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FORMAL STEPS TO GET A COMPROMISE

Unsuccessful Attempt By Democrats At Party Caucus to Select Leader
—The Vote With Senator Smith Non-Committal—Bryan Visits Capital and Confers With Both Democrats and Republicans; Hitchcock Continues as Administration Leader in Charge of Treaty Fight for Minority.

Washington, Jan. 15.—At a bi-partisan "round-table" conference of Senate leaders late today formal negotiations toward a compromise on reservations to the peace treaty were inaugurated. While no agreements were reached at the meeting which was participated in by four Republicans and five Democrats prominent in recent informal negotiations and which lasted two hours, another meeting will be held Saturday and in Senate circles tonight there was renewed hope of a compromise.

The conference, in which Republican Leader Lodge and Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, were leaders, followed the unsuccessful attempt of Democratic Senators at a party caucus to elect a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin, of Virginia. After two attempts to break a tie vote of 19 to 19 on Senator Hitchcock and Senator Underwood, of Alabama, the two candidates, the caucus adjourned subject to the joint call of the two Senators. Another caucus is planned after Carter Glass, Senator-elect from Virginia, an Underwood supporter, takes his seat, but the result still remains in doubt because of the position of Senator Smith, of Georgia, who withheld his vote today.

Another development today in the treaty situation was a visit to the Capitol by William Jennings Bryan, the former Secretary of State, who conferred with several Republican as well as Democratic Senators urging an immediate compromise on reservations and ratification of the treaty. He also advocated his plan of withdrawal of Democratic participation in voting on the treaty if compromise negotiations should fail, suggesting that the Democrats decline to vote and permit the Republicans to ratify the treaty alone and accept sole responsibility.

Mr. Bryan also reiterated that it would be fatal to the Democrats to share responsibility of carrying the treaty into the presidential election and delaying peace fourteen months, or to approve reservations curtailing power of congress.

The conference between the Democratic and Republican leaders was characterized by Senator Lodge as "the first practical step" in the compromise negotiations. In addition to Senators Lodge and Hitchcock, the conferees were Senators New, of Indiana; Lenroot, of Wisconsin, and Kellogg, of Minnesota, Republicans, and Senators McKellar, of Tennessee; Simmons, of North Carolina; Walsh, of Montana, and Owen, of Oklahoma, Democrats. Both delegations were chosen informally and were said to be without specific authority to act for their respective sides, but leaders hope that subsequent negotiations will result in a compromise which will muster the two-thirds vote necessary to ratification.

Failure of the Democratic caucus to select a leader today, according to supporters of both Senators Hitchcock and Underwood, is not expected to have any immediate effect on the treaty question. Senator Underwood, immediately after the caucus announced that regardless of the final result, Mr. Hitchcock would continue to handle the treaty for the minority with his loyal support.

Senator Simmons, a Hitchcock supporter, also stated that the Nebraska Senator would continue in charge of the treaty on the Democratic side. After his conference with Senators, Mr. Bryan, in a talk with newspaper men, emphasized his belief that a large majority of the American people desire immediate ratification.—News and Observer.

Year's Work of Woman's Club.

One of the organizations of which the town of Smithfield has cause to be proud of is the Woman's Club. It is composed of sixty-four women of the city who are interested in the betterment of every phase of its life. The following departments are active: Civic, Literary, Music, Domestic Arts, Education, and Library. It is the purpose of this article to review briefly the work done in these departments during the past year.

The Civic department under the efficient leadership of Mrs. H. L. Skinner, has had for its special work the care of the city cemetery. A keeper has been hired during eight or nine months of the year who has cleaned the walks and plots, kept the grass mowed and hedges trimmed,

and in fact has kept the entire cemetery neat in appearance. Besides this the members of this department have interested themselves in the play ground movement in the town; the plans for which have not yet matured.

The Literary department which was not active last year, revived under the chairmanship of Mrs. H. W. Baucom, and the regular study for Women's Clubs—"Americanization," is being used this year.

The Music department has, since its organization, undertaken to give during each year two public music programs, one at Easter and one at Christmas. This was done last year with gratifying results. The vesper service given at Christmas departed from the usual custom by having an offering for Armenian Relief. This offering amounted to \$48. This sum was supplemented from the club treasury to the amount of \$60 which will take care of the support of a war orphan for a year.

