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HARDING PLEASED WITH MINNESOTA RECEPTION

ON BOARD SENATOR HARDING'S SPECIAL TRAIN, Sept. 9.—On his way home from his first campaign trip, Senator Harding, the republican nominee for president, declared himself highly pleased today with his reception by the people of Minnesota, who cheered his speech at the state fair yesterday on agriculture issues and greeted him in tumultuous fashion when he rode through the streets of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

What the result might be on future plans of the nominee was not revealed, but speculation as to the probability of more extensive departures from the front porch was enlivened by expressions of satisfaction from two of the principal figures in management of his campaign, Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana, head of the party's speaker's bureau, and Harry M. Daugherty, a member of the campaign committee, both of whom are in the senator's party.

"Minnesota, and its splendid twin cities, and the state fair organization," Senator Harding said in a formal statement today, "seem to have vied with each other in providing a strenuous, enjoyable and completely satisfactory day for us. I shall not make the mistake of assuming that the great outpouring of people and the magnificent reception given us was merely a personal tribute. It was more than that, and vastly more significant. It was the testimony that the people of this great state are completely in sympathy with the people of the country in a determination to put America once more on the main highway of national progress and to go ahead safely and along right lines."

"Perhaps the thing that most gratifies me was the close attention with which the wonderful audience at the fair grounds listened to a speech that was intended to present a constructive program."

Senator New characterized the day's experiences in the twin cities as "a conspicuous success," adding: "I have campaigned with every republican presidential nominee since Blaine, and I never have seen a better day."

Mr. Daugherty declared that in the "thirty years that I have had an opportunity to observe political demonstrations, in no campaign, either state or national, or at any stage of any campaign, have I observed such a remarkable demonstration on the part of so many people as the one given to Senator Harding by the people of the twin cities of Minnesota."

Senator Harding's train, which left St. Paul shortly after 11 o'clock last night, was due to reach Marion late today.

COX APPLIES LEAGUE TO CONDITIONS IN WEST

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 9.—Arguments in behalf of the League of Nations adapted to affairs of the west were presented here today by Governor James M. Cox, democratic presidential candidate. He outlined what he declared were practical material benefits to flow from the league.

"It has recently been figured," said the governor, "that the cost of one battle-ship would reclaim two million acres of land."

"Multiply this by 48, the number of waters, adopting the plan of one battle-ship for each state, and you have a staggering total, and, if properly applied, the answer to the problem of housing in our cities, the answer to the question of increased production for sustenance of human life. The expenditure required in total would reclaim 150,000 square miles of waste."

—Mr. E. K. Davenport, chairman of the board of county commissioners, was a business visitor in town from Mt. Holly Wednesday.

YORK AND YORKVILLE

The Enquirer.

Dr. C. S. Bratton, formerly of York county, but for many years past a leading citizen of Palestine, Texas, was the victim of an automobile accident on Monday of last week as the result of which he suffered a broken leg. The accident occurred as the doctor was walking across a street of Palestine. He was struck from behind by a Ford car and knocked down. When removed to the hospital it was discovered that one leg was broken and he was suffering considerably from shock. The broken leg was successfully set, and later information is that he is getting along as nicely as could be expected.

At an election held August 31 a strip of territory lying near Kings Mountain battleground and embracing about two square miles of territory was ceded from York to Cherokee county. Only six votes were cast in the election and all of them were in favor of annexation to Cherokee. About sixty people live in the territory.

A generator to produce gas from peat having a high water content for use in ammonia gas engines seems to have been perfected in Germany.

Local showers tonight and Friday.

WASHINGTON, Sep. 9.—Forecast for North Carolina: Partly cloudy weather with probably showers tonight and Friday.

ATROPHY OF SKIN SUFFERED BY LORD MAYOR MACSWINEY

(By the Associated Press.)

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Lord Mayor MacSwiney, of Cork, who is incarcerated in Brixton prison and has been on a hunger strike since August 12, passed a very bad night, and complained again this morning of dizziness, according to a bulletin issued early today by the Irish Self-Determination League. He also experienced numbness in his legs and arms, and a physician who attended him considered him much weaker than he was yesterday.

The lord mayor was visited last night by Father Patrick MacSwiney, a cousin, who said he was surprised to find the prisoner so well. He expressed the belief that the crisis would not come for three or four days.

The noon bulletin issued by the league stated that signs of atrophy of the skin had appeared, and that as a consequence the mayor's arms were being massaged and bandaged.

