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## NEWBERRY IS CONVICTED OF CONSPIRACY

Federal Court at Grand Rapids Sentences Him to Two Years in Federal Penitentiary and a Fine of Ten Thousand Dollars. Fifteen Others Share Same Fate for Conspiring to Violate Federal Election Laws in 1918.

Truman H. Newberry, junior United States Senator from Michigan, was Saturday convicted by a jury in the Federal Court of Grand Rapids, of having conspired criminally in 1918 to violate the election laws, says an Associated Press dispatch. He was sentenced by Judge Clarence W. Sessions to two years imprisonment and fined \$10,000, released on bond pending an appeal and at once issued a statement declaring his intention to retain his seat in the upper House unless that body decides otherwise, or the Supreme Court upholds his conviction.

Sharing the fate of the Senator were his brother, John S. Newberry and fifteen campaign managers, including Frederick Cody, New York, and Paul H. King, Detroit. Both these men received the limit sentence with their chief.

Charles A. Floyd, Detroit, was also sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but he was fined only half as much as Newberry. The brother was fined \$10,000 and was one of four who were not sentenced to Leavenworth.

The lightest sentence went to Geo. S. Ladd, of Sturbridge, Mass., and he was fined \$1,000.

The jury was ready with its verdict at 11:12 a. m. Less than half an hour later they had been discharged by the court after freeing 68 of the 85 defendants. There was a brief respite for luncheon, then the Senator and his 16 associates were brought into court again. News of the convictions had been spread around the city and the room was jammed.

Ordered to stand before the bar, the men ranged themselves in a crescent, the Senator on the left and his brother next.

The stir of rapping the men before the bar died away to absolute stillness. In quiet tones Judge Sessions asked if any of the men wished to say anything before sentence was pronounced. They stood mute. Then the court, in even voice, read the time-honored formula of sentence.

"Truman H. Newberry, in your case, it is the judgment of the court that you be confined in the penitentiary at Leavenworth for the full time and period of two years and be fined \$10,000," said the judge.

No one stirred as the audience caught the words that showed the judge had addressed against the principal defendant the heaviest sentence allowed by the law. Each succeeding sentence to prison or heavy fine was received in stoical silence.

Immediately after the sentences had been passed, Frank C. Dailey, of Indianapolis, special assistant attorney general and chief prosecutor, wiped the slate clean by moving the dismissal of 10 of the 135 respondents to the indictment who had pleaded "no contest." He also moved the discharge of Elmer E. White, of Travers City, who was given a severance because of illness and of James Dailey, a Muskegon contractor, who went to South America on business before government officials could serve him with a warrant.

Ninety days were granted the attorneys for the convicted men in which to perfect an appeal. Then court adjourned.

While the jurors said they had agreed not to discuss their deliberations the rule did not hold good after they had been released from service. Several said that the defense testimony itself was largely responsible for the adverse verdict, particularly King's statement on the stand that he had warned Newberry in New York that the campaign would cost at least \$50,000.

## Democratic Precinct Meetings.

The Democratic precinct meetings for the several townships in Johnston county are called to meet at their respective voting places Saturday afternoon, March 27, to select delegates to the County convention which will be held in Smithfield on April 3rd. It is important that the Democrats attend these meetings and confer with each other and talk over things political in general.



CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, SMITHFIELD, N. CAROLINA.

This church was dedicated here Sunday with appropriate exercises and great sermon by Bishop Darlington. The handsome church was built and equipped with suitable Sunday school rooms and furnishings, comfortable pews and handsome pipe organ installed for less than thirty thousand dollars. The Methodist people of the town are to be congratulated on the success that has attended their efforts. If built today such a plant would cost at least fifty thousand dollars.

## METHODISTS DEDICATE CHURCH

Bishop U. V. W. Darlington Delivered Masterful Sermon.

Sunday was a great day for the Methodists of Smithfield when their handsome church on the corner of Second and Market streets was dedicated to the service of the Lord. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, West Virginia, preached the dedicatory sermon. The church was begun during the ministry of Rev. A. S. Barnes, now superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, and was completed about six years ago, the first service being held on July 4, 1914. Within the past year a pipe organ has been installed. The church has gone forward with its new equipment now being thoroughly organized in its Sunday school, women's work, young people's society, children's organization, Epworth League and prayer meeting. The Centenary drive was carried out successfully and the evangelistic program now under consideration bids fair to exert its influence over the entire community.

