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MANY CLERKS ARE TRYING TO HOLD THEIR NEW JOBS

Increase in Positions at Washington During War So Large as to Cause Much Anxiety Now—Many Congressmen are Urged to Intercede for Young Women

By W. S. Mann, Editor of The Washington Star

Washington, April 21.—As the first of the war approaches the beginning of the fiscal year when appropriations for the coming twelve months are being made, congressmen are being urged to intercede for the young women who have been employed in the government during the war. Many of these women are being discharged because of the increase in positions at Washington during the war. The government has had to employ a large number of women in the government during the war, and many of these women are being discharged because of the increase in positions at Washington during the war.

SOME NEW TAXES FOR SOLDIER BONUS

Washington, April 22.—A tax on all stock exchange transactions equal to the broker's commission, has been agreed on tentatively by Republican members of the house ways and means committee as one of the new taxes for raising money for bonuses for soldiers of the world war. Two other levies also are under consideration. These are a one per cent levy on the final sales to consumers, a new tax on incomes probably in excess of \$5,000 and an increase of approximately 15 per cent on existing taxes on tobacco and cigars.

CONNELLY SPRINGS MAN UNDER ARREST

Deputy Marshal J. J. Millholland, of Statesville, was here today in connection with the preliminary hearing of P. H. Robertson, of Connelly Springs, who was arrested there last evening on the charge of selling liquor. The arrest was made by Probation Officer C. H. Smith and the young man a barber, brought to Hickory. It is charged that he sold a gallon of corn liquor. The hearing was before Mr. John F. Miller, United States commissioner.

PARTIN MOUNTAINS PERCH ABOVE RIVER

Anderson, S. C., April 22.—Marooned a party for 20 hours without food or water on top of a pier on Greer Shoals hydro-electric plant in Savannah river, E. C. Partin will probably have to spend the remainder of the day on his pier, where he has been since a boat in which he and W. C. Powell were swept away on the night of the 1st inst. The latter is dead.

THE RACE FOR JUDGE

Much interest is shown locally in the contest for the Democratic nomination for associate justice of the supreme court and Judge F. P. Long, of Statesville, has been put into the race also and the list now includes Judge Owen H. Guion, of New Bern; former Judge W. E. Staley, of Wilmington; Prof. N. Y. Gulley, of Wake Forest; and N. J. Rouse, of Kinston. Each man has his partisans in every part of the state, but Judge Adams probably is the most popular of any because he is better known by the people generally. Professor Gulley will have strong support among his old law students and the other candidates have friends who will see that they have a hearing. It will be a dignified contest, but interesting.

PALMER CONTINUES AHEAD IN GEORGIA

Atlanta, April 22.—Complete unofficial returns from all counties in Georgia available here early today gave Attorney General Palmer 140 votes in the state convention, a plurality of ten over Thomas E. Watson, his nearest opponent, who had 130 votes. United States Senator Hoke Smith, the other candidate in the three-cornered race, had 114 votes on the floor. There are 386 votes in the convention. The available returns showed Mr. Palmer carried 51 counties. Mr. Watson, 25, many of them with fewer convention votes than the Palmer counties, and Senator Smith 48 counties out of the 155 in the state.

Mr. G. M. Turner and Miss Sadie Frye spent today in Statesville with Mr. H. M. Frye, who is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis. The New Era Club will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. A. K. Joy, at 3 o'clock.

RELIEF WORK IN WAGE HEARINGS ON STRIKERS' CASES

By the Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—In response to an appeal by Governor Kilby, many communities throughout the state today were preparing to send aid to the stricken sections of the state. Red Cross chapters and Salvation Army posts and other organizations today and physicians of Birmingham joined with other organizations in sending relief trains. Complete reports of the tornado's toll have not yet been received, but conservative estimates place the number dead at 155, with several hundred injured and many thousands of dollars in property damage.

