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SURRENDER OF POWERS BY CAPT. D'ANNUNZIO TODAY

Picturesque Warrior Who Seized Fiume Gives Up Military Control of City.

COUNCIL TO HAVE CHARGE

Commander of Italian Troops Will Arrange Terms of Peace.

Fiume, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Gabriele D'Annunzio today surrendered all his powers to the Fiume Municipal council.

General Caviglia, commander of the regular Italian forces, will arrange the conditions of peace with a delegation of the council today.

Seizure of the port of Fiume in September, 1919, by Gabriele d'Annunzio, Italian poet warrior, at the head of 8,000 volunteer grenadiers and artil, was the dramatic climax to a controversy reaching back to the treaty of London, concluded in the spring of 1915 between Italy and the allied powers, under which Italy entered the war against the Central powers.

The treaty assigned the part of Tyrol south of the Brenner Pass, as well as Trieste, Gorizia, Istria and a section of the Dalmatian littoral to Italy, but gave Fiume, the seaport of Hungary, to Croatia.

The Italian nationalists, including d'Annunzio, demanded that Fiume, with its preponderant Italian population, should be given to Italy, an act that would have required the revision of the treaty of London. The Italians, however, invoked the principle of "self-determination" enunciated by President Wilson and pointed to the fact that the population of Fiume, upon the dissolution of the Austro-Hungarian empire, had proclaimed through their National Council, the union of Fiume with Italy.

Croatia, now a part of Jugoslavia, opposed the claim on the ground that Sussak, an important suburb of Fiume and part of the city, was overwhelmingly Slav. In addition the Croats charged that, whereas Italy already had an excessive number of valuable ports, their country and the adjoining lands needed Fiume as their only outlet to the sea.

This question won the support of President Wilson who was subsequently denounced by d'Annunzio and his sympathizers as "the only obstacle to the realization of Italy's aspirations." President Wilson's view, however, was shared by the British and French.

Back by Italian public opinion, the Italian delegation to the Paris peace conference, headed by Premier Orlando and Foreign Minister Sonnino refused to yield Italy's claims.

Members Honor "Uncle Joe", Native Tar Heel

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The House of representatives had arranged to pause today for an hour or more in its consideration of appropriations, taxation and other government matters, to pay tribute to its "Grand Old Man," Uncle Joe Cannon, congressman from Illinois.

ENGINEER FALLS THROUGH TRESTLE

C. B. Williams Injured in Greensboro and Taken to High Point Hospital.

The condition of C. B. Williams, who was injured Monday night when he fell through a trestle in Greensboro, is much improved, according to a report today from the High Point hospital, where the injured man was taken last night.

For sometime past Mr. Williams had been operating an engine on the Greensboro yards of the Southern Railway. The accident occurred on West Bragg street. Mr. Williams is said to have detected something wrong with his engine. He stopped it and stepped down, falling through a trestle to the ground, a distance of about 16 feet below.

Mr. Williams was placed on train No. 35 yesterday afternoon and brought to the hospital here. His mother lives near the city. Mr. Williams is well known in High Point, having resided here for quite a while. News of the accident will be learned with regret by his friends. His injuries consist mainly of bruises to his arm, shoulder and right side. It was stated at the hospital that Mr. Williams was also suffering from shock. He will recover, hospital attendants said.

ARRAY OF TALENT FOR ELKS' CONTEST

Every Elksman in Cast to Practice At Elks' Home This Evening

Initial plans for the Elks big minstrel to be presented at the Orpheum theater during January, the exact dates to be determined a little later, were made at a meeting of the talent with the producer at the Elks' home on West Broad street last evening. But the initial practice will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock at which time every man who has volunteered to take part or who will assist in any way toward making the performance a success is urged to be present.

The talent committee has compiled a list of possible actors, and in the list appear many who have already promised that they will take part. Every man whose name appears on this list regardless of whether he has been personally approached, is not only urged but ordered to be present for the initial rehearsal tonight.

