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## NOTHING GIVEN OUT FROM THE CONVENTION OF LABOR UNIONS, NOW IN SESSION

Raleigh, N. C., April 28.—All the afternoon and until a late hour last night the state convention of labor unions was in session here, the business of the convention being not completed, however, so that another session today was necessary.

## The Vast Water Power in South

Washington, D. C., April 30.—The greatest development of water-power that has ever taken place in the United States has been accomplished during the last few years on the rivers which drain the Southern Appalachian Mountains, according to the efficient report on water resources of this region.

## Found Dead in Bed at Winston

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 29.—W. R. Taylor, who claimed to be from High Point, where he has a family, was found dead in bed at a boarding house here this morning.

## Help for The Storm Victims

New Orleans, La., April 28.—With generous contributions coming in rapidly, including money, medicine, provisions and clothing, the committee which has been formed in New Orleans to lend aid to the tornado sufferers in Louisiana and Mississippi, is busy giving relief.

## Big Mills Begin Curtailment

Manchester, N. H., April 30.—Seven cotton mills of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, the largest cotton manufacturing company in the world, employing 13,000 hands, began a period of curtailment with the closing of work tonight and a change in the working schedule, restricting operations to four days a week.

## WANTS BIG APPROPRIATION. President Calls into Conference Several Senators to Pull for Bigger Appropriation

Washington, D. C., April 30.—The president sent for Representatives Hepburn (Iowa), Townsend (Mich.), Campbell (Kan.) and Sulzer (N. Y.) and urged them to make vigorous efforts to secure a larger appropriation in the sundry civil bill for the investigations of booms of railroads of the country, to determine whether they are complying with section 20 of the Hepburn railroad rate law, providing that a system of uniform accounts must be kept as prescribed by the interstate commerce commission.

## CLAIMS SILVER DOLLAR FACE. Inmate of Poorhouse Insists She Posses for It

Binghamton, N. Y., April 28.—Mrs. Carolina Williams, who is in the poorhouse and says that her portrait adorns the silver dollar, declares she never heard of Miss Anna Williams, of Philadelphia, who says that her likeness is the one from which the dollar plate was made.

## THE UNPLEGGED DELEGATES FROM N. E. W. ENGLAND

Boston, Mass., April 30.—The Maine republican convention which meets at Portland today completes the list of the republican state conventions in New England, excepting Connecticut, in which state the convention will meet next week.

The situation in Maine with regard to preference for a presidential candidate appears to be very similar to the conditions in Massachusetts. Taft sentiment seems to predominate, but apparently is not strong enough to result in an instructed delegation for the secretary of war.

Unbiased onlookers, however, remain of the opinion that the delegation will be unstructured. If Maine sends an unstructured delegation it will mean that she is acting in accordance with the policy which has been prescribed by the politicians for the entire New England delegation.

The pro-administration men have opposed this plan, insisting that unstructured delegations mean anti-Roosevelt and anti-Taft delegations. They have been somewhat reconciled to the plan, however, by the fact that a large proportion of the delegates already chosen are avowed Taft men.

## Negro Charged With Embezzling Money

Winston-Salem, N. C., April 28.—Chief of Police J. A. Thomas has received information message yesterday afternoon telling of the capture in Reidsville of J. N. Patterson, a negro, who has been wanted here for the past eighteen months on the charge of embezzling money from the order known as the True Reformers, of which he was treasurer.

After the embezzlement a reward of \$100 was offered by the order for his arrest, but up until yesterday the police were unable to locate him. Patterson was arrested by the chief of police of Reidsville. He will be brought back to this city in a few days and given a preliminary hearing.

## Boiler Explosion. Portsmouth, April 28. According to wireless telegraph report there has been a boiler explosion on the British battleship Britannia in which several men were injured.

Raleigh, N. C., April 30.—The Knoxville Directory Company chartered with \$10,000 capital by Geo. L. Hackney, Phillip Rosie, E. H. Miller and A. R. Swayne, all of Asheville.

