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GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

Most Notable Gathering Ever Assembled to Consider the Public Welfare

SOME OF THE PROBLEMS

Intelligent Discussion of Some of the Great Problems Confronting the Nation — Thirty-Six Governors Present and More Expected—Gathering Called to Order at 11 O'clock This Morning—Address of Welcome by Governor Wilson and Response by Governor Carey, of Wyoming.

Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 12.—Gov. Woodrow Wilson today called the third annual conference of governors to order. Nineteen governors are present. Governor McGovern, of Wisconsin, was elected temporary chairman. In welcoming the delegates, Gov. Wilson said: "Vitality of this conference is manifested by the fact it has released itself from federal guidance."

"We are now an independent body." Gov. Carey, of Wyoming, made the response. For the first time in a year Governors Wilson and Judson Harmon, of Ohio, faced each other. The greeting was most cordial.

Problems Discussed. Spring Lake, N. J., Sept. 12.—If the solution of some of the great problems confronting the nation at the present time is to be assisted by the intelligent discussion spread and lasting nature may be expected to result from the annual conference of the Governors of the States of the Union, which assembled at the New Mcmumouth Hotel here today. It is, perhaps, one of the most notable gatherings that has ever met to consider questions pertaining to the public welfare. The conference will continue until Saturday.

The roll call by Secretary William George Jordan of New York developed the fact that thirty-six states were represented by their chief executives, with the probability that several others will arrive in time to take part in the later proceedings of the conference. Maine and California, Washington and Florida, with practically all of the intervening commonwealths, were represented. In addition, the attendance included several members of congress, financiers of note, educators, jurists and captains of industry who were successively invited to take part in the deliberations.

The gathering was called to order promptly at 11 o'clock this morning. The proceedings began with an address of welcome by Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey and a response for the visitors by Governor Joseph M. Carey, of Wyoming. The program for the remainder of the day included papers of "Strengthening the Power of the Executive," by Governor Emmett O'Neal of Alabama and Edwin L. Norris of Montana and an address by Governor Augustus E. Wilson of Kentucky on the "Possibilities of the Governor's Conference," which was discussed.

CONVICTED BRIBER HAS DISAPPEARED

Columbus, Sept. 12.—Rodney J. Diegle, former sergeant at arms, of the Ohio state senate convicted of bribery, who disappeared yesterday with one of his attorneys, has not been located by friends. Diegle, who had been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, was given until Monday to submit a confession which might result in a suspension of the sentence. Diegle was later located at French Lick Springs, Indiana. Attorney General Hogan endeavored to keep Diegle whereabouts a secret. He will appear in court Monday when it is expected he may submit a confession implicating many members of the legislature in bribery.

Flour Coming Down. Portland, Oregon, Sept. 12.—Price cutting between millers is responsible for the cheapest opening price for flour in four years. Flour is now quoted at \$4.50 per barrel. Despite the low price of flour, the wheat market is rising constantly.



John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline Talmage Force, who were married last Saturday at "Beachwood," the Astor summer home in Rhode Island, by the Rev. Joseph Lambert, of the Congregational Church.

REVENUE REPORT.

Month of August Shows 53 Seizures of Illicit Distilleries—Paul Allman Convicted of Violating Search and Seizure Law. (Special to The Times.) Asheville, N. C., Sept. 12.—According to the report of Revenue Agent Sams, which has just been compiled for the month of August, there have been fifty-three seizures of illicit distilleries by the revenue officers during that month. As the result of these seizures there have been ten arrests and fifty-eight prosecutions were recommended. The special taxes collected amounted to \$1,150. Of the seizures made twenty-six were in North Carolina, twenty-three in Virginia and thirteen in Tennessee.

During the past few days reports have been received of seizures of one distillery in Graham county by Deputy Collector Shope, Special Employee Sams and Deputy Marshal Ensey, and one in Burke county by Deputy Collector Harkins and Special Employee Kaitpe with a number of possemen. Paul Allman, who was convicted at the July term of superior court for violating the search and seizure law, was sentenced to eight months on the county roads and whose case was appealed, was arrested Saturday by order of the clerk of court for failure to make appeal bond. Allman was originally fined \$500 and it was understood that he was going to leave the state on account of his health. He did not pay the fine and the sentence was changed to eight months on the county roads. He gave notice of appeal but the bond was never perfected.

