

# CAMPAIGN STRIFE THREATENS REPUBLICANS

## Storms Of Friday Bring New Relief From The Drought

Beneficial Results Marred, However, by Eight Lightning Deaths in Southeast

### CENTRAL CAROLINA BENEFITS GREATLY

Two Dead from Lightning in This State, Others In Florida and Alabama; Forecasts Are for More Showers To Help Serious Weather Conditions

Atlanta, Ga., June 13.—(AP)—Storms which swept the southeast yesterday lashed another sector from drought territory but marred this beneficial result with eight lightning deaths.

North central North Carolina, north western South Carolina and extreme northwest Georgia reported rains heavy enough to arrest crop damage.

Relief afforded other sectors of the ever-narrowing drought area was spotty in nature, but served to keep loss estimates from being revised upward from a roughly figured toll of \$135,000,000.

Florida—out of the drought area—suffered most from electricity. Near Cross City four men were killed and four others injured when lightning struck their truck.

Three young men were killed by lightning in Alabama.

A Negro met death while at work in a field close to Charlotte, and a woman was killed at Monroe, N. C.

Forecasts today were for more showers to revive cotton, corn and tobacco fields.

A slow advance of cotton prices toward the eleven-cent level was credited to the drought.

### COTTON CONSUMED LESS THAN APRIL

Washington, June 13.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during May was reported today by the Census Bureau to have totalled 530,739 bales of lint and 61,570 of linters, compared with 576,762 and 61,450 during April this year, 479,412 and 61,583 during May last year.

## Fountain's Request For Probe Ends

Board of Elections Certifies Nominees on Basis of Official Vote Cast

Raleigh, June 13 (AP)—The State Board of Elections certified the results of last Saturday's Democratic primary today and refused the request of R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, for an investigation of the voting for the senatorial nominee.

Fountain, defeated candidate for the senatorial nomination, contended the record-breaking vote of 516,000 "indicated Republicans, or members of some other party, voted with me Democrats in violation of the law."

He cited the vote in many counties in which Senator J. W. Bailey ran ahead of him, and added "the results will, I believe, show that I carried most of the Democratic counties of the State, and Bailey carried those usually Republican."

Bailey was certified as the senatorial nominee, and the board took under consideration Fountain's request that the secretary get from each county the number of absentee ballots cast in the primary.

Though there was sentiment among board members, due to many requests the chairman said, to change the primary from Saturday, July 4, to Monday, July 6, no change was made after conferences with managers of the gubernatorial candidates.

The board found Clyde R. Hoey led the gubernatorial race, with Dr. Ralph W. McDonald entitled to de-

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## Rains Help Crops In Part of State

Raleigh, June 13.—(AP)—Weather conditions in North Carolina for two months prior to June 1 were "unfavorable over most of the State" for crops, the crop reporting service said today, with resultant heavy prospective damage.

Noting "much more favorable conditions" in the eastern half of the State between June 1 and 12, the report said the Piedmont section was still dry yesterday.

"Small grains were low in growth with somewhat light heads," the report said. "Cash crops, like tobacco, cotton and truck crops, generally had poor stands and growth. Corn shows poor stands and development except in some spotted areas."

## STATE CONVENTION WAS CLEARLY FOR HOEY NOMINATION

Nothing Like As Much Enthusiasm for McDonald As for Veteran Shelby Orator

FORMER GOVERNORS GIVEN WILD CHEERS

Fountain Tried to Get Before Convention but Was Squelched by Delegates; Women Democrats Receive Greater Recognition Than Ever Before Given

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

Raleigh, June 13.—There is no doubt that the State Democratic Convention, which met here yesterday, was overwhelmingly for Clyde R. Hoey for governor rather than for Dr. Ralph W. McDonald. It was almost impossible to find a delegate that was not wearing a "Hoey for Governor" button on his coat lapel and many of those questioned estimated that at least 90 per cent of the more than 3,000 delegates at the convention were for Hoey and would work for him enthusiastically in the second primary campaign.

When Mr. Hoey entered the convention hall to take his seat as a member of the Cleveland county delegation the proceedings of the convention were completely disrupted for a time. The cheering and applause started as soon as the delegates on the Cleveland county delegation were recognized. The tall, erect, frock-coated and smiling orator from Shelby. The word spread rapidly that Mr. Hoey was entering the hall and in a moment the three thousand or more delegates were on their feet cheering and yelling.

