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JOHN G. CARPENTER MAY OPPOSE BULWINKLE FOR SEAT IN CONGRESS

Friends of Well-Known Attorney Urging Him to Enter Race for Nomination For Congress from Ninth District in Opposition to Representative Bulwinkle—Close Personal Friend Gives Out Interview—Mr. Carpenter as Yet Non-Committal.

It is open season for political surprises. Following close on the heels of the announcement that solicitor Wilson is to have opposition in the person of Capt. Stephen B. Dolley, of this city, and possibly in the person of some Charlotte candidate (though the latter is not very likely) comes the interesting rumor—as yet unconfirmed but persistent—that Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle is to have opposition for re-election in the person of Mr. John G. Carpenter, one of Gaston's best known young attorneys.

Past Week In Wall Street Shows Business On Upgrade

NEW YORK, Mar. 4.—More hopeful financial, commercial and industrial conditions, reported from various sections of the country, found expression in the active dealings on the stock exchange this week. Trading in stocks and bonds exceeded any like period this for this year and high records for the current movement were established by many issues. Improvement was most substantial in speculative shares, however, material gains being limited to junior rails and obscure specialties.

MAJOR BULWINKLE NOT DISTURBED BY RUMORS OF PROPOSED OPPOSITION

Popular Congressman From Ninth District Home For Few Days With Family—Is Willing to Leave Verdict With Voters of Ninth District—Will Not Make Campaign in Primary—Talks About Tariff, Bonus and Political Situation.

Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle arrived in town this morning to spend a few days with his family here. One of the first rumors that confronted the Major when he alighted from the train was that he would probably have opposition for Congress this fall. Friends of the popular ex-soldier and overseas veteran of the 30th division were quick to inform him of the latest political rumors regarding the proposed opposition from his fellow townsman and chairman, Mr. J. G. Carpenter, concerning whose candidacy there is an interview elsewhere in today's paper, authorized and written by personal and political friends of Mr. Carpenter. For some time it has been rumored that there would be opposition to Major Bulwinkle, but the interview of today is the first public announcement of any such intention on the part of any one.

Gaston Gives \$11,851 To Near East Fund, or nearly \$4,000 More Than Quota Assigned To County

Campaign For Near East Relief Funds Closes After Most Successful Drive—Perfect Organization and Team Work Responsible—Detailed List of Contributions From Each Section.

Final returns from the Near East campaign as tabulated Friday afternoon from both city and county show that the total amount in cash and pledges subscribed is \$11,851.58, or \$3,871.58 more than the quota of \$7,980 for the county. The campaign began three weeks ago under the direction of Rev. George K. Henderlite and J. H. Henderlite, the city's quota was oversubscribed the first day of the campaign. Gaston's quota was \$4,920. The sum of \$5,225.46 was raised.

A remarkable fact about the campaign is that this sum of \$11,851 has been raised in an outlay of \$40.00. This cost for postage, printing, etc., authorized by the county chairman, Frederick every section of the county has been touched in the campaign. A better organization than has ever attended any campaign was largely responsible for the success of the drive. Figures given below indicate the amounts given by the several towns and counties.

Table listing contributions from various towns and counties to the Near East Relief Fund, including Gaston, South Gaston, East Gaston, etc.

STATEMENT FROM CITY CHAIRMAN, DR. HENDERLITE

A full financial report of the campaign of Near East Relief in Gaston will be found in another column. Through the energy of The Gazette, I just want to thank the people for the hearty and generous response to the appeal of the suffering in the Near East that has made this campaign such a great success in city and county. The grand total of gifts in cash and pledges granted reached \$11,851.58, or more than \$4,000 in excess of the quota assigned to us. We will rejoice together over this "social acknowledgment" should be made by me as city chairman for the splendid scene rendered by Mr. J. H. Kennedy and his able corps of men and women canvassers in the business district.

FOURTEEN PEOPLE ARE DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK ON NEW YORK CENTRAL

Three Others May Die as Result of Collision Between Express Train and Motor Bus at Painesville, O., Last Night—List of the Dead.

(By The Associated Press.) CLEVELAND, O., March 4.—The death of George E. McGhee today brought the toll from the collision between a New York Central passenger train and an automobile bus at Painesville, Ohio, last night up to 14. Five persons are seriously injured, three of whom are expected to die.

OASIS BAND CONCERT HERE MONDAY NIGHT

Gastonia music lovers have in store for them a rare treat in the concert which is to be given at Central school auditorium Monday evening at 8 o'clock by the Shiraz Band of Oasis Temple. The program in full is given below. Local music lovers will be delighted to note that the program contains two violin solos by Noble Don Richardson who is a favorite here where he has been heard on numerous occasions. They also will be delighted to know that there are two quartet numbers by the Shiraz Quartet composed of Dameron Williams, Lacy Adams, Ken Glass and Percy Thompson, all of whom are prime favorites with the local lovers of song.