IREDELL OFFERS JUDGE LONG FOR SUPERIOR COURT BENCH

Statesville, April 22.—The Ireddell Bar association today unanimously resolved to present Judge E. F. Long to the voters of the primary on June 5 for nomination to the Superior court to succeed Associate Justice Brown. In endorsing Judge Long, the Ireddell bar refers to the fact that he is a graduate of Trinity college, Pearson's law school of the University of Virginia and to his record as an able and successful lawyer. They recall that he served the state as solicitor of his district for eight years with fidelity and unusual ability, that he has held the courts in all of the 100 counties and that the state generally knows him and he knows the people on account of this long and distinguished service.

SHARP REACTION IN CORN MARKET

Chicago, April 22.—Sharp new breaks took place today in the corn market right at the outset. The heaviest fall was in the May delivery, which in some cases exhibit a sheer descent of six cents a bushel since last night. Renewed weakness in the New York stock market was the main cause.

BOY OF RAMSEY BROTHERS IS TAKEN FROM CATAWBA

Belmont, April 22.—The body of the two-year-old child of Mrs. Bob Ramsey, who is believed to have buried herself into the Catawba river, holding the child in her arms, was taken from the river at Fort Mill, S. C., last afternoon, according to reports received here. No trace of the mother's body has yet been found, but searching parties worked late into the night dragging the stream at points above and below where the baby's body was recovered.

SEVERAL MEN ENLISTED BY RECRUITING OFFICERS

The following men have applied for enlistment at the local army recruiting station the past week and were accepted: Nathaniel G. Isenhower, Hickory, for field artillery, Camp Taylor, Ky.; Ben C. Smith, Hickory, for field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.; John N. Wright, Bartow, Fla., construction division, Camp Taylor, Ky.; Dexter Honeycutt, for infantry, Fort Slocum, N. Y.; Clarence W. Sigmon, Hickory, field artillery, Fort Sill, Okla.; Powell Simpson, Hickory, for cavalry, Eagle Pass, Tex.; Howard W. Rorer, Hickory, for field artillery, Camp Taylor, Ky.; Carl V. Morgan, for field artillery, Camp Taylor, Ky.

CAILLAUX CAN'T BE EXECUTED IN FRANCE

Paris, April 22.—The charges of high treason and intelligence with the enemy against former Premier Caillaux were eliminated by the high court of the senate today by a vote of 213 to 28. This eliminated the possibility of the death penalty being inflicted.

WOMAN TO HANG FOR MURDER OF GIRL

By the Associated Press. Quebec, April 22.—Mrs. Marie Houday Gagnon was found guilty yesterday of torturing and murdering her 16-year-old step daughter, Aurore Gagnon and was sentenced to be hanged August 8. The girl, after being beaten with a red hot poker and made to walk barefoot in the snow, was forced to drink poison, the evidence disclosed. A post mortem examination of the body disclosed 51 wounds.

PUSH COAST BRAND OVERALLS LOCALLY

With 28 new machines to install, the Coast Brand Overall Company of this city is more than doubling its capacity and already has begun a drive for more business near home. The output of the local plant is sold mainly in all parts of the south, but Manager J. W. Hartsfield believes that the territory in this section is worth going after and considerable local advertising will be done. Mr. Frank D. Dwyer, representative of the company, said today that many contracts had been placed for overalls in this section and that the company expected to have its goods in all the leading stores. The doubling of the capacity of the plant will enable it to supply a large trade and there is no doubt that the product will be worn largely in this section.

POLICE RESERVES STOP NEGRO MOB

New York, April 22.—Police reserves responded to a riot call in Harlem's negro quarter when a mob of 1,500 tried to rescue a prisoner from a policeman. In the general fighting two negroes were arrested, one of them being shot through the hand, and Patrolman King was slashed with a razor. The trouble started after King arrested a negro who had kicked the officer in the stomach.

REFERENCE GIVEN VETERANS IN NAMING OF POSTMASTERS

Washington, April 22.—Under an executive order issued yesterday the postmaster-general is authorized to submit to the president for nomination to first, second and third class postmastercies, the name of either highest eligible, or the veteran obtaining the highest eligible rating as the best interests of the service may require.

DEMPEY SIGNS FOR FIGHT WITH UNNAMED OPPONENT

Chicago, April 22.—Jack Dempsey yesterday signed for his first fight since he won the world's heavyweight championship from Jess Willard at Toledo last fourth of July. Manager Jack Kearns came to terms with Floyd Fitzsimmons, a Benton Harbor, Mich., promoter, for a match at the Michigan resort July 5. Dempsey's opponent will be chosen within ten days.

