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CUMMINGS SAYS PEOPLE STRONG FOR LEAGUE

Chairman Dem. National Committee Has Spent Two Months in Trip Through 14 Western States—In Not a Single State He Visited Was a Majority of the People Opposed to League of Nations, Cummings Declared, and If Given the Opportunity the People Would Ratify It "By a Vote of Ten to One, Without Change or Reservation"—California 4 to 1 for the League.

Washington, July 30.—Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, discussed with President Wilson today the political outlook for 1920 and the attitude of the country toward the peace treaty and the League of Nations, describing his observations during his recent two-months trip through fourteen western States.

The conference, which lasted more than an hour, was the first the national chairman had had with the President since last December. Mr. Cummings refused to discuss the possibility of Mr. Wilson again leading his party in the 1920 election and would not affirm or deny that this subject was broached during the conferences.

Chairman Cummings said he told the President the country was overwhelmingly in favor of immediate ratification of the treaty and its League of Nations covenant without change or reservation. As to the political situation Mr. Cummings was understood to have been emphatically confident.

Many matters of party interest were understood to have been taken up, and policies and legislation considered from every conceivable angle.

The President was said to have outlined to Mr. Cummings the tentative itinerary of the trip he will take through the country to give the people an account of his stewardship at Paris. The proposed trip was understood to have received the chairman's approbation.

In no State he visited, Mr. Cummings said, did he find a majority of the people opposed to the League of Nations. On the contrary, he said, if the people had an opportunity to vote on the question today a ten to one majority would be given in favor of immediate ratification of the league covenant without change or reservation.

California, the home of Senator Johnson, one of the leading opponents of the league, Mr. Cummings said, he found the sentiment four to one in favor of the league.

RACE WAR IN CHICAGO IN SCATTERED SECTIONS.

The race war which has been raging in Chicago since Sunday, spread Tuesday night to widely scattered sections of the city. The police reported trouble at several points on the north side. Hundreds of policemen were rushed to halt a reported conflict between several thousands of whites and blacks on the southwest side. Crowds of whites penetrated the downtown district on avowed hunts for negroes.

Four regiments of State troops have been in barracks ready for duty as a result of the race riots which since Sunday have kept the city in a turmoil. The soldiers, plentifully supplied with riot ammunition, were distributed about the south side negro district as a support line to powerful police forces concentrated within the trouble zone.

In addition to the four regiments on the ground, the ninth and tenth regiments of the guard and three other reserve units were mobilized at various towns throughout the State awaiting word to entrain for Chicago. This gave a potential military force of approximately 6,500 as a background for the city police force.

SHIPPING STRIKE SETTLED AT LAST.

New York, July 28.—The strike which for about three weeks has tied up shipping along the Atlantic and gulf seaboard, was finally settled to-night when an agreement on wages was reached with the marine engineers. William S. Brown, national president of the Engineers union immediately sent out orders to move ships without delay.

THE NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

Clayton, N. C., July 30.—Miss Thelma Barbour spent the past week-end at Mount Moriah.

Mrs. M. M. Gulley and daughter, Rochelle, will leave today for their home at Nashville, after visiting relatives here for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Halford, of Lillington, visited Mrs. G. T. Smith Tuesday.

Mr. E. R. Gulley spent the past week-end at Ridgcrest, returning Monday night, accompanied by Mrs. Gulley, who has been there for the past two weeks.

Miss Catherine Jones, of Oxford and Miss Ione Hooker, of Greenville, are the guests of Miss Sulou McCullers this week.

Mrs. J. B. Turley, who underwent an operation at Rex Hospital last week, is getting along nicely.

Mrs. C. B. Turley, who has been very ill at her home here for a couple of weeks, is improving.

We regret very much to lose Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Edgerton from our town. They will make their home in Princeton after September 1, at which place Mr. Edgerton will go in the general merchandise business.

Mrs. C. M. Austin and children are spending this week with friends in the Baptist Center section.

Wilbur Barnes is another of our home boys who has spent considerable time in France. He came last Saturday. We welcome him home again.

The lawn party given on Mrs. A. J. Barbour's lawn Tuesday afternoon was quite a success. The lawn was full and every one enjoyed the evening immensely until the cloud came up and people had to scatter.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Miller White are glad to know they are coming back to live among us again.

Rev. A. O. Moore is assisting in the revival at Bethesda church this week. Services at 12 a. m. and 9:15 p. m. All day services Thursday. Everybody invited.

Miss Alma Hall is spending this week at Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. L. F. Austin returned today from a visit to Durham.

Messrs. Aubrey and Ekie Gattis came up from Four Oaks and spent the day Sunday.

A Report of High Water.

