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CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED FOR BIG HOTEL IN HICKORY

Proposition to Build 100-Room Fire Proof Structure on J. F. Abernethy Property Heartily Endorsed by Business Men—Architect to Submit Preliminary Sketch in Few Days

A campaign for a modern fire-proof hotel of 100 rooms, located on J. F. Abernethy home place, corner Fifteenth street and Eleventh street, was launched at an enthusiastic meeting of business men at the Hotel Commerce last night.

Mr. Simpson, Raleigh architect, explained his proposition in more than half the capacity. Mr. Simpson was instructed to submit preliminary plans to the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. W. B. Ramsey, was appointed a stock solicitor to raise Hickory's stock. The committee will be named within a few days.

Mr. Simpson, who appeared before the members of the chamber several times, outlined his plan, after the appointment of a committee and the securing of a site. Geo. W. Hall, chairman of the committee, has canvassed the whole situation and obtained options for the property for the Chamber house and one or two other places. Mr. Simpson was told to secure a site for his proposition before a further meeting. The Chamber house was packed to overflowing.

Mr. Simpson proposed that Hickory people furnish the site for \$25,000 in stock in a hotel building. He proposed to find \$100,000 in bonds at six per cent and the remainder of the cost to be paid at par and leave the management of the enterprise to the heads of local people. He proposed to furnish a lease who will pay ten per cent on the gross receipts.

The proposition looked good to the Chamber and Secretary Van Hook was instructed to write to the hotel men in regard to the proposition. The hotel men without exception were in favor of the proposition. The management of the O. G. Greenhouse, the manager of the company which operates the Vanhook in Salisbury and the hotel in the south, and one or two others. These hotel managers were an opportunity to leave the proposition. That is what they think.

The proposition was finally approved subject of course to the Chamber of Commerce. There was a lively discussion. Mr. Simpson was instructed to Hickory by the Chamber of Commerce. He has a good town. Asked how climate and tourists had been considered, he said that these secondary considerations with the Chamber of Commerce support that tourist hotels and while he would like to take care of tourists, he would like to be a first class hotel.

There was a general agreement with this idea. Mr. Hall, for the benefit of the Chamber, stated that the committee had shown him the various plans without prejudice and he would like the Abernethy place as his site. Mr. Simpson declared that the hotel would be a first class hotel. There was a general agreement with this idea.

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Mr. Simpson said his only interest in the hotel would be his commission as architect. He will submit preliminary sketches within ten days. He said that he will put a committee on the job. The hotel will be equipped with a modern lobby, will have a basement, 100 rooms, and all modern equipment. Both tub and shower will be installed and the rooms will be graded as to run from the street to high price. The opportunity to entertain tourists will be the last sight of. Because the hotel location and climate, Mr. Simpson and the other business men, there will be many tourists who will endeavor to make Hickory a famous resort. This new hotel

SAYS NO REFENSE OF RAILROADS NEEDED

Washington, Feb. 1.—Members taken during federal control of the railroads "call for no apologies," William C. McAdoo, war time director of railroads, declared today before the interstate commerce committee, and advised statements by seven of the chief railroad men in the United States to support his declaration.

Mr. McAdoo, who appeared at the committee's inquiry into "transportation conditions," also declared it was impossible not to increase railroad wages and said the result was caused by war time prices being paid on all sides and depleting the railroad supply, particularly the supply of skilled labor.

A NEW AGRARIAN PARTY? New York Herald, Feb. 1.—For more than a quarter of a century America has been taking an agonizing course. The farmers, except for sporadic outbreaks now and again when things have gone badly with them, have been the bulwark of conservatism. For the most part they were property owners. They had something to conserve, hence their conservatism.

Now, with the farmers' hand together in a farm bloc whose attitude is aggressively radical and assuming for the first time in a big national way the reins of leadership, we have no president of sufficient moment on which to base an opinion as to the actual outcome of the present nationwide radical movement.

Its weakness, or perhaps rather its weakness, considered structurally as an impending political entity, is found in the fact that all these various elements have had no adhesive growth. It is as if they had been pitched together over night, a vast discordant mass in the main, but a unit in respect of grievances and radicalism.

With a Roosevelt or a Wilson as leader of this unorganized aggregation it would be amalgamated in short order into a great political unit that would sweep everything before it.