- 1. Overture, Le Caid (Thomas). 2. Duet for Cornets (Roses). 3. Nobile De Nardo and Stowe. 4. Suite, Dwellers of Western World (Sousa). (a) The Red Men. (b) The White Man. (c) The Black Man. 5. Violin Solo, To a Wild Rose, (Mc Dowell). Noble Don Richardson. 6. Shiraz Quartet. Williams, Adams, Glass and Thompson. 7. Waltz, (Roses). Garden of Roses. 8. Schottka, (De Koven). Robin Hood. 9. Duet, Serenade, (Till). Christ and French Horn. Nobles Miller and Baker. 10. Violin Solo, Minuet in G Major, (Bach). Noble Don Richardson. 11. Description, A Hunting Scene, (Bucalossi). John Sturm, Gandy Lippinko, Max Sturm, Jillian Kello, Hilda Frank, Mrs. Oscar Cooper, Mrs. Barish, Mrs. Frank Friedlaug, Stanley Radick, all of Fairport. Richard Strand, of Charlton. Kathryn Horvath, Richmond. William J. Satter, Jr., Charlestown. Raymond O'Leary, Painesville. George E. McGhee, Medina. The injured: Andrew Adams, Fairport. Mrs. Martin Steinback, Fairport. Nick Nemo, Fairport. H. Raymond Hamilton, Fairport. Charles Sullivan, Painesville.

NAVY MUST LIMP ALONG ON SHORT COAL SUPPLY

That is if Present Coal Appropriation in Deficiency Bill Stands—No Let-Up, However, Until or Unless Bill Becomes a Law.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The navy will be forced to limp along on a fuel supply fifty per cent under that estimated by Secretary Denby as necessary for the balance of the fiscal year, if the \$6,500,000 appropriation contained in the general deficiency bill as passed by the House yesterday remains unchanged. The amount asked and was approved by the House without a vote being lifted in support of the department's demands after the figure was fixed in committee. Although the department is prepared to stop the movement of practically all warships except those assigned to foreign waters if the appropriation remains at its present level, Secretary Denby declared after its approval in the House that no such action would be taken and naval operations would be continued on their present economical basis unless and until the appropriation becomes law. The secretary said he believed no law was being enacted by continuing this operation, although it involved a deficiency. In passing the \$108,900,000 deficiency bill, the largest item of which was \$94,000,000 for the veterans bureau, the House also rejected by a vote 2 to 1 a proposed amendment which would have made \$150,000 available for the development of helium as a non-inflammable lifting gas for dirigibles.

MAJOR BULWINKLE NOT DISTURBED BY RUMORS OF PROPOSED OPPOSITION

Asked about the opposition Major Bulwinkle said: "I have enough confidence in the Democratic voters of the Ninth Congressional District who sent me to Congress two years ago to abide by the result of their decision in the matter. I believe that they are fair and square and honest and that they will treat me accordingly. "If it comes to the point where an other Democrat offers himself in opposition to me, I shall, under no consideration whatever, desert my post in Washington. I shall stay there and not come back to the district to campaign. The folks in the ninth district know me. My record stands for itself, and I shall not leave Washington until Congress adjourns. Friends of Major Bulwinkle, who were standing in the group conversing with him and hearing his opinions on several matters, commented variously. "It has never been customary for Democratic voters to turn down one Democratic Congressman for another at the end of two years. He is a well respected. Look at Yates Wells. That is a real man he is returned. I am established and had provided, and I don't think the voters of the ninth district will do it."

"I had heard that there was to be a Republican nominee offered in opposition to you this fall," observed an audience member, "that is, unless some other Democrat came out against you. I had an idea that they had about giving up the job of trying to elect a representative from this district."

On the remarks, Major Bulwinkle did not comment. The only thing the Major had to say regarding the proposed opposition was that under no conditions would he leave Washington to do a campaign in the primary and that he had full confidence in the fairness of the voters of the district. Naturally the bonus question was up foremost in the minds of many of those gathered around Mr. Bulwinkle and he was asked many questions about it. The substance of what he had to say was that the cash feature of the bonus is sure to be eliminated and that some form of insurance clause is to be inserted. "The Republicans found out that the people of the country would not stand for a general sales tax. There was also great opposition to Secretary Mellon's Washington proposal. It is thought that by the way of the Ways and Means Committee will report on a bonus bill by Monday week. "The revenue bill that passed both Houses was unsatisfactory. The Finance Committee of the Senate is still holding hearings on the tariff and is still every appearance of being a deadlock in the Republican party. There is a strong probability that there will be no tariff bill passed at this session of Congress."

MONTREAL'S CITY HALL IS BURIED TO THE GROUND

Forced to Turn Over Reins of Government to National Committee of Defense—Shells Thrown Into Palace Where He is Hiding—Situation Appears Serious.

