

TENNESSEE MAY RATIFY SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT WITHOUT REFERENDUM

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 24.—Assistant Attorney General Frierson has advised Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, that the legislature of that state could ratify the suffrage amendment without submitting the issue to the people.

SUFFRAGE HOPES RALLY IN TENNESSEE President Wilson Urges Immediate Action in Interests of Service to Party and Nation.

(By The Associated Press.) NASHVILLE, Tenn., June 24.—Suffrage hopes rallied today when it was learned Governor Roberts planned to call a special session of the legislature to act on the federal suffrage amendment following receipt of a telegram from President Wilson urging such action in the interests of "real service to the party and to the nation."

RYAN, OF STUTZ MOTOR CO., EXPELLED FROM EXCHANGE

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, June 24.—Allan A. Ryan, chairman of the Stutz Motor Car Company, who became involved in a controversy with officials of the New York stock exchange at the time it was alleged a corner existed in Stutz, has been expelled from the exchange, according to an announcement today by the board of governors.

NEXT MEETING LEAGUE WILL BE AT SAN SEBASTIAN

(By The Associated Press.) MADRID, June 23.—The next meeting of the council of the league of nations will be held at San Sebastian July 27, it was announced today.

ROTARIANS HEAR ABOUT YARN MARKET SLUMP

J. H. Separk Tells Local Club There's No Reason for Pessimism — Market Will Soon Stabilize Itself — Dr. Spruill Talks on Tuberculosis — Excellent Program Yesterday.

Absence from the city of quite a number of members was responsible for a small attendance at the regular luncheon of the Gastonia Rotary Club at the Lory Cafeteria yesterday, but the program was an excellent one and the meeting greatly enjoyed. Among the guests of the club were Mr. W. B. Haynes, superintendent of the Lory Mill; Judge A. C. Jones, Dr. J. L. Spruill, head of the State tuberculosis hospital at Sanatorium; Mr. W. L. Briggs, of Albany, N. Y.; Mr. W. L. Thompson and Mr. P. D. Barkley.

Dr. J. E. Spruill was called on and made a short talk on the State's needs in the matter of combatting the ravages of tuberculosis. Under the direction of the State Board of Health Dr. Spruill is spending some time in the county conducting a campaign against this disease. He gave some startling facts with reference to the State and especially with reference to this county. There are now over 200 cases of tuberculosis in Gaston county, he said. The board has the names and addresses of the victims. It is not guess work. With 3,300 deaths in the State last year from this disease there were available only 300 beds for tubercular patients in the entire State.

President Myers announced that J. H. Kennedy had gone to Atlantic City to represent the club at the annual meeting of the International Association of Rotary Clubs.

HERRERA GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZED BY U. S.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, June 24.—The Herrera government in Guatemala, which succeeded that of Dr. Estrada Cabrera, has been recognized by the United States, it was announced today at the state department.

RAILWAY LABOR BOARD IS DIVIDED THREE WAYS

(By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, June 24.—A well confirmed report in circulation in labor circles today said the railway labor board was divided three ways on the wage controversy, the labor group holding out for an award which both the company and public representatives thought exorbitant, and the company group refusing to concede an award that the public group felt reasonable.

No message from President Wilson asking an immediate decision on the wage question had been received when the board resumed deliberations today.

PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG FOLKS HOLD MEETING AT DALLAS

League of Young People's Societies of Kings Mountain Presbytery Organized—Next Meeting to be Held in Gastonia.

(Mrs. Joe Gribble—) DALLAS, June 24.—When a meeting of the young people of Kings Mountain Presbytery was called at the Dallas Presbyterian church Wednesday, June 23rd, by Miss Mary Ragan, of Gastonia, secretary of young people's work of this presbytery, for the purpose of considering the formation of a league of all the young people societies and organized classes, the church was filled with delegates, pastors, those interested in young people's work, and many young visitors of other churches.