Mr. W. T. Cockrell, of Beulah township, was here this week and told us of some places he has visited since the high water last week. He went in a boat to the home of Calvia Woodard, who lives on the Charley Lane place between old Beulah town and Micro, passing over places where the water was six to seven feet deep. Mr. Woodard works a three-horse crop and had only about three acres not covered by water. The water was one foot deep over the floor of the dwelling and a lot of hogs taken to a barn had to be carried later to the loft of the barn. He knows one man who had twelve acres cut of his fifteen acre crop of tobacco under water. Mr. J. W. Darden told Mr. Cockrell that he lost several hundred dollars worth of wheat and corn. He says that tobacco on light, sandy land is yellow and burnt and ruined by the rains.

JAPAN TO RESTORE SHANTUNG, SAYS ENVOY

Washington, July 28.—Mr. Debuchi, counselor of the Japanese Embassy charge in the absence of Viscount Ishii, conferred at the State Department today with Secretary Lansing.

So far as is known, no formal request has been made upon the Japanese Embassy by the Administration to issue any statement regarding the Japanese purposes as to Shantung, but Mr. Debuchi was willing to discuss the subject with the Associated Press with the distinct understanding, however, that he was expressing his own personal views.

In answer to a question as to what was to be the final disposition of the Japanese troops in Shantung, Mr. Debuchi answered:

"Japan is not only prepared to restore to China her sovereignty over the leased territory of Kiao Chow, which sovereignty was conferred upon Germany in accordance with the stipulations of the treaty between China and Japan in 1908.

"Japan is not only prepared to restore that property to China, but is also ready to open negotiations to that end with China as soon as possible."

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM BOON HILL

Little River Highest Seen in Years. Neuse Devastates Districts and Renders Many Families Homeless. Many Camping on Hills—D. L. Worley's Barn Laid in Ashes.

Princeton, July 30.—Miss Zettie Vaughan was married Saturday to Mr. Robert Oliver and they left Sunday for Richmond, Va., their future home. Robert has been in the Virginia city a year or two; has a good business up there and he is a mighty clever young man. We wish them much success.

Mr. P. H. Joyner has resigned as agent of the Southern Railway at this place, after serving faithfully as agent and operator for more than thirty years. Mr. L. W. Miller comes as the new agent to fill Mr. Joyner's place.

Miss Ethel Faulkner, a mighty pretty young girl from upper Johnston, was a visitor in town Saturday.

Little River was two feet higher than ever seen before by the oldest residents in this section. The high water came up to the flooring in the Baker's mill house below the dam, which was about a 20-foot straight rise in the river. The steel bridge at the mill was wrecked, the concrete pillar in the center of the river was undermined by the flood, and the log road trestle came down the river and struck the steel bridge and pushed it down the river a few feet, but not entirely off the foundations. Howell's County bridge five miles up the river, was completely washed away.

Mrs. Eva Roberts, of Rome, Ga., a young bride of only 19, is visiting Miss Rochelle Hinton.

Miss Mary Kornegay, of Pine Level, is visiting Miss Bessie Mason.

Mrs. Edy Woodard died here Monday morning, and was buried in the family grave yard at her old home, three miles from town on Tuesday. She had been afflicted for many months and her death was not unexpected.

Mr. D. L. Worley, living three miles from town, had his barn burned Sunday morning about two o'clock, a large barn with driveway through the center, corn and feed rooms on one side and mule stalls on the other, and shelters built around the barn where cultivators and farm tools were kept. There were fourteen bales of cotton, ten or twelve barrels of corn, several hundred pounds of tobacco, all farm machines, and two good mules all a total loss except the mules; although badly burned, they may live. There had not been any fire around the barn and no one smoking had been at the barn. It is supposed that the fire was started by some unknown party. A tenant house, unoccupied, was burned the night before on I. D. Smith's place, just a short distance from Mr. Worley's.

A good boat saved the lives of Mr. Ike Martin and his wife and nine children in Neuse islands when the flood descended upon their house so fast they barely had time to get the children together. He paddled the boat three miles to a hill, the flooded section being more than six miles wide.

Miss Margaret LeMay, of Smithfield, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ed. Holt.