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## Pittsburgh's Mayor Object Of Warrants

Pittsburgh, Pa., June 13.—(AP)—Judge Ralph A. Smith, directed the district attorney today to swear out a warrant charging Mayor William N. McNair with malfeasance and misfeasance in office.

The order came after McNair virtually stopped business at Pittsburgh's 13 police stations because Judge Smith directed a grand jury investigation of police conditions.

Officers seized the records of a half dozen magistrates and Mayor McNair said they were unable to do business or send prisoners to jail without their records.

The mayor himself is a magistrate and the grand jury order for records included those of his court.

Several men charged with drunkenness were brought before the mayor, and he instructed Police Lieutenant Walter Muller to take the prisoners to Judge Smith.

Judge Smith sent for the mayor, but he failed to appear, and the order for the warrant was then issued.

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## DRAMATIC DEMONSTRATION FOLLOWING LANDON'S NOMINATION



This view portrays the dramatic demonstration staged by delegates to the Republican convention in Cleveland following the nomination of Go. Alfred M. Landon of Kansas as the 1936 G. O. P. presidential candidate.

## Democrats Will Reduce Sales Taxes

State Convention Pledges Removal on Basic Foods; Backs Roosevelt

Raleigh, June 13.—(AP)—The Democratic party in North Carolina was pledged today to remove the sales tax from meals and basic foods.

The Party's 1936 platform, adopted in the Democrats' biennial convention yesterday, contained the first direct reference to the controversial sales tax since 1928.

The convention, without qualification, endorsed both the national and State administrations, and bound the State's 26 votes in the national convention to President Roosevelt.

In dealing with the sales tax, the convention's platform set forth that it could not be eliminated now in its entirety.

The platform committee wrangled over a "wet" or "dry" plank, and then compromised by making no reference to liquor control at all.

Besides taking a stand on the sales tax, the convention proposed state and interstate control of crop production through legislation allowing compact, conservation of highway funds to provide adequate maintenance of highways and improvements to local roads, a reduction of auto license costs by the 1937 legislature, enactment of State and interstate laws to promote the betterment of working conditions, continued cooperation with the national administration and a "reasonable" increase in the school program.

## Legion Men Arraigned In Death Probe

Detroit, Mich., June 13.—(AP)—Fourteen men were arraigned today on charges of conspiracy to murder political opponents of the black legion.

Eleven of the men were charged with a plot against the life of Arthur F. Kingsley, editor of a Highland Park newspaper, and the other three were charged with a similar plot against William W. Dolsine, mayor of suburban Ecorse.

Pleas of innocence were entered for all the men. Their bonds were set at \$25,000 each, and all were returned to jail.

Among those arraigned was the former mayor of Highland Park, N. Ray Markland, recently suspended as an investigator for Prosecutor Duncan C.

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## Republicans Have Named Man They Scarcely Know

They Launch Campaign in Fog, and Jitters Over Money Issue; Force Behind Landon Nomination Appears More or Less Mystery to the Old Guard

By LESLIE EICHEL, Central Press Staff Writer

Cleveland, June 13.—Have the Republicans nominated a man they do not know?

Such seems to be the opinion of the old line Republicans (Old Guard and others) who had to accept Landon. They are in a fog.

Indeed they are fearful. Kansas has not been known for tolerance of eastern ideas.

Money The east is more fearful over money than any other thing. Kansas may balance the budget which, of course, is liked. But Kansas is a farm state and the farm states are afire with a

## FRANCE TO REJECT NEW LEAGUE PLAN

British Proposal for Regional Group Is Held To Be Destructive

Paris, June 13 (AP)—France will reject a British proposal to reorganize League of Nations members into regional groups, authoritative sources declared today, as "destructive to the entire structure of collective security."

Informed sources called the suggestions, reported to have been made by Sir George Clerk, British ambassador to Paris, to Premier Leon Blum, "impossible" because of the League "districts" proposed.

The British plan was reported to have advanced two ideas: 1. Cancellation of sanctions against Italy on the ground the war penalties failed to halt the conquest of Ethiopia.

