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NOTHING GIVEN OUT FROM THE CONVENTION OF LABOR UNIONS, NOW IN SESSION

Samuel Gompers Presiding Over Meeting—Is Reported to Have Advised Against Unions taking any Part in Politics.

Judge Pritchard to Speak in Many Places—Primaries to be Held This Week—Other News of Interest—

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—All the afternoon and until a late hour last night the state convention of labor unions was in session here, the business of the convention being not completed, however, so that another session today was necessary.

A resolution was adopted binding all members of the convention to secrecy, so far as the deliberations are concerned, the strict injunction being that nothing be given out to the press.

It is said that the political situation in North Carolina came in for considerable and very spirited discussion and that a resolution was passed that labor unions take no stand for or against state prohibition in the approaching election.

It is understood that sentiment as to prohibition was very much divided, it was the advice of Mr. Gompers, according to report, that unions be urged to take no part in the campaign one way or another.

There are probably 100 delegates. The sessions are being held in the senate chamber of the state house.

Pritchard's Appointments. The state prohibition campaign appointments of United States Circuit Judge J. C. Pritchard for the next week are:

Charlotte, Tuesday; Fayetteville, Wednesday; Smithfield, Thursday; New Bern, Friday; Jacksonville, Saturday; Raleigh, Sunday; Washington, Monday; and Rocky Mount, Monday, at night.

Potato Crop Good. Mr. B. W. Moore, of the fertilizer inspection work of the state department of agriculture, is just in from an extended trip through the trucking section of Eastern Carolina, and says the Irish potato crop, which has for late years come to be a most important money crop, is the best in the state since the short of last year in average, but that the growth is very good. Trucking interests in general, he regards as in a flourishing condition.

Other News Briefs. Seaboard Air Line train No. 66 north bound, was delayed three hours yesterday by the derailment and partial wrecking of two coaches at Vass, 57 miles south of Raleigh. No one was injured.

Wake county headquarters for W. W. Kiehn, as candidate for the democratic nomination for governor were opened here today in the Pullman Building, in "Courthouse Row," with J. W. Bunn and Alex Stronbach, well known young attorneys, in charge.

The congregation of the First Presbyterian church has elected Governor R. B. Glenn a member of the board of trustees. Officers elected at the same time, as new members of the board were Hon. Franklin McNeill, corporation commissioner; Hon. J. H. Young, commissioner of insurance, and E. B. Crow.

The democratic primaries called for this week, all on Saturday, are: Annapolis, Beaufort, Carteret, Cleveland, Durham, Halifax, Harnett, Haywood, Person, Richmond, Rowan and Warren counties.

While no official announcement is yet made there is every indication now that practically all the grades of the Raleigh public schools will continue to May 29 instead of closing Friday of this week, because of the failure of the recent special school tax election.

MR. CURTIS AND BRIDE RETURN. Were Married Last Thursday at Troy—Sacred Concert.

Special to The News. Lenoir, N. C., April 27.—Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock Schubert's Symphony Club and Ladies' Quartet gave a religious recital at the opera house. There was quite a large number of people who went out to hear these accomplished musicians render the excellent program.

Mr. J. W. Curtis and bride arrived Sunday from Troy, Montgomery county, where he was married last Thursday to Miss Kate Shankle. They will be at home to their friends at the residence of Mr. W. H. Bower.

Message Read to Senate. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 28.—The message of President Roosevelt, further outlining legislation which he desires to have enacted by congress before adjournment, was read to the senate today.

Boiler Explosion. By Associated Press. Portsmouth, April 28.—According to wireless telegraph report there has been a boiler explosion on the British battleship Britannia in which several men were injured.

One Fatally Injured In Train Collision

By Associated Press. Elizabeth, N. J., April 28.—One man was probably fatally injured, many slightly hurt and traffic on the Pennsylvania blocked for several hours as the result of a collision between a freight and passenger train near South Elizabeth.

Negro Charged With Embezzling Money

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., April 28.—Chief of Police J. A. Thomas has received a telephone message yesterday afternoon telling him of the capture in Reidsville of I. N. Patterson, a negro, who has been wanted here for the past eighteen months on the charge of embezzling money from the order known as the True Reformers, of which he was treasurer.