Last Saturday the flooded section known as Neuse river islands, where the water was six miles wide and eight miles long in the immediate territory, about 50 farm houses are entirely surrounded and most of them are in water up to ten feet deep. Friday and Saturday, when the water was rising so fast, the farmers did not have time to catch the chickens and get the hogs and pigs. All were carried away by the terrible flood of mad rushing water. Sunday evening there were about fifty families camped on the hills and many were at the homes of neighbors. All school houses and churches in the hill section had half a dozen families with thirty to forty children, and the mules and horses tied to the trees, a few scattering pieces of furniture which they had saved were around the school yard. Mr. Will Thompson with two mules and wagon went to the pasture to try to save some of his hogs. He caught 31 and had them in the wagon, started out and got stuck in the mud. Water was rising so fast it was then getting dangerous. To save his mules he had to abandon his wagon, get mules loose and get out

WILSON SUBMITS FRENCH TREATY

Convention to Protect Sister Republic Sent to Senate With Special Message—Asks Early Ratification.

Washington, July 29.—President Wilson today laid before the Senate the text of the special treaty between the United States and France, signed at Versailles on June 28, under which the United States pledges itself to go to the aid of France in the event of any unprovoked movement of aggression against France being made by Germany.

The President did not present the treaty in person. He sent a personal written message to the Senate, accompanied by the treaty, in which he declared that America was bound by its debt of gratitude to France to ratify promptly the treaty submitted under which the pledge of military aid to France is given.

By unanimous consent the French treaty was laid before the Senate in open session at the request of Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, and was made public in the various allied countries and in the United States.

SECRETARY OF NAVY SPEAKS TO EDITORS

Editorial Party Witnesses Launching of First Concrete Ship From Government Owned Shipyard.

Wilmington, July 31.—The first day's session of the annual convention of the North Carolina Press Association for 1919 was made memorable by reason of the fact that in honor of the annual assembling of the editors the first concrete ship from a government owned shipyard was launched here.

Another event which made the day one of exceptional interest was the presence of the Secretary of the Navy, Hon. Josephus Daniels, who paid his respects to his fellow brethren of the press in an address at the Victoria Theatre, witnessed with them the launching of the ship Cape Fear, spoke to the two thousand operatives of the Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, which is building 21 steel ships of large tonnage here, lunched with the editors and their wives at the mess hall of the Carolina Shipbuilding Corporation, and left tonight at seven o'clock, returning to Washington, with one of the busiest days of recent months behind him.

LIGHTNING STRIKES ROOF OF HENRY HOTEL.

During the intense electrical storm which struck Greensboro and other vicinities Tuesday evening a bolt of lightning struck the northwest corner of the O. Henry Hotel, knocking loose about five feet of the roof cornice and puncturing the roof of the hotel.

DR. PESSOA INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF BRAZIL.

Rio de Janeiro, July 29.—Dr. Epitacio Pessoa was inaugurated 10th president of Brazil in the Senate chamber at one o'clock this afternoon. The ceremony was simple but impressive.

He turned the hogs all out into the swift rising water waist deep, and lost them all.

While Neuse river was on the rise last Friday one farmer caught two very large carp, each weighing about 35 pounds. There were fifteen of these carp in the drove. They were feeding in his corn field where the water was little over knee deep and rising very fast. He used a pitch fork to get them and had a very hard fight to save them.

Woodpecker's Grove is the appropriate name given to a new home in the residential section, and young Elijah Lynch is the manager.

Information received from flooded sections of Neuse this morning are that the high water is falling very slow, only eighteen inches fall reported, today being the sixth day of the flooded section. Thousands of acres of corn, cotton and tobacco under water are beyond all hope of any saving features.

Princeton and community will soon have another practicing physician, and one is badly needed.

KENLY NEWS.

Kenly, N. C., July 30.—Miss Faye Barnes is spending her vacation at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnes.

Mrs. R. Q. Martin and children, of Jamesville, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes, of Dunn, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirby and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Barnes.

Rev. C. E. Clarke is off helping Mr. G. F. Kirkpatrick in a series of meetings, but will be here Sunday to fill his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church.

Miss Grace Jerome is here for a few days from Jackson. She has a position with the health officer there.

Mrs. B. C. Crawford, of Pikeville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. H. Etheridge, this week.

Mrs. R. A. Turlington entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of her sister, Mrs. Durby, of Burlington.

Mr. W. J. Hooks made a business trip to Wilson Tuesday afternoon.

The Epworth League gave a social Monday afternoon on the lawn of Mrs. C. F. Darden. Practically all the members and young people in town were present. Refreshments were served and games were played, making it an enjoyable occasion.

Mr. Clud Edgerton and a crowd of our boys went over to Enfield Tuesday afternoon for a game of ball.

Mr. Willie Moore, who has been in the army service at Camp Jackson for the last seventeen months, received his discharge and returned home last Wednesday with a happy bride.

The vaccination campaign against typhoid has started off nicely and promises to be a great success. Tuesday Kenly greeted the physician in charge with throngs of people to receive the vaccination. We are glad to see the people taking hold of this matter so vigorously.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton has gone down to his big farm in Northampton county to see what the high water of Roanoke river has left him as a recent result of the heavy rains.