The work done by the Domestic Science department has been under the direction of Miss Mamie Sue Jones, County Home Demonstration Agent. Twice each month demonstrations in cooking were given which proved very interesting and helpful. Sugar during the period of great scarcity, was secured through this department for preserving and canning purposes.

The department of Education as a separate department is new in this club. Until last fall work of this nature was done in the Civic department. There seemed a demand for a parent-teachers organization however, and this new organization was formed. The only work as yet to the credit of the Educational department was a reception given to the graded school teachers soon after their arrival last fall, and the assistance given Supt. Marrow in securing boarding places for the teachers.

The Library department of the club has been on its job. The library has been open one afternoon each week that books might be taken out. The following new books have been added:

A Little Freckled Person.
Christmas Every Day.
Daddy Pat of the Marines.
Leave It to Doris.
Red and Black.
Sandy's Pal.
The Magnificent Ambersons.
The Greater Glory.
The Secret Garden.
Bird's Christmas Carol.
The Young Visitor.
Adventures of A Marionette.
Turn of the Tide.
Air Service Boys in the Big Battle.
Air Service Boys Flying for Victory.
Air Service Boys Over the Enemy's Line.
Air Service Boys Flying for France.
Navy Boys at the Big Surrender.
Navy Boys to the Rescue.
Navy Boys Chasing a Sea Raider.
Navy Boys After the Sub Marine.
Navy Boys Behind the Big Guns.
The Little Colonel Stories.
The Little Colonel's House Party.
The Little Colonel's Holidays.
The Little Colonel's Hero.
The Little Colonel at Boarding School.
The Little Colonel in Arizona.
The Little Colonel's Christmas Vacation.
The Little Colonel: Maid of Honor.
The Little Colonel's Knight Comes Riding.
The Little Colonel's Chum: Mary Ware.
Mary Ware in Texas.
Mary Ware's Promised Land.

In addition to the work done in the several departments, the following activities were undertaken by the club last year. In the first place Child Welfare Week was observed in the school. Posters were used and talks made in each room. A play with the help of the teachers was given.

A Lyceum course consisting of six numbers was signed up for, four of which have been given successfully. Another thing which was done by the club but which has not as yet materialized was the offering of \$500 to a proposed hospital to be built in Smithfield as a memorial to Johnston's soldier boys.

The Christmas work of the club consisted in the sale of Red Cross seals which amounted to \$34.08 and the sending of a box to the soldiers at Oteen. This box was valued at \$75.00.

The financial report since March to date shows that \$899.80 has been received; \$495.89 has been disbursed, leaving a balance in treasury of \$403.91.

Fashion Show in Raleigh.

The Raleigh Chamber of Commerce together with the Raleigh Woman's Club propose to put on a Fashion Show in Raleigh this spring the purpose of which is to divert to Raleigh the trade which is logically Raleigh's but which for some reason goes elsewhere. Five or six thousand dollars will be spent to make the thing a success.

THE WOMANS CLUB MEETING AT CLAYTON

Sixth District Clubs Hold A Fine Meeting at Clayton—Several Officers of State Federation Present And Make Talks—Mrs. E. C. Brooks, of Raleigh, Presided Over The Meeting.

Yesterday the District meeting of the Sixth District of North Carolina Federated Clubs was held in Clayton with the Halcyon Club as hostess. The hospitable home of Mrs. Robbie Sanders was thrown open to those attending and every courtesy possible was extended to the visiting ladies. At two o'clock a most delectable luncheon was served at which Mrs. E. B. McCullers proposed a toast to club women.

Mrs. E. C. Brooks, of Raleigh, chairman of the Sixth District, presided over the meeting. Mrs. B. A. Hecutt, president of the Halcyon Club, welcomed those present with appropriate remarks, and Mrs. T. W. Bickett, of Raleigh, responded. Following these speeches, the chairman called for the reports of the clubs in the district. The following clubs reported: Woman's Club of Chapel Hill, Halcyon Book Club of Clayton, Thursday Afternoon Club of Raleigh, Raleigh Woman's Club, and the Woman's Club of Smithfield.

After the reports, talks were made by Mrs. H. W. Chase, of Chapel Hill, chairman of the Civics Department of the Federation; by Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, of Raleigh, chairman of the Federation Health Department; by Dr. Hannah Morris, of the State Board of Health, Raleigh; by Mrs. Palmer Jerman, chairman of the Federation Legislative Committee; by Mrs. J. T. Alderman, of the Insurance Department, Raleigh; by Mrs. Blalock, chairman of the Home Economics Department of the Federation.

