

### REPUBLICANS AND PROGRESSIVES OPEN CONVENTIONS IN WINDY CITY; SEN. BORAH WITHDRAWS FROM RACE FOR NOMINATION

Moosers Convene and Then Adjourn Until Thursday to Give G. O. P. the Start—The Platform Committee of Old Liners Opens Hearings—Hitchcock Claims Hughes Has a Lead—Harding and Robins Keynoters—Bruises Inflicted by 1912 Steam Roller May Be Entirely Healed at Chicago This Session—Delegates Are Brothers, Not Enemies—Busy Times in Middle West's Metropolis

(By H. L. RENNICK, United Press Staff Correspondent)

Chicago, June 7.—The Bull Moose today tramped through the rain and gloom to the auditorium for their second convention, ready for war or peace at their own terms with the Republicans. The fireworks are expected to start as soon as Roosevelt's name is mentioned.

Hasty conferences preceded the opening. George W. Perkins, chairman of the National Committee and a peace delegate, prepared to block the premature nomination of Roosevelt before the Progressives can get together with the Republicans. The convention was called to order shortly after 1 o'clock. The delegates are more enthusiastic than the Republicans.

#### More Trouble in the Camp.

Chicago, June 7.—Backed by pledges for half a million votes and half a million dollars to overthrow the enemies of woman suffrage, the National Woman's Party this afternoon demanded that the Republicans include a suffrage plank in their platform. They planned to demonstrate their strength by an afternoon parade. They expect 30,000 marchers. The Republicans are paying attention to the new party.

#### G. O. P.'s Formal Start.

Chicago, June 7.—The Republican National Convention was called to order by Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the National Committee at 11:20 o'clock. Eight hundred people were waiting when the hall was opened at 9. Mr. Hilles arrived at 10.

Roosevelt is the favorite in the betting at even money, Hughes at six to five, and Root at five to one.

Crowds pouring into the coliseum delayed the opening for half an hour.

The weather is rainy and chilly.

Rev. John T. Stone of Chicago made the invocation. The temporary officers were announced as Senator Harding, chairman; William F. Stone, sergeant-at-arms, and James E. Reynolds, secretary. The delegates are on their job, impatiently awaiting the first show of strength.

Americanism and party unity were the keynotes of Harding's speech formally opening the convention. Mr. Reynolds read the official roll call. There was a spasm of applause when the bands played Dixie and Old Kentucky Home. Hilles presented Senator Harding. Senator Harding's words were barely audible at first because of the noise.

#### Borah Withdraws.

Chicago, June 7.—The Republican National Convention met at 11 o'clock today. The temporary chairman, Senator Harding of Ohio, made the keynote speech.

The resolution committee opened its hearings on platform planks.

Senator Borah announced his withdrawal from the race.

The favorite son's allies claim they can number Mr. Hughes' votes. Hitchcock claims Hughes, following, outnumbered the allies' votes.

The Progressive convention met at noon. Temporary Chairman Raymond Robins of Chicago is the keynoter. Committees will be assigned and the convention adjourn until tomorrow.

#### Steam Roller Caused This.

Chicago, June 7.—Jostling crowds on Michigan Boulevard, the blare of bands, wriggling lines of densely packed humanity in hotel lobbies, be-ribboned and be-badged visitors, and the buzz, buzz of talk—this was the opening day of the Republican and Progressive National Conventions.

At least, these were the outward manifestations of the chosen few of two national parties meeting in solemn conclave to name a presidential ticket.

Four years ago the steam roller stalked its Gargantuan way through Chicago's streets, down and through the Coliseum and back into the roundhouse of political history.

If the steam-roller hadn't performed, there would have been only one national convention today. But those who were quashed by the pancake-making wheels of the juggernaut arose, brushed off their dusted garments and assuaged their mangled bodies with the balm of a convention, candidates and machinery of their very own.

It appeared today that the bruises the steam-roller of four years ago inflicted might be entirely healed. The Republican man in the street and the Progressive man in the street hailed each other as brother, not as political enemy.

### RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE AGAINST AUSTRIANS GROWS IN VIOLENCE

Million Slavs Now Massed Against Teutons in Bessarabia, Said

#### MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Austrians Are Moving Men From Italian Front to Reinforce the Outnumbered Forces Menaced by Czar's New Armies

(By the United Press)

London, June 7.—Premier Asquith has taken charge of the war office temporarily, it is announced.

