

KNOX RESOLUTION TO END WAR

MEASURE IS SAME AS WILSON VETOED LAST TERM OF CONGRESS

Reserves America's Rights Under Versailles Treaty—Referred to Committee

DELEGATION SEES HARDING

Huge Petition Asking for Release of Debs and War Prisoners is Taken to Capitol.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania, today introduced his resolution to end the state of war existing between the United States and Germany.

The measure is similar to that passed by the last Congress and which was vetoed by President Wilson.

The resolution, which also would end the state of war with Austria, was referred to the committee on foreign relations without discussion.

President Harding told a delegation which called upon him today to urge the release of Eugene V. Debs and all other prisoners convicted under the war time espionage act that that he contemplated no general action of amnesty until a state of peace had been declared with Germany and Austria.

The visiting delegation to the White House included representatives of labor, political and civic organizations from the leading industrial centers as far west as St. Louis.

Similar pleas were made to Vice-President Coolidge, Speaker Gillett, of the house, and Attorney General Daugherty by petitions bearing thousands of signatures, while petitions were presented to individual members of Congress.

Delegates numbering about two hundred marched to the capitol behind a motor truck bearing a monster petition to Congress, signed by thousands of citizens in forty-one states.

At the capitol the petition was separated into lots representing signers in the various congressional districts and these were presented to the respective members of Congress separately.

The delegation issued a formal statement after leaving the White House in which it said the President received it most courteously, asking questions to bring out certain points. He spoke of his entire sympathy with the committee to see an era of frank discussion and good will established in America and indicated that the cases of the prisoners in question had already begun to receive the attention of the department of justice.

President Harding promised a delegation from Alabama which called upon him today, to take up the case of Capt. Emmett Kilpatrick, of Uniontown, Ala., who is held a prisoner by the Russian Bolsheviks.

STEEL UNION TO BE DELAYED

Unemployment Interferes With Union's Plans in Scheduled Campaign.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Unemployment and slack conditions in industry probably will delay the scheduled campaign for the organization of the steel industry, according to William Hannon, of the International Machinery Union.

Hannon is secretary of the special committee appointed last January by the American Federation of Labor to organize steel workers.

"With the steel mills working only to about 40 per cent of capacity, and with unemployment general throughout the country, the present is not a good time to press new organization work," Hannon said.

"However, there are some members of the council who believe we should proceed at once with at least a campaign of education among steel workers. Just the program to be followed will be determined at the meeting of the executive council April 15."

The educational campaign is made more desirable from the fact that certain radical groups, like the I. W. W., make their greatest headway during the periods of unemployment.

Their appeal is to the discontented and the jobless, and in certain sections they are busy in organization work today.

Baseball is Here; Majors Play Today

Sixteen major league baseball teams, fortified with recruits to strengthen their weak points, crossed bats today in the opening of the 1921 National and American league pennant fights.

The eight fortunate cities that drew the "opening day" games were the following:

National League, Boston—Braves vs. Brooklyn, Philadelphia—Phillies vs. Giants.

American League, Cincinnati—Reds vs. Pittsburgh, Chicago—Cubs vs. St. Louis, New York—Yankees vs. Philadelphia.

Washington—Senators vs. Boston, Detroit—Tigers vs. Chicago, St. Louis—Browns vs. Cleveland.

BROTHERS ALLEGED TO HAVE DEFRAUDED

Arrests in Washington Today Are Expected to Clear Up Huge Swindling Scheme.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—In two arrests made here early today post-office inspectors believe they have apprehended the perpetrators of a colossal mail defrauding scheme, by which people of this city, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Chicago were said to have been mulcted of thousands of dollars.

The persons arrested were Albert E. and Frank H. Hitchcock, brothers, residing here and their detention was said to have followed notification from Los Angeles of the arrest there of a third brother, Horace Hitchcock, and his wife.

The four are alleged to have used the mails in soliciting subscriptions to half a dozen purported periodicals which, it is said, have never been published, and for other fraudulent purposes.

Enterprises alleged to have been operated include "The Argus," of Philadelphia; "The Feature Magazine," of Chicago, and "The American Story" magazine, of Baltimore and Washington.

Elm Street School Exercises Friday

Exercises given by pupils of Elm street school during the art exhibit in that institution several weeks ago will be repeated tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prof. C. A. Smith, principal of the school, announced this afternoon. Patrons are especially invited to attend.

In connection with the exercises will be the presentation of pictures, which were won by Mrs. A. E. Frazier's seven A grade, and the Six B class, taught by Miss Cynthia Garrett. The presentations will be made by W. M. Marr, superintendent of the city schools.