In behalf of the young people of the Dallas church a most cordial welcome was extended the visitors by Miss Annie Hamiter which was graciously responded to by Miss Virginia Henderlite, of Gastonia.

Dr. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Gastonia, was elected temporary chairman and upon taking the chair expressed his great pleasure of this honor and assured the young people of the pastors' hearty cooperation and support in their good endeavor for the church and for Christ.

Mr. David Hall, of Belmont, for president and Miss Jennie Seine, of Lincolnton, for secretary and treasurer were announced by the nominating committee and unanimously elected. In the absence of Miss Seine, Mrs. Gribble was elected to serve the remaining time.

A most pleasant "get acquainted hour" was spent at noon and a bountiful dinner served, picnic style, at the graded school building grounds, the members of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Young People's societies were hostesses.

The afternoon session was featured by an interesting talk on the student loan fund by Mrs. G. V. Patterson, of Spencer Mountain, and in "The Value of Mission Study." Rev. George R. Gillespie brought out the importance of work that should develop through the study stating briefly his own experiences in the aggressive work begun two years ago by the First Presbyterian church in Gastonia.

Several invitations were extended for the next meeting place which caused quite a discussion, finally accepting Gastonia's which, for many reasons, was most appropriate for the first meeting. The time will be governed by the state conference which will meet at Queens College next year.

OPENS HEARINGS

(By The Associated Press.) SCRANTON, Pa., June 24.—The anthracite coal commission, recently appointed by President Wilson, opened hearings today in the wage controversy between the hard coal operators and mine workers. The commission is taking up a task over which a joint conference subcommittee of operators and miners wrangled in vain for six weeks in April and May.

BICKETT TO PRESIDE AT JOINT DEBATE

Governor to Act as Mediator Should Any Unpleasantness Arise Between Gardner and Morrison.

Concerning the proposed joint debate between Max Gardner and Cam Morrison, Tom Bost in today's Greensboro News says:

Governor Bickett's continued absence from his office on official duties left the Raleigh end uninformed as to what he will do when he is asked to preside at the Morrison-Gardner joint debate Monday night.

The desire to have a governor sit on the volcano arises out of no flippancy for the governor himself. Nobody wishes to see him blown off the lid of the seething cauldron, to execute a change of figger. It is because of the highly explosive character of the contest that the friends of both aspirants wish a gubernatorial "setting" given it.

Bickett voted for Bob Page and therefore has rhetorically no rubbers in the fight. All three voted for him when he was having one and he feels mighty good toward all three. Then he has the saving grace of humor which might have on this occasion saving a disgrace. If things got too hot he might turn murder into a musical, or at worst, into melodrama, and he is badly needed for the occasion.

The debate takes place under considerable misgivings. It is reported that Candidate John Parker, of the Republican camp, will be here, seeing and hearing what he can see and hear. The old-timers in both camps doubt the wisdom of a meeting between the "rash and romantic" Gardner and the captain of the red-shirt clan. Yet, the captain of the red-shirters never has believed that the rash and romantic youth of Shelby has the intellectual goods or the courage to deliver them. That is to say, the disciples of Mr. Morrison do not think so.

If Gardner delivers well, and his manager contemplates a wholesale delivery, the day will not be lost whose low descending sun sees Max the rash, romantic, hammering red-shirt Cam-er-on. The terms are one hour for the opener by Morrison, 30 minutes for rejoinder. Likewise one hour for Gardner and half an hour for backtalk. What they will discuss nobody knows. There are slight differences on suffrage. Gardner says he is standing on the Democratic platform; Morrison says he is lying under it, flattened out by it, and barring the inversion, the two men are together on the issue.

There is a suggestion of difference in taxation, but just where there is no indication. The questionnaire should furnish a lively point of divergence. Morrison answered his, Gardner sent his back with the comment that he could not make prediction promises. This has been the real battleground until personalities of partisans backed the measures off the board.