After the embezzlement a reward of \$100 was offered by the order for his arrest, but up until yesterday the police were unable to locate him. Patterson was arrested by the chief of police of Reidsville. He will be brought back to this city in a few days and given a preliminary hearing.

WANT LABOR BILLS SUPPORTED.

Gompers Has Notified Organized Labor to Have Representatives at Vote for Bills. By Associated Press. New York, April 28.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has notified the organized labor throughout the country to adopt resolutions demanding that their representatives in congress vote for the labor bills before that body.

For Aid of Sufferers.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 28.—George Fotts, commanding the department of the Gulf, at Atlanta has begun an investigation of conditions respecting tornado sufferers in his jurisdiction, and tents, rations, and medical supplies and other requisites will be furnished.

J. L. Correll Elected.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 28.—John Lee Correll, (Md.), was re-elected president general of the society of the Sons of the Revolution at a session of the triennial meeting today. Among other officers elected was W. J. Harvey, (S. C.), second vice-president general.

Colorado in Line for Taft.

By Associated Press. Pueblo, Col., April 28.—The republican state convention is being held here today. The entire delegation will go to Chicago as a unit for Taft.

The Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wightman is seriously ill at his home in the city.

Help for The Storm Victims

By Associated Press. New Orleans, La., April 28.—With generous contributions coming in rapidly, including money, medicine, provisions and clothing, the committee which has been formed in New Orleans to lead aid to the tornado sufferers in Louisiana and Mississippi, is busy giving relief.

Solid carloads of provisions and clothing are leaving New Orleans for Anitola, La.; Purvis, Miss., and other places that suffered most in the tornado.

News from Odell, Miss., states that 25 negro families were absolutely destitute, with their homes destroyed and all their live stock killed.

CLAIMS SILVER DOLLAR FACE.

Inmate of Poorhouse Insists She Posed for It. Binghamton, N. Y., April 28.—Mrs. Carolina Williams, who in the poorhouse and says that her portrait adorns the silver dollar, declares she never heard of Miss Anna Williams, of Philadelphia, who says that her likeness is the one from which the dollar plate was made.

Is Lilley Shadowed?

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 28.—The statement made by Representative Lilley to the special house committee investigating his charges against the electric boat company, that he was being shadowed by private detectives, was positively denied before the committee by Frederick Webber, detective officer at the capitol.

Attacked Administration.

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., April 28.—The democratic state convention to name delegates to the national convention convened here. George A. Veltmann is temporary chairman and in a speech attacked the administration of President Roosevelt.

Three Players Released.

Manager Reynolds of the Charlotte Club today released Corrigan, Davis and Harry Platt, to the Chester, S. C. club. The players left the city this afternoon and will report to the manager of the Chester team upon their arrival there.



Senator Davis Will Speak

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 28.—Senator Jeff Davis introduced a resolution directing that the judiciary committee be discharged from consideration of his bill for the suppression of trusts, pools or combinations in restraint of trade.

New Jersey Democrats.

Trenton, N. J., April 28.—The democratic state convention assembly here today to select the delegates-at-large to the Denver convention. Nearly 1,000 delegates filled the State Street Theatre when the convention was called to order.

Eminent Prelates Take Part.

New York, April 28.—In the presence of the largest and most notable congregation that ever crowded St. Patrick's cathedral and one of the greatest gatherings of dignitaries of the Roman Catholic Church that ever assembled in America, the centennial celebration of the diocese of New York and its crowning feature this morning in a pontifical high mass of thanksgiving for a century of work.

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Pueblo, Col., April 28.—More than 700 delegates and as many visitors crowded the Grand opera house in this city today when the republican state convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by Chairman John F. Vivian, of the state committee.

Wants Editor Indicted.

By Associated Press. Paterson, N. J., April 28.—Justice Linturn called upon the grand jury to indict the editor and publisher and person responsible for the circulation of the anarchistic paper, "La Question Sociale."

After the Congressional Convention.

It has been suggested that Charlotte make a determined effort to secure the convention of the ninth congressional district. The congressional committee meets at an early date, and it was believed by The News' informant that if Charlotte would send a delegation to the committee when it meets, the convention could be secured. The day before the state democratic convention would be a good time for it, owing to the fact that delegates to the congressional convention would be here for the democratic convention.

Mr. McConkey Here.

