

DEMOCRATS MEET AT THE CAPITAL TODAY

SIMMONS, OVERMAN, CRAIG AND CARR THE 'BIG FOUR.'

MAY ELECT NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN

Because the New Primary Law Took From the Convention the Privilege of Nominating Candidates for State Officers...

(By The Associated Press)

Raleigh, April 27.—Indications at two o'clock this afternoon were that the state convention would not get down to business before three or four o'clock.

Senator Simmons began his keynote speech shortly after noon and was still speaking at two o'clock.

After discussing State affairs Senator Simmons went into a lengthy analysis of achievements of the Democratic party in national affairs since the election of Woodrow Wilson.

None of the district conventions reported the election of delegates to the national convention until after Senator Simmons concluded his address.

Indications were that the convention would not adjourn until late this afternoon or tonight.

To Elect National Committeemen.

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Whether the convention would elect a national committeeman to succeed Secretary Daniels was a question upon which party leaders were divided.

Mr. Simmons acted as temporary chairman and delivered the keynote address.

GORONER'S INQUEST WILL BE HELD SATURDAY

On the Death of Leonard Edward, Said to Have Been Killed by Hyman Epstein.

Goldboro, April 27.—Coroner Stanley of Wayne county, today announced that the coroner's inquest into the death of Leonard Edward...

KANNAPOLIS NEWS.

Easter Sermon by Visiting Ministers.—Play By Local Talent.—Items of Interest.

Rev. T. W. Smith preached an excellent Easter sermon Sunday morning, the subject being 'The Risen Saviour.'

Rev. J. W. Greenwood also preached an Easter sermon at a cottage prayermeeting in the afternoon from the text, 'But Some Doubted.'

The Baptist Baraca Class had Mr. Ira C. Blackwell, of Spartanburg, with them Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Griffin gave a birthday dinner Sunday to her son, Master Johnnie, who had arrived at his thirteenth mile post.

Mrs. and Mrs. E. C. Moring were called Thursday to Kiddleville, Lincoln county, to the bedside of Mrs. Moring's brother, Mr. Curtis Ballard.

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Mrs. and Mrs. Walt Kirkpatrick and mother spent Sunday with Rev. J. W. Greenwood, and family.

Messrs. R. C. Probst, H. W. Owen and Henry Smith motored over to Statesville Tuesday to help organize an amateur league.

Ten Nights in a Barroom will be presented in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Thursday night by local talent.

Saturday night the 10th episode of the 'Broken Coin' will be shown in the Y. M. C. A.

We stepped into the Y. M. C. A. last night and as usual Messrs. Owen, Alexander and Shinn were busy and a large crowd was present.

The Williams Stock Company will be here all next week with their tent.

This is considered a first class show or shows. They will pitch their tent near the Y. M. C. A.

We hear some talk of a nursery and kindergarten being established here in the near future.

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RAILROAD OFFICIALS CONFER AT CHICAGO

PLAN TO CONSIDER DEMANDS MADE BY EMPLOYEES.

NO DISPOSITION TO ARBITRATE

Representatives of 250,000 Miles of Railroad and 200,000 Train Employees in Session at Chicago Today, to Make Arrangements for Conferences to be Held Later to Consider the Demands of the Railroad Brotherhood for an Eight-Hour Day, and Time and One-Half For Overtime.

(By The Associated Press)

Chicago, April 27.—Seven men representing approximately 250,000 miles of railroad and 200,000 train employees were in Chicago today to make arrangements for a conference to be held later for the eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime demand made by the Railway Brotherhood.

The meeting, which was expected to settle the time and place for further negotiations was to be held at local headquarters of the western railroads.

The ultimatum of the employees demanding a written reply to the revision of the schedules handed the railroads several weeks ago expires Saturday. It is stated, however, by officials of the general managers' association, that practically all of the railroads have answered the demands already.

ELECTION OFFICIALS.

Appointment of Registrars and Judges For Various Precincts.

At a meeting of Cabarrus County Board of Elections held Saturday, April 22, 1916 the following persons were appointed registrars and judges for their respective voting precincts, to serve for two years.

Township No. 1.—Registrar, Ed. S. Erwin. Judges: J. Will Davis, Arthur Alexander.

Township No. 2, Box 1.—Registrar, Olin Caldwell. Judges: Ivey Cline, C. R. Andrews.

Township No. 2, Box 2.—Registrar, L. B. Little. Judges: J. L. Walthall, George Barnhardt.

Township 3.—Registrar, John C. Johnson. Judges: Allen Harris, Harris Emerson.

Township 4, Box 1.—Registrar, Lee Earnhardt. Judges: Jno. W. Cook, Geo. Shinn.

Township 4, Box 2.—Registrar, W. R. Harmon. Judges: D. E. Davis, L. C. Hudson.

Township 5.—Registrar, E. K. Misener. Judges: Jno. W. Cress, M. J. Shinn.

Township 6.—Registrar, M. W. Allman. Judges: A. Crowell, Grover Kluttz.

Township 7.—Registrar, George W. Dry. Judges: G. A. Culp, Geo. H. Moore.