The exercises Sunday morning were simple and impressive. The balmy spring air had swung enough to induce people from a large surrounding territory to come even a distance to hear Bishop Darlington, who delivered a masterful discourse on the Place and Power of the Church of God in the World. From the beginning of his remarks, as he read the few passages of scripture as a basis of his thought, to the end the congregation, which packed the building to its capacity, followed him closely. He got hold of his audience at once, reaching a climax when he threw out the challenge that the church of God was a good investment regardless of the spiritual phase of its existence and proving with convincing argument that it is the greatest institution in the world. As he gave personal testimony of the power of God through the church, as he recounted instances of finished products of God's plan to save and serve humanity, tears dampened the cheeks of more than one under the sound of his voice, and when at the close he raised that good old fashioned hymn, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing," the congregation joined in as one great voice of praise and thanksgiving for the privilege of being a part of this powerful agency for good in the world.

Following the song the official members of the church: J. D. Spiers, W. W. Cole, W. M. Sanders, J. H. Abell, N. B. Grantham, J. H. Woodall, J. H. Kirkman, T. R. Hood, H. C. Woodall, C. A. Creech, G. E. Thornton, and H. C. Hood gathered around the altar, Mr. W. W. Cole, chairman of the Board of Trustees presenting the church for dedication. Then following the prayer of dedication with most of the congregation on their knees.

Preliminary to the sermon the regular order of service was observed, a solemn quiet pervading the church as the organist played a voluntary. The choir then rendered a beautiful anthem. Rev. S. A. Cotton read the first scripture lesson, while Rev. A. S. Barnes read the second lesson. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. C. Wooten led in prayer. While the offering was being taken, Mr. Horace Eason, formerly of this city but now of Clinton, sang a solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple."

The other congregations of the

town called off their services and worshipped with the Methodists and rejoiced with them on this great occasion. The pastors of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches of the town were present at the service.

## WEDDING AT ASHEVILLE

Miss Augusta Anderson Bride of Dr. William T. Martin of Benson.

Asheville, March 21.—The wedding of Miss Augusta Anderson and Dr. William T. Martin, of Benson, was solemnized Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. James Garrett Anderson, in Asheville. Just before the ceremony Mrs. John Anderson sang "At Dawning," by Charles Wakefield Cadman.

Mrs. Jeter McKinley Pritchard played the wedding march from Lohengrin, as Miss Anderson and Dr. Martin entered. There were no attendants and the bride was given in marriage by her father, Nelson Anderson, while the ring was given to the minister by her brother, John Anderson. Rev. E. W. Fox officiated.

The house was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, southern smilax and cut flowers, and was lighted by a number of candles arranged around the rooms.

Miss Anderson was attired in a dark blue tailored suit with a smart traveling hat and wore an exquisite corsage of bridal roses with delicate sprays of forget-me-nots mingled.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mrs. Anderson served a delicious wedding breakfast. The guests included only the relatives and intimate friends of the couple. Miss Anderson is a pretty and attractive lady of a blonde type, and has a number of friends in Asheville, having been a member of the faculty of an Asheville school. Dr. Martin is a prominent dentist of Benson, and is president of the State Dental association. Immediately after the ceremony they left for an extended trip through Florida.

## Sanders-Culbreth.

Fayetteville, March 20.—A quiet but pretty marriage was solemnized Wednesday afternoon, March 17th, at 2 o'clock, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Culbreth, one mile east of Fayetteville, when their only daughter, Miss Lucy Culbreth, became the bride of Mr. J. Marvin Sanders, formerly of Four Oaks. The rooms were tastefully decorated with spring flowers, ferns and long leaf pine, and in the midst of only a few friends and relatives, the ceremony was performed by Rev. V. M. McRae, brother and pastor of the bride. The attendants were Miss Norma Sanders with Mr. T. Culbreth, Mrs. C. B. Culbreth; dame of honor, and Mr. Snead Sanders, brother of the groom, as best man.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Jonesboro, N. C., where they will make their future home, the groom being a prosperous planter and business man of that place.

Those from a distance were Misses Bessie and Norma Sanders, sisters of the groom, from Tarboro, Mr. B. Williams and mother, of Steadman, Messrs. Snead Sanders and Z. B. Richardson, of Four Oaks, and Misses Emily and Emma Easterly, of Knoxville, Tenn.

## HON. R. N. PAGE VISITS SMITHFIELD

Candidate for Governor Makes an Address at the Court House and Outlines the Platform on Which He is Asking the People to Make Him Governor of a Great State.

Hon. Robert N. Page, the first of the candidates for the Democratic nomination for Governor in the June primary, was in Smithfield last night and made an address to a goodly crowd of citizens at the court house. There had been but little time for advertising the meeting, but nevertheless the number who came out was greater than was expected showing that they are interested in the candidates and issues. Mr. Page was presented by Mr. James A. Wellons. The candidate then entered into a discussion of the principles upon which he is supporting his claims to the people as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. Mr. Page's first plea was for governmental affairs to be placed on a business basis, stating that he was first a business man.