HIGHS WIN ANOTHER.

The Hickory High school defeated Newton yesterday afternoon by the score of 6 to 1 and incidentally added another victory to an unbroken string. The lads want the Hickory supporters to watch them do it, which would be more fun of course. The local highs have a fast team, the pitcher, catcher, infielders and outfielders being on hand with the goods.

REGULARS ARE ORDERED TO PUT DOWN FIGHTING

Regular Battle Fought by Deputies and Miners at Montana Mine—Guard at I. W. W. Newspaper Shot and Killed by Another—Men Strike for More Pay

MANY DEBATERS GO TO CHAPEL HILL

Hickory and Newton debating teams, the latter composed entirely of girls, are at Chapel Hill today for the big debating contest which will decide the state championship and the holder of the Aycock cup, a trophy that is much sought for each spring. The Hickory teams are composed of Miss Margaret Bruns, Harold Essex, Edgar Thompson and Albert Hewitt and they were accompanied to Chapel Hill by Miss Millie Kate McComb and Rev. E. deF. Heald. Friends of the young debaters throughout the state will have their eyes on Chapel Hill in the hope that the greatest honor will fall to their champion. Included in the list of speakers at Chapel Hill are more than 100 girls, representing many of the 48 schools which will compete in the final rounds for the state championship and the Aycock memorial cup. The girls are being taken care of in the homes of members of the faculty, the boys generally in the college dormitory rooms of university students from their own homes. The job of finding the two best debating teams out of the 48 coming will be started April 22 when drawings will be made and preliminary rounds will be started. The teams will actually debate against each other in 12 balls all over the campus and the town and by the night of April 22 the number will be reduced to 12 teams on each side. The two final teams will be picked the morning of April 23 and the championship contest will take place on the night of April 23 in Memorial hall. President Chase will preside at the final debate. E. R. Rankin will act as secretary. The judges will be W. S. Bernard, The Aycock memorial cup will be presented to the winning team by Professor N. W. Walker.

APRIL MEETING OF LUTHERAN PASTORS

Secretary's report of the Catawba County Pastoral Association. This association met at Lenoir College, Hickory, N. C., April 12th. As shown in the minutes of the March meeting, the date regularly appointed for this meeting was April 5, but was postponed until the above mentioned date by the president at the request of a number of the pastors. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. E. J. Sox in the place of Rev. R. B. Sigmon to whom this duty has been assigned. The meeting was attended by the following: Drs. Peary, Fritz, Revs. Sox, Hattaway, Roof, Bickley, Miller, Senter.

WON'T RETURN.

New York, April 22.—Approximately 5,000 railroad workers meeting in Jersey City today are reported to have voted not to return to work.

HOOVER LEADS IN DEMOCRATIC RACE

Lansing, April 22.—Senator Hiram Johnson's plurality in the presidential preferential primary April 5, was 34,373, according to official figures announced by the state canvassing committee today. Herbert Hoover, whose name appeared on both Republican and Democratic ballots, won the Democratic endorsement by 5,344. William G. McAdoo taking second place.

OPPOSES PRINTING STORIES OF WRONGS

El Centro, Cal., April 22.—El Centro's new mayor has instructed the chief of police to suppress all news of arrests for crimes. "Publication of arrests and crimes does not in any way benefit the public morals," said the mayor, "and they should not be published."

Markets

By the Associated Press. New York, April 22.—There was a renewal of yesterday's selling movement at the opening of the cotton market this morning with first prices selling 10 to 25 points lower and with active months selling 35 to 55 points below last night's closing figures right after the call. This break carried May and October off about 200 to 250 points, which seemed sufficient to attract fresh buying. Prices rallied in consequence, but the tone of the market was nervous and unsettled with sentiment evidently disturbed by the uncertainty of Japanese conditions, the decline in exchange and the action of the stock market.

Weather

For North Carolina—Local thunderstorms probably late tonight and Friday, warmer in the extreme west portion tonight, fresh south winds.