

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION MEETS IN RALEIGH TODAY WITH GREAT ATTENDANCE

Senator Overman and Congressman Hoye Make Rousing Keynote Speeches and Are Cheered.

EVERY COUNTY IS REPRESENTED

Women Participate for First Time—Convention Seemed to Be Divided on the Suffrage Question.

(By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 8.—With every county in North Carolina represented the Democratic State convention met here shortly after noon today for the purpose of adopting a platform and electing delegates to the State at large to the National Convention at San Francisco.

The convention was called to order at 12:20 by Chairman Thomas D. Warren of New Bern, who delivered a short address in which he scored the Republican party.

When Mr. Hoye in his address asked the convention if North Carolina was going to give the women the right to vote there were cries from all over the large auditorium of "yes" and "not," but the affirmative seemed to be slightly in the majority.

"What about the negro women voting?" interrupted a delegate. "They will vote just like the negro men vote," Mr. Hoye retorted. "The same law that applies to the negro men will apply to the negro women in North Carolina."

The ten North Carolina congressional districts also are holding their meetings today and will elect delegates to the National convention. Indications are that the convention will not finish its business before tonight.

It developed when the convention was ready to be called to order that Chairman Warren was not a delegate to the convention and on motion of a delegate from Iredell County the convention unanimously made him a delegate to the convention from the state at large.

MR. HOYE'S SPEECH AT STATE CONVENTION TODAY

Reviews the Work of the Party in the Administration of Affairs in the State.

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—In the keynote speech on State issues before the North Carolina Democratic State Convention here today Representative Clyde B. Hoye, of the 10th Congressional district, as temporary chairman reviewed the work of the party in the administration of the State's affairs, advocated passage at the special session of the Assembly of the constitutional amendment granting full suffrage to the negro race.

"The Democracy of North Carolina," declared Mr. Hoye, "welcomes the shared womanhood of the State to share fully the duties and responsibilities of government, and I hope to see our General Assembly at its special session ratify the suffrage amendment. Such action will serve the two-fold purpose of granting simple, though deferred justice to our women, and exercising for ourselves the privilege of conferring the right of full suffrage upon our women. Everybody can support that proposition. Those of us who believe in suffrage for women can vote for it upon that grounds, and those who are opposed to it can support it because they are going to have it any way and it would be much more gracious for it to come by the vote of the men of our own State."

"The State is to be congratulated upon the amicable relations existing between the races and the real progress the negro race is making along right lines. The negro gets absolute justice in our courts, is accumulating property and is being educated along the lines in which his services will be needed, and we will have no political race problems if the Republican politicians will leave him alone. With the supremacy of Democracy there is absolute assurance of continued Anglo-Saxon government unimpeded and untainted with Africanism."

"The North Carolina Republican is affiliated with a party which has forfeited the confidence of the people, which fosters hatred of the South and feeds upon sectional bitterness. I mistake the temper and fall to interpret the spirit of the descendants of the gallant followers of the immortal Lee and Jackson if they are ready now to kiss the hand that has been smiting their fathers for the last half century, and continues viedictively to assault the South and her social fabric, jealous of her power and accumulating wealth, and ready to destroy her civilization, and undermine her very existence, and they are halted only by her mighty bulwark of defense—the Democratic party."

The Democratic party, he said, enjoys the distinction of being able to run upon its record rather than away from it; that it has much to be proud of and nothing of which to be ashamed, and that it has not only kept pace with the progress of the State, but has courageously led in every laudable undertaking.

"The history of the Democratic party is the history of the State in its onward march of progress and development," Mr. Hoye said, "and the State's growth reads like a romance. Every department of governmental activity has shared the general prosperity. North Carolina has leaped within the last ten years from 22nd to 4th place in the total value of all crops. Only one State grows more tobacco, only two more sorghum, only four more sweet potatoes and only five more cotton. North Carolina farmer grows more cotton per acre, and a North Carolina boy grows more corn per acre than the farmer anywhere, and the State has the biggest crop of pigs in all history."