James Stewart, Frank Brown, Thomas J. Gold, Mr. Gebhart, Virgil Garrett, Clarence Schultheis, Dan Smith, Gurney Briggs, R. L. Garrett, Bill Charles, W. C. Ferree, H. W. Kirkman, Ben Moore, Percy White, Dave White, Bob Morrow, C. C. Prince, B. R. Thurman, Bill Raper, John Raper, Ernie Welch, W. G. Shipman, W. G. Kirkman, C. B. Mattocks, W. W. Burgess, A. L. Frisco, R. M. Pratt, E. C. Shields, Irby Brown, O. Arthur Kirkman, J. C. Welch, C. B. Bundy, Walter Chandler, Joe Weaver, C. M. Brown, W. K. Nance, R. H. Sechrist, C. A. Barker, Sib Burton, Ernest Wall, W. B. Thomas, P. A. Thomas, Vivian Parker, Alvin Parker, Stuart Goldston, Harry Raymond, Oscar Wilson, Jack Edwards, E. C. Cridlebaugh, Tom Powell, Cary Davis, Bill Davis, an other Davis of the same bunch, Tom Gilliam, Al Caldwell, John S. Welborn, P. C. Penn, Frank Hunsucker, Baxter Younts, Newton Allen, John Pesceco, Charles Kephart, Jack Taylor, W. L. Hargett, Will English and Arthur Lyon.

In addition to the above list, every member of the Elks' band and orchestra is expected to be present so that rehearsals may be started with a whoop. The attention of the director tonight will be centered on the grand opening, meaning that the vocalists will come in for first attention with the dancing chorus to receive second consideration. Therefore, all singers and hoofers are urged to attend.

Back Gibbons. ST. PAUL, Dec. 29.—If Tommy Gibbons can get an engagement with Dempsey, fans of St. Paul would back the Phantom's brother to stay longer than Bronnan did. They argue that Tommy is clever enough to ward off the world's greatest smelter.

COMPENSATION ACT IS UNSATISFACTORY TO UNION LABOR

Committee Will Carry Grievance to Governor-elect Cameron Morrison for Support.

WANT PROPER PROTECTION

Highway Associations in Joint Session to Consider State Highway Bill.

(BY MAX ABERNETHY.) RALEIGH, Dec. 29.—Organized labor in North Carolina, somewhat dissatisfied with the proposed workmen's compensation act as the legislative committee will submit to the 1921 session is expected to carry their grievance direct to Governor-elect Cameron Morrison with the view of enlisting his support of a law the state federation of labor favors.

Although the commission appointed by the special session of the 1920 legislature to consider the feasibility of a workmen's compensation act for North Carolina has not at this time completed its work it is known that the progress made does not meet with the approval of the labor leaders. This was evident when the first meeting was held in Raleigh several weeks ago as no representative of the state federation was in attendance. Explanation of the absence of a labor man at the meeting is accounted for by Major W. F. Moody, president of the North Carolina laborers, who points out that only one of the five men named as members of the commission will sit in the 1921 session.

Then Major Moody does not believe that the Virginia law which is being used as a basis for the tentative draft of the North Carolina act is suitable to this state's needs nor is it acceptable to organized labor in North Carolina.

"Organized labor is very much interested in a workmen's compensation act," said Major Moody today, "but we want an act that compensates and one that will give the proper protection to the laboring man of North Carolina. In planning to Morrison the labor leaders hope to secure from him support of their desires as to the provisions of an act that will be radically different from the one now being proposed by the legislative commission."

"That the new governor will give organized labor a hearing is generally admitted because he has recognized the support given him by the laborers in the primary as having much to do with his nomination and for the further fact that he is desirous of giving them a square deal."

Governor Bickett does not believe that a return to the old conventional plan of naming candidates is wise but he does believe that changes should be made in the law which would "greatly strengthen it."

"The present primary as it is administered in North Carolina," the governor says, "is democracy gone to seed." But since the nomination is equivalent to election in the opinion of the people should have the opportunity to ballot upon their candidates for governor. Aside from the selection of the governor and congressman and United States senators he thinks that the "short ballot" should be used. The "short ballot" would give to the governor the right to appoint the heads of all state offices as well as members of the supreme court bench.