## Supreme Court Decisions

Raleigh, N. C., April 30.—Thirteen appeals of a list of thirteen opinions just delivered by the North Carolina supreme court are as follows: Shelby vs. Electric Co., Mecklenburg, appeal dismissed; Jones vs. Assurance Co., Wake, reversed; Williamson vs. Holt, Alamance, no error; Dobson vs. Kolk, Surry, affirmed; Wright vs. Power Co., Forsyth, new trial; Development Co. vs. Southern Railway, Davidson, error; Fidelity Co. vs. Grocery Co., Forsyth, affirmed; Parker vs. Fenwick, Forsyth, affirmed; Kerner vs. Assurance Co., Forsyth, per curiam affirmed; Hughes vs. Henrietta Mills, Mecklenburg, per curiam affirmed; State vs. Baker, Cleveland, per curiam affirmed; Bank vs. Hostery Mills, Catawba, dismissed on motion for insufficient transcript; Taylor vs. McKinzie, Caldwell, compromised by the parties.

As to Stopping Cars. That if the charge of the trial judge that operators of street cars must stop the cars within 35 or 40 feet of any obstruction on the track was sound law it would make it practically impossible to operate street car systems in cities with any degree of rapidity is the sense of the court in the case of W. G. Wright vs. The Fries Manufacturing and Power Co., Winston-Salem, N. C. Wright had been injured on Liberty street by the street car running into the wagon on which he was and under the charge of the judge the jury had rendered a verdict for \$200 damages. On appeal the supreme court orders a new trial on the ground of error in the charge by the trial judge who had declared in effect that if the wagon was on the track moving away from the car and the motor man saw him thirty five or forty feet away it was his duty not only to give the alarm but to stop the car at once.

Important Case Decided. In W. H. Shelby vs. the Charlotte Electric Railway Light and Power Co. the appeal of the plaintiff is dismissed because it was based on only one of the defenses set up in the defense to which the appellants had demurred. The court characterizes it as an "obnoxious fragmentary" appeal.

## Prisoner Escapes. The state prison management announces the escape of Ben Wilkinson, a white man 23 years old, from the prison after serving less than one year of a 20-year sentence for criminal assault in Vance county.

Sheriff W. C. Mills, of Onslow county, was here today with two prisoners for the penitentiary one negro and a white man.

## SHELBY DISTRICT CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH NOW ON

King's Mountain, N. C., April 30.—The Shelby District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened with the King's Mountain church this week beginning with an introductory sermon last night and continuing through Sunday.

## Snow Fall Reported In Parts of North

Pittsburg, Pa., April 30.—Snow fell in this vicinity this morning. In the country the ground is covered with two inches of snow. Rain is now falling with a temperature of two degrees above freezing.

## Cleveland, Ohio, April 30.—A heavy wet snow began falling here this morning. Reports indicate a storm general throughout the state.

## Snow Storm Raging. Zanesville, O., April 30.—A heavy snow storm has been raging here since midnight.

Today's Races Off. Lexington, Ky., April 30.—Because the heavy snow made the track unfit for use, today's races were declared off.

## WINSTON-SALEM GREENSBORO GAME CALLED OFF—RAIN

Greensboro, April 30.—The opening game of the Carolina league, which was to have been played here this afternoon between Greensboro and Winston-Salem, has been called off on account of rain.

## HEAVY BURDEN BORNE BY THE NEWSPAPERS

Washington, D. C., April 30.—Individual newspaper publishers were present before the House special committee investigating the price of newspaper print, prepared to give testimony in the case.

Before they were heard, however, John Norris, representing the American Newspaper Publishers Association, was permitted to continue his presentation of the facts. In response to a request by Chairman Mann, Mr. Norris laid before the committee various circular letters which had been issued at different times by the association on the subject of the price of paper, copies of which had been mailed to President Roosevelt and others.

Mr. Mann asked, "That the statement in Mr. Norris's letters of March 4th, 1903, to President Roosevelt, in which he said there was practically a combination to put an additional burden of \$60,000,000 per annum upon printing and publishing interests of the country?"

"Yes sir," the witness responded, and answering further the question he said news print paper represented the great bulk of the paper made.

