

PROGRESSIVES APT TO GO BACK TO OLD PARTY THIS SUMMER

If Republicans Nominate Right Man Will Cause Affiliation At Once

CONVENTIONS SAME DATE

Now Seems Probable—Mr. Roosevelt Looming Up Big—Three-fourths Committeemen Favor Return to the Fold

(By the United Press)

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Three-fourths of the Progressive party national committeemen favor a return to the Republican party if it can be accomplished with honor.

It is extremely likely that the committee at its meeting today will decide to hold the national convention on June 7, the same date as the Republicans, so that in case Roosevelt or any person of progressive tendencies being nominated the Progressives can immediately affiliate with the old party. The party is for Roosevelt, and committeemen believe the Republicans are the same way.

Roosevelt Wires the Committee.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Roosevelt wired today a preparedness plea, calling upon the Moose to forget partisanship in the meeting of the Progressive national committee for the selection of a convention date.

National Issues Up.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—Preliminary steps in outlining the Progressive campaign for 1916 on national, not State issues, were taken today when the National Committee of the Progressive party met here.

State, not national issues, were the basis for the fight last election, Progressives cited. The progressive party was founded on national issues, and its strength is there, party leaders asserted.

Chicago, Denver and Cleveland were bidders for the Bull Moose National Convention in June. Predictions were that the convention will be held June 21, one week after the Democratic National Convention at St. Louis.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON ENTERTAIN CABINET THIS P. M.

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 11.—President and Mrs. Wilson this evening will entertain Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, members of the cabinet and their wives and a number of intimate friends at dinner in the White House. The cabinet dinner is to be the second of the series of social functions of state to be celebrated at the Executive Mansion during the winter.

Dinner will be served at 8 in the state dining room. The guests will be grouped about the great dining table, the President seated in the center, with Mrs. Wilson opposite him. On the President's right, Mrs. Marshall will be seated with Mrs. Lansing on her left. The Vice-President and Secretary of State Lansing will be on the right and left, respectively, of Mrs. Wilson. Other members of the cabinet, seated according to their rank, will be present as follows:

Treasury Secretary and Mrs. William G. McAdoo; War Secretary and Mrs. Garrison; Attorney General and Mrs. Gregory; Postmaster General and Mrs. Burleson; Navy Secretary and Mrs. Daniels; Interior Secretary and Mrs. Lane; Agriculture Secretary and Mrs. Houston; Commerce Secretary and Mrs. Redfield, and Labor Secretary and Mrs. William B. Wilson.

Judge H. W. Whedbee in his charge to the grand jury in Craven County Superior Court Monday asked the jury to refrain from "whitewashing its report as to the condition of the county institutions.

AMERICAN AGENT IN GERMANY IS UNDER FIRE FROM PAPERS

Consul Higgins at Stuttgart Accused of Making Some Statements in Favor of the Allies—Gerard and Berlin Investigating

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 11.—The German government is investigating the case of United States Consul Higgins at Stuttgart, alleged to have made statements hostile to Germany, newspapers say.

Gerard Investigating.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Ambassador Gerard is investigating German newspapers' charges against American Consul Higgins at Stuttgart, that he is favoring the Allies.

MOHR JURY GOES TO SCENE OF SHOOTING

Accused Widow of Rhode Island Physician Who Was Killed On Lonely Road Decided Not to Accompany Men In Whose Hands Her Fate Will Rest—Something About Principals in the Case

(By the United Press)

Providence, R. I., Jan. 11.—The jury in the Mohr murder case left today to visit the lonely spot on the Nayatt road where the doctor was ambushed and shot. Mrs. Mohr decided not to accompany them.

Principals In Mohr Trial.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Mohr, wife of the murdered physician, whose trial began here yesterday, was Miss Elizabeth Tiffany Blair, formerly of Taunton, Mass. When Dr. Mohr first met her she was employed as a sales girl in a Providence department store. She was 19 and the doctor was 35, when they were introduced eleven years ago. Mrs. Mohr is tall and of medium weight, with black hair and eyes. She is said to have a very emotional nature.

