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SLATE MADE UP FOR THE WAKE DEMOCRATS

Star Chamber Conference Has Already Nominated Candidates

IN ADVANCE OF THE PRIMARIES

Among Those Present Were Editor Josephus Daniels of the News and Observer, C. J. Hunter, Agent Union Central Life Insurance Company, County Attorney H. E. Norris, John W. Thompson, Director State Hospital, B. C. Beckwith, Chairman State Board Internal Improvements.

At a caucus or conference of certain local politicians held a few days since a ticket was selected for the democrats of Wake county. The details of this meeting have leaked out and become the subject of general street gossip. The participants in the secret meeting, held not only in advance of the democratic primaries but before the county executive committee has even named a date for the primary election, have been reticent to discuss the matter but several admitted that the conference, so-called, was held and the qualifications were discussed. The democrats of Wake county will of course be expected to ratify without question the nominations made for them by the dozen men who behind closed doors fixed up a county ticket.

From facts that have slowly come out it is disclosed that perfect harmony did not at first prevail. But to begin, there were present in this advance primary election Editor Josephus Daniels of the News and Observer, Mr. D. C. Beckwith, chairman of the state board of internal improvements, Mr. C. J. Hunter, general agent of the Union Central Insurance Company of Cincinnati and chairman of the state board of charities, Mr. Gaston Moseyhan, janitor of the court house, Mr. W. N. Jones, Mr. John W. Thompson, director of the state hospital, Geo. W. Norwood, clerk in the secretary of state's office, Mr. E. P. Maynard, Mr. H. E. Norris, county attorney, Mr. George Kennedy, employed at the supreme court building, and half a dozen others.

A serious division came in the selection of a senatorial candidate. Mr. Percy J. Olive, member of the last house from this county and author of the present road law, was placed in nomination. Mr. W. N. Jones was among those who did not favor this candidate, but Mr. Olive's friends won, and he was duly chosen for the party.

For the house of representatives the caucus nominees are William E. Faison of Raleigh, Millard Mil of Shotwell and W. C. Douglass of Raleigh.

There was little contest for sheriff and C. M. Walters, F. H. Whitaker, H. D. Rand, J. H. Robbins and others were swiftly brushed aside, and J. H. Sears of White Oak was pronounced the accepted candidate. Judge W. M. Russ, clerk of the court, has not emerged from the woods, for the caucus decided to have this office open for the present. Later another meeting may be held and his successor dictated to the democrats of the county. The same was true of register of deeds; no nomination was made to succeed J. J. Bernard. He may be chosen or he may be marked for slaughter; his fate hangs in the balance. The conference also failed to act on solicitor, although both Solicitor Jones and City Attorney Snow were discussed and their claims considered.

There was a general discussion over a platform, and some conclusions are said to have been reached. These, however, were in the rough, and they will be perfected in time for the democrats to accept what the caucus says. One of the participants in the meeting says that the purpose was simply to discuss candidates and ascertain their standing, but the conference has excited no end of political gossip.

The meeting was dominated, it is understood, by the following seven well known politicians:

1. Josephus Daniels, supreme chief

of the Improved Order of State Savers.

2. John W. Thompson, director of the State Hospital and expert of the North Carolina Railroad.

3. George W. Norwood, chief clerk in the office of the secretary of state. Mr. Norwood is commonly believed to carry the vote of Neuse township in his breeches pocket.

4. Herbert E. Norris, county attorney, who drafted for the present board of county commissioners the county road law now in force, the same that was introduced in the house by Representative Percy J. Olive. Mr. Norris is also a large stockholder in the Apex Journal, Mr. Olive's official organ.

5. Gaston Moseyhan, janitor of the county court house, who says he carries the vote of Barton's Creek township in his vest pocket.

6. Carey J. Hunter, the insurance agent and chairman of the state board of charities.

7. George Kennedy, watchman in the supreme court building.

The meeting unanimously endorsed the road law passed by the last legislature at the instance of the present board of county commissioners and its attorney, H. E. Norris, and introduced by Mr. Olive.

It is noticeable in this connection and may be mentioned in passing that the town of Apex comes in for considerable in the distribution scheme. She has a county commissioner, the sheriff and the senator. They live in the town of Apex, which is an incorporated town and does not have to work the roads under the law.