New Song Leader Sent to High Point

J. Oliver Brison, community song leader who has been in High Point for several days organizing community sings, has been called to Macon, Ga., to conduct the work there.

In Mr. Brison's place, H. H. Schuller, of Chicago, has been sent to High Point and will be here for several weeks in charge of community singing. Mr. Schuller arrived this morning. The program for developing community music will be carried out as originally intended.

Kellogg Fights Columbia Treaty

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Launching the fight against the \$25,000,000 Columbia treaty, Senator Kellogg, republican, of Minnesota, told the senate today that ratification of the pact would place a strain on the "name and fame" of Theodore Roosevelt and would be an acknowledgment that the United States was wrong, had violated Columbia's rights and were now ready and willing to make reparation therefor.

Charges Banks In Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Charges that officials of the federal reserve bank of Atlanta, acting in concert with reserve banks of other districts, have joined in a conspiracy to force small banks throughout Georgia to become members of the federal reserve system were pressed before the supreme court today by counsel for the American Bank and Trust company of Atlanta and more than forty other financial institutions in the state.

KIWANIANS PLAN TO INVESTIGATE FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER

Committee Named to Look Into Possibilities for Such a Building Here.

CUMMINGS CHIEF SPEAKER Community Service Organizer Makes Good Address—Delegates Named.

High Point Kiwanians, at their luncheon this afternoon in the basement of the First Reformed church, heard a splendid address by F. A. Cummings, community service organizer, after which President Steve Clark appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of a community center building in this city.

Julie Marsh was named chairman of the committee to report at the next meeting of the club.

Expressions of appreciation for the splendid spirit of co-operation shown by the Kiwanians were offered by Mr. Cummings, who said he could not commend the words to tell how grateful he was to the members of the live organization.

Decision to name a committee to investigate the need of a community building in High Point was reached after Mr. Cummings suggested that the Kiwanis club get behind the part of the community service program.

The organizer said his last visit to the Kiwanis club several weeks ago was one that he would not soon forget. He made it plain that at that time conditions regarding the organization for community service were not what might be termed bright.

After he had spoken to the club, he said he could feel that the members understood and that they were with him in the undertaking. The spirit shown by the Kiwanians was attributed as one of the reasons why community service was actually organized in High Point.

Mr. Cummings said he might travel over the entire continent, but would not forget the many courtesies extended him by local citizens. It has been a pleasure for him to be here for the past several weeks, he said, adding that the possibilities for a great community service work in this city could not be estimated.

Mr. Cummings emphasized the importance of High Point caring for the youth of the city. He saw much of the young manhood going to waste in the city when it might be saved with a little effort.

H. H. Schuller, who succeeds J. Oliver Brison as director of community music in High Point, was present at the luncheon today and made an interesting talk. He praised community service and freely expressed the belief that it would be a great success here.

Community music, he said, is one of the links to the program and requested the Kiwanians to help put the movement across. Mr. Schuller will probably be in the city for several weeks.

Kiwanian Oscar Wilson presided at the meeting today and the gathering was one of the most enthusiastic ever held by the local organization.

Kiwanians Tom Gilliam, W. D. Brooks, Ralph Parter and Oscar Wilson were appointed delegates to the Kiwanis conference to be held in Greenville on June 21. President Clark requested every member of the local club to make special effort to attend the conference, which will be featured by addresses by several prominent men.

High Point will continue to have lyceum attractions if action taken by the Kiwanis club today means anything. A committee was named to assist S. L. Davis in continuing the lyceum program in this city.

Mr. Davis consented to act with the Kiwanians, after he had been urged to do so by members of the club. Mr. Davis announced several weeks ago that he would give up the work after having conducted the lyceum program here for 13 years.

His friends will be interested to learn that he is to continue his efforts in the movement. The committee named today will assist in the selling of tickets.

Uucker to Speak At June Convention

STATESVILLE, April 13.—Clement S. Ucker, of Baltimore, vice-president and executive officer of the Southern development organization, has accepted the invitation to address the annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' association at Greensboro, June 21 to 23.

Mr. Ucker was executive officer of the department of interior under the Taft administration.

Fruit Crop Suffers In West Carolina

ASHEVILLE, April 13.—Reports received here today by C. C. Proffitt, county farm agent, indicate that practically the entire fruit crop of western North Carolina was wiped out by the heavy frost Monday night. The loss is estimated by him to be in the millions. There are many orchards near here of ten thousand trees or more, it being one of the largest fruit sections of the south.

STRIKE SITUATION IN BRITAIN LOOMS SERIOUS THIS TIME

Walk Out of Four Million Men Is in Prospect As Result of Failure of Settlement.