The topics discussed by the above named ladies were all vital questions and the clubs represented got an inspiration for enlarged service which will bear fruit in the coming year.

The program was interspersed with musical selections by several of the ladies of Clayton, which added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The following numbers were rendered: Piano duet, Invitation to Dance, Mrs. Glenn Pope and Miss Christine Gower.

Vocal Solos, When the Roses Bloom—"Tis Summer in Thine Eyes, Mrs. Bennett Noe, Jr.

Quartette, Annie Laurie, Mesdames Noe, Sanders, Thurston and Guley. Solo, My Heart of Thy Sweet Voice, from Sampson and Delilah, Mrs. Charles G. Guley.

Quartette, "Hush Yo' Honey Hush," Mesdames Noe, Sanders, Thurston and Guley.

The entire meeting was interesting, helpful and enjoyable, and those in attendance were most fortunate. The delegates from the Smithfield club were Mrs. L. G. Patterson, who read the report, Mrs. T. C. Evans, Mrs. H. L. Skinner, Mrs. T. J. Laster, Mrs. F. H. Brooks and Mrs. E. S. Abell.

Connection at Selma Not Broken.

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—Southern Railway and Atlantic Coast Line officials cited before the corporation commission today to "show cause" why they cannot make the present early morning schedule connections at Selma and failing to demonstrate the "cause" were shown "how" by the commission.

No order has been issued but the result of the conference was a plan worked out by the commission which will put the Southern eastbound No. 112 in Selma at 5:15 in the morning and the Coast Line which was due at 5:13 hitherto, there at 5:18. That means the certain waiting of both trains if they turn up on time. In the event of any delay by the Southern, the Coast Line will tarry five minutes and highball it to South Carolina points.

Superintendent Newell of the Coast Line and Superintendent Shelton of the Southern were present and presented their cases. The Coast Line put up a staggeringly pessimistic array of facts against any relief so far as it could see. It now makes a schedule of about 34 miles an hour, pulls from 10 to 14 steel cars, carries a tremendous lot of mails, handles 300 to 400 passengers, and has important connections at Florence, S. C. Any delay will jeopardize the Florence junction. On Rocky Mount-Wilmington line, which has been breaking connection at Goldsboro with the Southern, a local train making 32 stations from Rocky Mount to Wilmington, maintains a speed of 36 miles an hour and it cannot do better.—W. T. Bost, in Greensboro News

Mrs. W. H. Sanders returned from Raleigh Wednesday afternoon.

COUNTY WORK PROGRAM OF Y. M. C. A. EXPLAINED

Mr. Hugh Maydole, County Work Specialist of the Young Men's Christian Association Presents An Appealing Program for the Work With Boys and Young Men.

Ever since its inception the Young Men's Christian Association has reflected its genius in adapting its form of organization and program to the varying conditions and needs of men and boys, says Mr. Maydole, of New York, who is in Smithfield this week. This is demonstrated in the several departments of work, such as the Railroad, Student, Industrial, Colored, Indian, and particularly in the County Work Department.

The city type of work pioneered the way and during the earlier developments a wave of organization passed over the country in the smaller towns with buildings and a form of work carried on similar to that conducted in the large cities. This was a decided failure, owing chiefly to the fact that the financial burden was too great and as a consequence the buildings in such towns stand as a monument of failure, but helped to point the way to a successful plan.

Mr. Robert Weidensall, who recently celebrated his fifty-first anniversary as an International Secretary and who as the first Field Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., pioneered the way for state work and other phases, conceived the county work plan. He considers this his most valuable contribution because of its provision for the large number of boys and young men who live in the small towns and open country. His experiments began as early as 1873, but did not take on aggressive form until 1900 when states began to put on secretaries to promote this more intensively. There has been a steady growth until 1916 when a period of expansion set in. At the present time there are 37 states in which it is organized and over 170 counties that are in operation. The South has made marked advance during the past year. North Carolina has made a splendid beginning. Martin county was recently organized, Buncombe county is in process of organization and Johnston county is undertaking organization this week.

What is the County Work Plan?

First it is a plan to meet the needs of boys and young men in towns of 5,000 population and less as well as the open country.

