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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

The Case for Cox—"I Favor Going In"—Gov. James M. Cox.

"The supreme issue of the century is before us, and the nation that halts and delays is playing with fire. The finest impulses of humanity, rising above national lines, merely seek to make another horrible war impossible. The question is whether we shall or shall not join in this practical and humane movement. President Wilson, as our representative at the peace table entered the League in our name in so far as the Executive Authority permitted. Senator Harding, as the Republican candidate for President, proposes in plain words that we remain out of it. As the Democratic candidate, I favor going in."—From Gov. Cox's speech of acceptance.

The Press on Gov. Cox's Declaration.

The sole question is whether we shall join the twenty-nine governments that have accepted it (the League of Nations) or cast our lot in the outer darkness with Germany, Russia, Turkey and Mexico. "The Republican proposal means dishonor, world-confusion and delay." There is no mincing of words about that. The Democratic candidate redeems his promise of "straight-thinking and straight talking."—Times, New York, Ind. Dem.

Nor shall we deny that Governor Cox is in a much more acceptable position, theoretically, for all sincere believers in the League policy, than is the Republican candidate.—Public Ledger Philadelphia, Rep.

Governor Cox has met the issue of the campaign and he has met it boldly and directly. He is for the League of Nations, not a league of nations that has no existence except in the minds of partisan politicians—not a mythical or intangible association or society of nations which is without form and void. He is for the League of Nations that is already established.—World, New York, Ind. Dem.

"I favor going in," is the plain, blunt, direct answer which Governor Cox's speech of acceptance brings to the question as to his attitude toward the League of Nations. It is a satisfactory answer and it helps to shape the leading issue of the Presidential campaign. * * * It is plain common sense to say that the voters who want the existing League of Nations must vote for Governor Cox and that voters who do not want it or want nothing that their grandfathers did not have, must vote for Senator Harding.—Republican, Springfield, Mass., Ind.

As between a candidate who would have us assume among the nations a mans part in many fashion and one who would have us either stay out of the League or crawl into the League, we can see no choice. The issue is now joined.—Evening Post, New York, Ind.

The Governor's is a sane American view of the Peace Treaty and League of Nations question and he cannot be blamed for trying to take on himself and party credit for all the sanity and Americanism on the subject.—Indianapolis Star, Rep.

There is no evasion, no playing with words of double interpretation, no beating about the bush on any issue of the day. He speaks with the frankness that has characterized all his political utterances. On both these questions (the Treaty and the League) he leaves no doubt of where he stands or his readiness to meet the Republicans on these issues.—Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio, Ind.

Governor Cox is a strong man. His career is typical of America. And he thinks in American terms and measures facts by American values. Mr. Roosevelt is worthy of his name.—Leslie's Weekly, Rep.

If Governor Cox had set out to contrast a true and cheerful Democratic progressivism in the larger sense with the narrowly dubious and devious states of mind in the Republican camp, he could not have done it better than in his speech of acceptance.—Evening World, New York, Ind.

He forced the Republicans, in his speech, into the farthest extreme of opposition to the League and then took the other extreme himself. There was no shirking in his position. He was not afraid of looking a world of chaos in the face and taking a principal part in setting things right.—Mark Sullivan, Roosevelt Progressive, in the North American.—Philadelphia Progressive Rep.

The Globe believes that Mr. Cox is entirely right in most of this argument; and it is on this belief that it predicates the conclusion that Amer-

ica is quite as certain to enter the League under a Republican administration as under a Democratic one. Yet it is true that Senator Harding's equivocal and uncertain position in this matter has laid him open for just such an attack.—Globe, New York, Rep.

As between Gov. Cox and Senator Harding the Evening Post finds no difficulty in declaring that Cox is a friend of the League and Senator Harding is its opponent. Not for a moment can we take seriously the argument that we should prefer the man who says he is against the League, but who may in some mysterious manner be induced to change his mind, to the man who declares himself explicitly in favor of the League. To translate Cox's "yes" to the League into a "no" and Harding's "no" to the League into a "yes" is to abandon common sense for metaphysics.—Evening Post, New York, Ind.