He emphasized the need of all thorough business organizations in Governmental matters, endorsed the revaluation Act stating that the only fair basis for the assessment of property was that all property of every class should be placed upon the tax books at a hundred per cent of its value. He expressed himself as believing that the mandate of the constitution at a uniform rate on all classes of property should be changed citing it as being desirable in order that home building and ownership might be encouraged, that a lower rate of tax should be levied on homes occupied by the owners. He emphasized the need of road construction not only building hard surface State Highways but particularly the need of building roads into the rural districts in order that rural population might be kept on the farm.

He also emphasized the need of more harmonious relationship between capital and labor in our industrial life and said that he did not believe that harmonious relation could be established by the enactment of law, but that it might be brought about by the introduction of industrial democracy and profit sharing. Mr. Page referred to rumors that had been made relative to his retirement from Congress and declared the records would show that neither at the time when we were a neutral nation or after it became necessary for us to enter the war had he ever cast a single vote against any administration measure.

Among other things that Mr. Page stands for are briefly stated as follows:

A strengthening and helping the public schools.

Health and sanitation, County hospitals, whole time health officers for every county.

A system of rural development that will better the condition of the people who live out in the far away corners of the country.

## HOUSE PASSED ARMY MEASURE

Bill Provides for an Army of 299,000 Soldiers for Peace Time—Vote Was 246 to 92.

Last week the House passed the army reorganization bill which provides for an army of 299,000 enlisted men and 17,800 officers for times of peace. The vote was 246 to 92. Representative Dent, the ranking Democrat on the Military Committee, made a strong effort to get the number reduced to 255,000 men and 14,000 officers but was voted down by a vote of 222 to 115.

## Death of S. P. Barham.

A correspondent sends us an account of the death of Mr. S. T. Barham which occurred on March 13. He was born March 11, 1867, and was 53 years and two days old. He leaves a wife and three children and a host of friends to mourn his departure. He had been in poor health since last June. He had a stroke of paralysis three days prior to his death. He was not a member of any church but was kind and good to everybody. He was a true member of the W. O. W. His body was laid to rest at Creech's church Sunday afternoon, March 14. We regret to learn of Mr. Barham's death.

## PLAN TO FORM A MAX GARDNER CLUB

Many Citizens Call for Meeting at the Court House on Friday Night at Eight O'clock.

We, the undersigned friends and supporters of the Hon. Max Gardner earnestly request his friends to meet with us at the court house Friday night March 26, at 8 P. M. for the purpose of organizing a Gardner Club and any other business that may come before the meeting.

J. W. Stephenson, N. E. Edgerton, W. H. Austin, F. K. Broadhurst, A. G. Johnson, Wm. R. Long, J. T. Hill, L. L. Ennis, W. S. Blackwell, W. W. Jordan, W. T. Holland, M. A. Wallace, Geo. C. White, T. J. Talton, S. R. Brady, J. P. Baker, J. S. Ogburn, Milton Ogburn, Chas. Davis, H. H. Radford, W. L. Roberts, G. C. Phillips, Chester Ogburn, Oscar Bryant, Graham Smith, Claude Hill, Rufus Creech, J. L. Scotton, A. S. Johnson, J. D. Underwood, D. H. Creech, N. L. Perkins, A. R. Caudill, D. H. Jones, J. F. Thompson, C. S. Broadhurst, H. P. Stevens, H. B. Eason, H. C. Woodall, L. Brown, V. E. Wells, J. Lee Ogburn, W. T. Adams, W. W. Cole, J. T. Gordon, J. W. Stezer, A. A. Gordon, B. W. Suggs, J. D. Herring, Chas. A. Creech, J. H. Abell, J. E. Whitehurst, P. E. Whitehead, E. R. Norton, D. W. Peterson, D. M. Coats, E. S. Edmundson, F. H. Parrish, J. D. Stephenson, L. M. Bailey, Louis Cohen, M. B. Strickland, C. W. Hinton, Geo. T. Kerr, E. H. Dixon, Jr., W. J. Alford, J. C. Ennis.

## TREATY AGAIN IN WILSON'S KEEPING

Generally Felt He Will Await Outcome of Political Fight—Whatever His Course, Delay is Inevitable.

After a troubled eight months' sojourn in the senate, the treaty with Germany was back in the keeping of President Wilson Saturday night with a note appended saying that ratification had been refused, says a Washington dispatch.

What the President's next move would be remained conjectural. White house officials declined to comment.

The general feeling of officials elsewhere about the capital, however, was that Mr. Wilson probably would let the treaty lie on his desk while the bitter controversy it has raised is fought out in the political campaign.

The treaty was taken back to the white house early in the day by a bevy of officials and messengers from the senate, in pursuance of an order adopted Friday night after a fourth vote on ratification had failed to muster the necessary two-thirds.