CHAPEL HILL BUSINESS SECTION HAS BAD FIRE

Early Morning Blaze Destroys Five Stores With a Loss of About \$35,000.

CHAPEL HILL, June 23.—The entire business section of Chapel Hill was threatened early this morning when fire of unknown origin swept through five frame stores in the heart of town, destroying them and causing an estimated loss of \$35,000, about one half of which was covered by insurance.

Desperate fighting by the local fire department, supplemented by a reel cart from Durham, which raced across country in record time, and by hundreds of students at the University summer school, prevented the flames spreading further. The destroyed stores include Pendergraft's grocery store, Gooch's cafe, Peace's barber shop, a store room used by the A. A. Klutz company, other store rooms used by students, professors, and citizens of Chapel Hill, chiefly to house furniture, all of which were wiped out, and Foister's book and art show, the building of which was destroyed but the stock was saved by students who formed in lines and carried out the last ink bottle and case of pencils. The buildings, all old and built of wood, were owned by R. L. Stroud, the Chapel Hill Insurance and Realty company, Mrs. C. L. Lindsay, and W. L. Tankersley.

Flames were shooting high in the air from Pendergraft's store when the fire was discovered shortly after 4 o'clock this morning. This afternoon the ruins were still smoldering and the business section of the town looked as though the heart had been cut out of it. The destroyed buildings include several old landmarks of Chapel Hill, including Gooch's cafe where many generations of university students have crammed on ham and eggs, and "Penny's," known in other days as Macaulay's store. It is thought that the heaviest losers are R. L. Stroud, who owned two other buildings, J. E. Gooch, who had a large stock on hand, and G. W. C. Byrnes, of Klutz company. Pendergraft's loss was heavy but was pretty well covered by insurance.

PROHIBITION ISSUE FORCES PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TALK INTO BACKGROUND

Party's Policy Towards Bone Dry Prohibition Continues One Big Theme of Agitation — Glass Arrives With President's Own Draft of Platform, It Is Thought — Tammany Leader Arrives — Both Refuse to Talk Politics.

CITY LETS CONTRACTS TOTALLING \$100,000

Water and Sewer Systems to be Extended at Once — List of Successful Bidders.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday contracts were let for the extensive improvement of Gastonia's water and sewerage systems. These contracts were closed on an elastic basis, that is, the city may have less work done than the amount expected or, which is more likely, a greater expansion of the sewerage and water facilities. The five powerful pumps, three of 1,500 gallons and two of 3,000 gallons per minute capacity, which have already been ordered will not only furnish protection in case of fire but provide adequate pressure to take care of the proposed expansion of the system.

The following are the contracts let at the meeting of the council Tuesday: Sewer pipes; Chattanooga Sewer Pipe Co. Laying of sewer pipes; A. H. Guion Co., Gastonia. Cast iron pipes; to U. S. Pipe and Foundry Co. Laying of cast iron pipes; B. F. Roberts, of Macon, Ga. The 300,000 gallon stand pipe; to R. D. Cole Mfg. Co., Newnan, Ga. Fire hydrants; General Fire Extinguisher Co., of Charlotte. Gate valves for water works department; Rensselaer Mfg. Co., of Troy, N. Y.

McADOO IS NOT OUT OF THE RUNNING YET

(H. E. C. Bryant, in Charlotte Observer.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—The North Carolina delegates to the democratic convention will be quartered at the Grand hotel, several blocks from the convention hall. They will be conveniently located. After the Tar Heels arrive, they will find that they are in great demand.

GALVESTON WILL SPEND \$150,000 TO GET RID OF RATS

GALVESTON, Tex., June 24.—With the aid of half a score of public health service experts the mobilization of forces for a long drawn out campaign of rat extermination in the fight against the spread of the bubonic plague got well under way. The fight is expected to last a year, and the total cost was estimated at \$150,000 of which \$12,500 was appropriated by the city yesterday. One thousand rat traps have been set, 11,300 are enroute from New Orleans and an additional 8,000 have been ordered from various other cities.