London, June 7.—Interest of European military critics is centered on Russia. The offensive of the Slavs has been in operation a week, and is growing in violence. Thirty thousand prisoners, says a Petrograd official dispatch, and quantities of cannon and small arms have been taken. A million Russians are massed in the Bessarabian region. Critics today believed the Austrians have only half as many troops. The Austrians are believed to be withdrawing men from the Italian front to bolster up the northern defense.

#### British Lose Trenches.

London, June 7.—German infantry following the explosion of mines today occupied a section of British trenches north of Hooge, it is officially admitted. Other attacks on the Hooge-Ypres line were repulsed.

### NEGRO ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE AT NEW BERN

Henry Jones, colored, charged with shooting to death William Crawford, also colored, at James City, went on trial for his life at New Bern today. The defendant plead self-defense.

### UNVEIL STATUE VANCE TWENTY-SECOND JUNE

Likeness of Famous North Carolinian in Hall of Fame at Washington—Presented by the State to the People of the Nation—Illustrious Son's Memory Appropriately Honored

(Special to The Free Press)

Washington, June 7.—On June 22, in Statuary Hall, the Capitol, there will be unveiled and presented to the people of the United States, a statue of the late Senator Zebulon B. Vance, of North Carolina.

The statue has been prepared by direction of Governor Craig and the Council of State, under a joint resolution of the Legislature of 1907, and pursuant to the Act of Congress dedicating this hall to the purpose of thus honoring the memory of the good and great men of the nation and giving to each State the right to place therein two of her distinguished citizens, illustrious for civic or military virtues.

### BRIEFS IN THE NEWS OTHER E. CAROLINA TOWNS AND COUNTIES

Greenville in a town election voted down a proposition for a public library and voted for a private-owned gas plant in preference to a public-owned plant.

The North Carolina Building and Loan Association will hold its annual convention in Greenville next Tuesday and Wednesday. Several score delegates will attend.

S. E. Jones of Askin, who swore that a young woman for whom and her fiancé he secured a marriage license was 18 years of age, when she was only 16, was fined \$25 and costs in Superior Court at New Bern Tuesday.

### LIST OF DEAD FROM MONDAY'S CYCLONES IS FAST INCREASING

More Than 160 Fatalities Reported So Far; Five States Suffered

#### THIRTY LOST ON VESSEL

Steamer Capsized In the Mississippi — Arkansas Heads List With 78 Dead. Injured Exceed a Thousand, It Is Estimated

(By the United Press.)

Memphis, June 7.—Over 160 persons were killed in the series of cyclones which swept sections of Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Kentucky Monday, reports today showed. The deaths include 30 missing from the steamer Eleanor, which capsized in the Mississippi north of Memphis, the dead being removed in a boat.

There were 30 deaths in Missouri, 78 in Arkansas and 15 in Mississippi, so far accounted for.

Heber Springs, Ark., with a summer population of 2,000, was almost blown away. Few buildings are left at Judsonia, Ark. The total of injured exceeds a thousand.

### MAJ. HEARTT IS NEW CLERK FEDERAL COURT

Major Leo D. Heartt of Raleigh, father of Mrs. C. F. Harvey of this city and well-known to many Kinstonians, has been appointed clerk of the Eastern District Federal Court to succeed Col. J. L. Eflow of Greenville, who died Sunday. The appointment was made by Judge H. G. Connor.

Maj. Heartt had been deputy clerk about two and a half years.

### NEW BERN DESIRES CONNECTION WITH A. C. L. IN PITT COUNTY

Chamber of Commerce of Lower Neuse City Wants Line to Link Kinston and Weldon Branch With the Road There

At a meeting of the New Bern Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night Owen G. Dunn suggested that the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad be asked to build a line from that city to Grifton, to connect with the Weldon-Kinston road, according to today's Morning News-Bernian. The A. C. L. had previously agreed to build when business picked up, it was said.

A committee—the same that will represent New Bern at the State Good Roads convention at Wrightsville Beach this month—will call on the A. C. L. officials at headquarters in Wilmington.

### JAMES THE PERMANENT CHAIRMAN ST. LOUIS

Washington, June 7.—The majority opinion among the Democrats is that Senator Ollie James of Kentucky will be permanent chairman of the St. Louis convention.

#### 18 BUTLER SCORES

Chicago, June 7.—Marion Butler, former Senator from North Carolina, was elected a member of the platform committee of the Republicans over James J. Britt here yesterday, again offering proof, his friends say, that he dominates the party in the home State.