Township 8.—Registrar, W. D. Foil. Judges: L. A. Lipe, Oscar Walker.

Township 9.—Registrar, P. F. Widenhause. Judges: M. E. Herrin, James Litaker.

Township No. 10.—Registrar, N. J. McMans. Judges: 'Mack' Brown, M. J. Eury.

SPEAKS ON 'GAINS AND LOSSES IN RELIGION'

TO A GOOD SIZED AUDIENCE AT CENTRAL CHURCH.

STRIKING COMPARISONS WERE DRAWN

Reviewing the Progress of the Various Branches of Church Work, Rev. J. E. Abernethy Presented Many Striking Comparisons of the Gains and Losses Made.—Culture, Organization, Church Building, Sunday School Work Placed Among the Gains While Lack of Old Time Zeal and Spiritual Fire Are Chief Losses.

(By The Associated Press)

Last evening at Central Methodist Church Mr. Abernethy read a Scripture lesson from the eighth chapter of Romans and the subject of his sermon was 'Gains and Losses in Religion.'

His text was the tenth verse of the seventh chapter of Ecclesiastes, and the sixteenth verse of the sixth chapter of Jeremiah.

'Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this.'

'Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said we will not walk therein.'

Since the days of our fathers, said Mr. Abernethy, wonderful changes have been made. It is an age of phenomenal progress, the age of steam and electricity, the age of marvelous light. Old policies, old watchwords, old shibboleths are being tried in the fires. The habits, customs and thought of our fathers are changing.

There are some who look upon these changes with alarm. The pessimist look back to the religion of our fathers and in the present day he sees nothing but evil and is constantly holding forth the red flag of danger.

On the other hand there is the optimist, who looks upon the present as full of rich blessings and the future of pleasant prospects. To him only the past is vile.

Taking what he called a glance at the former conditions as compared with the present Mr. Abernethy drew forth the first of his sermon of comparisons. Culture was the first of the great gains he enumerated.

Here he reviewed the educational facilities of the country of 100 years and 50 years ago and compared them with the wonderfully improved system of today.

The preacher of the older days, he said was not well educated, while the preacher of today is a well trained highly intellectual man, whose sermons are of polished rhetoric and reflect the culture of the literary classes.

But, continued Mr. Abernethy, while we have gained much in culture we have lost much in ancient fire. Referring to the metropolitan pulpits, Mr. Abernethy declared that today they did not preach repentance. They do not preach a gospel that conflicts with the high life of the ball room, the card table and the theatre.

That kind of religion is not especially wanted and one is preached that is low enough to be popular. The modern preacher is trained in philosophy, in literature and science but with all his training he is lacking in spiritual fire.

Another gain presented was that of charity, the charity that has made the demonstrations more harmonious and worked for unity among religious bodies. Against this gain Mr. Abernethy presented a loss of consciousness of God, declaring that no longer did the Christian people go around in the old Hebrew spirit of never losing sight of the fact that they lived and moved and had their being in God.

The organization of the church was another gain, the speaker declaring that by the aid of great business men the church had been organized in a modern, business-like way but that while the church had gained in organization it had lost in power to such an extent that it was unable to properly run the great machinery of the organization.

The development of practical religion, a religion that builds colleges and hospitals and develops light and progress from the religion of our fathers, which was concerned only with the salvation of the soul, was one of the gains mentioned but a corresponding loss was the spirituality as reflected at an old time camp meeting, which has now developed into formalism, according to Mr. Abernethy.

A gain in church buildings with a loss in church reverence was another of the gains and losses presented, and following this the gain in missionary spirit with the loss in the interest of the 'man next door.' Mr. Abernethy made a forceful presentation of the work in the mission fields, declaring in the reference to its growth that more had been accomplished within the past 25 years than in a thousand years before.

He also spoke of the work that is being conducted in the mountains and in the mill districts.

BOTH SIDES ACTIVE ALONG VERDUN FRONT

GERMAN HEAVY GUNS KEEP UP RELENTLESS ATTACK.

GERMANS ARE BUSY IN LORRAINE

There Are Signs of Activity Along Virtually the Entire Battle Front in the West, Notably on the Southern End of the Line Down to the Vosges.—The Great Struggle for Verdun is Being Continued With Little Diminution in Vigor.—In Lorraine the Germans Are Feeling Out the French Positions.—Russian Sea Raids.

(By The Associated Press)

There are signs of increasing activity along virtually the entire battle-front in the west, notably on the southern end of the line down to the Vosges. The great struggle for Verdun is being continued with little diminution in vigor, however, with the German heavy guns almost continually in play.

The only infantry movement in the Verdun region noted in this afternoon's Paris statement was to the north of Vaux, northeast of Verdun, where, what is alluded to as a small attack, was stopped immediately by the French artillery.

In Lorraine the Germans are feeling out the French positions. Disabling of a reconnoitering party, which was attempted, to reach the French lines is reported by Paris, while north of the Aisne German patrols were driven back with hand grenades.

Two Russian hydro-aeroplanes are reported from Athens to have raided Constantinople.

COURT ADJOURNS.