ITALIANS CHARGED WITH WRECKING TRAIN

Middleton, Conn., Sept. 12.—Four Italians were arrested here, charged with wrecking the New Haven express the night of August 27, killing one passenger and injuring sixty seriously. The motive is the alleged desire of Giacomo Lisi, a discharged railroad employee, for revenge. The detectives think the robbery attempt was abandoned because only two cars went of the embankment.

Honor Christian Endgavor Founder. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 12.—Rev. Francis E. Clark, founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, was a guest of honor at a convention held here today by the Ontario and Quebec branches of the organization. The gathering was held in honor of Dr. Clark's sixtieth birthday anniversary. This afternoon the delegates journeyed to the town of Aylmer, the birthplace of Dr. Clark, and held a memorial service at the grave of his mother.

Elks to Meet at Bluefield. Bluefield, W. Va., Sept. 12.—A state reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks opened in this city today with an attendance of delegates and visitors from all the principal cities and towns of West Virginia. The gathering will last three days. Tomorrow the delegates will visit the Elks' National Home at Bedford City.

Will Fight Bread Trust. Kansas City, Sept. 12.—The International Union of Bakery and Confectionary workers which opened its triennial convention yesterday, will fight the alleged "bread trust," which refuses to recognize the union, by going into the baking business itself. It will launch its own bakeries in cities where the trust refuses to recognize the union.

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European Countries Recognize Portugal. Lisbon, Portugal, Sept. 12.—The republic of Portugal was formerly recognized today by Great Britain, Spain, Germany, Italy and Austria.

MOLASSES FLOODS NEW ORLEANS STREET

New Orleans, Sept. 12.—A flood of molasses swept several streets leading from a storage warehouse when a large tank, containing a million gallons, burst with a tremendous report. A stream fifteen inches deep flowed down Market street, nearly one mile. The explosion was caused by the supporting wall breaking. The loss is fifty thousand dollars.

Drowned in Army Manoeuvres. Dresden, Saxony, Sept. 12.—During the army manoeuvres eleven Uhlans were drowned in the Elbe River.

LOOKS LIKE "DRY" VICTORY IN MAINE

Portland, Maine, Sept. 12.—Revised returns of the vote in the special election yesterday on the question of taking prohibition out of the state constitution, shows with only fourteen small towns missing, a majority of 763 against constitutional prohibition. The vote for the repeal of prohibition amendment follows. For repeal, 60,721; against repeal 59,958.

School Teacher 54 Years. New York, Sept. 12.—After fifty-four years of service as teacher in the east side schools, Charles F. Hartman, principal of Public School 106, retired from his position today. In the half century of his pedagogy Mr. Hartman taught many a boy who afterward attained distinction in the life of the metropolis.

HEARD IN SMITHFIELD Fleming Case Comes Up Tomorrow Evening

Matter of Possession of Two Small Children to Be Settled Before Judge Peebles—More Sensational Testimony Expected.

Before Judge R. B. Peebles at Smithfield tomorrow night will begin the hearing of testimony in the matter of Mrs. Nello Claire Fleming against her husband for the possession of their two small children, whose custody was awarded without prejudice by Chief Justice Walter Clark to their paternal uncle, Dr. A. H. Fleming, of Louisville. Judge Peebles will pass on the moral responsibility of Mrs. Fleming and if he awards her the custody of the children may specify what alimony she shall receive pending the result of her action for divorce. While the evidence cannot be obtained before it passes through the regular court channels, it is learned that new testimony, some of it of a sensational nature, will be presented. The evidence introduced before Judge Clark will be read; depositions and affidavits will be introduced. An effort will be made to show that Dr. Fleming is not a proper person to have the custody of little children, the petitioner having attempted to show this before Judge Clark. Both sides have been at work on the case for several weeks and all available evidence has been secured. The attorneys from Raleigh will leave here tomorrow afternoon at 12:30. Col. John W. Hindsdale is chief counsel for Mrs. Fleming and is assisted by Solicitor Herbert E. Norris, who is attending court this week at Lillington. Mr. Norris will be able to leave Lillington tomorrow. Mr. W. C. Douglass, senior member of the firm of Douglas, Lyon & Douglass, has recovered from his recent illness and will attend the hearing. Mr. F. S. Spruill of Louisville will also attend.

