



OVERMAN ASSAILS REPUBLICAN PARTY TACTICS

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—Assailing the Republican party of North Carolina and the action of Senator Lee S. Overman, addressing the Democratic Convention today, declared the Democrats, "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 virtues and most of the 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 a conspiracy to fight it to the bitter end. For a long time this treaty has been held up in the Senate, embarrassing the President and embarrassing us both at home and 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 this 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 spent money corruptly, and they have not discovered out of the billions of dollars we spent for war purposes—marvelous to tell—as much as fifteen cents corruptly spent."

The record of the Democratic party for the last seven years, Senator Overman contended was a splendid record of promises kept and promises performed. He reviewed the legislation passed during those years for the farmers, labor and general welfare of the country, saying, "The Democratic party stands against legislation which believes in legislation, of this kind only, where it is for the uplift and the comfort of the great mass of the people." Under the leadership of President Wilson, as commander-in-chief, the nation, he said, had carried on the greatest war in all history, and had brought it to a successful end. Saying Democratic party stands for freedom of speech, freedom of religion and freedom of the press, but does not stand for license of speech, and license of the press. Senator Overman declared he would stop the immigration of undesirable foreigners, "but his refusal to learn our language, hate our form of government, organize under the red flag for its overthrow, publish newspapers in foreign languages advocate the overthrow of our government, and yet come to share our citizenship."

After summing up the achievements of the Democratic party, Senator Overman referred to the revaluation of property, a fair and just system of taxation. If there are any imperfections in the act, it can be amended or any irregularities or inequities in the act can 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 permitted with inequities and frauds in the list-valuation and valuation of property. Upon this proposition I am content to abide by the honest 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 property of the State Tax Commission, in event of its adoption, is to relieve all real and personal property from all tax whatever for State purposes."

CLYDE HOEY'S KEYNOTE SPEECH

Hopes General Assembly at Special Session Will Ratify the Amendment—Declares Revaluation Act Merely An Honest Effort to Give the State a Fair and Just System of Taxation.

Raleigh, April 8.—"The democracy of North Carolina welcomes the splendid 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," declared Congressman Clyde R. Hoey, temporary chairman of the Democratic state convention today, in his keynote address on state issues.

"Such action will serve the twofold purpose of granting simple, though delayed, justice to our women and exercising for ourselves the privileges of conferring the right of full suffrage upon our own women. Everybody can support that proposition," continued Mr. Hoey.

The keynote speaker passed over the question of good roads in the state for a system of highways to unite and serve all the people of all sections imperative declaring that the intelligence and foresight of the general assembly is a sufficient guarantee the "best method of obtaining this result" will receive the consideration which its importance demands.

The ninth district congressman reviewed the state's progress under Democratic administration, the development of agriculture and the growth of industry and discussed the wealth and indebtedness of the state and the present rate and system of taxation. After pointing out the progress made in publication, the Shelby man proceeded to discuss the revaluation act.

"The revaluation act," said Mr. Hoey, "is pure and simple, 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 inequities in its administration, these can and will be eliminated."

Predicting the adoption of the income tax amendment, the speaker said "it becomes a companion piece of legislation to revaluation, for it is well known that the policy of the state tax commission, in the event of the adoption of the amendment, is to relieve all real and personal property in the state from any tax whatever for state purposes, so that all the taxes levied upon property will remain in the county where the taxes are paid and used for county and school purposes."

THREE CAPITAL CASES IN GASTONIA COURT

A one-week's term of criminal court for Gaston county begins today, Monday, April 12. Judge Henry F. Lane, of Reidsville, will be the presiding judge. The docket for the term is unusually heavy. Chief interest centers, however, in the trial of Effie Robinson, a white woman of the western section of town, charged with the killing of one Richard Fisher some two months ago. It will be remembered that the homicide occurred as the result of an altercation between Fisher and John Kinley who operates a store beyond the Arlington mill on the Bessemer City road. Fisher and several companions, who were all drinking, endeavored to pick a quarrel with Kinley, who ordered them from his store. One of the men, however, drew a pistol to hasten their departure. A short while afterwards they returned and renewed the quarrel. Two of the men, Fisher and one other, grappled with Kinley, had him on the ground beating him up when the Robinson woman came and shot from a pistol and shot Fisher dead. She has been lodged in the county jail since that time.

Another case that is of popular interest is that of young Ivy Caveny charged with running down and killing Mr. J. Lee near the Victory mill on January 17. It is alleged that young Caveny was driving his automobile at an excessive rate of speed. Mr. Kee and one or two companions were walking along the road, and according to information given at preliminary hearing were crowded over into the ditch, Mr. Kee being run over, suffering injuries from which he died.

Reece Hill, a negro charged with killing another negro, John Rocan, at Mayworth, in February 1919 will also come up for trial at this term. His case has been continued from one term to the other for more than a year.

