

Endorsement For Roosevelt Given By Mine Workers

Lewis' Organization Also Votes To Contribute To Campaign Fund for President

CALLS ON A. F. OF L. TO DO SAME THING

Would No Longer Be Any Doubt of Outcome in November if Labor Would Back Democratic Ticket, Lewis Says; Tells of Wall Street's Big Fund

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—The United Mine Workers formally endorsed President Roosevelt for re-election today and decided to contribute to the campaign fund.

"It might be well for the American Federation of Labor to take cognizance of what this convention has done," said John L. Lewis, the miners' president, when the 1,700 delegates had unanimously adopted the Roosevelt resolution.

"If the A. F. of L. would follow suit, as it should, then, for all practical purposes, the result of the next election no longer would be in doubt."

"We are not endorsing the Democratic party as such," Lewis added. "We are rising to meet a crisis in the economic and political affairs of the nation."

"The union is allying itself with a great statesman... to protect the common people."

"The interests in downtown New York are boasting that they can raise enough money to elect a Chinaman to the White House."

"It is time for the United Mine Workers and all of the common people to show these interests that there isn't enough money to buy the presidency."

Lewis for many years was a Republican.

Industry Sags by Near Two Percent During Past Week

New York, Feb. 1 (AP)—The Associated Press weekly index of industrial activity, adjusted for seasonal variations, dropped 1.9 points this week to 82.2 but remained well above the 75.1 recorded in the comparable week a year ago.

With the exception of electric power output and residential building, all the components moved lower.

Underlying the setback was a sharp decline in miscellaneous cartloadings.

Declines in the recent curtailment of shipments in the classification is due, in large measure, to overstocking of materials by trade and industry in the final quarter of 1935.

The steady lowering of automobile production schedules since the first of the year was held to indicate that manufacturers are marking time until spring sales trends are more definitely indicated.

Declines in steel mill activity and cotton manufacturing were slight.

Long Widow Will Assume Duties Soon

Named to Unexpired Term in Surprise Appointment By Governor Noe

New Orleans, La., Feb. 1 (AP)—Mrs. Huey P. Long, widow of the late senator, expected to take his vacant seat in the Senate immediately after a surprise appointment to the post last night by Governor James A. Noe.

The appointment was interpreted to cover the period from now until the general election April 21, but the State Democratic Committee, believed empowered under the law to name a candidate to take the place of the late Democratic governor, O. K. Allen, to put Mrs. Long on the ballot.

If elected, she then would serve the remainder of her husband's unexpired term, which ends January 3, 1937.

Numerous officials privately had expressed confidence that Allen J. Elender, speaker of the State House of Representatives, who had been nominated for the full six-year Senate term, also would be named for the unexpired term which ends in January.

Goes To Senate



MRS. HUEY P. LONG

DR. GRAHAM GIVEN CONFIDENCE VOTE

Hill Protest on Moving Of Engineering School To Raleigh Deferred

NO FIREWORKS SEEN

"Pure Athletics" Project of President of University Is Left To Him and Faculty of Larger Institution

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By J. C. BASKERVILLE

Raleigh, Feb. 1.—The fireworks which had been predicted in the meeting of the full board of trustees of the University of North Carolina here Friday turned out to be nothing more than a slight fizzle as President Frank P. Graham was given a decisive vote of confidence when the board voted 53 to 19 to leave the "pure athletics" question entirely in the hands of President Graham and the faculties of the various units of the university.

The trustees did not act so decisively with regard to the objections of John Sprunt Hill and his group of followers who are still objecting to the removal of the schools of engineering from the Chapel Hill unit to the State College unit. Instead of hearing Mr. Hill yesterday and disposing of the engineering school controversy once and for all, it decided to postpone the reviving of this issue until the June meeting of the board, at which time it agreed to hear Mr. Hill and give this question first place on its program.

The failure of the board to hear Mr. Hill and dispose of the engineering school controversy was disappointing.