"The Democratic party has always fostered all legitimate industry and has maintained conditions favorable to the growth and expansion of business. It has been fair and considerate to labor, and it has likewise been just to capital. As a general result, North Carolina is in the forefront in manufacturing and general industrial development, and today leads all the South in the manufacture of cotton, furniture and tobacco, and in the manufacture of Winston-Salem alone manufactures more tobacco than any city in the world, while Durham has the largest hosiery mill in existence, and High Point makes more chairs than any other place on earth. Gaston county leads the United States, outside Massachusetts and Rhode Island, in the number of yarn spindles."

"Notwithstanding all the increased appropriations for every purpose, the financial affairs of the State have been wisely managed and the tax rate for State purpose was cut from 22.5 to 11.2-3 cents in the \$100 last year on the old valuation of real and personal property. It should be a source of great gratification to know that after more than twenty years of uninterrupted Democratic rule in North Carolina that the people pay less taxes to the State Government per capita than those of any other State except South Carolina, and are exactly even with the people of that State."

"The last General Assembly passed the revaluation act without a dissenting vote. It is an honest effort to give the State a fair and just system of taxation. If there are any imperfections in the act, it can be amended, or any irregularities or injustices in its administration, these can and will be eliminated. The big question is: Shall we have an equitable and just system of taxation, with a fair valuation and a low tax rate, or a high tax rate, a low valuation, and permeated with inequities and fraud in the listing and valuing of property? Upon that proposition I am content to abide by the honest judgement of the people of North Carolina."

"The income tax amendment will be submitted to the people, and I believe it will be their pleasure to ratify it. It becomes a companion piece of legislation to revaluation, for it is well known that the policy of the State Tax Commission, in event of its adoption, is to relieve all real and personal property from any tax whatever for State purposes."

SENATOR OVERMAN'S SPEECH

Assails the Republican Party of North Carolina and the Nation.

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—Assailing the Republican party of North Carolina and of the nation, Senator Lee S. Overman, addressing the Democratic State Convention today, declared the Republicans, "hoping to win the next election by discrediting the great head of the Democratic party, have entered into a conspiracy of abuse and slander of the vilest and most inhuman kind against the President of the United States." Senator Overman declared he believed the American people would resent at the ballot box "this unjust propaganda of slander."

"The Republicans indict the President for stubbornness and indifference to their feelings, when it was they and not he who made the treaty a partisan issue, continued Senator Overman. "They did it wilfully, and deliberately. They determined more than a year ago that regardless of the provisions of the treaty, all they would do was to change it and modify it so that they could gain a partisan victory over the President. They had no other program and no other purpose. They care nothing for principle, national honor or national good faith and national pride; they dashed away all for partisan advantages. Even while the Government was negotiating the treaty—before its contents were known—our Republican friends, desiring to make political capital out of it and injure the President, entered into a conspiracy to fight it to the bitter end. For eight long months this treaty has been held up in the Senate, embarrassing the President and embarrassing us both at home and

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION MAY GO TO OAKLAND

Disaffection With Convention Accommodations at 'Frisco.

(Chicago, April 8.—Fred Lynch, national committee man from Minnesota, said here today that disaffection of the democratic party leaders with convention accommodations at San Francisco will be aired at the national committee meeting here April 20, when a proposal to move the convention across the bay to Oakland will be presented.

Parnell Overcash.

A very quiet wedding was solemnized at St. Enoch Lutheran Church Sunday afternoon at 6:30 when Miss Ethel Overcash became the bride of Mr. Bill Parnell, of Concord.

The bride and groom entered with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Indwiz, to the strains of Lobengrin's played by Miss Alberta Parks, of Kannapolis. The bride was beautifully dressed in dark blue georgette with accessories to match, and wore white carnations.

The beautiful ring ceremony of the Lutheran Church was used, by Rev. Mr. Dasher, pastor of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Parnell left on No. 22 for northern port. After April 9th they will be at home in Kannapolis, N. C.

The groom is a young business man of Kannapolis and has a host of friends there. They have many friends here and elsewhere who wish for them a long and happy life. ONE PRESENT.

Turks Burn Armenian Orphanage.