TELLS STARVING OF HORDES IN RUSSIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—Graphic pictures of light-headedness amid tragedy—the cheering smile of America among the starving hordes of Russia—were drawn by Bulah A. White of New Hope, Penn., a member of the Quaker relief unit, now a member of the Voiga district. A letter to the headquarters of the unit here.

After describing the utter desolation in her own immediate district, where the bodies are piled up in trenches like so much cord wood, the pictures a quarter of a mile. Miss White 40 miles away.

Miss White asked for much help, but requested "that they send some one with no heart, for it is a cruel task." She reported cannibalism in the outlying districts.

FIREMEN OVERCOME IN PITTSBURGH FIRES
Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 1.—Nearly a score of firemen were overcome by smoke in fighting a blaze in the National Discount Company in the downtown district today. Although all were removed to hospitals, none were said to be serious. Half a dozen alarms kept the firemen busy since midnight, and the total loss was estimated at \$500,000.

POLITICS AND GENOA
Springfield Republican.
The postponement of the Genoa economic conference would relieve the Harding administration of political embarrassment. A flat declaration of the invitation received would displease very many of the administration's own supporters, while an acceptance might complicate the situation in the senate the stem gambler of which must soon be run by the treaties negotiated by the Washington conference.

The case bristles the more with difficulties the more it is scrutinized. The president is strongly in record as favoring cooperation with Europe in solving its economic problem, while he notes on international conferences; why, then, should he not read his envoys to Genoa, especially in view of the fact that the British, French, Italian, Dutch and Portuguese governments have recently sent their representatives to Washington? Even the national agricultural conference adopted a resolution yesterday favoring action by our government to promote Europe's economic restoration. But Senator Brandegee gave warning on Tuesday that the president could not commit the country to any foreign policy whatever without the consent of the senate, while Senator Borah on Wednesday declared that it is futile to go to an economic conference at Genoa or anywhere else in Europe until the Versailles treaty is radically revised.

So the Genoa conference may be postponed, on the assurance of President Harding that he might be ready to participate at a later date. Postponement, however, might mean no conference for at least six months, and the six months might easily run into a year so far as the United States is concerned. For the treaties to come out of the Washington conference will not be promptly dealt with by the senate, owing to the crush of other business; and they are sure to arouse much controversy. Worse than all else, a congressional election is approaching and campaign time means death to diplomatic activity that is of doubtful value in vote catching.

If the United States were not bound by its constitution to hold congressional elections every two years as well as a presidential election every four years, the nation's foreign affairs might receive better treatment.

Berlin Children Burn Trashy Books



All Berlin school children were encouraged by their teachers to bring their trashy and inferior books to the Tempelhof field of Berlin. About 40,000 pieces of worthless reading matter were given up by the children and burned by the authorities. For each book destroyed the child presenting it was given another book of literary worth.

CONTRACT IS LET TO HEAT LIBRARY
City Council last night awarded the contract to F. B. Ingold to install the heating plant and plumbing in the Carnegie library and awarded the job of wiring to the Hale Electric Company. The contract for placing the roofing will be awarded next meeting.

EXPENSES TOO HIGH ON SOUTHERN ROADS
Washington, Feb. 1.—Southern railroads were declared today by J. T. Ryan of High Point, N. C., representative of the southern trade league, to have failed to reduce their operating expenses as far or as effectively as other railroads of the country have done.

MORE SUGGESTIONS FOR HICKORY MAYOR
Mrs. Carrie Gamble for mayor—that is the head of the municipal ticket submitted this afternoon by Mrs. W. L. Long. A letter dated yesterday and received this morning from A. P. Whitener puts J. L. Cilley in nomination and H. R. Trimlett later named Mr. Cilley as his choice.

CAPPER OF KANSAS
Washington Correspondence of the Philadelphia Ledger.
It is natural at such a rustic moment that Washington should be speculating as to the meaning of the recent requirement by Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas of three important farm weeklies in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. It augments the Capper string of papers—dailies, weeklies and monthlies—nearly a score and extends the sphere of influence of the Kansas farm bloc for the first time into "the enemy's country"—Middle East and East. Agricultural conference chatter has it that Senator Capper aspires to unseat Senator Kenyon of Iowa, as the farm bloc's favorite son in the 1924 or 1928 presidential election. One of the sunflower state's own historians is guilty of the jest that Capper's ambition is to be "our first mail order president."