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START INQUIRY OF CONVICTS' BURNING

One of Only Two Survivors Praises Guards; 20 Negroes Died

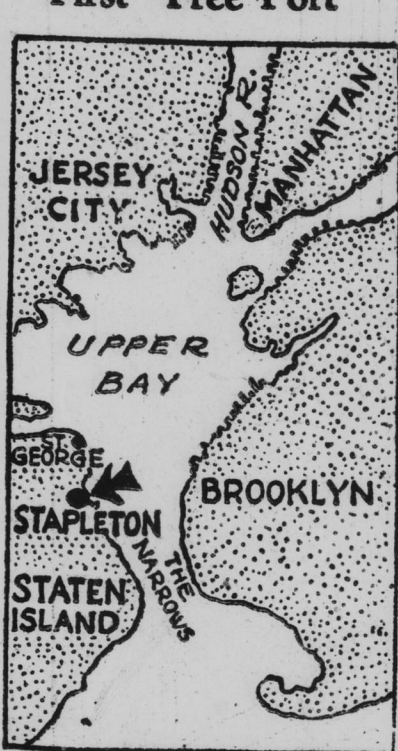
Scottsboro, Ala., Feb. 1 (AP)—Alabama today sought to learn why 20 Negro convicts were trapped in a burning truck yesterday and burned to death while guards fought futilely to save them.

Hamp Draper, head of the convict department, and Gaston Scott, chairman of the State Highway Commission, were en route here to conduct the inquiry ordered by Governor Bibb Graves.

Waiting the arrival of 20 prison-made coffins were the charred bodies of the 20 Negroes who were trapped in the cage-like body of the truck when one of their number, seeking to warm numbing hands, lighted a piece of paper and ignited the gasoline.

Warden H. D. Hansard last night announced the death list, which included only one prisoner serving as much as ten years. The rest ranged from a year and a day to ten years. Of the two surviving convicts, one, Paul Dawson, praised indirectly the work of the two guards, H. M. Middlebrook, of Montgomery, and C. W. Wasson, of Danville, for their quick work in attempting to save the doomed prisoners.

First "Free Port"



Map shows location at Stapleton, S. I., where, for the first time in United States history, the Federal government has approved a "free port." Foreign goods will be processed here and re-shipped without payment of duty.

(Central Press)

BOSSSES TO SELECT TICKET OF G. O. P.

Hoover Will Have No Chance at Cleveland, According to Outlook

LONDON IS BEST BET

Kansas Governor Seems in Lead; Hoover and Borah Supposed To Kill Each Other Off With The Delegates

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer, Cleveland, Feb. 1.—This is the city in which the Republican national convention will be held, beginning June 9.

The Socialist will hold a convention previously in the same huge auditorium, but nobody seems much interested in whom the Socialists will nominate. Maybe in 20 years from now the situation will be reversed, but for the present the Republicans are the news.

The Republican arrangements committee already has been in Cleveland, to look into the matter of hotels and meeting rooms—and back rooms.

Back rooms will be important in this convention. The presidential nominee finally will be decided in a back room.

Americans prate on dictatorships and kings, then permit a handful of politicians to choose their president and vice president.

Direct voting for president and vice president also are forbidden by the Constitution—unless we change the Constitution.

NO ON HOOVER

The sentiment among political writers indicates that Herbert Hoover will have no chance in the Cleveland convention. But he will engender a great deal of fear, for he will have an important say. He and Senator William E. Borah are supposed to kill each other off.

This writer doesn't know. He heard Hoover blessed in a Cleveland movie theater last night when Hoover, on the screen, attacked the New Deal.

But Hoover will not be hissed in the Republican convention, to which the hot polloi of Cleveland will not be invited.

Even so, the bets are on Governor Alf M. Landon of Kansas—or Senator

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STATE PLAYS TRUMP IN LIGGETT MURDER

Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 1 (AP)—The State's two trump cards were on the table today as court stood suspended until Monday in the murder trial of Isadore (Kid Cann) Blumenfeld, ex-bootlegger, charged with the machine gun slaying December 9 of Walter Liggett, crusading publisher of the weekly, "Mid-West American."