CONGRESS WON'T QUIT VERY SOON

Speaker Cannon Says It May Run Until August

MUCH BIG WORK AHEAD

If Rate Bill Is Passed By The Senate By May 1 It Will Take Six Weeks For The Rest of The Business—Sees No Prospect of Early Adjournment.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—Congress will adjourn some time between the middle of June and the first of August. That is my guess.

This was the reply of Speaker Cannon today to an inquiry about the probable length of the present session. "You see," continued the speaker, "there is a certain amount of work congress must do before it adjourns. Little of that work has been done yet. The appropriation bills have been fairly well advanced by the house, but the senate practically has done nothing with them. If the senate should pass a railroad rate bill by the first of May, it would take all of six weeks for the rest of the work which must be done. And who knows whether the rate bill will be passed by the first of May? In addition to the appropriation bills—and the house will not permit them to be rushed through with all the senate amendments—there are other measures which probably will take some time. I see no prospect of a very early adjournment. We'll be here some time yet."

NEGRO BOY LYNCHED BY MOB IN TEXAS

(By The Associated Press.)
Oakwood, Texas, April 25.—A seventeen year old negro boy was lynched today by a mob of seven men who took him from the custody of the officers. The negro had entered the home of a white neighbor town. He was caught and fully identified and was awaiting transportation to the county seat. The deputy sheriff who had the prisoner in charge fired several shots at the members of the mob, but without effect.

Spencer Eddy to Wed.
(By The Associated Press.)
Sacramento, Cal., April 25.—A lady from New York who is a friend of the families interested in the Sacramento Union that Larline Spreckels and Spencer Eddy are to be married at 8 p. m. next Saturday.

INSURANCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Local Agents Estimate the Loss at \$200,000,000

GREATEST ON RECORD

Normal Conditions Being Restored in the Stricken City and Troops Are Withdrawing—Supreme Court Issues Ruling Which Will Protect the Rights of the Citizens.

(By The Associated Press.)
San Francisco, Cal., April 25.—Things are quieting down in San Francisco today.

Telephonic communication with Oakland has been re-established. For the time being the service will be confined to business communications, but it will be extended very soon. Telephone service will be resumed in the undestroyed portions of the city in a few days.

The belt railroad is now operating around the water front, and all sorts of relief supplies are being distributed from there. The electric lights will be extended to the wharves right away. There will be plenty of electric lights almost immediately, perhaps today.

An official list of the condition of the school buildings through the city shows that twenty-nine buildings were utterly destroyed and that forty-four were at least partially spared. As many of the latter were so damaged that they will have to be either pulled down or thoroughly repaired, it is likely that the resumption of the sort term will be made in tents erected in the parks.

Surgeon General Gerard of the United States army has taken possession of the Crocker Grammar School on Page street for the benefit of the sick people in the park who will all be removed to that place for care and shelter. There is ample floor space for three hundred patients. A force of two hundred physicians and surgeons is making a house to house inspection of sanitary conditions under orders of the health commission.

There are 107 companies to share the San Francisco insurance loss. This is estimated by the local agents at between \$175,000,000 and \$200,000,000, but New York sends word that the insurance men there think the loss will not exceed \$125,000,000. Chicago's loss was \$125,000,000 and three companies defaulted to the amount of \$45,000,000.

The losses in Baltimore, which paid in full, amounted to \$35,000,000.

The state supreme court has made a sweeping order granting a re-hearing in all cases in which a petition has been filed, and in which the time for granting a re-hearing will expire before the first of May. The purpose is to prevent lapses which would deprive parties to a suit from completing the record within the time specified within the writ. A similar order was made in respect to appeals in that court from the United States district court of appeals.

The sailing of the Oceanic Steamship Company's steamer Sonoma for Australian ports having been indefinitely postponed, it has been decided to divert all mail for Australia via Vancouver, and it is due to leave there on April 27. The steamer Alameda, belonging to the same line, will likely sail for Honolulu on April 28.

Train service on the Southern Pacific coast division, operating between this city and Los Angeles via San Jose, will be resumed today, but the northern terminal will be Oakland pier, instead of Third and Townsend streets, and the train will run via Niles and San Jose. Services will also be resumed between San Jose and Santa Cruz, Monterey, Salinas, San Luis Obispo, etc.

The proposition involves an appropriation of three million dollars. The White Mountain reserve will contain 1,250 square miles and the area of the Appalachian reserve will be 17,500 square miles.