SMALLEST INCREASE IN PROTESTANT CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The smallest annual increase in Protestant church membership in the United States for 30 years is recorded for 1919. The census compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll, who prepared the first official census of religions and made public by the Christian Herald. The increase for 1919 was only 56,000 as compared with the average increase for the ten years previous of 371,947. The slump started, he said, in 1918, which showed an increase of only 115,000 members.

The hitherto most prosperous denominations in the United States showed the following decrease for the year: Methodist-Episcopal, 69,940; Presbyterian (U. S. A.), 40,000; Baptist, 32,208; Disciples of Christ, 17,645; Methodist Episcopal Church (South), 16,404; Northern Baptist Convention, 9,156; National Baptist Convention, 35,007; Presbyterian (S. A.), 8,811; United Presbyterian, 2,866; Cumberland Presbyterian, 1,645; Welsh Calvinistic Presbyterian, 992; Norwegian Lutheran, 2,910.

Among the reasons assigned for the decrease were the interruptions or suspension of regular work of many parishes by the war, calling of pastors for their pulpits, and the concentration of efforts in centenary and other gigantic drives for funds and a great increase in deaths, due partly to the influenza epidemic.

CHIEF OF POLICE STOPS GEORGIA REPUBLICAN ROW

DEMOCRATIC STATE PLATFORM FOR SUFFRAGE

Suffrage Wins 585-428 After Lengthy Debate—Test Vote Sends Woman to Frisco as Honorary Delegate.

Raleigh, April 8.—Recommendation that the Susan B. Anthony amendment to the constitution be ratified by the North Carolina general assembly, the election of Mrs. John S. Cunningham as an honorary delegate to the national convention at San Francisco was the chief item of the Democratic platform for the presidential nomination in the primary, and the recommendation that A. W. McLean be re-elected national committeeman from North Carolina were the most important items of the state Democratic convention here today.

The suffrage question was the outstanding feature, the platform committee recommended in a majority report that the matter of suffrage be left to the voters of the state, who would decide on an amendment to the state constitution at the general election next November.

If the recommendation of the North Carolina Democratic convention, which came as a climax to today's session and was passed by a vote of 585 to 428, as accepted and put into effect by the North Carolina general assembly, when it meets in special session here in July, the women of this and all other states, where the vote has been withheld from the women, will ballot for the first time this fall.

RESOLUTION IS FLAYED BY POU

Tar Heel Grows Hot and Calls It "Peace Humberg."

(By H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte) Washington, April 8.—Partisan ship marked all of today's debate in the house on the resolution to declare the peace humberg.

The North Carolinians, Representatives Pou and Small, defended the President. They made good speeches. Representatives Weaver may speak tomorrow. All of the North Carolinians will vote against the proposition.

CLAUDE KITCHEN IS STRICKEN DOWN BY PARTIAL PARALYSIS

Washington, April 9.—Within a few minutes after concluding an impassioned speech against the peace resolution in the house today, Representative Claude Kitchen, of North Carolina was stricken by paralysis. Hurriedly-called physicians said his left side was paralyzed and the mouth was drawn, interfering with articulation. Mr. Kitchen was carried from the capitol building on a stretcher and was sent home in an army ambulance. His condition is serious, although the full effect of the stroke may not be known for several days.

Over-exertion during today's bitter debate responsible for the stroke. It became known today that Mr. Kitchen suffered a slight stroke in the night of December 16, but the attack was so slight that news of it did not reach his colleagues.

TREATY DEFEAT BOUGHT, HE SAYS

Three Quarters of Million, Says Palmer

Macon, Ga., April 8.—"Three quarters of a million dollars killed the treaty of peace, and the league of nations covenant," charged Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer here tonight in his address in behalf of his own candidacy for the Presidential nomination in Georgia.

"With the majority vote purchased in Michigan," he continued, "Senator Lodge organized the foreign relations committee and refused to report the treaty. If the Democrats carried Michigan—if the republicans had carried it—the treaty would have been passed."

Accomplishment of Baptist Women of State

The 13th annual session of the Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina convened in Shelby Thursday and continued through Friday.

OVER 50,000 ARE IDLE FROM STRIKE

Twenty-five Roads Now Affected; Union Men Called To End Walk-out. Chicago, April 7.—An unauthorized strike of railroad employes, which started a week ago in the Chicago switching district by the discharge of a yard conductor, tonight spread until it had affected twenty-five railroads, and in Chicago had thrown more than 50,000 men out of work, either directly or indirectly.

More than 10,000 union railway men in Chicago and several hundred at Buffalo and at Champaign, Ill. were on strike. Many hundreds of men in Chicago packing houses were thrown out of work for lack of live-stock.

Two "outlaw organizations, banned by the established brotherhoods, as rump unions, had sprung up to challenge the right of the labor heads to lead their men.

In the face of this opposition from within the brotherhoods of engineers, railway trainmen, firemen and engineers and the Switchmen's Union of North America pledged their support to railroad officers in breaking out the walk-out, and that end union railroad men throughout the country have been urged to report to Chicago to serve as strike-breakers.