His exposure of political motives behind the Republican Senatorial cabal that deliberately "obstructed and delayed the works of peace" and permitted political expediency to "dwarf every consideration either of the public interest or of the maintenance of the honor of a great political party" is mercilessly complete.—Evening World, New York, Ind.

Cox, like his platform, is specific, direct, courageous and progressive. His words are the words of American statesmanship at its best. They presage, if James M. Cox is elected, a President that will not be the property of party or faction, but the impartial servant of all the people.—World-Herald, Omaha Nebr., Dem.

He leaves not a moment's doubt on where he stands on the issue. * * * The reservations, if they may be termed such, proposed by Governor Cox, are in conformity with the national platform; they furnish a means by which the Senate, after the November election could unite and bring about peace with Europe.—Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Col., Ind. Rep.

Promulgated by the Democratic National Committee.

SMALL FORCE WILL BE RETAINED ON BOONE TRAIL.

The board of county commissioners have decided to advance funds sufficient to retain a small force of hands on the Boone Trail Highway. This action is necessary if Wilkes county is to be allowed state and federal aid on this road, as the State Highway Commission has specified that work must be continued. Mr. D. F. Shepherd has been made foreman of the force, and notes of small denominations will be issued shortly to meet the expenses incurred. Wilkes county has been promised \$75,000 state and federal aid on this road, and only \$16,400 of this amount has been paid into the treasury of the road commission.

ASHE RECORDER CHANGES HANDS.

Mr. T. W. Adams, for the past eighteen years editor of our esteemed neighbor, The Ashe Recorder, has sold his paper to Messrs. H. C. Tucker, W. P. Hamilton and F. D. Duffield. The paper will shortly be moved from Jefferson to West Jefferson.

COMMUNITY FAIRS.

Community fairs will be held in three communities in the county this year. The first fair will be held at Boomer on October 6th, the second at Millers Creek, October 7th, and the third at Mountain View October 8th. Community fairs were held at several places in the county last year. They created a great deal of interest and were a source of inspiration to all who were interested in their success. Splendid premium lists have been prepared for each of the fairs to be held this fall. It has been stated that the exhibits this year will even surpass those of last year. These fairs are great community builders and it is hoped that next year they will be held in many places throughout the county.

UNION PRAYER SERVICES.

Union prayer services to be held at the First Baptist church next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Members of the various churches are invited to attend. Dr. Ware will conduct the meeting on Wednesday night. No prayer service at the Methodist church that night.

BEAUTIFUL NEW CHURCH AT MT. VIEW DEDICATED SUNDAY.

The dedicatory service at Mountain View last Sunday at 11 a. m. was a great occasion. The beautiful new church edifice which was erected by the loyal and faithful people was dedicated with appropriate exercises. The church was filled with eager listeners from various sections, and they came because of their interest and admiration for Mountain View and the formal opening of the attractive new church, which stands as a monument to the cause of Christ, simple in design and neat in appearance, with separate Sunday school class rooms, which can be used for overflow congregations. The location is at the cross roads situated in a prominent place near a grove accessible to the people, and in view of the school. The acoustics of the building are perfect. Miss Eva Sams, music director, provided special music which was skillfully rendered. The bass solo by Mr. Mayford Miller, a ministerial student, was especially fine. Dr. A. E. Brown, superintendent of mountain schools, was to have delivered the dedicatory sermon; but failed to come, and Rev. W. F. Staley was called upon to save the disappointment. He chose for his text, Matt. 21:13, "My house shall be called the house of prayer." Mr. Staley made a strong plea for spirituality in the house of God and that it should be a place of communion with God, and a place of blessing. For fully three-quarters of an hour the speaker spoke with eloquence and power.

The day was perfect and the occasion ideal, and the inspiration was such as to evoke the best thoughts of the preacher. Rev. Milton McNeill read the 40th Psalm as a scripture lesson. Rev. Calloway Blevins offered the dedicatory prayer which was fervent and full of feeling. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for the installation of a heating plant in the boys' home; about \$426 was raised. The entire program was highly enjoyed. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. S. S. Jennings.