FRANCE FEARS MAY DAY RIOTS

But Police Say the Situation is Not Tragic

TROOPS ARE PREPARED

Eighty Thousand Men Have Quit Work, but Not More Than 20,000 Are Disorderly—Police Are in Favor of Closing the Stores—Strike Trouble Near Crisis.

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, April 25.—According to a semi-official statement made by a high functionary of the prefecture of police today the military and police are prepared to meet every eventuality May 1.

He said the police canvass shows that eighty thousand men have stopped work, of which number the disorderly element does not exceed 20,000. Against these can be massed forty-two thousand to forty-five thousand troops, namely twenty thousand infantry, ten thousand cavalry and 10,000 to 15,000 republican guards and police, with large additional reserves. The police will endeavor to localize the manifestation to the Place De La Republique, which is the great labor center, and to the vicinity of the labor exchange. This will prevent the manifestations from gathering the center of the city, the center of the Place De La Concorde, into the residential sections of the Champs Elysee or Passy. It is expected that the strength of the military and police will readily enable them to confine the disorderly element within its own, eastern sections, thus reducing the demonstration to isolated affairs which should be controlled.

The police are convinced that there is no danger of lack of food supplies owing to the strike in the provision trades. They believe that the dealers in provisions are reaping a harvest by spreading alarmist reports. The police are in favor of closing the stores altogether. In conclusion the official of the prefecture stated that the situation while serious does not warrant it being represented as tragic. The strikers have decided to stop work May 1 and to remain out until they are granted an eight hour day and a weekly holiday.

GLENN SPEAKS FOR FORESTS

Urges Congress to Save Mountains from Ruin

INDUSTRIES AT STAKE

House Committee On Agriculture Hears Strong Addresses Today, Fourteen States in New England and the South Being Represented, White Mountain Proposition.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—A large and enthusiastic delegation representing fourteen states in New England and the south, favoring the combined proposition to create two large forest reserves, one in the White Mountains and the other in the Appalachians was heard by the house committee on agriculture today.

The proposition involves an appropriation of three million dollars. The White Mountain reserve will contain 1,250 square miles and the area of the Appalachian reserve will be 17,500 square miles.

Governor John McLane of New Hampshire opened the argument, speaking particularly with reference to the White Mountain proposition. The concluding argument was made by Gov. Robert B. Glenn of North Carolina, who addressed himself to the necessities of the Appalachian reserve. He said many southern industries were dependent upon the conservation of the water powers of the south.

Other speakers were Representative Patterson of South Carolina; Director Stewart of the West Virginia agricultural experiment station, and Major Smith, representing the Southern Cotton Manufacturers.

CAN'T GET INTO STATE PRISON

Frail Durham Here, Waiting to Begin Sentence

NONE TO COMMIT HIM

Sheriff Not Able to Come From Polk County and Prisoner's Brother Declines to Make Official Commitment—Most Remarkable Case on Record.

Frail Durham, the young white man from Polk county, is still here unable to get in the penitentiary to serve his fifteen year sentence for killing Deputy Sheriff Hinton in Polk while the officer was arresting him for carrying concealed weapons. He came here last Thursday under bond accompanied by his mother and brother and is at the Yarboro with his mother while the brother has gone back to Polk county to make some arrangement for either an officer to come from there or to have the sheriff of Wake or other officer here deputized to deliver the prisoner.

It developed after Durham arrived here that the sheriff of Polk could not come owing to the fact that court is in session this week and the clerk of Polk court offered to send the official commitment here so that Durham's brother could deliver him to the penitentiary authorities. But W. M. Durham declared that he did not wish to be put in the attitude of committing his own brother to the penitentiary, so he returned to Polk county a few days ago to arrange either for an officer to come here or for the authorization of Sheriff Page of Wake to make the delivery.

In the meantime Frail Durham spends his time walking about the city sightseeing. He has called on a number of the state officers with whom he is acquainted at the capital, including Attorney General Gilmer, who as an official duty argued for the state before the supreme court in opposition to allowing Durham a new trial.

Durham could be seen last evening seated on a bench in the capital square, wearing a white vest and patent leather shoes, quietly smoking a cigarette. Little did passersby suppose that the youth was here trying to become an inmate of the penitentiary and that thus far his efforts had been in vain.