Second, it is a non-equipment form of work. That is, it does not erect buildings, but utilizes equipment already available, taking advantage of schools, basements and chapels of churches, homes, etc., for meeting places where the program is carried on.

Third, it is a movement, rather than an institution. It does not add a fifth wheel so much as it cooperates with existing institutions such as the home, church, school and various welfare and economic agencies.

Some things which it believes are fundamental, or its creed:

1. That the resident forces of a community are the best forces for its redemption.
2. That county and community solidarity must be maintained. A real community consciousness and pride are essential for its best development.
3. The home, church and school are the primary agencies for rural betterment.
4. There is a task for every boy and man and a boy and man for every task.
5. Work WITH boys strengthens them; work FOR boys weakens them.
6. Successful work is based upon a study of conditions.
7. Adequate leadership solves problems.
8. The religious motive must ever be the dominating passion of this work.

Plans of Organization.

It welds the several towns in a county into a united, cooperative effort under the direction of a county committee of twelve or more outstanding Christian business and professional men throughout the county and federates the money into a joint fund for a county budget which is raised by voluntary contributions. The annual budget varies from \$4,500 to \$5,000 or more and includes salary of county secretary, automobile, traveling expenses, office rent and supplies, postage, printing, conferences, camp and sundries.

The committee employs a county secretary, whose entire time is devoted to the organization and supervision of the work throughout the county. Primarily his work is to discover, enlist and train volunteer leaders to work with groups of boys and young men.

Local organizations are formed in the towns, simple in character, with a board of directors or committee in charge of the work in the town. The county secretary works through and

in cooperation with them in the program for that community.

Groups of boys and young men are organized and are under the immediate supervision of local volunteer leaders who are discovered, enlisted and trained by the county secretary. These groups are formed of younger boys from 12 to 15 years of age, older boys 15 to 18 and young men from 17 or 18 and up. In some sections men's groups are organized. These are self-governing, in that they elect their own officers, who with the leaders form the cabinet, determine their own fees, meeting night and their program, under the direction of the leader.

This varies and is determined by the character and age of the group, leader and meeting place. In all instances it is of an all-round character and seeks to develop the members along social, physical, mental and spiritual lines. The activities include a wide range of features, such as socials, entertainments, debates, parliamentary drills, mock trials, entertainments, camp fires, hikes, corn roasts, inter-association visitations, practical talks by business and professional men, first aid classes, educational trips, lectures, tournaments, athletic meets, baseball teams, all kinds of games both with and without equipment, play festivals, camping and many features which are not mentioned because of lack of space at this time. At each weekly group meeting there is a brief Bible study period. Courses of study are available from denominational boards and the International Committee, which are especially adapted to boys, such as "Men Who Dared," by Trumbull and many others. Every effort is made not only to give the members a good time and hold their interest, but also to develop them into the best kind of men. Much thought is, therefore, given to the preparation and development of the program along moral and religious lines.

There are also community wide events including athletic features, lectures, entertainments, keeping fit campaigns, thrift campaigns, father and son socials and banquets, college student deputation campaigns, etc. County-wide activities are promoted, such as a county older boys' conference, county camp, athletic meet, baseball league, cooperation with existing agencies and a varied list dependent upon the needs and nature of the county. Usually monthly conferences are held for the purpose of training the volunteer leaders and other workers with boys.

Various types of work are promoted to include younger boys, high school boys, employed boys, colored boys, also men's groups.

The entire plan and program are not built upon the spectacular. It is intended to be character building and therefore includes those essentials which go into the making of Christian boys and men and their development into Christian service in the most important and valuable ways. The importance of maintaining a strong Christian citizenship in our rural districts is recognized as an urgent necessity in safeguarding the leadership of the nation from whence the supply largely emanates.

Wherever the citizens give the plan hearty moral and financial support large results are produced and are reflected in the home, the church the school and community life.

"What shall a county profit if it gains the whole world but loses its boys and young men, or what shall a county give in exchange for its boys and young men?"

Students With President on Treaty.

North Carolina college students voting Tuesday with seven hundred other colleges in a nation-wide referendum on the League of Nations upheld the hands of the President in his fight for the ratification of the Peace Treaty and League of Nations without reservation amendment.

With 1,166 voting at the University of North Carolina, 719 cast their ballots with President Wilson and 277 for a compromise to facilitate the ratification of the treaty.