BOLSHEVIST RIFLE STRENGTH REDUCED ONE-HALF

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—Rifle strength of the bolshevik army on the Polish front was reduced by more than one-half as a result of the Polish counter-offensive, according to reports received here today in official circles.

The soviet armies, the advices stated, have suffered heavily from desertions, the total number of unapprehended deserters in Russia being estimated at approximately 1,000,000 with fifty thousand at large in Petrograd alone.

The reports also gave estimates as to the strength of the soviet forces on other fronts, the number of men opposing the anti-bolshevik leader, General Wrangel, in South Russia being given as 105,000, including non-combatants. General Wrangel's force is estimated at 140,000 men.

On the quiet southeastern front opposite the Rumanian lines from Tarnopol to Odessa, the soviet government is reported to have been holding 46,000 rifle troops under the command of Gen. Oberevitch, while further eastward on the Caucasian front, the number is placed at 40,500 men. General Kuropatkin, bolshevik commander in the remote trans-Caspian region on the Persian-Chinese border, is estimated to have a force of 29,500 men.

COUNTY AGENT GOWAN HAD A BUSY MONTH

Following is County Agent C. Lee Gowan's report for the month of August which will be of interest to Gaston farmers and others:

Office consultations 239
Letters written 190
Circulars mailed 891
Articles written 5
Bulletins distributed 343
Visits made 45
Meetings held 6
Total attendance at meetings 3,280
Miles traveled 439
Lime ordered 70 tons

Pests: During the past month the crops have been infested by the fall army worm which made its appearance in the southeastern part of the county the latter part of July and the first of August and during that outbreak only farmers south of the Southern railroad were bothered. Another outbreak occurred the latter part of August which spread to practically all parts of the county going as far north as L. A. Barbee's and in the north of Cherryville to the west. In the second attack there were only about half as many worms and many of these did not live to reach the adult stage. We have been called upon to advise methods of controlling this insect, both day and night and sometimes on Sunday which has made quite a busy month along the insect line. Several bins of wheat have been treated for weevils.

Projects: Premium lists have been furnished and distributed for the Cherryville Corn Show and the Sunnyside Community Fair. A big sign has been erected on the plat at Cherryville calling the attention of travelers to the test plat beside the road which contains thirteen different samples of seed.

Organization: On August 4th, a county wide picnic was held at Dallas which was attended by more than 3,000 people, at which a County Farm Bureau was organized. This organization now has a membership of seventy members.

Farm buildings: Plans have been furnished for three dairy barns and one silo.

Miscellaneous: We were out of the county on August 23rd through the 29th attending the Farm and Farm Women's Conference and State Conference of Extension Workers and Agents, held at Raleigh.

NO FLU INDICATIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—There have been no indications of a return of last year's influenza epidemic this winter, the public health service announced today. Each year, it was said, between November and May a number of cases are reported, but experts of the service do not expect the disease to be as widespread or as violent this year as in 1919.

MANY GASTON COUNTY YOUNG FOLKS GO OFF TO SCHOOL

Unusually Large Number Boys and Girls Leave For Various Colleges of North Carolina and Other States.

The past few days have marked the departure of a large number of Gaston county boys and girls to the various colleges of North Carolina and other states. Others are leaving every day. A partial list follows:

Gastonia.

Due West College for Women: Misses Margaret Spencer and Max Bradley.

Davenport College: Miss Marguerite Troutman.

Fishburn Military Academy, Waynesboro, Va.: Messrs. William Robinson, Henry Poole, Page Morris, Ralph Morris, Walter Anderson.

Erskine College: Messrs. E. N. Baird, M. H. Long, J. L. Miller, T. E. Whitesides, P. B. Costner, R. E. and C. L. Hood, Gus Anthony, W. B. Hood, H. K. and William Whitesides.

Kings Business College, Charlotte: Misses Edith Kendrick and Mary Lee Land.

Goucher College, Baltimore, Md.: Miss Lillian McLean.

Lenoir College, Hickory: Miss Ethel Rhyne, Wynna Boliek.

Catawba College, Newton: Starr Hanna.

Davidson College: Messrs. Robertson La Far, Ralph Robinson, McD. Reid, Hubert Huffstetter.

State College, Raleigh: Messrs. Miles Carpenter, Herbert Glenn, Oscar Mason, Bonnie Norris, Ewart Knight and Zeb Harry.

Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va.: Miss Mary Love Babington.

University of North Carolina: Messrs. Leon Schneider, Charles Boyd, Robert Boyd, Rufus Johnson, W. C. Mitchem, Gordon Kincaid, Fred Morris and Roy Morris.