Mr. Mann remarked that the witness had been directed to cover the whole subject of paper, whereas all that had been said was confined to printing and publishing interests. "And there absolutely misled you—and misled myself."

## Terrific Storm In Florida

Tallahassee, Fla., April 30.—A terrific wind-storm destroyed considerable property a few miles east of here. Tobacco sheds, barns and other wooden structures were razed, and crops have been damaged to a large extent.

## WANT LABOR BILLS SUPPORTED. Gompers Has Notified Organized Labor to Have Representatives to Vote for Bills.

New York, April 28.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has notified the organized labor throughout the country to adopt resolutions demanding that their representatives in congress vote for the labor bills before that body.

## Coster-Knapp And Co Suspend

New York, April 29.—The suspension of Coster, Knapp & Co., bankers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, was announced on that exchange today.

## ABOUT 1500 REPUBLICANS PRESENT AT THE OPENING OF THE STATE CONVENTION

Greensboro, N. C., April 30.—Chairman Spencer B. Adams called the Republican State Convention to order here at noon.

Following these speeches and roll call committees were appointed on credentials, permanent organization, platform and resolutions, and pending their reports the convention adjourned until 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. J. J. Britt was elected chairman. Big Row Yesterday. There was a big row in the republican convention held here for the Fifth Congressional District to send delegates to the Chicago convention.

Mr. Adams made a lengthy speech, but received little or no applause throughout, save at the mention of the names of Taft and Roosevelt.

Mr. Adams was followed by J. H. White, of Salisbury, who made a rousing speech, which was continuously applauded.

## Union Mills Still Running

Union, S. C., April 30.—None of the mills of Union entered into any agreement at Spartanburg last week, or at any other time, to positively close down on July 1st, for sixty days or longer.

## Negro in Jail At Wilson

Wilson, N. C., April 30.—Lee Jones the negro who assaulted Mrs. Pearly Wells, six miles from Wilson, was arrested near Middlesex yesterday and brought to Wilson.

## New Jersey Democrats. Trenton, N. J., April 28.—The democratic state convention assembled here today to select the delegates-at-large to the Denver convention.

Washington, D. C., April 28.—Gen. Potts, commanding the department of the Gulf, at Atlanta, has begun an investigation of conditions respecting tornado sufferers in his jurisdiction, and tents, rations, and medical supplies and other requisites will be furnished.

he had never seen the time when he was ashamed of his party, or admit that in the past it had not been respectable. Neither was he ashamed now at supporting a native of Guilford county and the recognized biggest, ablest and most deserving public man the party had. Not representing that element of the organization which was ruled by revenue officers, postmasters and other federal officials, he was man enough to support the man of his choice, and the men behind him were not afraid to do it even though the "big stick" was being flourished over their heads.

After the unseated delegates had been hooded down, while they were protesting against the report of the credentials committee, they withdrew to the session hall of the McAdoo Hotel and organized by electing R. G. Foster, of Alamance, chairman, N. W. Brown, of Orange, secretary.

Resolutions against instructing for any presidential candidate, and denouncing the action of the Adams-Taft convention were unanimously adopted.

Many "Leaders" Present. Once more is Greensboro the Mecca for republican cohorts. Large numbers of "leaders" from the great array of yesterday's advance guards of the balance to come today to be present at the state convention to simply witness the election of the state made up in county and district convention for delegates to the national convention.

Considerable Interest. Although there are to be no nomination of candidates at either of these conventions, and it is pretty well known how everything is to be run, there is yet much interest felt among the delegates and among the "leaders" as to what may happen. There seems to be a fear that either Mr. Settle or Mr. Butler or Mr. Blackburn, or all three may raise a little breeze that will offend or demoralize the present excellent understanding that North Carolina so far as politics and policies go, is unalterably and unequivocally in the hands of the dispensers and the recipients of President Roosevelt's official bounty.

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Washington, D. C., April 28.—The message of President Roosevelt to the other outgoing legislators which he desires to have enacted by congress before adjournment, was read to the senate today.