COTTON
By the Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 1.—The steadier tone noted in the cotton market yesterday was in evidence again today and prices showed further rallies accompanied by reports of a slightly better spot demand.

	Open	Close
March	15.60	15.88
May	16.35	16.50
July	16.09	16.11
October	15.58	15.62
December	15.50	15.55

Hickory cotton 16c.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON SHANTUNG ISSUE

Both Chinese and Japanese Delegates Announce Complete Accord—Naval Limitation Treaty Also Approved at Plenary Session of Arms Conference

Washington, Feb. 1.—The first part of today's plenary session of the arms conference—the fifth in its course—was devoted to the formal adoption of far eastern committee resolutions affecting China and the formal announcement and adoption of the Shantung agreement and adoption of President Harding.

The limitation treaty up to noon had not been reached, although it was erroneously reported in some parts of the country by various news associations other than the Associated Press it had been reported.

At 12:25 p. m. today Secretary Hughes presented to the conference the text of the treaty for limitation of naval armament.

The entire text of today's plenary session of the conference—the fifth in its course—had been up that moment consumed with the presentation and adoption of committee resolutions providing for the return of certain sovereignties to China and the announcement of the settlement of the Shantung dispute.

The naval terms were not read, but Secretary Hughes said the integrity of the plan submitted by the American government was preserved throughout.

A description of the terms of the naval limitation treaty outlines an agreement by the big five. Just before the presentation of the naval treaty and after the resolution affecting China had been quickly adopted without dissent the Shantung agreement was announced and described as satisfactory by both the Chinese and Japanese delegations.

Arthur J. L. Hour, head of the British delegation, declared it was the crowning achievement of the arms conference and threw in another surprise by the flat announcement that Great Britain was ready to hand back to China the province of Wei-Hai Wei.

Secretary Hughes presenting the naval treaty announced he would not read it because copies had been distributed generally. Secretary Hughes gave a somewhat general review of the proposals.

"THE WILSON'S CASE"
Boston Herald.
Everybody is asking questions. Those who dislike prohibition are quite as diligent inquirers as those on the other side, feeling the burden of prohibition enforcement as it affects them and wondering if the big chiefs of Republicanism are exempted from its operations to the extent that an officer who ventures to trespass on their preserves automatically slides down the pay roll.

We agree with Mr. Washburn that Harold Wilson, having once made a Republican gathering should hold his office, willy nilly, whether useful or otherwise, until the November elections were over, or until some convenient opportunity arose to promote him to something better. The system has been handled riskily, not only from the party point of view, but in the light of the larger issue of law enforcement and popular respect.

POLICE TO ASSIST HEALTH OFFICERS
New York, Feb. 1.—Seventy-five policemen were assigned today to the special health committee in enforcing house heating and sanitary rules laid down by Dr. Copeland to prevent the spread of influenza. Dr. Copeland said he would take immediate action against landlords.

Particularly drastic action would be taken against landlords who provide insufficient heat where either influenza or pneumonia patients are confined.

END DIFFERENCES ON FUNDING BILL
By the Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 1.—Early adjustments of the differences between the senate and house measures looking to the refunding of the eleven billion dollar allied debt were locked forward today. Three Republicans joined the solid Democratic minority in voting against the funding bill put through the senate last night.

KILLED IN ROTTS
By the Associated Press.
Berlin, Feb. 1.—Two men were killed and 20 injured in the disorders of Petersdorf Monday night, according to reports. Shots were exchanged while the soldiers were searching houses for arms.

MR. WEDDINGTON DEAD
By the Associated Press.
Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 1.—J. H. Weddington, postmaster of Charlotte for nearly nine years and one of the most widely known political leaders in the state, died at his home here at 12:20 this afternoon. He was 78 years of age.

TRINKLE TAKES OATH AS VIRGINIA GOVERNOR
By the Associated Press.
Richmond, Va., Feb. 1.—E. Lee Trinkle of Wytville was inaugurated governor today, succeeding Westmoreland Davis. Julius E. West of Suffolk at the same time became lieutenant governor, his brother Judge J. F. West of the supreme court administering the oath.