Mrs. Johnson to Become an Aviator. Hempstead, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Ralph Johnson, widow of the daring aviator killed at Denver last year, has decided to take up aviation. She begins lessons on Hempstead plains this week.

Majority Still Coming Down. Portland, Maine, Sept. 12.—The official returns from 225 cities, towns and plantations, used in revising the unofficial figures of last night, voted the repeal majority to 148 votes.

Looks Like "Wets" Have Lost. At 1:45 p. m. the official returns indicate that the repeal majority in favor of repealing the prohibition law may be wiped out. The vote taken yesterday was for the purpose of deciding whether the prohibition amendment which has been in the constitution since 1884 should be repealed. The statute law still leaves prohibition in effect in the state until acted on by the legislature, which meets in 1912.

STEAMSHIP ASHORE

Went Ashore Off Alaskan Coast—Passengers and Crew Rescued. Seattle, Sept. 12.—The Wooden steamship Ramona, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, bound from Skagway, for Seattle, with passengers and freight, went ashore on one of the Spanish Islands, opposite Cape Decision, Alaska, Sunday morning and it is a total loss. The passengers and crew were rescued by the steamship North-Western and are on the way to Seattle.

OPENING AT CHAPEL HILL

Registration Over Three Hundred the First Day. (Special to The Times.) Chapel Hill, N. C., Sept. 12.—Monday was the first registration day for the one hundred and nineteenth opening of the University. A big crowd has arrived and on the first day the registration number had passed the three hundred mark. The majority of the students will not arrive until Tuesday night and Wednesday morning and it is expected that when the classes start on Thursday the number registered will be far beyond the thousand mark. This is expected to be the greatest year that the University has ever had. With a graduating class of one hundred, which went out last June, to use their influence in building up a greater University, there is no doubt about the student body numbering a thousand at the end of the registration period.

COACH BOECK HAS ARRIVED

Coach Boeck has arrived and already has had the few men who have come and have any hopes along the football line on the field doing some



A new photograph of Harry N. Atwood, the youthful Boston birdman and breaker of the world's cross-country flight record who will compete in the \$50,000 cross-country airplane race. Atwood, in this picture, is shown seated in the biplane in which he flew at the Brighton Beach Motorrome last Friday (September 8).

shown in the apparent majority by which prohibition was stricken from the constitution yesterday. No license workers are still hopeful the figures will swing their way. They are preparing a strenuous campaign to keep statute prohibition intact. To repeal the statute will require a two-thirds vote of the legislature and no-license people insist, in view of the close vote, it will be hard for the other side to muster up a sufficient number of votes.

Active Work. The men who played on the team last year who have returned are Captain "Bob" Winston, Blake Applewhite, W. P. Bell, Manning, Venable, and Abernethy; also some of the men that played on the 1907 team have come back to back this year and will be on the field again. Those of the 1909 team back this year are: Dickie Belden, "Pat" Deans, "Mike" Spindler, and "Ike" Manning. With these old men and with the promising new material that has come in the prospects for the 1911 football team are looking very bright. Coach Boeck and Captain Winston are going to do some telling work and it is hoped by every true Tar Heel that not a single person will be disappointed on November 20th in Richmond.

ARREST MADE IN THE HENDERSONVILLE CASE

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 12.—The police have discovered nothing regarding the finding of the body of Myrtle Hawkins in Lake Oconee two days ago. The scientific theory is discarded. A man is under arrest at Hendersonville in connection with the case.