ALL THE INDUSTRIES JOIN Latest Threat Is That General Strike Will Become Effective Friday Night.

LONDON, April 13.—Great Britain's "triple alliance" of labor will call its members from their posts at 10 o'clock Friday night, it was announced here this morning at 11 o'clock. This decision follows the inability of the national miners' federation to reach an agreement with the mine owners to settle the strike of the miners, which began April 1.

It has been estimated that if the "alliance" calls a strike there would be nearly four million persons idle in England as a result.

The decision to strike was reached unanimously by the transport workers and railway men, J. A. Thomas, general secretary of the railway men said after this morning's meeting.

The walk-out, he declared, will take place at 10 o'clock Friday night. Many other unions have sent applications to join in the strike.

Other labor organizations may become involved in the controversy between the government and the "triple alliance."

The Daily Mail declares the executive committee of the electrical trades union resolved last night to support the miners and railway men in their walk-out. An electricians' strike would paralyze street car traffic and all industry depending upon electricity to operate.

LONDON, April 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The miners, according to the Evening Standard, today have decided there can be no renewal of negotiations for the strike settlement even if the invitation emanates from the government or labor leaders.

HAZING EPISODE MAY CAUSE TRIAL

Wake County Grand Jury to Probe Recent Student Outbreak at State College

RALEIGH, April 13.—R. H. McComb, of Hickory, a junior at the North Carolina state college of agriculture and school of engineering, here today was indicted by the Wake county grand jury in connection with hazing several weeks ago, when a number of students had their hair cut and were otherwise mistreated. A capias will be issued immediately for the young man's arrest. Judge Connor indicated the trial may go over until the May term of court.

A true bill charging McComb with threatening and heaping indignities upon W. R. Loflin in violation of a statute against hazing in this state was returned. Among the witnesses summoned by the grand jury were Ivan Hollaman and W. T. Price.

RALEIGH, April 13.—Judge Connor in Wake county superior court today asked the grand jury to make a vigorous investigation into the hazing episode in North Carolina state college and engineering school several weeks ago, in which several students were forcibly subjected to haircuts and were otherwise mistreated. During the outbreak a number of shots were exchanged by students and the door of at least one room was broken open.

The grand jury will call a number of witnesses and if sufficient evidence is procured the cases will probably be tried at the fall term of court. Hazing is a statutory offense in North Carolina and punishment is left to the discretion of the court.

Missionary Folk Gather at Richmond

RICHMOND, Va., April 13.—with thirty-eight presidents and secretaries of state councils among those in attendance, the 11th annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church, south, began this morning in Centenary church in this city. Committee meetings at 10 o'clock were held on work in the Oriental, African and Latin-American fields. Educational institutions and social service were also discussed. The convention will come to a close next Wednesday.

Harding Message Liked in Paris

PARIS, April 13.—President Harding's message to congress created a most favorable impression in Paris in official as well as other circles. Particularly favorable was the passage as regards ratification of the treaty of Versailles detached from the covenant of the league of nations and with reservations.

Come On, You Bandits!



Your Uncle Samuel is getting tired having his mails robbed—so this new mail car has been designed for transfer of registered mail and derrick on the truck to form the car. The first ones go on the New York-Chicago run.

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Mrs. W. C. Hammer, of Ashboro, Is Again Elected President of the State Missionary Societies—Chosen Today

Opening with a joint session of the home and foreign societies, the second afternoon meeting of the annual conference of the North Carolina Women's Home and Foreign Missionary societies, which is being held in the First Methodist Protestant church, this city, is proving one of the busiest sessions of the gathering.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon a workers' conference was being conducted by Mrs. George R. Brown, of High Point. S. S. Coe, of this city, led the devotion. Mrs. L. W. Geringer, of Ashboro, delivered an address on "Anti-Ruts Replies."

The morning session opened at 9 o'clock. The committees were busy until 10 o'clock when the devotional program was led by Mrs. Delbridge, of Hollister.

The goal set by the board for the North Carolina branch of the home mission board was \$1,200 and the amount raised was \$1,638.04.

Introduced to the conference, Rev. J. D. Williams, of Liberty; Rev. L. W. Geringer, of Ashboro; Rev. R. C. Stubbins, of Greensboro, and Rev. R. A. Hunter, of Winston-Salem, made appropriate remarks.

Mrs. Russell, who was the first matron of the Children's home, was present and brought a message to the delegates. Rev. Mr. Stowe and Rev. Mr. Neese were introduced.

Reports from all auxiliaries show splendid work. Mr. Garrett, in his report, showed what could be done when working for the right cause by asking those present when the home missionary society was organized. He told how the orphanage was started with \$50 in the treasury and how this year the missionary societies had paid over \$11,500. He said the treasury of the home had received over \$6,000 this year.