We understand that Kenly is soon to have an oil mill and fertilizer factory to be located on the Dennis Simmons mill site recently purchased by Drs. Grady and Coleman.

The Narron Central Railroad is in operation again after being water bound for a few days.

Last Friday night some unknown party entered the store of W. H. Howell and carried away about \$20 in money, nothing else being missed. Entrance was made by breaking through the window.

Last Wednesday night at a gathering of colored people just outside of town, two negroes had some dispute over a jug of cider and one of them was cut several times with a knife. They were given a hearing Saturday morning before Justice of the Peace A. J. Hooks and bound over to court.

The recent heavy rains have done considerable damage to the crops in Beulah township. The rivers went six or seven feet above the high water mark. Most of the bridges were carried away by the high water.

Home From Florida.

Miss Loula Sneed, who graduated from Marianna High School this summer, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Sneed, of Four Oaks. Miss Sneed was accompanied by her uncle, Dr. Sneed, of Atlanta, Ga., where she spent several days with friends.

HOUSE REPEALS THE TAX ON SODA WATER.

Washington, July 28.—After nearly two hours' debate, and while the temperature of the chamber was hovering around the 100 mark, the House today voted to repeal the 10 per cent tax on soda water and ice cream.

Villa's Eyes Opened.

Official detailed reports on the recent punitive expedition into Juarez to drive out Villa troops, when the battle there threatened lives of Americans in El Paso, give especial praise to the work of both the artillery and the cavalry. The work of the artillery was executed with such speed and accuracy that every point of vantage around the Mexican positions was found riddled with steel bullets. The cavalry did valiant work in its attempt to cut the rebel body off from their positions.

FEDERAL CONTROL OF WIRES AT END

Ceased Last Night at Midnight. Phone Rates Remain Four Months Unless Changed—Present Intra-State Phone Rates Remain in Effect Unless Changed By State Corporation Commissions.

Government control of telegraph and telephone properties ended at midnight last night. Orders for their return to private ownership were issued Wednesday by Postmaster General Burleson as required under a resolution adopted by Congress and signed by President Wilson ten days ago.

Mr. Burleson in a statement accompanying his order, said sound public opinion ultimately would determine "how this trust has been met" and that he was content to abide by the result. Besides this reply to criticisms of his management of the wire companies the postmaster General also took a parting shot at the Postal Telegraph Company, most of the officers of which were removed some time ago because of what he termed interference with government management.

The postmaster general did not mention the company by name, but said that, "with notable exception, the reason for which is thoroughly understood by those who have kept informed," every wire company had given him loyal co-operation.

Under the resolution of Congress instructing the return of the companies, government fixed intra-state telephone rates are to remain in force for a period of four months unless sooner changed by State commissions, but no provision was made as to telegraph rates. Clarence H. Mackey, president of the Postal Company, in urging Congress to provide for speedy return of the properties, said his company could reduce rates 20 per cent and still earn a profit.

This statement was recalled in connection with the return of the properties and a rate war between the telegraph companies was viewed in some quarters as a possibility. Telegraph rates were increased approximately 20 per cent last March to meet increased salaries of operators and other employes and rising costs of materials.

Referring to the advance in telegraph and telephone charges, Mr. Burleson in his statement said the percentage of these increases "was markedly less than the average of increases of rates made during the same period for other public utility service," and added that "but for court injunctions in eighteen States, instigated by State utility commissions the wire systems would have been returned to their owners without any obligation on the Federal treasury because of compensation contracts."

The amount of this obligation cannot be determined until accounts for the present month are adjusted and an agreement has been reached as to compensation for companies which so far have not been willing to accept the government figures.

Control of the wire companies was taken over by Postmaster General as a war measure July 2, 1918, under a resolution of Congress and a proclamation by the President. A wire control board and an operating board were established and various consolidations were made with a view to effecting economy in operations.

COLUMBIAN TREATY FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Washington, July 29.—A favorable report was made today by the State Foreign Relations Committee on the Columbian treaty whereby that country is to receive \$25,000,000 as damages for allowing the Panama Canal to be built through that country. A motion to reduce the amount from \$25,000,000 to \$18,000,000 was lost. The treaty which has prevailed with Columbia since 1914 will be taken up by the Senate and will probably be considered in open session. This will be considered in a few days.

The Falcon Camp Meeting.

We have just received an announcement of the twentieth annual session of the Falcon Camp Meeting, which will be held August 7 to 17, 1919, at Falcon, N. C. Adequate preparations are being made for the session this year and large numbers are expected to attend.