(Constantinople, April 7.—The Turks have destroyed the village of Harounli, northeast of Adana, and burned the Armenian orphanage there. Two thousand Armenian orphans were removed under fire and taken to Adana in safety by Wm. Gilbert, Jr., of Yonkers, N. Y. They will probably be sent to Cyprus as the Adana district is much disturbed.

Defeat of Compulsory Military Training Conceded.

(Washington, April 8.—Defeat of the compulsory military training provision of the army reorganization bill was conceded today by proponents of the plan, and to stave off a vote on the issue they planned to substitute a program of voluntary training for all youths 19 or more years old.

Chicago has a motor hospital which visits remote districts to treat patients.

abroad. We now have to appear before the nations of the world as a people who do not regard treaties as a solemn international obligation, but regard them only as campaign issues. America, in my judgment, will finally ratify the treaty with certain mild reservations and Woodrow Wilson will be vindicated."

Senator Overman charged that the highway of the Republican party, in the nation was strewn with a wreck of broken pledges and unperformed promises.

"In the last election they carried both the House and the Senate with the promises that they would reduce taxation and reconstruct the country into peace conditions," he said. "They have reconstructed nothing; not a dollar have they reduced taxes. They have appointed 67 investigating committees, have opened the books during the war, with smelling committees to see if they could find where the Democratic party had expended money corruptly, and they have not discovered out of the billions of dollars we spent for war purposes—marvelous to tell—such as fifteen cents corruptly spent."

NAVY NEVER BETTER PREPARED FOR WAR.

Than When the United States Joined the Allies, Admiral Wilson Says.

(Washington, April 8.—The vessels on the active list of the Navy were never better prepared for war than when the United States joined the allies and the Navy Department "had full and complete" plans to combat a German offensive against the coasts of the United States, Rear Admiral H. B. Wilson today told the Senate committee investigating the Navy's conduct of the world war. Replying to the criticisms in the letter from Rear Admiral Sims to Secretary Daniels that caused the investigation, Admiral Wilson asserted that "from the moment the war was declared, the entire Navy—the Department as well as the fleet—entered into prosecution of the war with the greatest energy and its accomplishments deserve the commendation of the entire nation."

THE COTTON MARKET.

Better Weather in the South Lead to More Active Selling.

(New York, April 8.—Better weather report in the South led to more active selling of new crop months in the cotton market during today's early trading, but there was further trade buying of the near months was a sustaining factor. The opening was easy at an advance of 5 points on May but generally 6 to 15 points lower, and active months sold 2 to 20 points net lower during the first few minutes, with May at 40.35 and October at 35.13.

FLY OVER SAHARA DESERT.

French Aviators Finish 3,500-Mile Trip from Paris to Dakar.

(Paris, April 8.—Major Vuillemin and Lieutenant Chalus, two French aviators have arrived at Dakar, having flown across the Sahara Desert, a distance of 3,500 miles.

FIRST FUNERAL SHIP FROM EUROPE ARRIVES.

The Transport Nansmond Arrives Today With Bodies of 87 Soldiers on Board.

(New York, April 8.—The transport Nansmond, the first American funeral ship from Europe, arrived here today with the bodies of 87 soldiers who died at base hospitals in England during the war. Relatives and friends of the dead assembled at the docks to receive the flag draped coffins. It was planned to ship all the bodies to their final resting places during the day.

A Great Meeting at Egest Hill.

The revival meeting at Forest Hill Methodist Church has assumed truly wonderful proportions. It has started into the third week and the pastor, Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, announced that it would continue through next Sunday.

Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A.

The following are the present board of directors of the local Y. M. C. A.: Term expires 1920—A. S. Webb, W. G. Casswell, J. A. Cannon, A. Campbell (Clint), J. O. Moore.

Collision North of Hamburg.

(By The Associated Press.) Coblenz, April 8.—It is reported from Coblenz that there had been a collision of French and German patrols between Bad Nauheim and Neieder Wolfstadt, north of Hamburg. In the exchange of shots a German officer was wounded. The report is not confirmed from other sources.

Seven Get Long Term For Armistice Day Murder.

