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## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION MEETS

Delegates and Alternates Named to the State Convention Which Meets in Raleigh Thursday—Resolution Giving All Democrats Who May Attend a Voice in Convention—Congressman Pou Heartily Endorsed—Ed. S. Abell Endorsed for Delegate to San Francisco.

The Democrats of Johnston county met in Smithfield Saturday at noon. Representative men from most of the townships were here to participate in the deliberations.

The convention was called to order by Mr. Ed. S. Abell who has been chairman of the County Executive Committee for the past four years. Mr. Hubert I. Ogburn was called to the chair. Mr. T. J. Lassiter was asked to serve as secretary. On motion the temporary organization was made permanent and the convention proceeded to business.

The matter of choosing delegates to the State convention was taken up and each township was asked to name one delegate and one alternate with the exception of Selma which was entitled to two each and Clayton and Smithfield which were entitled to three each. This was done and the following delegates and alternates were selected to attend the State convention at Raleigh Thursday, April 8th.

The first named are delegates.

Wilson's Mills—Delegate, C. M. Wilson; alternate, B. A. Turnage.

Clayton—W. S. Penn, L. H. Champion, C. P. Ellis; L. T. Rose, J. I. Whitely and L. F. Austin.

Cleveland—F. M. Weeks and C. L. Sanders.

Pleasant Grove—H. I. Ogburn and Claude Steplenson.

Elevation—S. A. Lassiter and W. E. Thornton.

Banner—Wade H. Royal and J. R. Barbour.

Meadow—Walter V. Blackman and J. Mang Wood.

Bentonville—W. H. Upchurch and J. T. Langston.

Ingrams—W. R. Keen and W. E. Barbour.

Boon Hill—G. F. Woodard and A. F. Holt.

Beulah—P. D. Grady and H. F. Edgerton.

Oneals—W. H. Brown and E. Grant.

Micro—C. A. Fitzgerald and W. N. Barden.

Wilders—W. T. Hinton and J. L. Murphy.

Pine Level—D. B. Oliver and S. A. Peedin.

Selma—George F. Moore and R. J. Noble; W. B. Roberts and F. E. Whitely.

Smithfield—Ed. S. Abell, Chas. A. Creech and Jas. A. Wellons; G. B. Smith, Robt. A. Sanders and George Ross Pou.

On motion of Mr. Ed S. Abell the following resolution was then passed:

Resolved, That all Democrats who may attend the State convention shall be recognized as delegates with the same powers and privileges as those delegates elected by this convention.

The following was introduced by Judge F. H. Brooks and passed unanimously:

Whereas, the successful termination of the world war was the greatest achievement in behalf of worldwide Democracy and the freedom of the earth from autocratic domination yet accomplished;

And whereas, we point with pride to the part that America played in this great world drama, and the record of our Great President, Woodrow Wilson, during those trying times;

And whereas, our own Representative in Congress, Hon. E. W. Pou, as Chairman of the House Rules Committee, had an active part in presenting all the war measures, and in speeding them through Congress; and has always stood shoulder to shoulder with the President and the Democratic leaders in Congress in their efforts to hasten the winning of the war, and for the protection of our own soldiers and the alleviation of suffering humanity the world over;

And Whereas, that during all the years that Congressman E. W. Pou has represented this district in Congress he has stood firmly on the bedrock principles of Democracy, and lent his efforts to the furtherance of the principles of our party;

Now Therefore, Be it Resolved by the Democrats of Johnston County, in convention this day assembled in Smithfield, that we heartily endorse

## SMITHFIELD BOY HONORED.

Albert Coats Has Been Awarded the Rumrill Fellowship in Law at Harvard University.

Chapel Hill, April 3.—News has just reached Chapel Hill that Albert Coats of Smithfield, Johnston County, has been awarded the James A. Rumrill Fellowship in Law at Harvard University. The Harvard Committee in announcing the award to Mr. Coats stated that it was a single Fellowship open to "any properly qualified graduate of a college or university in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky, and is awarded on the basis of the college record of the applicant both in scholarship and in general achievement as a leader in college life." The fact that this Fellowship is for use in any department of Harvard University makes competition for it all the stronger and the award of it a distinct recognition.

## RESCUES "999" FROM SCRAP PILE

San Francisco Sportsman Now Owns First Ford, in Which Oldfield Made Debut.

San Francisco, Apr. 3.—An exhibit of unusual interest at the recent automobile show here was the once famous "999" racing car, the champion of the world nearly 20 years ago, and the first car to cover a circular track mile in less than a minute.