The church at Mountain View is to be commended for its heroic sacrifice and zeal. Messrs J. S. Kilby, J. P. Elledge, Rev. A. S. Hays and Sheriff Woodruff and others have stood by the work nobly. Prof. Hays and his efficient collaborators are having a fine school, a choice spirit prevails at Mountain View and the prospects for the future are very bright.

CONCRETE WORK PROGRESSING RAPIDLY IN WILKESBORO.

Progress is being made in placing concrete along main street in Wilkesboro. Contractor Pearson has now reached a point near the Presbyterian church, and had not rain fell here yesterday, he would have almost had concrete laid to the court house by the first of the week. Within a few days it will be possible for the traveling public to use the concrete street from the top of the hill to the Boone Trail Highway by making a short detour in Wilkesboro.

The work on the approach to the Yadkin River bridge on the north side of the river has not been pushed forward to any great extent. Concrete walls have been placed but it will probably be next week before Contractor Brookshire will begin laying concrete. Much material, however, has been placed and when the work does begin it will progress rapidly.

HARDING CONTINUES TO LAMBAST THE LEAGUE.

Marion, O., Sept. 20.—Warning that "the League of Nations is full of 'known ambiguities' and that it was an ambiguity in our own constitution that led to the civil war, Senator Harding today asked a delegation of civil war veterans and a delegation of Kentucky and Tennessee citizens "how we ever can consent to enter into a new world war compact with a dozen ambiguities in it." The senator asserted that Article X of the League of Nations is a "reciprocal pledge on our part to help preserve the independence and national integrity of forty-four nations," and that the article and its correlative "clearly contemplate a war if need be."

Owing to a misunderstanding, the Kentucky and Tennessee delegation came today instead of tomorrow and the presidential candidate found it convenient to address them along with the delegation of G. A. R. veterans who had stopped off on their way to attend the national encampment at Indianapolis.

MRS. JOHNSON NOMINATED FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS.

A large number of Democrats of Wilkes County, representing every township in the county except Walnut Grove, held their regular county convention in the court house Monday. The convention was featured by the stirring speech of Hon. W. C. Hammer, nominee for Congress from this district, the presence of a number of Democratic ladies, and for the first time in the history of Democracy in this county, a lady was placed on the ticket to make the race to fill a county office.

County Chairman Floyd C. Forester called the meeting to order and flamed Prof. C. C. Wright temporary chairman, and Messrs C. C. Faw, Julius C. Hubbard and R. B. Pharr, temporary secretaries. The temporary organization was made permanent, and the chairman announced the convention ready to transact business.

Upon roll call twenty of the townships of the county were found to be represented by delegates, a member of one of the delegations being a lady. A motion was made and seconded to the effect that a nominating committee composed of one delegate from each township be appointed to nominate candidate for various county offices. The report of this committee follows:

Representative—H. A. Cranor, Wilkesboro township.

Sheriff—D. F. Shepherd, Lewis Fork.

Register of Deeds—Mrs. Mollie Johnson, Wilkesboro.

Treasurer—Clarence Hendren, of Brushy Mountain.

Coroner—Eugene Whittington, Union township.

Surveyor—John E. German, Boomers.

County Commissioners—J. H. Jones, Walnut Grove; J. A. Poplin, Edwards; W. J. Palmer, North Wilkesboro.

The above ticket was enthusiastically received and nominated by acclamation. Mr. J. H. Pennell was re-nominated as a member of the County Board of Education.

Attorney Frank B. Hendren, ex-Congressman R. N. Hackett and Attorney Chas. G. Gilreath, in short addresses lauded the present administration, the Federal banking system, and the League of Nations.