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Careful Driving On Slick Pavements Cuts Accidents

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Raleigh, Feb. 1.—There have been very few serious automobile accidents this week in spite of the snow and ice and bad weather conditions, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer of the State highway patrol. The roads will have many slick and dangerous spots and stretches, with the result that Captain Farmer urges drivers of cars and trucks to continue to drive with the utmost care and caution.

"The experience of the past week shows that when people know the roads are dangerous that they can drive carefully and thus avoid accidents," Capt. Farmer said. "The record of this week and of previous weeks when weather and road conditions were bad and highways dangerous, goes to prove that most serious accidents are due to carelessness and recklessness and that if people would drive as carefully in good weather as they do when we have ice and snow, there would be very few accidents."

ETHIOPIANS CLAIM ONE ITALIAN ARMY WAS ANNIHILATED

"Greatest Battle of War" on North Front Not Confirmed by Italians, However

ROME HAS RUMORS OF PERILS OF WAR

Mussolini Calls Fascist Grand Council and Issues Threat of "World's Most Terrible Unjust War" if More Sanctions Are Applied Upon Italy

(By The Associated Press.)

The "annihilation" of the Italian army under General Deamitti, which has been operating in northeastern Ethiopia, was claimed by Ethiopian sources in a Reupeter's News Agency dispatch from Dessye, Ethiopia, today.

The alleged battle was not confirmed by Italian sources, the official daily communique from Rome saying only, "Marshal Pietro Badoglio telegraphs that on the Somaliland and Eritrean fronts there is nothing new."

The Ethiopian claim, however, was that the famous "28th of October" division of Italians was included in the casualties of what was described as the greatest battle of the war on the northern front.

This report said the Ethiopians captured hundreds of prisoners, and great numbers of machine guns, rifles and ammunition.

From various sources came the report that Ras Desta Demtu had been deposed as commander of Emperor Haile Selassie's armies in southern Ethiopia, being succeeded by General Balcha, veteran warrior.

Officially, however, this report was denied in Addis Ababa.

In Rome, Premier Mussolini called the Fascist grand council together as rumors were rampant that the peril of the Ethiopian war was being increasingly feared as a result of the Ethiopian hostilities.

Mussolini's newspaper, Popolo d'Italia, charged that "if sanctions were extended" and a political victory was won by the pressure of "imperialists and the bloodthirsty," Europe would enter the world's most terrible unjust war."

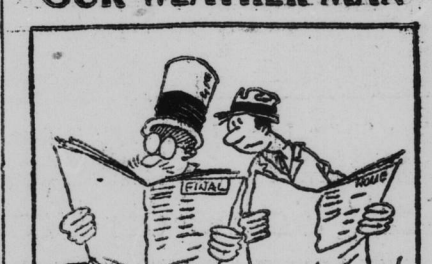
Student Council Head at U. N. C. Is Caught In Probe

Chapel Hill, Feb. 1 (AP)—A sweeping investigation of cheating at the University of North Carolina reached a sensational climax today when Jack Poole, president of the Student Council, was suspended indefinitely after confessing he cheated while a freshman.

The Council is the students' disciplinary body, and before suspending Poole, a senior, had dismissed 33 others, all alleged to have had part in an organized racket of filing and selling copies of questions to be asked on examinations.

The announcement of Poole's suspension said he cast his own vote for his dismissal.

OUR WEATHER MAN



FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday; possibly snow in west and central portions Sunday, and in extreme west portion late tonight; slowly rising temperature tonight and in east portion Sunday.

Temperature Is Below Zero In Many Sections Of State As Henderson Dips Lowest

Hanged—But Lived to Tell It



Will Purvis

Back in 1895, Will Purvis of Purvis, Miss., was "hanged" for murder but the rope slipped and Will did not die. Later, the real murderer confessed. Here's the man, who escaped the noose, alive and practicing before the "mike" to tell Robert Ripley fans how it feels to "hang."

(Central Press)

House Inflationary Bloc For Currency Expansion

Two Score Representatives Vote for Printing Press Money To Pay Off the Bonus

DEAD SET AGAINST ANY NEW TAX NOW

Opposed To Letting Bankers Get Rake-Off in Handling Bond Issue Now; Inflationary Senator Thomas Promises Like Movement in Senate

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—The House inflationary bloc adopted a resolution today for payment of the soldiers bonus in new currency.