This car was really the first Ford, being designed and built in 1903 by Henry Ford and Harold Willis. Ford secured Barney Oldfield, then a professional cyclist, to drive the car.

On the foundation laid by the 1903 and 1904 campaign of this car, both men rose to fame and fortune. Mr. Ford founded the Ford Motor Company, and became the world's motor king. Mr. Oldfield became similarly supreme in the field of motor speed and is now also a manufacturer, being president of The Oldfield Tire Company with an annual output worth many millions.

When the Ford-Oldfield partnership was dissolved, in 1905, the old speed chariot drifted to California and lay for many years forgotten in a private garage at Venice. It was discovered and bought by W. L. Hughson, San Francisco sportsman and motor car merchant, who placed it in running order and is using it as a medium of publicity.

As an example of early design, the "999" is unquestionably an interesting exhibit. It has no crankcase, no magneto, no carburetor, no transmission and no differential. Its four immense cylinders dwarf those of modern cars. But it is as fast as ever and, on a straightaway would be able to give an excellent account of itself for from one to five miles, against even the light, handsome speedsters of the present day.

Frank Youngblood of Sumter, S. C., came last Friday to spend a few days in Smithfield with relatives and friends.

Messrs. G. W. Massey, J. T. Austin and Lonnie Weaver who moved to Sampson county from Bentonville township this county about the first of the year were here Saturday on business.

Mr. W. L. Ellis made a business trip to Rutherfordton Saturday in the interest of The Smithfield Observer.

The contract for 12 miles of road from Pittsboro to the Orange county line marks the beginning on a road that is of much importance. It will open a line from Durham by way of Pittsboro to Sanford and make a new link in the north and south road through the heart of the State. It will be of gravel, and a fine hard road. It will attract a lot of travel, and incidentally give Chatham county a new start in life.—News and Observer.

The splendid record made by Congressman E. W. Pou, and extend to him a vote of appreciation from the Democrats of Johnston County for his services to his constituents and the world in the great world crisis, and that the Democracy of Johnston County loyally and enthusiastically endorse him for re-election, and recommend to the Democrats of the District his re-election to Congress to succeed himself.

Upon motion of Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt Mr. E. S. Abell was unanimously endorsed as one of the delegates from the Fourth District to the San Francisco Convention which meets on June 28.

## THE SELMA SCHOOL BUILDING IS BURNED

Fire Levels to the Ground the Most Magnificent Structure for Schools in the County—Loss Very Heavy—Partially Covered by Insurance—School Out on Easter Holiday.

The magnificent building of the Selma Graded school, including all its furniture and libraries, was leveled to the ground Monday morning by fire. The records of the school were about all that were saved from the flames. The fire was of doubtful origin. The furnace had not been heated for a week. The fire probably started from a short circuit in the lighting system. It was discovered that the building was on fire about 9 o'clock. The fire department rushed to the rescue, but due to the lack of water power, the department was unable to make any headway against the fire.

The school had a holiday yesterday and no one was at school when the fire was discovered.

Arrangements are being made to secure temporary quarters and carry on the school work to the end of the term.

The building was erected in 1916 at a cost of about \$60,000. It was easily the finest and best arranged school building in the county and one of the best in the State. It was insured for about \$50,000, but at the present high cost of building material, it will require twice or three times that amount to rebuild the structure.

The Selma Graded School, under the superintendency of Prof. W. B. Crumpton, has made an excellent record for the present school year. The enrollment has gone above 500. A strong organization of the student body has been effected since the opening of the present term, and the school had under way a great year's work. The loss of the building is keenly felt by the Selma community and it comes as a blow to the educational work of the entire county.

DANIELS DENIES REPORT PUBLISHED IN PAPERS

Secretary of Navy Never Said Japan Is Menace to the United States.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Chairman Page of the Senate Naval committee, made public today a letter from Secretary Daniels denying reports published in some newspapers that the Secretary had told the committee yesterday that Japan was a menace to the United States.

"I am moved to write you," said Mr. Daniels, "because this publication conveys an impression that is calculated to give a friendly nation a view of the attitude of the Secretary of the Navy and your committee that is wholly at variance with the attitude of your committee and the Navy Department.

"I stated to the committee that our relations with all countries on the Pacific were more friendly and cordial, and that I was sure this country would adopt no policy based upon antagonism to any power in the Pacific.