While Governor Bickett is opposed to the repeal of the present act he does favor radical changes in the law as outlined but he will not urge that this be done in his brief message to the 1921 session. The new governor will be left free to make whatever recommendations he sees fit and there will not be any conflict of opinions over this matter.

The legislative committees of the North Carolina good roads association and the citizens highway association are holding a joint session here this week for the consideration of the state highway bill to be presented to the general assembly next month.

Final draft of the bill will not be completed for several days yet as the representatives of the two associations intend to feel their way so as not to jeopardize the passage of the measure when it is finally submitted to the legislators. It is evident that there is some difference of opinion as to the details of the bill but the members are working harmoniously and with the determination of giving and taking as a means of adopting a program that would be for the best interest of the state.

Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, is chairman of the committees.

Capital city barbers are said to be contemplating a walkout during the week unless additional pay is given them over the present scale. Garment Workers' Walk Out. BALTIMORE, Dec. 29.—About 1,900 garment workers employed in 20 or 30 of the smaller clothing companies here, went on a strike today in orders from the local business agent of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' union, who said the chief point of issue on the part of the manufacturers was to reduce wages to the 1919 level, amounting to a cut of 25 to 30 per cent.

Wear "Specs" a la Harding!



President-elect Harding sets the pace. If you would be correct hang your "specs" on the middle button of your coat. See above. (Incidentally, the picture shows ex-President Taft with Harding on the front porch at Marion, O.)

PARKER MAY AGAIN RUN FOR GOVERNOR

If Monroe Man Fails to Get Judgeship He Will Be Candidate for Governor Again.

If John J. Parker, of Monroe, does not get a federal judgeship he will enter the race for governor in 1924, according to information received in High Point today. The announcement is said to have been made by several leading republicans in North Carolina.

A few republicans who were disappointed in the last election will seek appointments as federal judges in this state, it is learned here. At the present there are no vacancies in North Carolina and it may be many months before a federal judge resigns. However, those looking for an opinion that much can happen during the next four years.

John J. Parker, who was republican gubernatorial candidate during the last election, lives in the western district. Those acquainted with the circumstances declare that Parker would have a better chance for getting on the bench if he resided in the eastern district. It is believed that the next appointments will be made in eastern North Carolina.

In the federal district of the east there are two republicans and their friends say they are fine timber for the federal bench. They are Herbert Sewell, of Carthage, who was republican candidate for attorney general, and T. T. Hicks, of Henderson, who ran for the state supreme court on the G. O. P. ticket. In the event that Judge H. G. Conner, of Wilson, sees fit to retire at the age of 70, it will give Hicks and Sewell a chance for the judgeship, their friends say.

Would Extend Epworth League

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 29.—Epworth League leaders from states throughout the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, met here today and considered plans for extending the scope of the organization. Rev. Ralph E. Horner, of Nashville, Tenn., assistant general secretary, in an address advocated the appointment of field secretaries to carry on the work of the league, who should be placed in each state, he said.

Jail Is No Place for Man With Money

STUBENVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Theft of \$28 and a gold watch from Lawrence Shields, a prisoner in the county jail, by three negro fellow prisoners released from their cells by a "trustee" was reported today by prison officials. Barney O'Brien, the "trustee" who is alleged to have released the robbers from their cells, had his name stricken from the list and was arrested on a charge of taking \$22 from other prisoners on a pretext that he was a county officer.

LEGION HELPS POLICE IN CITIES

World War Vets Fight for Law and Order in Every City and Town.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29.—Thousands of members of the American Legion are assisting the police in combating the crime wave which has engulfed the larger cities all over the country, according to reports received at Legion national headquarters here.

In New York, where the orgy of murder is at its worst, Legion state headquarters promptly offered to put 5,000 veterans on the streets to aid the police. A number of Legion members have aided in eliminating hold-ups in the shopping district by serving as guards in large retail stores and wholesale houses.