Trinity College: Messrs. James Sloan, Charlie Jordan.

Trinity Park School: Messrs. Sam Johnson, Jim Thomas.

Greensboro College: Misses Louise Beal and Mary Neil Davis.

North Carolina College for Women: Misses Mary Grier, Beulah McKessie, Nellie Hatchford, Virginia Brawley, Clara Brawley, Elizabeth Boyd, Lula Rankin, Bertie Lee Whitesides, Sarah Warren, Myrtle Warren, Martha Bradley, Ruth Lineberger, Blanche Grigg and Annie Rankin.

Meredith College: Misses Annie Clifford and Eunice Hoyle.

Weaverville College: Jack White.

Christ School, Arden: Messrs. Thomas Quickel, Sam New, George Posten and Troy Shirley.

Westminster School: Messrs. Earl Poole and William Kincaid.

To Queens College, Charlotte: Miss Katherine Shuford.

Lowell.

Davidson College: Messrs. J. W. Lowry and John Moore Gaston.

Wake Forest: Mr. Robert Groves.

Trinity: Mr. Clark Gaston.

State College: Mr. Bernard Wilson.

Yale University: Mr. Leslie Reid.

Greensboro College: Misses Ida Groves and Helen Reid.

BURIED IN DEBRIS.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—Fifty dead victims of the Italian earthquake have been taken from the ruins of the town of Barga, says a dispatch from Lucca to the Exchange Telegraph Company, the message adding that many more are buried in the debris of their homes. The village of Grafagnana is a heap of ruins, and the survivors have left. Vignat is being destroyed, and thousands are homeless at Tassallo, Cattelto, Monteceto and Ceserano, the dispatch stated.

KING VISITS WRECKAGE.

FIVAZZANO, Italy, Sept. 8.—(By Courier to Florence.)—King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, today viewed the ruin visited upon this city by the earthquake which Tuesday morning shook northern Italy to its center. He went into every quarter of the town and entered buildings whose crumbling walls threatened to fall if another tremor should come, and talked with survivors, expressing his profound grief over the misfortune that had befallen them and comforting those who were injured.

—Miss Marguerite Troutman spent the past several days visiting friends at Salisbury and China Grove. She returned home Tuesday.

Davidson: Robert Stowe, Jr., Clinton, S. C., Presbyterian College: Lee Williamson.

Mars Hill: Pearl Abernethy.

Trinity: Price Leeper.

Wake Forest: Lige Abernethy.

State College for Women: Mary Armstrong, Catherine Gaston.

Davenport College: Irene Harris.

The above list is not complete. The names of the young people from Cherryville and Bessemer City who are going off to school will appear soon. If there are any other names in the county that have been omitted, The Gazette will be glad to publish them and will appreciate it if the correspondents and friends will see that no errors or omissions occur.

BEIMONT

College boys and girls from Belmont and the institutions they go to are as follows:

University: George Wilson, Arch and Henry Lineberger, Jonathan Gullick, Gus Leeper.

Woodberry Forest, Va.: Harold Lineberger.

A. and E.: Royal Hand, Craighead Alexander, Tom Leeper.

Flora McDonald: Lottie Hand, Elsie Johnston and Ruth Cox.

Queens College: Mary Howe, Elizabeth Deady.

MORE THAN 400 PERSONS KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

Northern Italy Suffers From Shocks — Congregations Killed While Worshipping.

FLORENCE, Sept. 9.—The number of dead from Tuesday's earthquake is steadily growing as additional reports come in. The latest advices from Fivizzano bring the total of dead there alone up to 432, while in Vignatta, 124 are dead and about 1,000 injured.

In nearly three score towns and villages serious damage was done and a total population of more than 10,000 rendered homeless.

Signor Micheli, the minister of agriculture, is visiting the outlying mountainous districts and giving all the assistance possible.

ROME, Sep. 9 — More than 300 persons perished in the earthquake disaster which shattered cities and villages north of Florence on Tuesday morning.

Governmental and private relief agencies are engaged in the work of aiding the survivors and searching the ruins for any victims who may still be alive, but the work is seriously handicapped by the difficulty experienced in reaching many of the ruined towns, which are situated in the mountains and are almost inaccessible. Electric light wires have been broken and work in the ruins must stop at nightfall.

New shocks, but none of them of the intensity of the one which caused the widespread destruction early Tuesday, have been felt in Florence and in the neighborhood of that city. These have shaken down tottering structures, however, and still further delayed the work of rescuers. Massa-Carrara, in the center of the earthquake zone, was cut off from communication with the outside world last night, but it is not believed a new catastrophe has occurred there.