PREMIER'S OPPONENTS SHOWING NO SIGNS AS YET OF WEAKENING

Despite Chamberlain's Assertion That Cabinet is Behind Lloyd George His Position Seems Shaky—Crisis Continues Acute in English Political Circles.

MONTREAL, March 4.—City officials today awaited the cooling of the embers of the fire which last night destroyed the city hall, that they might open the big safe in the service department and ascertain if signed documents worth \$5,000,000 and other valuable public documents had been damaged in the conflagration. Six firemen were injured. The building, erected in 1873, at a cost of \$700,000, is a total loss.

INDEPENDENT VOTERS KNOCK BOTH SIDES

About Four Hundred Persons Present at Insurgents Gathering This Afternoon—At 3 O'Clock Most of Crowd Was Gone and It Looked Like "Insurrection" Was a "Fizzle."

Delivering what might be designated the keynote speech of the long-heralded and much-talked-of independent voters meeting at the courthouse this afternoon A. P. Rudisill, of Dallas township, lifelong Democrat and formerly member of the board of county commissioners, told the crowd of perhaps 400 auditors that "the time has come for a halt."

The burden of Mr. Rudisill's speech was that taxes are too high, five times, he said, higher than they were in 1914; that the county officers are drawing salaries which are too high and which ought to be reduced; that when it comes to politics the Democratic and Republican parties are the same and that neither affords any relief to the taxpayer. Politics has almost ruined the county, the State and the Nation, declared the speaker. We are going too fast, he said. It's time to call a halt. In order to accomplish anything the Democrats and Republicans who want things reformed must come out from the old parties and form a new party.

Called to meet at 1 o'clock it was nearly two when Rufus M. Johnston, of Gastonia, called the house to order. Every seat in the court room was occupied and many were standing around the rooms. It appeared that the delay was caused by reason of the fact that a caucus was in session. Those canvassing were Eli Dixon, Rufus M. Johnston, T. C. Smith, Tom Springs, A. P. Rudisill, R. W. White and perhaps two or three others. When these came into the court room a few every organization was perfected by the election of Mr. Johnston as temporary chairman. E. L. Sandifer was elected temporary secretary but refused the job and T. C. Smith was chosen in his stead and accepted.

In calling the house to order Chairman Johnston stated that he knew nothing about the meeting, its objects and purposes and that he had not even read one of the circulars put out. He said that he accepted the position of temporary chairman at the solicitation of members of those present. All those who gave their approval to call for this meeting and to the objects for which it was called were asked to stand up. About fifty out of the 400 stood up. The proposition included sanctioning the selection by the caucus of a chairman. When T. C. Smith was nominated for secretary about 20 stood.

The next speaker was Mr. L. Eli Dickson, of Gastonia, who proposed the following definite program to be discussed and acted upon by the mass-meeting: Fix the salary of Register, Clerk and Sheriff at \$2,000 instead of the present salary of \$2,500 each. Combine the three county changes into one to save expense of supervision. Combine all road work under the supervision of one superintendent, instead of the three or more now employed. Put Superintendent of Schools back on a salary of \$2,000 with one clerk at \$1,200.

REMARKABLE RESTORATION THROUGH SURGEONS' SKILL

(By The Associated Press.) DALLAS, TEX., Mar. 4.—Dorothy Cannon, six years old, who has undergone fourteen serious operations and forty-five skin grafting applications, will be discharged from a hospital here within another month—a well child—doctors declared today. Dorothy was given up as dead when she was found lying on a live wire in a paddie of water last June and then looked upon as a hopeless case for two months after she was brought to the hospital. How long she lay on the wire is not known. When her mother found her, her clothing had been burned away and her body was black. Members of the family and many persons who became acquainted with the little girl through her illness insisted upon giving skin.

HOPE MILL OPERATING THIRTY PER CENT TODAY

(By The Associated Press.) PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 4.—The Hope Company's plant at Hope, R. I., first of the 13 Pawtucket valley mills closed by the Rhode Island textile strike six weeks ago to resume operations, opened today for the third successive day. There were no disorders. The management of the mill continues to claim the plant is operating at 30 per cent of its capacity. Strike leaders maintain that only 23 operatives were at work yesterday. The mill normally employs 200.

ANOTHER BROKAGE FIRM GOES TO THE WALL

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 4.—Failure of E. H. Clarke and Co., one of the largest brokerage firms with membership in the New York curb market, was announced today. The house has offices in Chicago and several other mid-western cities, and dealt largely in oil and copper shares.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday, colder, in extreme east portion tonight; rising temperature Sunday.

COTTON MARKET

CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET. NEW YORK, March 4.—Cotton futures closed barely steady at a slight decline.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Cotton seed ..... 51c  
Strict to Good Middling ..... 17 1/2c