

FIRE LOSS AT NEW BERN BE MORE THAN \$2,000,000

Party Allegiance is Blame For Political Evil, Samuel Gompers Tells Progressive Conference

Time Has Come When This Blind Adherence to Party Lines Ought to Be Broken—Control of Government Ought to Be Restored to People.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—To the "unquestioning allegiance to party by which that obligation is placed above principle and above country" is to be attributed "much of the political evil" of the nation's past and present life, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared in an address today before the conference of progressives from all parts of the country meeting here to discuss a program of liberal legislation. The time has come, Mr. Gompers said, when we are "entitled to hope" that this "blind adherence" to parties is being broken, for in that, he added, lies the only hope of "restoring control of our government to the people," and abolishing "those assumptions of power that have cost them so dearly."

Largely because of this "unthinking loyalty" to party, Mr. Gompers said, "the courts have been able to steal powers which it was never intended they should have," and which, he added, was one of the most important causes of the loss of government control by the people. No matter what may be the peoples will to the attainment of "progressive, constructive legislation," the speaker said, the judiciary, through its "assumed" power to declare unconstitutional the enactments of Congress, in "direct violation of the constitution" exercises its power to amend that will. Asserting the judiciary exercises the "unwarrantably assumed power" to "curb or prohibit freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of assemblage," Mr. Gompers added:

"I say without the slightest possibility of contradiction that the injunctive process as used in labor disputes is the result solely and entirely of an assumption of power on the part of the judiciary."

"If we aim to restore the control of our government to the people," he said, "it is necessary for the citizenship of the United States to organize as citizens without regard to political party affiliations or political party obligations, faithful to the republic of the United States and determined to carry out the restoration of that control. Contributory to the attainment of their high purposes the producers of the country on the farm, in the field, factory, mine or workshop must be organized. It is through organization that we secure fullest development of uniform and intelligent opinion."

"Also the men of affairs and women of affairs, engaged in honest industry and commerce, and all who are high minded, patriotic, liberty and humanly-loving men and women, should feel called upon to give their fullest support to a movement so necessary to the perpetuation of the ideals of our republic."

"Unless we can restore control of our government to the people, disaster will come upon us."

MISSISSIPPI GIRL IS SUING GOVERNOR FOR \$100,000 DAMAGES

Miss Birkhead, Stenographer, Alleges That Governor Seduced Her.

HE SAYS IT'S A PLOT

Finest Legal Talent in State Will Engage in the Trial.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 2.—The scene in the Birkhead-Russell damage suit, in which a stenographer is suing the governor of Mississippi for \$100,000, will be shifted to Oxford, Miss., where the case is on the federal court docket for the term beginning Monday.

Francis C. Birkhead, a Mississippi girl, former stenographer of Governor Russell, alleges in her petition that the chief executive with the promise of marriage, seduced her and later when she became ill, conveyed to an illegal operation which left her an invalid.

The governor denies the charges and hinted that his enemies are behind a plot to ruin him politically.

NEAR EAST COMMITTEE MEETING IN GREENSBORO

GREENSBORO, Dec. 1.—Preparations are being made this week for the annual state conference of the Near East Relief and for Bishop Cannon's appearance here Sunday in connection with the Guilford County campaign for this great humanitarian organization. Bishop Cannon's announced appearance here is attracting much interest in view of the profound impression he made at the Methodist conference in Raleigh.

A Beauty From Virginia



One of the most prominent figures in the younger set of Washington society is Miss Elizabeth Woods, daughter of Congressman John F. Woods of Virginia.

HALL CASE

Now Joins Famous Crimes Pigeonholed As "Unsolved"

By NEA Service
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 2.—The Hall-Mills murder case has gone into the dusty pigeonhole of crimes' unsolved mysteries.

GRAVEN COUNTY'S PROGRAM HAS ATTRACTED ATTENTION

Many Pig and Poultry Clubs Have Been Organized—Thousands of Dollars Saved to Farmers of County.

NEW BERN, N. C., Dec. 2.—Craven county's campaign for the improvement of agricultural conditions has attracted state-wide interest and has brought many inquiries here from other counties relative to the manner in which the campaign is being conducted and the results achieved, according to C. C. Kirkpatrick, secretary of the agricultural committee.

ONE HUNDRED JOIN PROGRESSIVE GATHERING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—More than a hundred progressives from all parts of the country were here today to participate in open conference discussion of progressive legislative aims and purposes with the nearly two score senators and representatives, serving and elected, who met yesterday to form another unofficial "bloc" in Congress to further these aims during the present and the next Congress.

FIRE STARTING IN NEGRO QUARTERS SWEEPS RESIDENTIAL SECTION; HUNDREDS HOMELESS AND JOBLESS

Famous Football Stars Meet in Charity Game

COLUMBUS, Dec. 2.—Football fans were here today to participate in Columbus' annual all-star charity football game at Ohio Stadium this afternoon. Former eastern college players will be pitted against former western men.

CONGRESSMAN KELLER HAS IMPEACHMENT OF DAUGHERTY IN MIND

Alleges That Attorney General Is Guilty of Misdemeanors.