The resolution opposed any new taxes as "entirely unnecessary." It was adopted as word of a \$730,000,000 tax bill to meet bonus and farm relief costs was passed in high administration quarters.

There was no dissenting vote as Representative Patman, Democrat, Texas, leader of the group, put the question to approximately two score representatives present.

"The understanding is, of course, that we are going to be faced with taxes some," Patman told the group. "The question is, are we going to sit idly by and let the bankers get another rake-off on the debt to the veterans?"

Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, asserted that the only reason financiers prefer the issuance of bonds to pay the bonus, rather than currency expansion, is because they get three percent interest on the bonds and a bonus out of manipulation of bonds.

The resolution adopted was proposed by Representative Greenwood, Democrat, Indiana, who said: "Many of us—in fact, all of us—do not believe in wild inflation that would see government credit and purchasing power imperilled. But we

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LABOR THREAT TO LEWIS DANGEROUS

Order to Industrial Organization To Dissolve May Hasten Split

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Staff Writer

Washington, Feb. 1.—Signs are that the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor, recently in session at Miami, enticed the A. F. of L. dangerously "out on a limb" when it ordered Chairman John L. Lewis' committee for industrial organization to terminate its activities.

The industrial organization committee obviously will not quit. As soon as the industrial committee

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FRESH BLASTS OF WINTER RECORDED IN CENTRAL WEST

More Deaths, Threats of Coal and Milk Shortage and Choked Highways Reported

COAL RATIONED OUT IN SOME SECTIONS

Cincinnati Has Serious Railroad Collision, With Many Injured; Greensboro and Fayetteville Report Four Below Zero as Minimum for the Night

Raleigh, Jan. 1 (AP)—Temperature readings at below zero marks were recorded at numerous points in North Carolina early today, at some setting new all-time cold records.

At Henderson it was six below, and at Greensboro and Fort Bragg four below. An unofficial reading of four below was reported from Franklin county.

Henderson had a reading of seven below last Tuesday, but Greensboro's reading was a new all-time low there. The previous minimum in the history of its weather bureau was three below.

Low temperature readings from other points included Goldsboro, five, Charlotte 11 and Raleigh 14.

Lumberton reported a low of four degrees above, which had been equalled only once—December 30, 1917—in the past 20 years.

At Winston-Salem the mercury fell to one degree below zero.

COAL PILES DWINDLE AS WINTER SIEGE LENGTHENS

Chicago, Feb. 1 (AP)—Coal piles dwindled dangerously low in many states today as a shivering nation heaped extra fuel in furnaces against the lengthening siege of bitter cold. Mercury columns shrunk far below normal everywhere east of the Rocky Mountains except the gulf states, keep

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Government To Dispose Of Cotton

Southern Senators Propose Selling of 20,000 Bales Weekly of Surpluses

Washington, Feb. 1 (AP)—A plan to dispose of the government's large cotton holdings through a designated sales agent, at a rate not to exceed 20,000 bales a week, was proposed today by a group of southern senators.

It will be incorporated in a resolution to be introduced Monday by Chairman Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

Under the proposal, which Smith said had the unanimous endorsement of southern cotton senators, the sales agents would be appointed by the President subject to confirmation by the Senate.

All government cotton holdings, including the 4,500,000 bales on which 12-cent loans were advanced, and lint held by the producers' pool would be placed under the jurisdiction of the agent.

However, before transfer of cotton in the producers' pool, the resolution provides for it to be taken over and paid for by the government on the same terms as cotton acquired under the 12-cent loan plan.

At the beginning of each week the agent would be required to give public notice of the number of bales to be sold, including futures, and the places where the sales are to be held.

Proceeds derived from sales would go into the Treasury. Any profits derived would be distributed prorata at the end of each fiscal year among the original owners.

Smith said he expects to call the Senate Agriculture Committee into session Tuesday to consider the plan, and predicted it would be quickly approved.

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