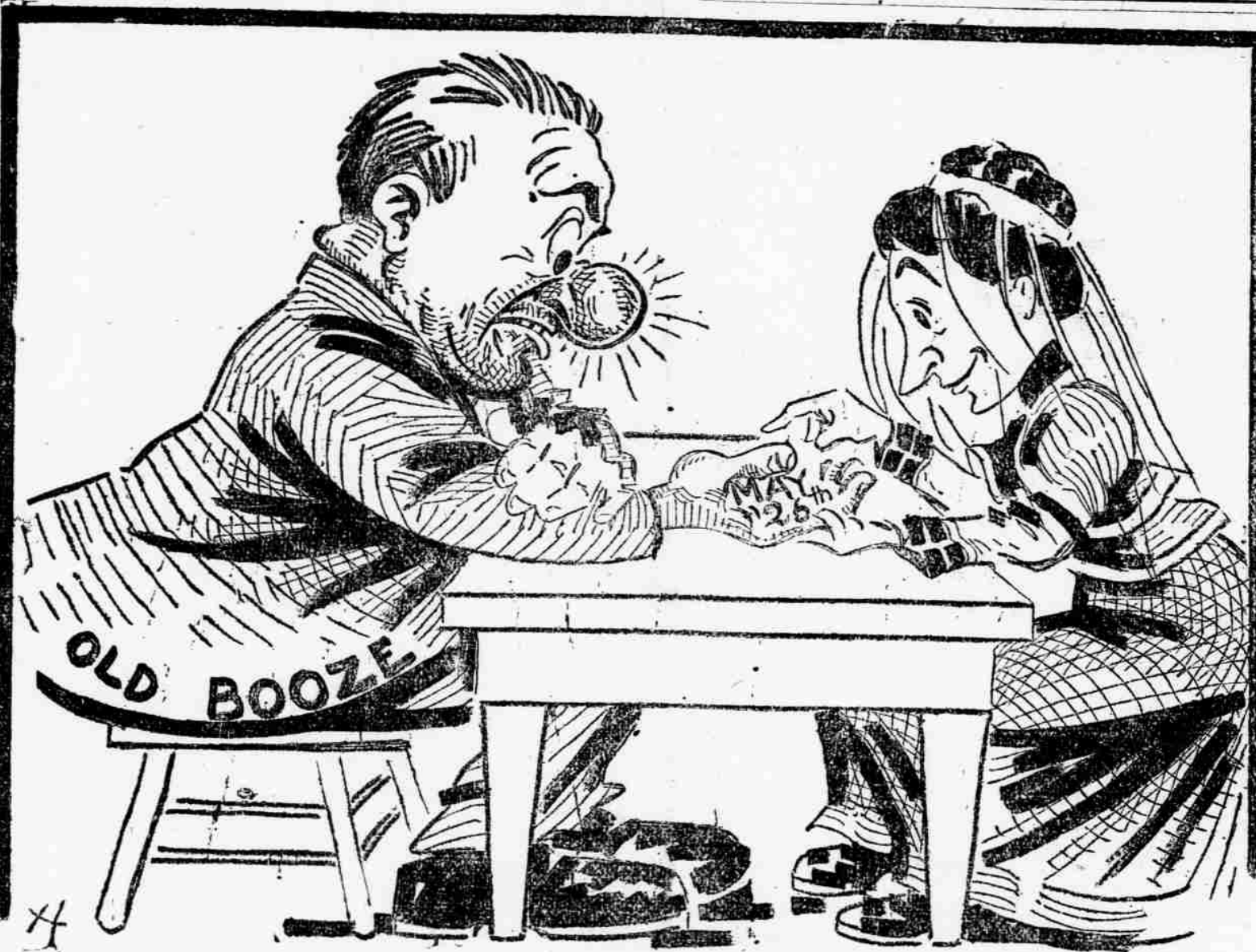
Spartanburg, S. C., April 2.—A warrant has been sworn out for the arrest of Miss Martha Helms, a pretty young teacher in the public school at Duncan, by W. R. Zimmerman, charging her with assault and battery.

### Roads to Fight 2-Cents Rate

Chicago, Ill., April 2.—A combined attack on the 2-cent passenger rate is promised by the railroads that operate in Illinois, Minnesota and Missouri.

### Trouble In Hayti.

Paris, April 2.—Advices received by the French government from Hayti indicate that the state of chaos which prevails at Port au Prince is accentuated by the strife among the negro factions there. The landing of troops from foreign warships is expected if the lives of white inhabitants should appear endangered.



## President Asked To Attend N. C. Peace Congress

Washington, D. C., April 2.—The following remarks were made by the president of the North Carolina Peace Society at the white house today in the appearance of these gentlemen upon the same platform will result in bringing to the movement for international arbitration the hearty support of the advocates of national armament, and to the movement for a progressive naval policy of the assistance of the ablest advocates of arbitration. The apparent inconsistency in advocating national armament and international arbitration at the same time, disappears after even a casual investigation of these two subjects. It is hoped by those who are organizing the North Carolina congress that the conclusive demonstration of this fact will result in the widespread acceptance of the program already adopted by the North Carolina society, and that the sentiment in favor of separate and effective arbitration will become so strong through the action of similar congresses in all the states, that the United States can soon adopt a scientific naval policy which will be a guarantee of justice, and to a certain extent of peace, and that the third Hague Conference will find itself able to establish a system of international arbitration which will soon be administered in our state and national affairs.