ON FOURTEEN POINTS

Statement of Formal Charges Submitted to House Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—A statement of formal charges by Representative Keller, republican, of Minnesota, setting forth 14 specific grounds on which he seeks the impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty has been submitted to the house judiciary committee, which meets Monday to consider the charges. Transmitted to the committee late yesterday, Mr. Keller's statement was accompanied by a letter to Chairman Volstead in which he declared the specifications on "set out and I am prepared to prove that the said Daugherty is guilty of serious misdemeanor in office," and "high crimes and misdemeanors in 14 particulars."

MOTORISTS' QUARREL ENDS IN KILLING

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 2.—A quarrel between motorists over right of way on a road near the city line is said by witnesses to be the sole reason for a double shooting early today in which one of the victims was killed and the other probably mortally wounded.

THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy tonight and Sunday; local rains tonight; not much change in temperature.

One Negro Woman Dead Is Only Fatality—Negro Section Practically Wiped Out, Together With Warehouses, Stores and Churches—Great Roper Lumber Mill, One of Largest in South, Destroyed; Cemetery Acts as Barrier and Saves Principal Business Section.

NEW BERN, Dec. 2.—Hundreds of New Bern's more fortunate citizens who escaped the ravages of yesterday's destructive fire gathered in a mass meeting at the courthouse this morning to set plans in motion for the relief of 2,500 of more white and negro citizens who have been rendered homeless.

Among the donations made were \$1,000 from the city and like amounts from the county and Sudan Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. It is estimated that \$10,000 already has been subscribed for the relief work and that as much or more can be secured without making any special effort.

One life, that of an aged negro, was the only fatality, although a score or more persons suffered from burns. The blue swept a wide path almost through the center of the city. It started on Kilmarnock street and swept eastward almost in a straight line until it reached George street, being bounded on one side by Queen street and on the other by Court and streets. On the south side of the Cedar Grove cemetery it swept along for a block on New street. On the opposite side it roared into Pasture street, sweeping through that district as far as Crescent street. Leaping over the Union Station and the block of houses on Griffith street, the flames destroyed considerable property on the water-front, including three large warehouses and one residence.

LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS IN BABY SHOW AT FAIR

Awards in the Better Babies Contest at the Big Gaston County Fair were announced today by fair officials. Under the direction of Mrs. G. V. Birmingham, Miss Mabel Potts and Miss Gretchen Fiegenshuh this feature of the fair was most successful this year. The contests in each class were close. The score cards showing the detailed results of examination are being mailed to parents for their information. The winner of the two to three year old class was winner last year of the one to two year old class with the same score of 100 percent.

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Weekly weather outlook beginning Monday: Middle Atlantic States: Considerable cloudiness; temperature near or slightly below normal; occasional light rains or snows.

There were some metal objects which had escaped destruction and going hopelessly at the scene utter desolation about them.

Throughout the long hours of the night many of them walked the streets refusing offers of aid from other citizens, although the greater number had been provided sleeping quarters in public buildings and private homes.

Three details of Battery D, 117th field artillery did patrol service during the night, watching the hundreds of piles of household goods heaped on the streets in various sections of the city. There was no disorder of any kind and no theft of any nature had been reported up to this morning.

One person, a negro woman, lost her life in the fire, according to information available today. This woman, whom neighbors say, was 105 years of age, resided on Cedar Street, near George, and when the on-sweeping flames reached that section of the city she was evidently forgotten by those about her and was left to her fate. After the flames had passed over that block the charred body of the victim was found.

Fire departments from Winston and Kinston which without question prevented considerable more damage from being done returned to their homes late last night.

A mass meeting at the courthouse has been called for this morning at 10 o'clock at which the citizens of the town have been asked to gather in order that plans may be made for relieving the distressed of the two thousand or more persons whose homes were destroyed.

HAYNES ON TOUR TO SOUTHERN STATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes left Washington this morning for a personal survey of enforcement conditions in the South, which will take him as far as New Orleans and will include visits to practically every important southern city. He is expected to take up with directors of several southern states the question of prospective changes in organization, to carry out the program which has resulted recently in the separation of scores of dry agents from the service and the replacement of several state executives.

COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Cotton futures closed steady. December 24.99; January 24.99; March 25.05; May 24.95; July 24.95; September 25.05.

The Day's News At A Glance

Representative Keller names Chief Justice Taft as among witnesses to support Klier's demand for impeachment of Attorney General Daugherty.

General Mazarakis at Lausanne declares Greek ministers after fair trial were put to death for criminal betrayal of nation.

Venezelos, in spirited exchange with Ismet Pasha, accuses Turks of having driven a million Greeks from Anatolia.

Tolsteterin, Russian foreign minister, reached Lausanne after several days journey from Moscow.

Negro citizens of St. Louis give Clemenceau bouquet of roses for defense of using black troops on the Rhine.

British embassy makes public list of 16 vessels that are in process of being scrapped as defined by Washington naval treaty.

Fire destroys more than 500 houses, causing estimated loss of about \$2,000,000 at New Bern, N. C.

Confidential reports to President Harding indicate that American delegates at Lausanne are making encouraging progress.

Leaders of unofficial progressive "bloc" in Congress deny that third party movement is now contemplated.

Illinois court orders test to determine sanity of John P. Tierman, on petition of Mrs. Tierman's sister.

Mrs. Alice Dudgeon is convicted in Michigan court of having murdered her son in law, Ronnie Hotell.