The upheaval was especially terrific in the famous quarry district of Carrara from which comes the finest specimens of marble. Great rocks, dislodged by the shock, rolled down steep roads leading up into the hills, crushing everything in their path.

A tragic and memorable scene was enacted at Marina, near Carrara, when the earthquake shattered a church where mass was being celebrated. Father Friggotti, the pastor, had just raised the chalice in the most solemn moment of the service when the ceiling of the edifice fell upon the congregation, killing many of those who were worshipping.

The priest was struck by falling fragments of the ceiling and his hands and face were cut, but he reverently finished the service before attending to the injuries of those about him.

Less fortunate was Father Riccardo Bruscoletti, at Castanzuola, who was killed while celebrating mass. At Castel Nuovo Carfagnana, the wife of Deputy Dogani was among the injured.

Pope Benedict sent a telegram to Cardinal Peir Maffi, archbishop of Pisa, asking him to go into the earthquake zone and administer aid and moral support and distribute supplies. Word had reached this city, however, that before the pontiff's telegram arrived in Pisa, the cardinal had left for the devastated district.

SENATE COMMITTEE CALLS MORE WITNESSES

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The Senate committee investigating presidential campaign expenditures today called more witnesses cited by E. H. Moore, personal representative of Governor Cox, as men who could give detailed information concerning the \$15,000,000 campaign fund which the democratic candidate has charged the republican national committee was trying to raise.

Yesterday's sessions, which ran into the night, were devoted largely to questioning Harry M. Blair, assistant to Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the republican national committee. Many of the queries were directed at form 101, one of the bits of evidence offered by Governor Cox to substantiate his claim that more than \$1,000 was being solicited from individuals. Mr. Blair, in his testimony, admitted that he had drawn up form 101 and approves its use, but when the ways and means committee of the republican campaign organization saw it, they forbade its use, because Will H. Hays, republican national chairman, had declared contributions exceeding \$1,000 would not be accepted from any individual.

After the names of paid employes of Mr. Blair's organization, together with their salaries, had been obtained, Senator Reed, of Missouri, said:

"I've established that the republican national committee has the most extravagant payroll that a committee ever had."

Senator Edge, of New Jersey, interjected to read testimony of W. D. Jamieson, democratic assistant treasurer, that the payroll of his party organization amounted to \$18,000 a month. It was learned from Mr. Blair that his payroll amounted to \$20,000 a month.

"Some of my men have been offered from 100 to 150 per cent more for church work," Blair said. "The inter-church world movement offered two \$250 a week each and unlimited expense accounts."

"Do church organizations pay more than political organizations?" asked Senator Kenyon.

"Yes," replied Blair.

The questioning also developed that the western headquarters had no authority over seven eastern states in which funds were raised under the direction of Col. William Boyce Thompson, of New York, and James G. Blaine, 3rd, the eastern treasurer.

An alleged attempt by Charles S. Boeschstein, democratic national committeeman for Illinois, to solicit campaign funds from a postmaster as presented to the committee at second-hand by William O. Farlow, of Augusta, Illinois, a Hancock county farmer.

It developed that Mr. Farlow had volunteered his testimony and that his evidence consisted of five letters addressed to Jos. S. Coffman, postmaster at Augusta, and a written statement from the latter certifying that he had given the letters to Mr. Farlow.

The committee agreed that the evidence was not entirely competent in that form but it was received and read. The first letter was dated January 23, there was another March 4 and three in April. All were signed with Mr. Boeschstein's name and dated at his home town of Edwardsville. The missive emphasized that contributions must be voluntary and one of the letters was rubber-stamped for delivery "at home address only."

Mr. Farlow said the postmaster was a progressive and added that he was himself "a republican and proud of it."

Mr. Blair was next on the stand and presented a document labelled "confidential information for regional directors" of the republican financial drive. The witness said the information was confidential because it was issued nearly a year ago and at that date it was desirable to keep contributing of republican plans from the opposition.

The testimony at once turned to the dispute between Senator Reed and Mr. Blair as to the amount of publicity that was desired by the republican managers. The witness said there was two phases of the fund drive, first an attempt to get contributions of from \$100 to \$1,000, and second "a popular campaign for small contributions from the many" after the national convention had been held "and the rank and file aroused to the issues of the campaign."

Senator Reed asked if there was a plan for a big drive near the close of the campaign. Mr. Blair said he had drawn a proposal for "last week" campaign but it had been modified to apply to the general popular campaign opening this month and providing for contributions from 25 cents up. Mr. Blair said his more elaborate plan was given up because certain conditions were laid down by Col. William Boyce Thompson, chairman of the national aids and means committee.