## DR. BOMAR HOLDING MEETING.

He Will Return from South Carolina On Saturday.

Dr. E. E. Bomar, who has been conducting a most successful meeting at Williamston, S. C., will return Saturday, and will fill his regular appointments at Pritchard Memorial church on Sunday.

## Vanderbilt's Tax Lessened

Buncombe Millionaire Gets Out of \$8,000 of Taxes on the Ground of Judge Moore's Decision

Asheville, N. C., April 2.—Following the decision of Judge Fred Moore, in the superior court last week, holding that the contention of the Southern railway was well grounded in its suit against Buncombe and Mecklenburg counties, holding that the special road tax of 15 cents and the bond interest tax of 18 1/3 cents on the \$100, was unconstitutional for the reason that the constitutional equation with the poll was not maintained.

## IN DISASTROUS FIRE IN NEW YORK CITY THREE PERSONS WERE BURNED TO DEATH

AS TO ALLEGED "PAPER TRUST"

Resolution Introduced Directing Investigation of International Paper Co.—Clark, of Missouri, Denounces Cannon and Other Republicans.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Speaker Cannon today introduced a resolution directing the attorney general and secretary of commerce and labor to inform the house what steps have been taken by those departments to investigate the action of the International Paper Company, of New York, and other corporations supposed to be engaged in an effort to create a monopoly in print paper.

In his statement Mr. Cannon said if the claims of the publishers are correct the manufacturers of paper are subject to a penalty and the "trust" can be dissolved in the United States courts.

Clark Scores Cannon.

Later in the day Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, denounced Speaker Cannon and the 12 other members of the committee on ways and means for persisting in their refusal to bring in the bill placing wood pulp and white print paper on the free list. He said the republican editors and publishers, "if they were worth the powder and shot to kill them," would lash Speaker Cannon, Chairman Payne and other republicans of the committee.

Fifteen Others Were Seriously Injured by Jumping From Windows of Burning Building Into Street—Panic Reigned.

Lives of Hundred Were Endangered—Work of Three Policemen Saved Lives of Many of the Sleeping Inmates.

New York, April 2.—Three persons were killed, 15 were injured, some of them seriously, and the lives of nearly 100 persons were endangered by fire in a five-story tenement house at No. 41 Hester street today.

Berel Weinstein, his wife and their 1-year-old son were suffocated and burned in their apartments on the fifth floor.

That more lives were not lost was largely due to the prompt action of three policemen who seeing the flames in the hall, rushed through the building and aroused the members of 16 sleeping families.

By that time the stairways were a mass of flames and the only means of exit was by the fire escapes. In their mad attempt to escape from the smoke and flames scores of scantily clad men, women and children crowded the narrow iron platforms and ladders until they became wedged in a solid mass on the fire escapes, unable to extricate themselves and blocking the way of those who had not yet succeeded in getting out of the building.

In the meantime the flames had been constantly spreading and terror among the tenants had carried them past the point of self-restraint.

While the firemen were calling out to them that there was no danger and that help soon would reach them, they began, one by one, to jump from windows, resulting in the list of injured.

## Catawba to Sue South Carolina

Indian Tribe Living Near Rock Hill, Claims 144,000 Acres of Land on Which Town is Situated Valued at Millions.

Chief J. A. Harris of the tribe of Catawba Indians near Rock Hill, S. C., in company with Second Chief John Brown and Braves Sam Blue and Ben Harris, were in the city today on business connected with a suit which the tribe is to bring against the state of South Carolina for land, which the Indians claim, is theirs by right of a treaty with the United States.

## Mrs. Vanderbilt Wants Divorce

New York, April 2.—There was little surprise expressed in any quarter today over the announcement that formal action in the suit for absolute divorce had been taken by Mrs. Ellen French Vanderbilt against Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt.

Even rumors of the impending action, which have been in free circulation since March 26, when Mrs. Vanderbilt hurriedly left the Vanderbilt farm at Portsmouth, R. I., are said to have caused surprise only to the outside social set in which the couple have been leaders.

## Make Room for Tammany!

New York, April 2.—Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, is on his way to Denver to engage hotel accommodations for the Tammany host which will go to the democratic national convention.

Secretary Smith will engage rooms for 800 persons. Tammany expects to carry out many more, but they will be left to shift for themselves as far as hotel accommodations are concerned.

## Revenue Collections For March.

Raleigh, N. C., April 2.—During the month of March the internal revenue collections aggregated \$232,082.

**SOU. POWER CO. TO GREENVILLE**

Special to The News.

Greenville, S. C., April 2.—Announcement is made today that the Southern Power Company will run its lines into this city, having power ready for delivery here early in September. The officials of the company recently visited Greenville and were much pleased with the industrial outlook here.

**Forest Reservation Bill.**

Washington, April 2.—Senator Brandegee, from the senate committee on forest reservations made a favorable report on the bill authorizing the government to acquire a national forest in the White Mountains and the Southern Appalachians.