This is the most remarkable case on record in this state. It is remarkable not only for the fact that the prisoner is unable through such peculiar circumstances to get into the penitentiary to begin the service of his sentence, but also for the unusual circumstances of the crime.

Durham was arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and he and Deputy Hinton had gone to a nearby office where a bond was being prepared. Before it was signed Durham dashed out of the office and ran. His friends told the deputy just to complete the bond and let Durham go that they would sign it all right. But Hinton pursued Durham and shot at him, Durham claiming that the bullet went through his coat sleeve. He turned and fired at Hinton, wounding him fatally. Durham says the reason he ran was that he had a revolver on his person and was afraid he would be searched and a second case lodged against him for carrying concealed weapons.

TO ORGANIZE SELMA CHAPTER.

The Raleigh Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held a special convocation last night for the purpose of conferring the degrees on a number of candidates from Selma, Johnston county, where a chapter is to be established very soon. They were S. P. Wood, T. H. Pearce, W. H. Call, J. A. Spiers, T. G. Seay and L. H. Alfred.

PUGILISTIC STARS BOX AT FRISCO BENEFIT

(By The Associated Press.)
Los Angeles, Calif., April 25.—A boxing tournament participated in by many of the leading pugilistic stars of the country, and attended by two thousand people, nearly half of them women, was given at the Pacific Athletic Club last night for the benefit of the San Francisco earthquake sufferers. It netted forty-five hundred dollars.

James J. Jeffries, retired heavy-weight champion of the world, went two rounds each with Jack Root and Dan Long. Battling Nelson boxed four fast rounds with Eddie Robinson, and Aurelia Herrera, who is to meet Nelson May 11 for the light-weight championship, boxed the same number of

MANY GHOULS KILLED BY 'FRISCO SOLDIERS

Shot Dead as They Rob Shattered Homes of the Destitute People

FLYING BULLETS HIT RED CROSS LAUNCH

Thousands Leave the Stricken City To Find Shelter Elsewhere and Ruddy Glow of Embers Still Marks the Scene of the Terrible Disaster. Rich and Poor March Together and Grim Tragedy Is Shown by Their Lack of Worldly Goods—City Still Cheerful After a Week of Gloom.

(By The Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., April 25.—The board of directors of the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company at a meeting here today declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent on the common stock of the company. The dividend is payable June 15 to stockholders of record May 29.

NEW YORK MAN WON THE SWIMMING RACE.

(By The Associated Press.)
Paderborn, Greece, April 25.—C. M. Daniel, N. Y. A. C. holder of the world's championship one hundred yard swimming record, won the final heat in the one hundred metres swimming race today. Time one minute, thirteen seconds. Hungary, Hungary, was second; Healy, Australia, was third and Derbyshire, England, was fourth.

Daniel won an excellent race by a yard. He set the pace throughout and finished strong.

A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS TODAY

\$300,000 for Mare Island Navy Yard Urged

ARMY SUPPLY STATION

President's Tribute to Courage and Self Reliance of People of San Francisco—Appropriation Asked Would Put to Work Over 2,000 Men at Once.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, April 25.—In a special message to congress today, President Roosevelt urges the immediate appropriation of \$300,000 for work at the Mare Island navy yard at San Francisco, in order that employment may be provided for many in the stricken city. He also urges the necessity for the appropriation of money for the re-establishment of an army supply station in San Francisco. The message says:

"With a courage and self reliance of which we cannot as Americans be sufficiently proud, the people of San Francisco have already started in orderly and resolute fashion to rebuild the city. Immediate aid in this enterprise should be given by the federal government. One of the crying needs of the situation is employment for the scores of thousands of men who have lost everything. If the appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars for the Mare Island navy yard be at once passed, over two thousand men will immediately be put to work, for this appropriation will be expended only in employing labor. The appropriation is urgently needed as a means of contributing toward the re-establishment of affairs in San Francisco." (Continued on Page Seven.)

NO EARTHQUAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO

(By The Associated Press.)
New York, April 25.—A dispatch was received from E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, at his office in this city about 2 p. m. today denying reports that there were new earthquake shocks in San Francisco today. The message follows:

"Reports of new shocks of earthquake in San Francisco are absolutely without foundation. Perfect sunshine day here. Everything quiet." (Signed) "E. H. HARRIMAN." (Continued on Page Seven.)