At Wake Forest College, out of 379 voting, 227 were for ratification without reservation or amendment and 125 for compromise. Out of a student registration of 850, a total of 395 votes were cast at A. & E. College. At Trinity College 415 votes, and of this number 282 were for ratification without reservation or amendment and 98 for compromise. Salem College at Winston-Salem, recorded 129 votes for ratification without reservation or amendment and 53 for compromise.

The Greensboro College for Women showed a vote of four to one for any reservation not destroying the covenant.

Distress over the shortage of household coal is rapidly increasing in London. News of the arrival of a car load of coal at any depot brings a rush of poor inhabitants for miles around.

BANQUET TONIGHT WOMANS CLUB ROOMS

A Number of Men From Different Towns and Communities Invited to Attend—To Plan for County Work of the Y. M. C. A. Along Helpful Lines.

A few men of Smithfield met in the office of the Sam T. Honeycutt Company Tuesday night to hear Mr. C. P. Rigler, of Rocky Mount, and Mr. Hugh D. Maydole, of New York, explain the program of the proposed county work of the Y. M. C. A.

There were about twenty-five invited to attend the meeting and about eighteen or twenty were present. Mr. T. S. Ragsdale presided and explained the object of the meeting. After listening to Mr. Rigler's few words of explanation and the progress of the work in North Carolina, Mr. Maydole was introduced and made a very interesting and inspiring talk on the work and the rich fruits obtained through it where it was thoroughly organized and worked.

Those present were much interested in the work and pledged themselves to lend their aid and influence in organizing the work in this county. It was stated that it would cost \$4,500 or \$5,000 to carry on the work for a year and the Smithfield gentlemen present agreed to undertake to raise two thousand dollars of the amount required. A subscription was taken from those present resulting in getting \$1,035 pledged. A committee was appointed to canvass the town for further subscriptions and report at the banquet to be held tonight at the Woman's Club Rooms.

Quite a number of gentlemen have been invited from the several towns and communities of the county to be present tonight at the banquet and take preliminary steps toward forming a county organization. Mr. Maydole will be present and explain the work. An outline of this work is presented in another column of today's paper. It is hoped that every man who received the invitation to attend will be present tonight.

CLAYTON NEWS.

Clayton, Jan. 14.—Mr. Hugh Austin of Smithfield was in town Tuesday for a short time.

Miss Mary Creech Williams, a student at Meredith College spent the week end here. She is just back from a trip to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. C. B. Turley and Miss Gladys Barbour will return today from Oxford where they have been on a visit to Mrs. J. U. Pittman.

Mr. Clarence Ellis who now holds a position in Raleigh spent last Sunday here.

The friends of Mr. Council Poole are glad to see him back on his job in the drug store after being confined to his room for a week.

Mrs. L. M. Edgerton of Princeton spent Tuesday afternoon here shopping.

Mr. Roy Guley spent last Sunday in Selma.

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Moore have returned from Scotland Neck, being called there by the sudden death of Mrs. Moore's uncle.

Mrs. W. F. Weathers who was operated on at Rex Hospital last week is getting along nicely at this time.

Mr. Joe E. Hinnant spent Monday afternoon in Raleigh on business.

Rev. Cozad filled the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sunday morning and evening in the absence of Mr. Moore who was called to Scotland Neck on account of the death of a near relative. We were grieved to be sure that Mr. Moore was called away and especially on account of such a sad thing as death. However, the audience was not disappointed when Mr. Cozad had finished his sermons for he is a very able preacher and we were glad to have him with us.

Mr. Clifford Guley of Nashville was in town for a few hours Tuesday morning.

Mrs. H. N. Wilson of Wilson's Mills was here on business Tuesday.

Mrs. C. D. Bass has returned from a visit to friends at Wilmington.

The condition of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Yarborough is very serious yet. Everything has been and is being done that can be but it seems that the change for the better is slow to come.

Miss Eloise Turley left last Friday for Meredith College where she will enter for the spring term. She was late going back on account of sickness.

Two new dwelling houses are going up on the lot across from the Methodist church. One of these for Mr. Swade E. Barbour, the other Rev. C. W. Robinson. This property was formerly known as the Page property but sold some time ago.

The Oregon Legislature in special session ratified Monday the amendment to the Federal Constitution granting suffrage to women.