Closely connected with the principals in the tragedy are two other women, Miss Emily G. Burger, who was seriously wounded at the time of the murder, and Miss Florence Ormsby, who succeeded Miss Burger as Dr. Mohr's secretary. Miss Burger is 28, tall and good looking. Her father was a master brewer and he now conducts a saloon in Huntington avenue. She worked for Dr. Mohr at his office on Stewart street until last March when, she has stated, she was compelled to leave her position because of Dr. Mohr's attentions. Five days before the shooting she went to work for the doctor as his housekeeper at "Montpelier," his Newport villa, while his regular housekeeper was on a vacation.

Miss Ormsby, who is to be one of the State's star witnesses, is 19 and was born in Danbury, Conn. She will tell of alleged threats, oral and written, made against the doctor by his wife; and also of alleged threats to kill Miss Burger or disfigure her features with vitriol. Miss Ormsby was allowed to read and write confidential letters for the murdered physician, and says she is familiar with all the threatening notes Mrs. Mohr is said to have sent her husband.

ON THE KINSTON COTTON EXCHANGE.

Good prices prevailed on the local cotton market today. Not very much of the staple was sold. The New York futures market closed at below the opening figures, quotations being:

Table with columns: Open, Close. Rows: January, March, May, July, October.

MINERS AT FRONT.

London, Jan. 11.—About 170,000 British miners are making munitions, and 270,000 are at the front.

AMERIC'N PROPOSAL MAY BE HANDED TO BERLIN GOV'T TODAY

Compliance In Full Expected; Lansing Busy On Note to England

SOME TIME UNTIL READY

House Judiciary Committee Decides Against Calling Upon President for Names Alleged Foreign Agents In Conspiracies

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 11.—It is believed that the United States' proposal for the settlement of the Lusitania case as agreed upon yesterday by Lansing and Ambassador Von Bernstorff is to be handed to the Berlin foreign office today. Complete acceptance of its terms is confidently expected.

Secretary Lansing today was busy with the note to Great Britain over the contraband proclamations. It is expected that it will be a long time yet before the draft is ready to go to the President.

Wilson Won't Be Called Upon for Names.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The President should not be requested to name persons involved in alleged hyphenated conspiracies, the House judiciary committee today decided.

DAVIS CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—Westmoreland Davis, Loudon county, frequently mentioned for the Governorship of Virginia, today issued a statement declaring himself a candidate for that office in the 1917 Democratic primary.

MORSE BUSY WITH A PLAN FOR AMERICAN SHIPPING COMBINE

Thirteen Companies, Owning That Number of Vessels, Are Already Gathered Up—Commerce Between American and European Ports

(By the United Press)

New York, Jan. 11.—A new world ship combine is being formed by Charles Morse, the former banker released by President Taft from the Atlanta federal prison. He has already gathered thirteen small companies, with one ship each.

Morse plans a merchant marine touching marine touching South American and European points.

TO GIVE SENATE A REPORT ON WAR GAME

(By the United Press)

Washington, Jan. 11.—Secretary Daniels today announced a plan to furnish to the Senate Admiral Fletcher's report of the war game for the first time in history.

\$10,000 SCATTERED ABOUT DEAD WOMAN'S DWELLING.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 10.—Mrs. Johanna Houck, wealthy and eccentric widow, who died here recently leaving an estate worth probably \$75,000 bequeathed \$1,000 to her niece, Mrs. James T. Anthony, Charlotte, N. C., according to the terms of her will probated today. More than \$10,000 in gold, silver and greenbacks was found concealed in odd places about her home. Mrs. Anthony, in addition to the money bequest, will get a residuary interest in the estate, it was stated tonight.

ENGLISH PLANNING TO GAIN ON GERMAN TRADE AFTER PEACE

Would Have Clause to Prevent Enemy from Indulging In Export Business for Two Years—Boycott Also Being Considered

DEFENSE WELL PREPARED

Ottoman Army Has Only Small Guns for the Attack—Reinforcements Within 17 Miles of Post Today

(By the United Press)

London, Jan. 11.—British forces marching to the relief of Kutelamara are within 17 miles of the beleaguered garrison, but must fight their way through a Turkish army. There is no news of the fate of the garrison. It is possible that a decisive battle has already been fought.

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Won't Complicate Situation With Britain.

Washington, Jan. 11.—No test case of cotton shipment seizures is planned. It is learned that the State Department fears this would complicate the contraband question.

GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EAST CAROLINA

At Beaufort, the sight of the right eye of William Merrill, 9, was destroyed when a shot from an air rifle in the hands of a comrade struck it. The affair was accidental.

Baltimore capitalists are investigating the chances for success of a steamer line connecting New Bern with that city.

F. C. Harding of Greenville and S. M. Brinson of New Bern are new members of the Board of Trustees of the East Carolina Teachers' Training School at Greenville. These take the places of John C. Parker, resigned, and the late former Governor Jarvis.

The Moss Lumber Company of Beaufort was awarded \$1,303.50 in a case in which the Elm City Lumber Co. of New Bern was alleged to have broken contracts.

London, Jan. 11.—Albert Ramber, 15, is sent home from the front, discharged.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

NO EXCUSE FOR ITALIAN SHIP, SAYS VIENNA.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—The Italian steamer Porto Said, sunk recently by an Austrian submarine, first attempted to escape and then tried to ram the submarine, Vienna dispatches today declared.

YOUNGSTOWN STRIKERS BACK TO WORK.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 11.—Many strikers will return to the local munitions plants, as the authorities have agreed to investigate the causes of the riots, looting and arson.

GERMANS HOLDING TRENCHES TAKEN SUNDAY.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Attempts to recapture the positions taken by the Germans Sunday have been repulsed. One French aviator was forced to land and was made prisoner. The Germans took 300 prisoners.

DEATH FORMER ATTACHE TO VIENNA.

Warrenton, Va., Jan. 11.—Col. Joseph H. Dorst, United States army, retired, former military attaché in Austria, and father of Lieut. Arthur Dorst, military aid at the White House, died today.

EXPEDITION TO AID KUTELMARA HAS BIG TASK AHEAD OF IT

Must Cut Way Through the Turks Surrounding the British Garrison

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LIST OF FIFTY POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS TO LAMAR.

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Wilson and Attorney General Gregory tonight began considering candidates for the vacancy of the United States Supreme Court caused by the death of Justice Lamar. They conferred for more than an hour, going over the list of more than fifty men suggested for the place, and eliminating many names. Afterwards the attorney general said no decision had been reached.

POPE TO TELL THE GERMANS OF OFFERS OF BELGIAN PEOPLE

Heard German Demands at the Consistory, and Wednesday Will Receive Cardinal and Bishop Who Will Give Him King Albert's Terms

(By the United Press)

Rome, Jan. 11.—The Pope hopes to take the first steps looking to a peace sweep when Cardinal Mercier and Bishop Heylen of Namur arrive tomorrow to tell the Pope what terms Belgium demands.

The Pope is understood to be convinced that restoration of Belgium is imperative as preliminary to peace proposals. At the recent consistory Cardinal Hartmann related terms on which Germany would evacuate Belgium.

Belgium's terms are to be submitted to Germany as the next step.

FALSE MEDICINE LABELS MUST GO

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Sherman amendment of 1912 to the Federal pure food law declaring drugs to be misbranded if the package or label bears or contains false and fraudulent statements regarding the curative or therapeutic effects thereof, was upheld as constitutional today by the Supreme Court.

The decision, which was rendered by Justice Hughes, follows ten years of legislation and litigation in an attempt to regulate statements as to the curative effect of medicines in interstate commerce. Numerous actions against drug concerns are expected to follow it.

AMERICANS' WAY OF PITCHING NOT JUST SATISFACTORY, SAY

Scandinavian Delegates Threaten to Quit Peace Party—Dutch at First Meeting in The Hague Applaud Speakers

CONFERENCE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

Fourth Annual Convention in North Carolina to Be Held in Charlotte Latter Part This Month—Subjects to Be Discussed—Notable Men to Be Among Speakers—Child Welfare

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Jan. 11.—The fourth annual convention of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service will be held in Charlotte, January 23 to 26, 1916. This is going to be a largely attended and a very profitable convention. Among the subjects to be discussed will be "The Church and Social Service," "The Teachings of Jesus as They Bear Upon the Solution of Modern Social Problems," "Christianity and Social Progress," "The School and the Social Welfare," with numerous subdivisions of this subject; "Current Examples of Social Progress in North Carolina," with several such examples to be discussed in detail by different speakers; "The State, the County and the Municipality and the Social Welfare," with various subdivisions of this subject; "Organizing Society and State for the Welfare of the Child," with speakers on this subject from the various standpoints of the church, Sunday school, woman's clubs, fraternal orders, chambers of commerce, young people's societies, Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.; "Organized Womanhood and the Social Welfare," with several items for definite discussion under this heading; needed reforms and miscellaneous subjects of the social welfare, such as public amusement, public health, constructive charity, etc.