"Five dollars a day is the minimum which will support a man and his family," the strikers said in a statement. Demanded made by General Managers' Association were: Conductors, \$1 an hour; present scale 66 2-3 cents. Switchmen, 95 cent an hour; present scale 62 1-2 cents. Switch tenders, \$5 a day; present wages 50 cents an hour.

Wilson's and Bickett's Administration Endorsed.

Raleigh, April 8.—The two presidential electors elected today are Col. Albert L. Cox and W. A. Self. The delegates at large to the Democratic convention are J. O. Carr, of Wilmington; Wade Harris, of Charlotte; J. D. Warren, of New Bern, and Julian S. Carr, of Durham.

One thing about Japan that pains us is the circumstance that she is always kept busy denying something—Houston Post.

SHORT ITEMS OF NEWS

Wilmington's population, as announced by the census bureau, is 33,372, an increase of 7,625 or 29.6 per cent over 1910.

Miss Annie Martin, defeated two years ago, in Nevada, for the United States Senate, announces that she will again make the race, for the Republican nomination. She opposes Peace treaty and league of nations.

In some of the counties of the State Saturday women attended the Democratic convention and some were elected delegates to the State convention—among them, Guilford 25, Durham 15 and Wake 5.

Representatives Steadman, of Greensboro, has announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in Congress.

The late Dr. J. C. Rowe is succeeded as pastor of South Main Street Methodist church, Salisbury, by Rev. H. Earl Myers, member of the North Carolina Conference.

S. H. Harold, Southern railway brakeman, was killed on the Asheville yards on a caboose which was backed into by a string of cars.

Conditions in the army general hospital at Oteen, which resulted in a mess hall disturbance February 11, have been corrected by Surgeon General Ireland, the war department announced.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, has been appointed by President Wilson as the official delegate to represent American women at the eighth Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance in Geneva, Switzerland, in June.

A span of 60 feet of the seaboard railway bridge across Lumber west of Lumberton, was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon, supposed to have caught from an engine spark. Trains between Hamlet and Wilmington are being detoured by Smithboro, S. C.

Mrs. Mattie Jester Cumming, charged with the murder of her divorced husband, S. Gordon Cumming, who was shot to death in the street of Hampton, Va., February 7, was acquitted after four minutes deliberation by the jury.

Frank Simond, a consistent prophet of evil, predicts G. O. P. success in the November election. Frank missed it so often that Democrats will welcome his prediction.

Emotional gowns is what an English priest calls modern fashionable apparel. Emotional may be all right, but there is hardly evidence of some of them to be called gowns.

There is some satisfaction in the statement that the peak of high prices has been reached, though it seems like permanent headquarters are to be taken up around the peak.

Hoover finally announces that his political interest is confined to the Republican party. He was little slow about finding it out, but probably it is reliable now that he has reached his conclusions.

Raleigh, April 8.—The local chairmen from the various parishes thru-out the diocese of North Carolina gathered at the campaign headquarters of the University of the South at Raleigh Tuesday afternoon to confer on the movement which is being conducted in behalf of the Episcopal university at Sewanee, Tennessee, now as the University of the South. This movement was launched in this diocese in February and a local chairman has been appointed in every community where there is an Episcopal parish. His work is to carry out the plan of campaign in operating an outlined for him by the diocesan headquarters, and it is these men who were called to the meeting.

Washington, April 7.—Postmasters will not be allowed the \$5 bonus paid for each recruit they obtain "for the army and navy hereafter unless the man enlists for active service. The comptroller of the Treasury ruled today that the bonus should not apply where the recruit joins with reserve or home defense corps. The decision was in answer to a question by Secretary Daniels but will affect the army and marine corps as well as the navy.

Dewey Mayberry and Enos Martin, of Elkin, were arrested in Winston-Salem and fined \$250 each on charge of resisting arrest in operating an automobile without cause and having whiskey in their possession. They appealed and gave bond for their appearance in Superior court.

The total number of coins of American money produced in 1919 was 738,642,000 and their value was \$20,777,000. They included 3,679,000 half-dollars, 15,104,000 quarters, 64,629 dimes, 76,395,000 five-cent pieces and 588,936,000 pennies.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S MEETING NAMES OFFICERS, ADJOURNS

Shelby, April 9.—The Baptist Women's Missionary Union convention in session here since Tuesday night adjourned this afternoon to meet in Rocky Mount Tuesday after the 4th Sunday in March, 1921. This session is considered one of the greatest in history of the organization. The final enrollment was 390.

Mrs. W. N. Reddick, Morganton was elected corresponding and field secretary and Miss Elsie Hunter, Nashville, Tenn., office secretary and treasurer, both succeeding Miss Bertha Carroll who recently resigned. Mrs. J. N. Bonshall, Raleigh, was made recording secretary succeeding Mrs. J. S. Farmer, recently deceased.

Other officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Wesley N. Jones, Raleigh, president; vice presidents Mrs. W. E. Truner, Raleigh, Mrs. F. G. Rattie, New Bern, Mrs. Horace Baker, Lumberton, Mrs. T. H. Henry, Wadesboro and Mrs. W. H. Woodall, Asheville.