The speech of Mr. Hammer added much to the success of the convention. He was introduced by Attorney H. A. Cranor. Mr. Hammer stated in opening his discourse that never before had he seen a political campaign opening as late as this year. He stated that he was just beginning his campaign for congressional honors this week, but that he would continue in the field until November 2. He stated that he believed in fighting. The speaker praised the League of Nations as a peaceful means of bringing wars to a close, flayed the record of the 66th Congress (Republican), referred to John J. Parker being raised and educated a good Democrat, advocated the Tax Revaluation Act, calling attention to the personal property exemption of \$300. Mr. Hammer was unable to "let the dead bury the dead" and called the attention of his hearers to the days of Republican rule in North Carolina when the negroes were given power, and the days of "Lily-White" Republicans and Marion Butler. The speaker offered a glad hand to the Democratic women of the commonwealth of North Carolina, stating that it was unnecessary to invite them into the Democratic party, because they have always been Democrats. Mr. Hammer closed his remarks with an urgent appeal for the women of the county to register for the November election.

The nomination of Mrs. Johnson as candidate for register of deeds is significant and gives the Democrats a very good chance to elect her this fall. She is a daughter of ex-Sheriff McEwen and wife of ex-Sheriff J. H. Johnson, one of the leading Republicans of the county. Should the women vote for her, then her election would be assured. But the woman vote is a mystery and we must wait a while before their opinions are made known. The Democrats have a good ticket, and it is worthy of support.

REVIVAL MEETING AT BAPTIST CHURCH BEGINS OCTOBER 4TH.

A series of evangelistic meetings to be conducted at the First Baptist church will commence October 4th. Dr. Luther Little of Charlotte, will preach, and Furman Betts, of Raleigh, will have charge of singing. Morning service at 9:45; evening service at 7:30. Come and bring a friend.

31 KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN WALL STREET.

New York, Sept. 16.—A mysterious explosion in Wall street, near Broad, believed by trained department of justice and police investigators to have been caused by an infernal machine, rocked the heart of New York's financial district at noon today, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

At least 31 persons were killed, more than 200 were injured the banking house of J. P. Morgan and company, the subtreasury and the assay office were partially wrecked and property damage estimated in excess of \$1,000,000, was caused by the blast.

Thomas W. Lamont, of the J. P. Morgan firm, expressed the belief, however, that the explosion was purely an accident caused by a collision between an explosive-laden wagon and another vehicle. The firm has received no threats of any kind, he said, and there was no real reason for the planting of a bomb outside the firm's office.

The noon hour had struck and an endless stream of office workers had just started pouring into the streets from buildings in the neighborhood. Suddenly, a cloud of yellowish, black smoke and a piercing jet of flame leaped from the street outside the Morgan office.

Then came a deafening blast. A moment later scores of men, women and children were lying prostrate on the ground and the streets were covered with debris from thousands of broken windows and the torn facades of adjacent buildings. In two minutes the stock and curb exchanges, the financial pulse of the world, had closed. Panic and confusion reigned in the heart of New York's financial district.

Thousands of clerks and stenographers fled in terror from adjoining structures. Scores fainted, fell and were trampled on in the rush. Meanwhile, the noise of the explosion, which was heard throughout lower Manhattan and across the river in Brooklyn, brought thousands of the curious to the scene.

The few police on duty in the district were unable to cope with the crowds and a hurry call for police reserves was sent to all down-town police stations.

New York, Sept. 20.—Statements by two men, one of whom claims to have seen the "death wagon" which carted the explosive, standing near the assay office at 10:30 a. m., Thursday, and one and one-half hours before the explosion occurred, and the other who claims to have seen three men running away from the scene just before the blast, furnished the most important developments today in the general investigations of the disaster now under way.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Next Monday Worth Bagley Ellsworth, named after Worth Bagley, the first American soldier killed in the Spanish-American War, was to have entered the Randolph-Macon military college at Front Royal, Va. Instean young Ellsworth, whose family is known throughout North Carolina, will be buried at Glenwood cemetery here, one of the many victims of the bomb explosion that rocked Wall Street yesterday.

REXALL STORE GIVES RESULTS IN STATE AND COUNTY.