Among the speakers will be Dr. William L. Potat, president Wake Forest College; Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of the Union Theological Seminary; Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Supt. of Public Instruction; Dr. Clarence Poe, Dr. E. K. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; Governor Locke Craig, Bishop Thos. C. Darst, Mr. W. H. Swift of Greensboro, Miss Julia Lathrop, director of the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor of the United States, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Thos. W. Lingle, president North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs; Miss Ella P. Crandall, executive secretary of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing, New York; Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary State Board of Health; Dr. J. I. Foust, president State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, N. C.; Dr. L. B. McBrayer, supt. of State Sanatorium; Dr. Charles W. Byrd, of Greensboro; Hon. Heriot Clarkson, Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. A. W. McAlister, president of the conference; Dr. Melton Clark of Greensboro, N. C., and a number of other speakers of ability and reputation.

M'ADOO INVITES DEMOCRATIC LEADERS TO A DINNER.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Democratic leaders of the House have been invited by Secretary McAdoo to a dinner at his home next Saturday evening which is expected to furnish an

BIG LUMBER PLANT WILL BE OPERATED FOR TIME AT LEAST

J. T. Deal Gives Order for Resumption at Kinston Manufacturing Mill

MAY RENEW CONTRACT

Local Business Interests Hoping that New Agreement Will Be Entered Into to Save to Kinston One Its Leading Industries

(By the United Press)

The Kinston Manufacturing Company will resume operations on Wednesday or Thursday. It is not known if the big plant in the Southwestern part of the city, employing around 250 men and paying about \$3,500 a week in wages, will be run continuously or only for a short time. At the office this morning it was stated that a message from J. T. Deal, at the head of the enterprise, from Norfolk, had directed reopening of the plant. Mr. Deal's message was very brief and contained very few particulars, although it was given verbally over the telephone. He said he had reached an agreement with Norfolk Southern Railroad officials—presumably the legal chief of the railroad and others. The manager could not venture an opinion on how long the plant will be operated. A message to Mr. Wm. Hayes, General Manager of the Kinston-Carolina Railroad & Lumber Co., contained intelligence that the mill was to be reopened but gave few details. The manager of the mill was this morning attempting to get into communication with the superintendent of the logging force. Telephone trouble was interfering. A train had been sent out, it was said, to the logwoods South of here to bring in a supply of timber, upon receipt of which operations will be resumed.

The Kinston Manufacturing Company about four years ago leased the plant from the Kinston-Carolina R. R. & L. Co., in which the Kinston-Carolina Railroad, the John L. Roper Company and the Norfolk Southern are all interested directly or indirectly, the contract calling for the sawing of a certain number of million feet of lumber. Upon the fulfilling of the obligation the lessee was at liberty to cancel the contract, upon three months' notice. The Notice was given in October, the quarter expiring last week, and definite suspension of the plant was forecasted by The Free Press on Saturday, the Deal interests having failed to renew the contract. Mr. William Hayes, stating that the story in this paper on Monday was entirely correct in all the facts related, did not know until late Monday that any attempt would be made to resume work at the mill.

There is general gratification in business circles over the temporary resumption of operations by the K. M. Company. Business men hope that the former lessee will make a new contract so that the industry may be saved to Kinston, with the great amount of business accruing, since it is believed to be practically certain that if the plant is thrown back upon the hands of the owners they will make no effort to run it. That much has been gleaned from a statement by an official of the K.-C. R. R. & L. Co.

BOY GRASPED A LIVE WIRE AND WAS KILLED

(By the Eastern Press)

Washington, N. C., Jan. 11.—Chas. Powell, 11, son of a marine engineer, grasped a live wire at Main and Academy streets late yesterday, and was instantly killed. Workmen were on their way to replace the wire, which had blown down in a gale, and arrived just two minutes too late to avert the tragedy.

opportunity for an administration conference on legislation to provide additional revenue and the new merchant marine bill.