—Mr. Clarke Starnes, of Rock Hill, arrived in the city Saturday to spend a week as the guest of his son, Mr. Frank Starnes, at his home at 210 South Willow street.

—Messrs. Lloyd Ross and L. E. Banks spent Wednesday on business in Cherryville.

INCOMPLETE RETURNS GIVE TOM WATSON NOMINATION

Result of Georgia Primaries Indicate That Tom Watson Beats Hoke Smith and Other Opponents.

(By The Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 9.—Incomplete returns from yesterday's state-wide democratic primary, compiled early today by newspapers, indicated that Thomas E. Watson, publisher and once populist candidate for president, had been nominated for United States senator from Georgia. During the campaign Watson was outspoken in his opposition to the League of Nations and in his criticism of the Wilson administration. Watson's opponents were Senator Hoke Smith, who was seeking re-nomination, Gov. Dorsey and John E. Cooper, Macon attorney. Senator Smith's opponents cited his vote for the Lodge reservations in their fight to prevent his re-nomination. Governor Dorsey is said to favor the League covenant with possibly minor reservations. Cooper based his campaign largely on the "wet" plank in his platform.

Out of a total of 388 county unit votes, unofficial reports to the Atlanta Constitution from 143 of the 155 counties in the state, gave:

Watson, 222 votes; Dorsey, 102, Smith, 32 and Cooper none. One hundred and ninety-five votes are necessary for nomination. The Constitution supported Dorsey.

The Atlanta Journal, which supported Smith, announced that its tabulation gave Watson 191 county unit votes, Dorsey 67 and Smith 45.

Conceding the nomination of Watson, whom it had opposed, the Macon Telegraph said reports it had received gave Watson 208 votes, Dorsey 114 and Smith 50.

Returns tabulated by newspapers indicated that a second primary might be necessary to settle the gubernatorial contest, none of the four candidates appearing to have a majority of the county unit votes. Figures compiled by the Constitution showed Clifford Walker, former state attorney-general, leading with 178 votes, former United States Senator Thomas W. Hardwick second with 166, John R. Holder, third, with 12 and W. B. Brown appeared to have none. The Journal's tabulation also indicated a probable run-off primary but showed Hardwick in the lead.

The American Legion opposed both Watson and Hardwick during the campaign, denouncing their war records.

On the face of estimates received from eight congressional districts where there were contests the Journal predicted that all representatives seeking re-nomination had been successful although several races were close.

Women did not participate in yesterday's primary under a ruling by a sub-committee of the state democratic executive committee. The democratic nomination in Georgia for any office is considered equivalent to election.

WATSON WINS WITH 197 COUNTY UNIT VOTE

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 9.—The first returns compiled by the Atlanta Journal today on the Senatorial race in yesterday's democratic primary on incomplete, unofficial returns indicated Thomas E. Watson won the senatorial nomination with 197 county unit votes, or more than a majority.

These were returns from 117 of the 155 counties in the state, and were not complete for all counties. They indicated Gov. Dorsey had 67 votes, Senator Smith 40 and John R. Cooper nothing.

Similar returns from 120 counties in the gubernatorial race indicated Senator Hardwick had 178 votes, Clifford Walker 138, John N. Holder, 12, and W. B. Brown nothing.

LOSS IN COKE PRODUCTION DUE TO ILLICIT LIQUOR

CONNELLYSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 9.—The loss of 14,510 tons in coke production in the Connollysville region for the current week, is attributed in part by the Connollysville Courier, in its weekly coke review made public today, to the operation of illicit liquor sellers.

"While there has been more or less liquor procurable in the region since January 16, last," says the Courier, "it is only recently that it has become so plentiful in supply as to interfere with the operation of the plants as seriously as it did prior to the inauguration of prohibition. Now the activity of bootleggers and illicit traffickers of all degrees and kinds, supplemented by increased proficiency in the art of 'home brewing,' has fairly deluged the region with every conceivable kind of intoxicant, ranging in potency from 'nearbeer slop' to 'neardeth pickaxe' and other first aids to coroners and undertakers. Absolutely no effort is being made by the authorities to suppress the traffic and employers of labor are becoming more and more at the mercy of the whim or thirst of their employes in the matter of having work of any kind done."

MASONIC NOTICE

Regular meeting Gaston Lodge No. 589 A. F. & A. M. at 7:30 sharp. Work in session.

FAT LAVERDUE