Mr. James H. McConkey, of Wrightsville, Pa., the well-known Bible teacher, is in the city for a few days, stopping at the Leland. Mr. McConkey had a very successful year in the south this winter. He has done work in Montgomery, Ala.; Atlanta and Marietta, Ga., and other places, and is now on his way home. Mr. McConkey will return south next winter, having calls to many places.

British Torpedo Boat Sunk

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PROGRAM FOR N. C. BAR ASSO.

Special to The News. Asheville, N. C., April 28.—The official program for the tenth annual convention of the North Carolina Bar Association, which will be held at Morehead City, June 30th, July 1st and 2nd, has just been announced.

Hackman Before Judge

On Habeas Corpus Writ. Bob Sutton, the negro hackman, who was convicted in the police court this morning on the charge of having a white woman and a negro in his carriage last night, while both were drinking, was before Judge Fred Moore this afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus.

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California Fruit Growers.

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Mrs. Vaughan Gets \$10,000

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—The suit of Mrs. Mary L. Vaughan, against the Seaboard Air Line for \$40,000 damages for the death of her husband, Engineer E. H. Vaughan, a year ago in a collision between Raleigh and Hamlet, was compromised and settled after three days progress of the trial. Mrs. Vaughan gets \$10,000.

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NEWSPAPERS SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL OF PAPER MAKERS IN THE MATTER OF PRICES

"CAN'T KEEP US OUT" SAYS MR. NEWELL

Anti-Adams Men Would Like to See Attempt Made to Keep Mecklenburg's Delegation Out of Republican Convention in Order to Get a Chance to Fight.

"What about the report that comes from Statesville that the powers that be will not allow your delegation to participate in the republican convention on Thursday because your Mecklenburg men are unopposed for Adams and Taft?" was asked Col. Jake Newell this afternoon.

"They would keep us out of the convention if they could," said Mr. Newell, "and the matter was seriously discussed during the term of federal court at Statesville last week, but as for their doing it, that is another thing."

"I only wish they would try it. If they tried to keep us out of that convention the Mecklenburg delegation would wake up to find themselves great."

"They are mad with us because we sent an unopposed delegation, and because we named Hon. Tom Settle, of Asheville, as a delegate. Naming Col. Settle as a delegate on this unopposed delegation leaves him with his hands free. Although he is on the Buncombe delegation, that delegation is instructed, and if Col. Settle wants to, he can come and sit with us."

Mr. Newell was asked if he knew what ground, if any, on which the attempted unseating of the Mecklenburg delegation would be made.

"I do not see any which have a shadow of reason except that there was no roll call on the adoption of our report on resolutions, and the overruling of Mr. Spang's amendment in our county convention."

"Event if this was a good grounds, it would not effect the personnel of the delegation, and could not change the status, as the delegation would still be unopposed."

Mr. Newell did not seem to be in the least annoyed at the report that he was not to be allowed to be part of the convention, but on the other hand, seemed to enjoy the prospects for a fight.

TO RID TOWN OF PANTHER.

Tired of Long Siege, Maine Folk Hire a Famous Hunter. Madrid, Me., April 28.—Joe Dignard, famous hunter and guide, has been hired to hunt down a large panther that took up his abode in the woods here late last fall.

Church socials and other forms of evening entertainments have been cancelled because the people dared not venture from their homes after dark.

Several persons have been attacked by the animal and barely escaped with their lives. A party of hunters recently tracked the animal to a large cave, but none dared remain after dark for the panther to appear.

Dignard, who is an expert rifle shot, is armed with an automatic rifle, large revolver and hunting knife and has several sticks of dynamite with which to blow up the cave and force the animal to fight in the open.

Negro Woman Assaulted

Special to The News. Fayetteville, N. C., April 28.—Charity Dawes, a negro woman 50 years old, living two miles from this city, was criminally assaulted near her home yesterday morning by a negro brute.

He said her husband was dying on the railroad track and before reaching there he accomplished his purpose. Three suspects are now in jail.

PHOTO STOPS BOGUS FRIENDS.

Can't Introduce Themselves as Mr. Pittsburger's Intimates. Pittsburg, Pa., April 28.—Wealthy Pittsburg men, often buncoed by having letters of introduction forged or altered, have adopted a new system, which is likely to become a fad.