WHOLESALE INDICTMENT BY GRAND JURY FOR FRAUD

NEW YORK, June 24.—Four oil companies, ten brokerage houses and about 50 individuals have been indicted by the federal grand jury on a charge of using the mails to defraud investors out of millions of dollars, it was learned today when seals on the indictment were ordered broken.

NINETY BILLION POUNDS MILK.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Milk production reached a new high mark in 1919 when ninety billion pounds of fluid milk was produced, according to the weekly market letter of the United States bureau of markets. It estimated the number of milk producing cows on farms at more than 22,000,000.

CROWN PRINCE VISITS MOTHER.

DOERN, June 24.—Former Crown Prince Frederick William, of Germany, left here in an automobile today after a visit of several days on account of the illness of his mother.

(By The Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, June 24.—Preliminary to the democratic national convention got into the inevitable period of hurry and scramble today with the appearance of one after another of the men who are to play leading parts in the big quadrennial drama.

In the whisperings behind the scenes the question of the party's policy toward bone dry prohibition continued the one big theme of agitation, with prospects for a fight on the convention floor growing better and better. Arriving leaders and delegations also added some impetus to the discussion of presidential candidates, but that subject still remained well in the background.

Two figures newly arrived on the scene attracted particular attention. One was Senator Glass, of Virginia, fresh from Washington, and generally reported to have brought President Wilson's own draft of the platform. The other was Charles F. Murphy, of New York, the leader of Tammany Hall, who came direct from the widely heralded conference of old line party strategists at French Lick, Ind.

Both of them were as busy as bees, but as silent and cagey as mice. Privately they took careful stock of the situation and conferred earnestly with other leaders from far and wide. Publicly, they refused to talk politics, outline what they hoped to accomplish or predict what the convention finally would bring forth.

Mr. Murphy was the new center of speculation on the subject of prohibition. The declaration of the New York state convention for repeal of the eighteenth amendment and widely circulated reports of the patching of an anti-bone-dry plank at French Lick helped to bolster the impression among many delegates that Tammany would lead in the effort to write such a plank into the platform.

Not only the Tammany chief but all of his lieutenants refused steadfastly to discuss that subject, or to say whether any anti-prohibition movement really had been launched at the French Lick conference. Thomas Taggart, of Indiana, another principal in the conference, was expected to arrive here late today or early tomorrow, but it generally was predicted that the lines of division on the prohibition issue would not be clearly drawn until the convention actually gets under way on Monday.

One element which tended to keep the problem in flux was the uncertainty of many of those here regarding the position of President Wilson. The Virginia state platform, which has been given the president's unqualified approval and on which the national platform is expected to be modeled, is silent on the subject. Some of Mr. Wilson's closest political friends in the administration, however, are known to have prepared a liberalization plank for which they are ready to make a fight in the convention.

This plank, said to have been drafted after conferences in Washington among men high in the party councils, does not mention beer or wines by name, but makes a blanket declaration for more liberal interpretation by congress of the prohibition amendment. It is expected a strong effort will be made by sponsors of the proposal to throw the influence of the administration behind it.

Many of the party leaders, including Homer S. Cummings, the national chairman, reiterated confidence that no other platform plank would lead to a fight on the convention floor.

The league of nations declarations, as framed by administration supporters, was declared by these leaders to be certain of acceptance after only a nominal squabble in the platform committee.

Senator Glass' first conference after his arrival here late yesterday, was with Chairman Cummings. They had dinner together in the chairman's hotel room and afterwards spent most of the evening in consultation.

William J. Bryan, who is expected to lead the attack on such a treaty plank as well as the fight against a prohibition liberalization declaration, still was missing today from the constellation of leaders here. He will arrive late in the week, and no one here pretended to know exactly what plan of campaign he may contemplate.

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