LONG TRIP TO WOOD ENDED

Man Who Has Been Traveling 2,400 Miles a Week to Wed Tuesday. Beverly, Mass., Sept. 12.—Following a dinner given by Daniel B. Wentz, of Philadelphia, to Harold Gillette, of Chicago, champion long-distance walker of the United States, the guests left early today on board a revenue cutter for Biddeford Pool, Me., where Gillette will marry Miss Cornelia Bookmier next Thursday.

UNION VETERAN LEAGUE

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 12.—The twenty-sixth annual national encampment of the Union Veteran Legion began in Memorial Hall in this city today, and will continue until the end of the week. Several hundred delegates are present, including National Commander Nathan Munshower of Columbus, O., Senior Vice Commander William P. Griffith, of Brooklyn, and Junior Vice Commander P. E. McCabe, of Beaver Falls, Pa. Nearly all the national officers of the women's auxiliary are here.

FELL AND MACHINE DEMOLISHED

Alta, Cal., Sept. 12.—While flying at a considerable elevation, Aviator Fowler fell with his machine, which was demolished. Fowler escaped with minor bruises. The accident was due to the rudder falling to work.

JONES WILL OPPOSE BLEASE

South Carolina's Chief Justice Resigns to Get In the Race For Governor

ACCEDES TO DEMAND

Popular Demand for the People of South Carolina that the Ablest Man in the State Get the Race is Headed by Chief Justice Jones—The Campaign Will be Fought on Bleases' Record, all Other Issues Being Swept Aside in a Supreme Effort to Redeem the State From Its Present Intolerable Situation.

Charleston, S. C., Sept. 12.—Presumably for the purpose of making the race against Cole L. Blease for governor, Chief Justice Ira B. Jones of Lancaster county, today forwarded his resignation to Gov. Blease, according to a Lancaster special. The conservatives, it is said, are strongly urging the Jones candidacy.

The candidacy of Chief Justice Jones has been avocated by a large majority of the press of South Carolina for several weeks and his entrance into the field will be hailed with enthusiasm by many of the best people of the State. The campaign will be fought on Gov. Blease's record, all other issues being swept aside for the present.

When Judge Jones, who is probably the ablest man in the Palmetto State, was first suggested as a candidate, Gov. Blease hooted at the idea. He could not understand why a man should give up the highest honor in South Carolina to become a candidate for governor, and declared with much gusto that he could "beat Ira Jones or anybody else."

The record of Gov. Blease is certainly assailable. From the moment he was inaugurated until the present time, he has broken precedents, violated the constitution and brought reproach on his State. He has a following of about 35,000 voters out of 110,000 voters, and his election was made possible in 1910 by the refusal of the majority of voters to accept prohibition for the whole State.

Other candidates have been mentioned to run against Blease, among them being Hon. Chas. A. Smith, of Timmonsville, at present Lieutenant governor, and a native of North Carolina; Thos. G. McLeod, of Bishopville, formerly Lieutenant governor, and Hon. John G. Richards, of Kershaw county, a member of the railroad commission, and for many years a member of the house.

Chief Justice Jones has had experience in the legislature and was promoted from associate justice to chief justice. He will make an aggressive campaign, and being a man of irreproachable character, possessed of great ability, he may be expected to attract almost as much attention as did Dr. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey. With Gov. Blease as the issue, the result of the campaign should be a victory for Judge Jones.

AVIATOR FOWLER WILL CROSS SIERRAS TODAY

Auburn, Cal., Sept. 12.—Aviator Robert G. Fowler, who arrived last night, at the end of his first day's air journey from San Francisco, en route to New York, rose from the ground at 9:33 o'clock this morning to begin the second day of his transcontinental airplane flight. Today's trip, if successful, will take him across the Sierras. Fowler said he felt confident of a successful flight to Reno, Nev. The aviator faces the most difficult flight of the entire journey today. He must cross the Sierras and expects to reach an altitude of 8,000 feet. He said he would probably fly 2,000 feet above the summit.

Fell and Machine Demolished. Alta, Cal., Sept. 12.—While flying at a considerable elevation, Aviator Fowler fell with his machine, which was demolished. Fowler escaped with minor bruises. The accident was due to the rudder falling to work. It's surprising how liberal most people are with their sympathy.