(Montevideo, Wash., April 5.—The seven men convicted here March 13 of second degree murder for the slaying of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim, was sentenced today to not less than 25 years and more than 40 years each in the state penitentiary by Judge John M. Wilson after he had denied a defense motion for a new trial.

STRIKE OF RAILROAD WORKERS SPREADS

Indications Today That Series of Rebellion Against Organized Direction Had Not Reached Crest.

FREIGHT MOVEMENT NOW RESTRICTED

Further Hampered by the Switchmen Striking at Buffalo, Kansas City, Joliet, Decatur and Gary.

(By The Associated Press.) Chicago, April 8.—The strike of "insurgent" members of the railroad brotherhoods which began a week ago in Chicago, today spread to other parts of the United States and there were indications that the series of rebellions against organized direction had not reached its crest.

East and west bound freight movement across the continent already restricted by the Chicago strike, was hampered further by the switchmen striking at such strategic gateways as Buffalo and Kansas City, and in such industrial centers as Joliet and Decatur, Ill. and Gary, Ind.

Strikes were threatened today at Milwaukee, St. Louis and East St. Louis, gateways to the northwest and southwest. Strikers predicted also that 25,000 men in northern New York would join them in cutting off freight traffic from Buffalo to New York and Boston.

THE RAILROAD STRIKE SPREADS TO LOS ANGELES.

Predicted That Whole Pacific Coast, If Not Entire Nation, Will Be Affected Soon.

(By The Associated Press.) Los Angeles, April 8.—The railroad strike has spread to Los Angeles, where early today the yardmen' association said between 500 and 1,000 men on the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Salt Lake lines had walked out in sympathy with the strikers on the eastern roads.

OTHER LOCALS.

Mrs. J. Lindsay Ross and children, of Charlotte, are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. S. Lafferty.

Mrs. C. R. Suther, of Kannapolis, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Post at Post Mills.

Governor Bickett has appointed J. B. Sherrill a delegate to the annual convention of the American Cotton Association, which will meet at Montgomery, Ala., April 17-16, 1920.

Miss Carrie May Broome, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Campbell Cline during the Easter holidays, and who attended the Easter here, returned this morning to her home in Raleigh.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Harris on North Union street at 3 o'clock. Every member is requested to be present. Hostesses, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Cannon.

There will be a game of basketball tonight at 8 o'clock between the "Y" girls of Concord and a team from Salisbury. The regular admission will be charged for the game, which promises to be a good one.

NEGRO ARRESTED FOR ATTACK ON EIGHTY YEAR OLD

Child Was Lured to City Jail. (By The Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 8.—After being pursued by a mob in an automobile, off-egg, late last night passed Charlie Armstrong, a negro, in the Wake county jail here for safe keeping following his arrest at Rocky Mount on the charge of attacking an eighty-year-old white girl.

PRODUCTION OF WINTER WHEAT IS FORECAST

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, April 8.—Production of the winter wheat this year was forecast today at 48,017,000 bushels, and 75,543,000 bushels by the Department of Agriculture which based its estimate on the average planted last December, allowing for the average average abandonment, and assuming average influences till harvest.

FIRE AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Destroys Several Airplanes, Lumber, Etc., at Army Aviation Repair Depot. (By The Associated Press.) Dallas, Texas, April 8.—Fire early this morning destroyed several airplanes, large supplies of lumber, the engine house, building, and the unloading sheds at the Army aviation repair depot north of Dallas. The loss is estimated by the army officers at \$1,000,000.

The A. R. P. Campaign Still Making Some Progress.

(By The Associated Press.) Dallas, Texas, April 8.—By the time you read today's paper we will have reached the first thousand mark. We have several cards out. When these are taken up we will have more to report. As the contributions are so small we are going to be longer in raising the desired amount and more people will be called upon. Probably we will call on most every one in Concord and ask you for a contribution. Can you blame us for not quitting until we have reached our goal? You could then be a quitter. We cannot bear the idea. We realize that we have a big task before us. It will take work. But we are workers. Send us your contribution and save us a trip. Let us insist that you make your gift as large as possible and end the campaign the sooner. We hope the public won't get impatient with us. We have only a few canvassers in the field but those few are there to stay until they succeed. We need the house. We believe we are right. We believe we are going to get it. How much do you believe in us and our cause. Beg your pardon—we have forgotten to say before this that we have reserved space in the paper for the largest contribution. Also the largest blessing is reserved for him—beg your pardon ladies—or her. Here is today's list.