Hereafter when they wish to give a letter of introduction to a friend to another friend the Pittsburger takes him into one of the numerous galleries where photos are made on a postcard while you wait, and has his friend and himself photographed in bringing about the introduction of the third party. Then the card is mailed with a few words at the bottom.

By adopting this system it will be impossible for a person other than the one intended to use the letter of introduction.

South Carolina Republicans Meet.

Columbia, S. C., April 28.—The republican state convention is being held here. Chairman Deas, of the state republican committee, was elected temporary chairman. There are at least a dozen contesting delegations. The delegation will probably be unopposed.

Rev. Dr. Kirk Here.

Rev. Dr. Kirk, of Baltimore, called to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian church, arrived today, and is looking over the field. He is the guest of Dr. J. R. Irwin.

Mr. Norris, of New York Times, Testified Before House Committee Appointed to Look Into High Price of Paper.

He Declared Paper Makers Met Annually to Fix Price, and That Their Customers Were Helpless in Matter—A Full Story.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 28.—Mr. John Norris, of the New York Times, continued his testimony before the house special newspaper print and wood pulp committee.

His testimony related especially to shutting down of paper mills to prevent competition and he quoted from various newspaper in substantiation of his statement.

Newspapers Helpless. Mr. Norris quoted many statements from newspapers to show that mills did not control their own output, but that on the contrary there was a complete understanding among them as to the distribution of the product and the fixing of the prices.

He also asserted that the manufacturers met annually to determine the prices. The purpose of his testimony was to show there was a complete understanding among paper makers and that their customers, the newspaper publishers, were entirely subject to their control in the matter of prices.

Mr. Norris also quoted from a number of publishers, statements in regard to the product of the independent mills, which, he said, had been for the purpose of shutting out competition.

A number of statements from publishers regarding their efforts to secure paper from the Canadian mills were introduced by Mr. Norris, evidently for the purpose of showing there was an understanding between the Canadian mills and the mills in the United States as one instance related was that of a publisher in Chicago who had heard of a Canadian agent who was offering a better price on paper than could be secured in this country, but who was sought out and found to have raised his price and then left town.

Mr. Norris was unable to give statistics as to the Canadian mills which had been closed, but understood that some had been.

Questioned by the chairman as to why the publishers in the United States had not seized upon the opportunity to purchase these closed mills for their own use, Mr. Norris replied to the effect they had had no lack of such opportunity.

Mr. Norris, questioned concerning prices which Mr. Hearst paid for paper, gave rates which he said he had heard was paid, and which were lower than the average. He admitted Mr. Hearst's figures were about the same as those paid by the New York Times, whose contracts were made about three years ago. He said Hearst was not in sympathy with the present inquiry.

REV. I. S. DITZLER RESIGNS

Resignation to Take Place June 1st—Goes to Pennsylvania. Special to The News. Thomasville, N. C., April 28.—Rev. Irwin S. Ditzler has resigned as pastor of the Thomasville church. His resignation to take effect June 1st. He has accepted a call to McConnellstown, Pa. Since the death of Mr. Ditzler's wife his baby has been in Pennsylvania, and he goes to his native state in order that he may be with his child. Thomasville residents were glad to give up Rev. Mr. Ditzler, for since he has been here he has made many warm friends.

The Reformed charge of this place has extended a call to the Rev. William H. McNairy, of North Wilkesboro, N. C.

LONG CREEK LAND SALE.

Sixty-Four and Quarter Acres Brings \$770. Mr. G. M. Gullock and others have sold to Mr. J. A. Lewis 64 1/4 acres of land in Long Creek township, the consideration being \$770. The sale was made through the Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company.

The Carolina Realty Company sold to Mrs. C. H. Robinson a lot fronting 215 feet on East Fourth street extension, near the corner of Fox street. The consideration was 1,750. Mrs. Robinson will convert the property, which is in the rear of her residence, into a private park.

MR. LOGAN STIMSON ILL.

Is Now at Johns Hopkins and His Condition is Very Serious. Special to The News. Statesville, N. C., April 28.—The condition of Mr. Logan Stimson does not improve and his recovery is now considered very doubtful by the physicians of Johns Hopkins hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. Dr. T. E. Anderson and Mr. S. W. Stimson have been at Baltimore with Mr. Stimson since Saturday.