The local Rexall store, the North Wilkesboro Drug Company, made known yesterday the results of the straw vote being conducted on the election of Governor Cox and Senator Harding for the presidency. Following is the vote in the State up until Wednesday: Cox, 2749, 2224 male, and 525 women votes. Harding, 1546, 1363 male, 183 women, votes. The vote in this county thus far is: Cox, 183, 150 male and 38 women votes. Harding, 202, 167 male and 35 women votes.

After October 1st national results will be posted daily in the windows of the Rexall store, and printed in this paper each week until after the election.

REPUBLICANS LOSE FIRST AT-TACK ON ABSENTEE VOTE.

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—North Carolina Republicans lost their first attack on the validity of the absentee voters act today when Judge John H. Kerr, who heard the case of J. J. Jenkins against the state board of elections and another action against the treasurer and the auditor, ruled that the 1917 act is constitutional and sent the plaintiffs to the Supreme court.

Dr. C. A. Moseley, of Greensboro, was here on business this week.

WOMEN SHOULD MAKE FULL PREPARATIONS FOR VOTING.

The Equal Suffrage Association of North Carolina is sending out to all local organization, over the name of its distinguished President, Miss Gertrude Weil, a circular of suggestions looking to the preparation of the women of the State for the exercise of their now-fully-established right of suffrage.

We reproduce this circular in full, as follows:

SUGGESTIONS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS PREPARATION FOR VOTING

Now that our immediate goal of woman's enfranchisement has been attained through ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, the suffragists of the State have a definite program looking to the intelligent use of the vote in the Fall elections.

We make the following suggestions to local leagues and committees:

I. Instruct the women of your town and county in the division of your county into voting precincts, the processes of registering and voting, the period of registration, the date of election, and the offices for which incumbents are to be elected. Urge upon them the desirability of investigating the qualifications of the several candidates for office and the selection of the most deserving of their support. Stimulate them to register and vote—it is their duty as responsible citizens.

(1) Town women may be reached by: a. Talks at special meetings; b. Talks at meetings of other organizations, clubs, church societies, etc. c. Distribution of literature.

(2) Rural women may be reached by a. Talks at meetings called by Home Demonstration Agents, Farm Demonstration Agents, County Moving Picture Agents, and at community fairs. (Get one of your members or some well-informed man to do the talking.) b. Distribution of literature.

II. Instruct your town and county women in a knowledge of government, that they may have a more comprehensive appreciation of citizenship and its duties than from the foregoing brief course. For this I can recommend nothing better for a guide than the pamphlet issued by the University Extension Bureau entitled "Studies in Citizenship for Women." This gives outlines for study and reading, programs for meetings, and suggested topics for additional lectures by local or imported speakers. For further information concerning this program or other material for studies in citizenship write to Miss Nellie Roberson, Chapel Hill, N. C.

We women are now voters. It is for us to use our votes conscientiously and intelligently for the upbuilding of a stronger, better State and country.

Gertrude Weil, Pres.

HON. J. J. PARKER MADE FINE ADDRESS YESTERDAY.

Hon. J. J. Parker, Republican nominee for governor of North Carolina, spoke yesterday afternoon in the court house in Wilkesboro to a large audience on the issues of the day, principally the Revaluation Act and the League of Nations. His speech was well received by his hearers.

Mr. Parker was introduced by ex-Sheriff P. E. Brown, who in a few appropriate words told of the splendid character and integrity of the speaker of the day.

In the course of his speech Mr. Parker made a number of comparisons showing that the Revaluation Act was unjust. He stated that under the new law the corporations, railroads and the man who had money, would pay less taxes, while the farmer would pay more. Mr. Parker also pointed out the fact that it would never do for this country to become a member of the League of Nations. To prove his point he used this illustration: Should America and Japan get into a controversy and the matter become very acute it would then be taken to the league conference, and America would have no vote in the league, and would not even be allowed to stand up for her rights.

Mr. Parker's speech was clean and was well up to the standard of addresses that he has made in many sections of the State. He will also speak tonight in the Amuzu Theatre building.

Messrs Ira W. Smitley, Carl Coffey, and Mack Brown, who have been spending the summer vacation at their respective homes in the county, returned this week to resume their work at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.