Table with names and amounts: W. L. Boyd 10.00, L. D. Coltrane, Jr. 2.50, Dr. S. W. Rankin 10.00, B. A. Moore 1.00, C. H. Harris 1.00, H. W. Caldwell 5.00, W. H. Gibson 10.00, F. C. Niblock 25.00, W. L. Bell 2.00, R. A. Brower 1.00, Laey Moore 2.00, Frank Armfield 25.00, A. B. Hartzell 10.00.

GIBSON MILL NEWS.

Mr. T. C. Eady and son, Carson, spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte with Mrs. Eady, at the Sanatorium. The condition of Mrs. Eady does not seem to improve, we are sorry to note.

Miss Ora Morrison spent Easter at Cabarrus visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Morrison.

Mrs. A. C. Barnhardt and children spent the week-end in No. 7 visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Homeyer.

Mr. W. H. Walker, of High Point, spent the week-end with relatives here. He was accompanied home by Mrs. Walker, who had been visiting here for some time.

Mr. Walter Slink, of Lexington, spent the holidays here with relatives.

Boyer Frye, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Frye, is seriously ill at their home on Frye street.

FRENCH TURN MACHINE GUN ON THE GERMANS

Clash at Frankfort Results in the Killing of Six Germans and Wounding of a Score of Others.

ORDER TO DISPERSE WAS IGNORED

Rumor That French Were Forced Through Pressure of United States to Withdraw Started Trouble.

(By The Associated Press.) Frankfort, April 7.—This afternoon's clash in the Schillergasse between French troops and the population, resulting in the killing of six Germans and wounding of some two score of others, was followed by a strong display of French military force which brought restoration of order by the time darkness had set in.

It was a rumor that the French had been forced through the pressure of the allies and the United States to withdraw from the city that started trouble. The crowd jeered and taunted the troops, yelling "You've got to get out" at the Scapigne, who were parading in front of the guard house on the square.

A French officer ordered the crowd to disperse and when the order was ignored, a machine gun was brought into play. Disturbances also occurred in other parts of the city.

The firing attracted a great crowd to the square surrounding the troops. The French then began bringing up reinforcements, four tanks, between columns of soldiers rolling in ready for action.

REPORT IS FALSE

Great Britain and United States Have Not Asked France to Withdraw Her Troops From Germany.

(By The Associated Press.) Paris, April 8.—Reports that Great Britain and the United States had called upon France to withdraw her troops from Frankfort are entirely without foundation, it was announced in an official note issued today.

"Certain agencies inspired by Germany," reads the note, "spread the report in Germany and some neutral countries that England and the United States had summoned France yesterday to remove her troops from Frankfort. This report, which evidently was intended to be misleading and which produced a certain effervescence in the newly occupied regions yesterday, is absolutely without foundation."

Complete Order Restored at Frankfort.

(By The Associated Press.) Mayence, April 8.—Complete order has been restored at Frankfort, the authorities having succeeded in quieting the students.

Get \$25,000 in Counterfeit American Bills.

(Montreal, April 7.—Local secret service agents acting in conjunction with United States secret service agents, raided a shed on Beaulieu street here this morning and seized 25,000 dollars in counterfeit American bills. The detectives also seized a quantity of bank note paper, special ink, engraving plates and other paraphernalia. Albert Grignon, the occupant of the premises was arrested.

Fights Between Jews and Mohammedans at Jerusalem.

(Jerusalem, April 7.—Although martial law was proclaimed on Monday and the city is under heavy patrol by British troops, scattered fights occurred between Jews and Mohammedans Monday and Tuesday in the narrow lanes of the old city and outside the walls.

Cline & Moore have received a shipment of prairie German kaffir, a fresh importation. See ad. on page five.