The meeting adjourned at noon and the ladies of High Point served lunch in the Sunday school rooms.

Officers were elected as follows this afternoon: Mrs. W. C. Hammer, of Ashboro, president; Mrs. J. M. Millikin, of Greensboro, first vice-president; Mrs. R. L. Haddock, of Greensboro, second vice-president; Miss Esther Ross, of Ashboro, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Nicholson, of Mebane, recording secretary; Mrs. H. A. Garrett, of High Point, treasurer; Mrs. S. W. Taylor, of Burlington, secretary of literature; Mrs. C. W. Bates, of Henderson, secretary of life and memorial members; Mrs. J. E. Pritchard, secretary of young people's work.

The evening session was featured by a splendid address by Rev. N. M. Harrison, of West End, who spoke on "The Unfinished Task." The speaker pointed out that men and women now performing tasks have greater responsibilities than the disciples. The missionaries of today have better means of transportation because of the numerous inventions.

INSURANCE RULING BY MR. WADE CAUSES RESCINDING LICENSE

An Illinois Auto Insurance Company Is Required to Pay Claims by the Commissioner

LEGAL BATTLE IN PROSPECT

Hearing on Southern Power Petition Develops Into Interesting Fight Over Rates.

(BY MAX ABERNETHY.)

RALEIGH, April 13.—Insurance Commissioner Stacey W. Wade's recent action in requiring the Belt Automobile Indemnity Exchange of Illinois to pay two claims in North Carolina over which there arose some difference of opinion as to the rights of policyholders, gave rise to the withdrawal of this exchange from the state.

Commissioner Wade maintains that everything favors a company selling insurance, since it provides the contract and imposes all of the conditions, and often provisions which might prejudice the rights of the policyholder are included without his knowledge or assent, or full import. Consequently such contracts should be so liberally interpreted as to strip them of mystery and technicalities, and to guarantee to the policyholder common sense protection and fair treatment.

No objection is interposed to the fullest investigation of each claim, and where the existence of fraud is established the company has ample protection, but no bona fide claim should be rejected until such fraud is proven.

The Belt Exchange is not now licensed in North Carolina and the policyholders as well as the public generally, warns Commissioner Wade, should be governed accordingly.

Argument on the petition of the Southern Power company before the State Corporation Commission this week for an increased schedule of rates that it may charge its customers for hydroelectric power presents the most interesting legal battle to pass upon.

The fact that while the power company is opposing a motion made by cotton mill interests which are in turn opposing the proposed increase, because denial is made that the transmission of its power is interstate, the same company is before the state supreme court representing that the federal court representing action, involving the old fight of the North Carolina Public Service company of Greensboro and High Point, should have been brought. The latter case began when the Southern Power company threatened to discontinue serving the public utilities of the two cities.

For the interests opposing the petition W. P. Bynum of Greensboro filed with the commission and supported it with argument a brief denying the state commission's right to pass upon the question at issue. He asks that the Southern Power company be sent to the Interstate Commerce commission, and that if that body does not have the right and power of jurisdiction then the power company cannot and ought not to be interfered with in making its rates.

Reason for this position is that the state commission has no jurisdiction over interstate commerce business. The transmission of hydroelectric power into North Carolina's lines is interstate business, it is contended, since the current originates in South Carolina. Transmission of the power from one state into another takes from one state into commission, it is argued, the right to fix rates.

Attorneys for the power company contend that all of the courts have previously settled the question as to whether the corporation commission had jurisdiction and that until congress enacts a law regulating the movement of electric current the subject, in the absence of action by congress, is a local matter and subject to local and state regulation.

The appointment of James Sprunt, C. C. Chatham, T. F. Wood and H. C. McQueen, of Wilmington, and J. Ruark, of Southport, as commissioners of the Board of Navigation and Pilotage of the Cape Fear river and Bay is authorized by Governor Morrison. The appointment is under an act of the 1921 general assembly which provides that four of the five commissioners must reside in the city of Wilmington.

Fire early yesterday totally destroyed the clubhouse of the Carolina Country club of Raleigh, three miles northwest of the city, entailing a loss of approximately \$25,000. The building was covered by insurance. Lack of fire protection by reason of its location made it impossible for Raleigh firemen to combat the flames which were discovered at 11 o'clock. The building will be rebuilt.

They're Off in the Southern. MEMPHIS, TENN., April 13.—The 21st pennant race in the Southern association of baseball clubs got under way today with Chattanooga at New Orleans; Nashville at Birmingham; Atlanta at Mobile; Memphis at Little Rock.

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Grade Crossing Claims Four Lives

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