### BRITISH THINK THE GERMANS HAD SPIES WATCHING KITCHIN'R

Loss of Hero Causes Demand for Indiscriminate Internment

#### POLITICAL ROW LIKELY

Over Appointment of Successor—May Be Robertson or a Civilian—Lloyd-George Mentioned — Recruiting Stimulated

(By United Press)

London, June 7.—A marked recruiting stimulus and demand for the internment of enemy aliens regardless of sex, age or naturalization are the results of the death of Earl Kitchener. A political struggle is possible concerning the appointment of his successor as war minister. Some want a civilian, others Sir William Robertson, chief of staff. Lloyd-George, minister of munitions and civilian, is mentioned.

The demand for internment is the outgrowth of a belief that Germans knew the whereabouts of Kitchener and notified their government.

### FILED BOND FOR SIX MILLIONS IN IREDELL

Durham, June 7.—A \$6,000,000 bond, one of the largest in the history of this State, has been filed at Statesville by executors of the estate of Louis Cabot, a Boston millionaire banker, who owned extensive holdings in Iredeed and Rowan counties.

### CAPABLE OFFICERS FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVERS

Wilmington Has Majority of Officials of the State Organization—Prominent Workers Made Addresses at Recent Big Convention in Charlotte—Tarboro's Earnest Delegates

(Special to The Free Press)

Charlotte, N. C., June 7.—Ten delegates to the recent State Christian Endeavor Convention here, headed by George Howard, drove from Tarboro to the Queen City in two automobiles, 270 miles each way, traveling 540 miles in all.

The Endeavorers for the new fiscal year have a very capable administration with the following officers: President, George L. Mitchell of Wilmington, re-elected; B. B. Reynolds of Wilmington. Rev. J. D. Andrew of Newton, E. P. Parker of Greensboro, Rev. A. T. Banks of Henderson, Rev. Wm. Hooper Adams of Charlotte, James Walls of Wilmington and Rev. R. A. Lapsley, Jr., of Tarboro, vice-presidents; Miss Isabel McDougall of Wilmington, secretary; Newton Fisher of Wilmington, treasurer, and superintendents: Quick Hour and Tenth Legion, Rev. O. G. Jones, D. D., of Greensboro; Press, Miss Florence Ledbetter of Greensboro; Prison C. E. Work, Rev. C. E. Newman of Raleigh; Missionary, Rev. J. C. Leonard, D. D., of Lexington; Junior, Mrs. Lewis McFarland of High Point; Floating C. E. Work, Thomas C. Findlay of Wilmington; Extension, E. M. Shepherd of Winston-Salem; Transportation Manager, E. B. Reynolds of Wilmington, and Intermediate, R. C. Boyd of High Point.

Among those who made addresses at the convention here were Rev. C. M. Compher of Virginia; Wyatt A. Taylor of South Carolina; Rev. J. C. Leonard of Lexington, N. C.; Rev. Wm. H. Adams of Charlotte; Rev. J. A. Andrew of Newton; E. M. Shepherd of Winston-Salem; J. H. Galt Braxton of Kinston; J. T. Maddrey of Winston-Salem; E. P. Baker and Rev. O. G. Jones of Greensboro, and Karl Lehman of Birmingham, Southern States Secretary.

### MITCHELL SAYS HE SEEMS TO HAVE WON HIS POINT, ANYWAY

Floor Leader Kitchin Now Boasts He Is Standing by President — Defeated Candidate Thanks His Friends in District

Clingman W. Mitchell of Aulander, defeated in the Congressional contest in Saturday's primary by Congressman Claud Kitchin, Tuesday made the following statement: "I desire to express my warmest thanks to the voters of the Second District who honored me with their votes. I have had some loyal friends and I shall not forget them."

"The announcement made by me, when I entered the contest with Mr. Kitchin, may well be repeated here. I had but one purpose, and that was that the member of Congress from the Second District should support the Democratic Congress, in the effort to pass needed constructive legislation, and to uphold the hands of our great President. Though defeated, I seem to have accomplished that purpose. Mr. Kitchin now boasts that he is standing by the administration and the President. His votes and speeches, for the last month, encourage us to believe he will continue to do so. If so, all will be well. If not, Hon. Claude Kitchin can render the Democratic party and the country great service. He cannot do so, in opposition to the party and President. We have his word, and I do not doubt it, that he is now standing by the President and the Democratic majority. This being so, I feel in answering the call of loyal and true Democrats to enter the contest, I have not acted in vain, and that I have rendered my party and the country some service. The contest has engendered no bitterness, and I am ready to support the nominees of my party with enthusiasm, giving whatever of time and means I may be capable of rendering."