Criminal Docket Completed Yesterday.—Civil Docket Tomorrow.

The criminal docket was completed yesterday and court adjourned until Monday morning when the civil docket will be called.

Ernest Wilson was found guilty of larceny and sentenced to six months on the chain gang.

Ebe Stogner was sentenced to 8 months on the chain gang for selling liquor.

Will Sloan was sentenced to four months or a fine of \$35, for carrying a concealed weapon and assault. He paid the fine. Howard Willeford was sentenced to two months or a \$15 fine for a similar offense.

The warrant in the case of Arville Measimer, the 21-year-old boy who was charged with larceny, was changed to forcible trespass and the boy and his father required to give bond for their appearance from court to court for two years and show good behavior on the part of the boy.

GERMANS HAVE SUNK AN ENGLISH SUBMARINE

The Germans Rescued and Captured Two of the Crew.

(By The Associated Press)

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville.—The German admiralty announced today that the British submarine E-22 had been sunk by German naval forces.

The announcement is announced later under date of April 26 as follows: 'The German naval forces on April 25, sunk the British submarine E-22. The Germans rescued and captured two men.'

A German submarine on the same day hit with a torpedo a British cruiser.

Mrs. Strange arrived this morning and she and Mr. Strange will make their home with Mrs. Blackwelder on Franklin Avenue. Mr. Strange has a position with W. J. Hill & Son.

The Northwestern League has its grand opening tomorrow, with Butte at Seattle, Great Falls at Tacoma and Spokane at Vancouver.

and concluded by declaring, 'Let us save the man across the sea but for God's sake let us save the man across the street.'

The Sunday school was another branch of the church work which Mr. Abernethy included among the gains—but charged against this progress was the loss in the religion of the homes. The pressing needs of business upon the time of the father and the whirl and stress of social obligations on the part of the mother were included in the enumeration by the speaker of the agencies that were supplanting religion in the home.

Mr. Abernethy closed with an eloquent appeal for sinners to be called to repentance, declaring in his exhortation that today a large part of the men were not called to repentance. Also he requested that names of those to whom church members desired be saved in the meeting be given to him on a card, the cards to be handed in this morning.

ALL IRELAND IS NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

PREMIER ASQUITH MAKES THIS ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY.

MOVEMENT SPREADS TO THE WEST

Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the Rebels Continued to Hold Important Public Buildings in Dublin and That Street Encounters Were Still in Progress.—Also Declared that the Irish Situation Still Presented Serious Features Today and That There Were Dangers of Spread of the Movement.

(By The Associated Press)

London, April 27.—Martial law has been declared through all Ireland. Fighting is still going on in the streets of Dublin.

Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the rebels continued to hold important public buildings in Dublin and that street encounters were still in progress.

Premier Asquith told the House of Commons that the Irish situation still presented serious features today and that there were indications of the spread of the movement to other parts of Ireland, especially in the west.

The Premier announced that Major-General Sir John Maxwell, who formerly commanded the British forces in Egypt, was leaving this afternoon for Ireland. The general has been given plenary powers, under martial law, over the whole country.

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, IS VISITED BY MOB

Who Wanted to Lynch Fred Bissel For the Murder of Girl.

(By The Associated Press)

Lawrence, Kan., April 27.—This city was quiet today after the departure of a mob of nearly 200 men who came here from Topeka in motor cars last night to lynch Fred Bissel, the alleged slayer of Edna Dinmore, ten years old, in Topeka.

Reports that members of the mob had gone to Lansing, where the accused man had been placed in the Kansas state penitentiary for safe keeping were unfounded.

The body of the girl was wound in a vacant house, which had been set afire Tuesday afternoon. Bissel admitted he purchased candy for the victim for sometime before the body was found.

NEUTRAL SHIP SUNK BY GERMAN GUNS.

A British Cruiser Also Was Hit By Torpedo From German Submarine.

(By The Associated Press)

London, April 27.—The sinking of a neutral vessel by gunfire from a German submarine was announced officially today. The Norwegian bark, Carmarian, was destroyed and a boat containing part of her crew capsized.

The announcement also says a British cruiser was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine.

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NEW YORK COTTON.

Market Opened Steady at Advance of Two Points Today.

Chicago, April 27.—The cotton market opened today at an advance of two points in response to fairly steady cables. General business was very quiet, however, and after selling four to five points net higher, with July touching 12.10 and October 12.27, prices eased off three to four points.

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THE WHEAT MARKET.

Price of Wheat Developed Fresh Strength Today.

Chicago, April 27.—Wheat prices developed fresh strength today owing to the renewal of optimism as to the crisis between Washington and Berlin. The opening ranged from a shade to 5-8, with May at 114 1-2 to 3-4, and July at 115 1-8 to 1-2, was followed by a set back, but then another bulge.

And Congress, we note, is beginning to think.

One Phonograph Left. We sold quite a number of phonographs under our recent offer, and have one left, which the first one to come in can get. We will send The Times one year and give the Phonograph for only \$5.28, or The Tribune to mail subscribers and the Phonograph for only \$6.78. To city subscribers the price will be \$5.58. Act quick.