2. Revision of the League covenant with particular emphasis on Article XVI, which provides obligatory

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OUR WEATHER MAN

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, preceded by showers near the coast tonight; slightly cooler near the coast tonight; slightly warmer in central portion Sunday.

## Japan Puts New Troops Into China

Sent to Amoy Under Guise of Protecting Japanese Lives and Property

Amoy, China, June 13.—(AP)—Six destroyers and one cruiser of the Japanese navy arrived here today and landed Marines.

The landing of Marines, it was said, was to protect Japanese lives and property.

A Japanese naval officer said the seven vessels were ready to proceed to Canton at a moment's notice in case of necessity.

Reports of hostilities between the forces of the central (Nanking) government and of South China were received here today.

Skirmishes were said to have occurred along the Fukien border.

The central government of China increased its military preparation today as civilians in both North and South China demonstrated against Japan.

In Peiping 3,000 students marched through the streets shouting epithets against Japan. In Canton, the southern capital, 100,000 civilians, shepherded by soldiers, marched in a similar demonstration.

## Industrial Level Hits 1936 Peak

New York, June 13 (AP)—Industrial activity joggled into new high ground for the year today, the seventh new 1936 peak in nine weeks.

The Associated Press index, at 90.3 this week, was above 90 per cent of the 1929-30 average for the first time since June, 1930. Last week the index stood at 89.4 and a year ago at 71.3.

Every component of the index gained, too, making new tops for this year. Steel mill activity swept ahead as buying for stock in anticipation of the July 1 price increases continued.

Automobile output, dropping considerably less for the week, tended to buoy the steel rate by its high level. Freight car loadings moved in better than seasonal volume, and coal shipments were sharply lower.

Residential building and electric power production established new peaks for the year.

## BORAH, NORRIS AND N Y E DISSATISFIED AT THE PLATFORM

Borah Shies Away From Reservations Made By Governor Landon as G. O. P. Candidate

TWO-FISTED DRIVE PLANNED, HOWEVER

"No-Quarter" Campaign To Displace New Deal To Be Mapped by Landon and Knox at Conference To Be Held Monday at Topeka; Hoover Ready for Stump

Cleveland, June 13.—(AP)—Under a new and younger leadership, the Republicans began the groundwork today for a two-fisted, no quarter campaign to displace the New Deal.

While Governor Alf M. Landon and Colonel Frank Knox prepared to discuss tactics Monday in Topeka, the field staff carried back to the rank and file in all states the militant message of its unanimous convention.

Some hazards to harmony began to arise with dissatisfaction among certain western independents as they reflected over the platform.

Senator William E. Borah, who had pretty much his way in the policy declarations, only to have Landon later proclaim some personal planks, including monetary views opposed by the Idahoan, withheld any pledge of support.

Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota left Cleveland saying the platform had more chance to draw "reactionary support in the east than to regain" western progressives.

In Washington, Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, said "reactionaries are in control," and predicted the re-election of President Roosevelt.

In contrast with these statements was a flood of laudatory comment from party members. Herbert Hoover announced that "the ticket and the platform suit me fine." He is expected to hold himself in readiness for a call to take the stump.

## SUSPICIOUS DEATHS TO BE INVESTIGATED

Insurance Racket Hinted in Some of Nearly 50 in Massachusetts

Springfield, Mass., June 13 (AP)—A trial justice urged an investigation today of nearly 50 "suspicious" deaths in three thickly populated mill town communities near here.

While state officials scanned insurance records of three recent victims of poison, Trial Justice George B. Haas, of Ludlow, called for a "thorough going investigation not only of these present cases, but those over a course of years."

"There have been between 35 and 50 suspicious deaths in Ludlow, Chicopee and the Indian Orchard section of Springfield," declared Judge Haas.

"By suspicious," he continued, "I

## Tax Bill's Obstacles Untouched

Left Until Absent Members Return Next Week; May Not Pass Coming Week

Washington, June 13.—(AP)—Major obstacles to final action on the tax bill still remained to be overcome today as House and Senate conferees went into the fourth day of deliberations in an effort to reach a compromise.

Although the conferees declined to discuss the progress of closed meetings, there were indications that the chief points at issue would not be taken up until next week.

Whether this would delay plans for adjournment of Congress at the end

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