Five hundred Legionnaires in St. Louis are assisting the police in patrolling the city and rounding up suspicious characters. St. Paul Legion members have proposed the formation of a network of Legion posts, each to be communicable with others.

The Legion's activity does not imply an imputation that the police are deficient. Legion leaders have pointed out Legion members realize that an abnormal situation exists and, in conformity with the American Legion constitution, are preparing to fight for law and order in every city and town where the criminal element has defied the authorities.

Boy Bandit Dies Brother Gave Up

KANKAKEE, Ill., Dec. 29.—One of the two youthful bandits who held up the New Orleans-Chicago liver on the Illinois Central railroad near here last night, was killed in a battle with police and railroad detectives at Avon Park, four miles east of here, early today and the other surrendered. The youths, Joe and Jacob Scott, age 24, were said to be sons of an automobile mechanic at Greenville, Ill., near here.

Cotton Makes Low Records

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—There was a renewal of yesterday's selling movement at the cotton market opening today and first prices were easy at a decline of 20 to 33 points, with all months except January making new low records. Weak Liverpool cables and unfavorable British markets were the factors on the "breaks," which extended to 13.16 for March and 13.30 for May. There was a good deal of covering at this decline, causing rallies of 15 to 25 points. Cotton futures opened easy: January 13.85; March 13.25; July 13.45; October 13.75.

Schooner Afire Crew Rescued

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 29.—A radio message received here this morning announced that the Norwegian schooner Korvanes is on fire eight miles off Charleston, South Carolina. Twelve members of the crew were taken off during the night by a passing steamer. The coast guard cutter Southside is standing by the schooner.

EXCITING SCENES WHEN NEGRO VOTE IS DISCUSSED

Texas Representative Charges earsy Evidence Introduced to Committee.

THE KU KLUX MENTIONED

Affidavits Presented from Negroes, Alleging Deprived of Vote.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Charges by representatives of the association for the advancement of colored people, that negroes are unlawfully prohibited from voting in southern states, led to some exciting scene today at the hearing before the house committee on the congressional re-appointment bill.

Seven members of the committee took issue with the witnesses and one of them, Representative Sec. of Texas, said his state was "tired of being insulted on the strength of hearsay evidence." A spectator made repeated attempts to get into the discussion and Chairman Seigel finally told him to be quiet or leave the room.

Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the association, presented to the committee what he said were affidavits from 341 negroes in Jacksonville, Fla., who alleged they were deprived from the right to vote at the general election in November. He also said affidavits from 4,000 negroes who stood in lines all day election day without a chance to vote, although qualified, were being prepared.

On Saturday night preceding the election, Mr. White charged, one thousand members of the Ku Klux Klan paraded the streets of Jacksonville in an effort to frighten negroes away from the polls on election day. He also alleged that a negro killed in an election riot in Orange county, Fla., was a qualified voter. The affidavits were turned over by Mr. White to the department of justice.

Plans for improvement of County Home to Be Discussed Monday in Greensboro.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEET

Plans for improvements about to be made at the Guilford county home will be submitted Monday when the investigating committee of the board of county commissioners hold a joint meeting in Greensboro, it was learned here today.

The committee, which is endeavoring to bring about an immediate change in the present deplorable and inadequate conditions at the county home yesterday visited the institution but deferred action until next week when the commissioners will be asked to co-operate.

The visit of the committee yesterday, it was stated, was for the purpose of perfecting plans for installing a water system and modern sewerage facilities. It was found that installation of the system will be costly and members of the committee said they did not feel it incumbent upon themselves to take proper action at the moment.

Several improvements looking towards the comfort of inmates of the almshouse have already been made since the committees appointed by Greensboro and High Point churches started an investigation. It is the intention of the committee to make many improvements from time to time until the institution is what the people of the county would like to see it be.

Japs See Danger In Russ Grant

TOKIO, Dec. 29.—Concessions in Kanchata, granted to Washington D. Vanderbilt by the Russian government, might prove a serious disadvantage to the Japanese government, Viscount Ichada, Japanese foreign minister told a deputation of the opposition party which visited him today.