### TRIED TO READ HIS LITTLE SAY IN THE HOUSE; GOT PINCHED

Washington, June 7.—Baynes N. Westcott of New York, claiming he had been shadowed by sleuths for no rightful reason, tried to read a resolution in the House yesterday from a gallery in which he stood. He was arrested. Westcott had been unable to locate a Congressman he intended to submit the document to, and proceeded to read it himself. He claimed it was his constitutional right. Speaker Clark had to rap for order in the House. The resolution demanded an investigation of the Federal secret service.

### FORTY-SEVEN GRADUATE GREENVILLE TONIGHT

Bickett to Make Commencement Address at East Carolina Teachers' Training School—Alumnae Dinner. The Class Officers, Flower, Motto and Colors—Chorus to Sing

(Special to The Free Press)

Greenville, June 7.—Forty-seven young women graduates of the East Carolina Teachers' Training school will receive their diplomas tonight, following the address by the Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Attorney General T. W. Bickett. A well-trained chorus will render special music. The alumnae dinner will be given at 8 o'clock, preceding the exercises, in the dining hall at the school.

Officers of the graduating class are Louise A. Smaw, President; Lela Reid Durham, vice-president; Lida Harrison Taylor, secretary; Hattie Thomas Turner, critic; Sallie Cook Lassiter, historian, and Alma Spivey, treasurer. The class flower is the nasturtium, the motto, "Loyalty is Everything," and the colors, gold and white.

### GOVERNOR CRAIG MAY PASS THRU KINSTON

Governor Craig is expected to pass through Kinston this afternoon en route to Morehead City, from where he will cruise through the sounds as the guest of Fish Commissioner H. L. Gibbs.

### CHAMBER COMMERCE APPROVES THE STEP OF COMMISSIONERS

Resolutions Endorse Action in Borrowing Money for Extra Road Work

#### BOOSTING THE Y. M. C. A.

Directors of Businessmen's Organization Will Lend Support—Will Take Lot of Money to Equip Association Here

The Chamber of Commerce directorate at the regular monthly meeting Tuesday night passed resolutions endorsing the action of the County Commissioners in borrowing money for the improvement by contract of between 30 and 40 miles of highway additional to the regular program in the county this year. The consensus of opinion was, however, that a bond issue should be voted to improve the entire system. The Chamber hopes, by consistent work, to bring the people of the county to favor bonds—if they are not already in favor of an issue—before many months have passed.

The proposed Y. M. C. A. was discussed. The directors learned of the activity of several prominent men in its interest, and will give support to the proposition.

Dr. R. H. Temple, one of those most enthusiastic over the Y. M. C. A., says that with very little effort pledges for between \$1,200 and \$1,500 were secured. It will take around \$75,000, however, unless it should be thought advisable to rent rather than build quarters. The Chamber of Commerce is expected to formulate plans for a campaign throughout the city. With all the people informed and well-laid plans it would not be nearly so difficult to raise the money, it is said by the men behind the movement.

### BAPTIST ASSEMBLY BY THE SEA THIS MONTH

Holds Forth From 25th to 2nd of July at Wrightsville Beach—Noted Speakers — Larger Attendance Than Last Year Expected—Chautauqua Talent of Exceptional Ability

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, June 7.—Much interest is being manifested in the approaching Second Annual Baptist Seaside Assembly to be held at Wrightsville Beach, June 25 to July 2. Speakers of national reputation have been secured and a very attractive program arranged.

Secretary E. L. Middleton of Raleigh is busy sending out the programs and he expects an attendance more statewide than that of last year. The annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union and the organized classes will be held at the beach the week prior to the assembly, and this will likely add to the attendance.

With exceptional talent secured for the eight days, and in addition the Chautauqua feature, Baptist people will have the privilege of combining pleasure with intellectual development during the week. The railways have made reduced rates to the beach and Rev. J. A. Sullivan of Wilmington will gladly give information as to special arrangements made for the board of those who attend.

Dr. E. W. Spillman and Rev. W. Blanchard of Kinston are on the program.