It was delivered to Secretary Tully, who receipted for it in the name of the President.

Scarcely had the bulky document, the bone of senate contention through many weeks of stormy debate and negotiations, passed physically out of the capitol building when some of the senators who worked for ratification began a movement to recall it and try once more for a compromise. Mild reservation republicans and compromise democrats discussed the possibilities of such an effort without decision, however, and the prediction of leaders on both sides was that no proposal for another reconsideration ever would take serious form.

## EQUAL SUFFRAGE GETS APPROVAL 35TH STATE

Washington Legislature Ratifies Anthony Amendment — Thirty-Six States Required.

Olympia, Wash., March 22.—Ratification of the proposed suffrage amendment to the federal constitution was completed by the Washington legislature late today, when the senate unanimously passed a resolution ratifying the amendment. The resolution had previously been passed by the house.

Washington was the 35th state to ratify the amendment.

## N. C. Highway Bulletin.

The first issue of the North Carolina Highway Bulletin to be published monthly its purpose being to acquaint the state with the progress of the State Highway Commission in its effort to improve North Carolina roads has made its appearance. D. H. Winslow is editor with Miss L. G. Markham associate editor.

## PROGRAM OF SERVICE FOR JOHNSTON

Y. M. C. A. Now Planning to Begin Its Work in County With the Co-Operation of County Superintendents of Schools and Welfare, and Farm and Home Demonstration Agents.

Mr. S. K. Hunt, State and County Worker for the Young Men's Christian Association, was in Smithfield last Friday in conference with the County Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Farm Demonstration Agent, the Home Demonstration Agent, and the Superintendent of Public Welfare. Arrangements were made whereby exhibits of the Y. M. C. A. Educational Service could be made in this county in the near future.

It is announced that, beginning on Monday, March 29th, Mr. Hunt will be in Clayton with slides and films that will give illustrations of work along social, agricultural, and hygienic lines. This service is given by the Y. M. C. A. absolutely free to everybody who has interest enough in such subjects to attend the meetings. On the following day, Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday, March 31, the same service will be given at Archer Lodge. On Thursday, April 1, a film presenting problems in social hygiene will be given in the school building at Selma. On Friday and Saturday, the second and third of April, the full program will be shown at Brogden school building. On Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6, it will be shown at Glendale school building, and on Wednesday April 7, at the graded school building at Kenly. On Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, the service will be shown at Meadow school building.

The work which Mr. Hunt is doing is correlated with the State Department of Agriculture, the State Board of Health, the American Hygiene Association and the State and National Committee of the War Work Council. This work is primarily an educational work; therefore, it is urged that teachers, pupils, and all school workers turn out in full and give to these meetings their heartiest support. The farmers are also urged to attend these meetings. At all of these meetings, there will be prominent speakers that will discuss the various problems that are related to the subjects mentioned in this article.

Mr. J. O. Bowman, of Selma, has accepted the work of a permanent Y. M. C. A. secretary of this county and he will assist in putting this work over.

## HOW THE POLITICAL PARTIES DIVIDED ON RATIFICATION

For ratification: Republicans—Ball, Calder, Capper, Colt, Curtis, Dillingham, Edge, Elkins, Frelinghuysen, Hale, Jones (Washington), Kellogg, Kenyon, Lenroot, Keys, Lodge, McLean, McNary, New, Page, Phipps, Smoot, Spencer, Sterling, Sutherland, Wadsworth, Warren and Watson.—28.  
Democrats—Ashurst, Beckham, Chamberlain, Fletcher, Gore, Henderson, Kendrick, King, Myers, Nugent, Owen, Phelan, Pittman, Pomerene, Ransdell, Smith (Georgia), Smith (Maryland), Trammell, Walsh (Massachusetts), Walsh (Montana) and Walcott.—21.  
Total for ratification, 49.

Against ratification: Republicans—Borah, Brandegee, Fernald, France, Gronna, Johnson (California), Knox, La Follette, McCormick, Moses, Norris and Sherman.—12.

Democrats—Comer, Culbertson, Dial, Gay, Glass, Harris, Harrison, Hitchcock, Johnson (South Dakota), Kirby, McKeller, Overman, Reed, Robinson, Sheppard, Shields, Simmons Smith (South Carolina), Stanley, Swanson, Thomas, Underwood and Williams.—23.  
Total against 35.

## Lumber Prices Are Cut.

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—A reduction of 10 to 30 per cent in lumber prices for the spring trade is announced here by the Weyerhaeuser interests. The lower prices should be reflected in the retail trade very soon, officials of the company said. Uncertainty of the market and the speculation due to a rising market are the reasons given for the reduction.—Philadelphia Ledger.