Viscount Ichada pointed out that the United States had not recognized the compact because America had not recognized the soviet government. The deputation also questioned the ministers of war and navy regarding the grant and both replied that if the report were true the situation held a menace to Japan, from the viewpoint of defense, but they declined to express any further opinion until a confirmation of the reports is received.

Open Up Bowl. NEW HAVEN, Dec. 29.—Plans are on foot to make the Yale-Harvard annual football game an open affair next year. Instead of allowing students to buy three tickets they'll be invited to two. That would give

STATES ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

New York City's War Memorial to Have National Influence and Meaning.

BUILDING COST \$20,000,000

North Carolina Invited to Erect Memorial in Corridor of States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Victory Hall, New York City's war memorial, is now attracting country-wide attention by reason of the fact that its plans have been enlarged so that it will have true national influence and significance.

In this connection the provision for a corridor of states stands out most prominently. This "corridor" will encircle the great amphitheater which will have a seating capacity of ten thousand. In it each state and territory will have opportunity to memorialize its own war services as it may deem most fitting. As the full cooperation of all the states and territories is essential to the success of this feature of the proposed memorial, General Geo. W. Wingate, president of the Victory Hall association, has sent letters to all the state and territorial governors explaining the project and asking for their personal endorsement of it.

General Wingate's letter to Governor Bickett reads as follows: "Honorable Thomas W. Bickett, Governor of the State of North Carolina, The Capitol, Raleigh, N.C., Your Excellency: "As president of the Victory Hall association it is now my duty and my very great pleasure to convey to you upon the authority of our board of directors, a request for your active cooperation in the following matter.

"Victory Hall, as you doubtless know, will stand in Pershing Square, directly opposite the Grand Central station, at the very heart of New York City and at the focus of its stupendous activities. It will be reared by the people of New York by popular subscription as a memorial to the war dead of our city and to the war service of the whole nation, and will be dedicated to the service of the American people as a whole. It is intended to be the world's greatest war memorial in beauty of design, structural magnitude and breadth of patriotic activities.

"The purpose and plan of our association to make of this great memorial an enduring national inspiration for good citizenship and true Americanism, crystallizes the thought which has come to us from prominent men and women in every part of the country, and from the leading men of the nations who were associated with us in the great war.

"With a view to fittingly patriotic the national scope of patriotic service that Victory Hall will render all posterity, our plan includes—as one of its cardinal features—a corridor of the states. Here, to each state, the District of Columbia and to each of our territorial possessions, will be assigned an alcove or recess in which each may memorialize its war service in whatever form it deems most fitting and whenever it may see fit to do so, it not being expected that any state shall incur any expense in this beyond whatever sum of money it may decide to expend in its own alcove. It is in connection with this corridor of the states, and with the thought of a nationwide patriotic service behind it, that your endorsement of the project is requested.

"The position taken by the association and endorsed very generally by leaders of American thought, is that there can be no location so appropriate as New York City for such a memorial. We feel all will agree that New York City is the metropolis of our country, the national center of our commerce and finance and the main portal through which enters, approximately, ninety-five per cent. of the vast immigration seeking American citizenship. Furthermore, it was the port of departure and return of the greater part of the two million American members of the American Expeditionary Force enrolled from all the states of the nation.

"You may recall that so many were the states represented in the troops passing through the city during the war and after the armistice, that urgent need was felt for a "Hall of States" which was accordingly established and occupied an entire building in this city and was maintained in part by appropriation by various state legislatures and with the assistance of state and college societies.

"The enclosed leaflet shows in detail, interesting features of this memorial, including the "corridor of the States," hall of the Allies and shrine of America, which must needs appeal to the nation at large. It also contains a list of some of the endorsements and revealing the wide interest and approval which this memorial has aroused among prominent men and women throughout the United States. Our leading newspapers have given their editorial endorsement and the seven great war relief organizations have not only approved the idea, but are actively aiding to make Victory Hall a reality.

"Confidently hoping that you will give your personal endorsement of this project, I am, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, Geo. W. Wingate, President of the Victory Hall Association.

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