"I am sure that you and all the members of the Senate Naval affairs committee will regret a misleading publication that may be misinterpreted by our Japanese ally and friend."

Mr. Daniels appeared before the committee in executive session to urge appropriations for enlarging naval docking and repair facilities, on the Pacific coast to meet the needs of the enlarged fleet in those waters.

Gardner Asks Cleveland Not Endorse Him.

Cleveland county Democrats were surprised Saturday when Max Gardner asked the county convention not to endorse his candidacy for Governor. His friends were ready to offer the customary resolution, but Mr. Gardner wanted the doors of Cleveland county left wide open for any and all aspirants for the office for Governor. He said he was willing to leave it entirely in the hands of his neighbors and friends.

General Wood in Campaign

General Leonard Wood, candidate for the Republican nomination for President, wound up his first trip into Ohio in the interest of his candidacy Saturday. The general expects to make more speeches before the Ohio primaries come off on April 27.

## POU TO OPEN BATTLE ON PEACE RESOLUTION

Will Move to Extend Time of Debate—Hot Fight in Prospect—Clark, Kitchin, Flood and Pou Will Lead Democratic Offensive.

Washington, April 3.—One of the hottest fights the house has staged since the Republicans came into control about a year ago will be waged over the Porter resolution seeking to declare peace with Germany by joint resolution instead of by a peace treaty ratified by the senate after negotiation by the President.

Representative Edward W. Pou, of North Carolina, today announced that the first gun in the fight would be the introduction of a substitute resolution extending the time of debate which Republican members of the rules committee propose to allow on this important peace resolution. Democrats in the house are preparing to enter emphatic protest against the Republican plan to put the peace resolution through the house after only seven hours of debate.

After Representative Pou, as ranking Democrat of the rules committee, has moved at least two days debate of the resolution, other Democrats will take up the cudgels against the peace resolution. The leaders in the bitter fight will be former Speaker Champ Clark, Representative Claude Kitchin, of North Carolina; Representative Flood, of Virginia, former chairman of the foreign affairs committee, and Representative Pou.

Representative Pou as ranking Democrat on the committee, will offer a substitute rule allowing at least two days debate on so important a matter as a resolution declaring the war with Germany at an end. Although Representative Pou is not confident of the adoption of his substitute, it will at least afford Democrats an opportunity to denounce the "gag rule" under which the peace resolution is to be considered.

Democratic members of the house will contend that after the senate debated the peace treaty of Versailles for almost a year it is ridiculous to ask the house to discuss a peace resolution in seven hours. Though the Porter resolution is regarded by Democrats as unconstitutional and unprecedented, and the President is expected to veto it when it reaches the White House, the minority members of the house insist upon adequate time for discussion of such an important proposal as that declaring the war at an end and repealing wartime legislation.

Indications now are that the Republicans will relentlessly shorten the house discussion and will not permit more than one day's consideration of the Porter resolution. The program is to send the peace resolution to the senate late next week.

Senator Lodge says he does not anticipate protracted discussion in the senate, although he appreciates that the constitutional question involved will be a temptation to senators to discuss the resolution at some length.

—Theodore Tiller, in Greensboro News.

SEN. GLASS DEFENDS WILSON

Denounces Shallow Democrats Who Have Followed in Wake of Lodge.

Lynchburg, Va., April 3.—Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, in a letter to City Solicitor R. C. Jackson, of Roanoke, made public today, sharply criticizes "shallow democrats" in the senate who "meekly followed" Senator Lodge and "his hand-picked foreign relations committee" on treaty reservation.

"The wretched talk about the obstinacy of the president over the peace treaty," Senator Glass writes, "is purely an invention of adversary politicians, acquiesced in by a species of democrat who never sympathized with Mr. Wilson's ideals or his policies."

The Virginia senator, who wrote denying Washington dispatches alleging friction between the president and the Virginia delegation in congress, denounced "men affecting faith in democratic principles and methods" who "traduce" the president.

He calls the charges that the president refused to permit the slightest change in the Versailles treaty "a silly lie," and speaks of so-called democratic leaders in congress "who have never led."

## HIGH FLOOD AT CHATTAHOOGA

Many More Manufacturing Plants Forced to Close Down—1,000 Families Removed.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 3.—While the flood at Chattanooga had reached a stage of 40 feet early tonight, Weather Observer Pindell declared he did not expect the crest to go beyond 42 feet. Relief forces have been busy all day aiding those in the lowlands to move out and many families are now domiciled at various public buildings.

Many more manufacturing plants were forced to close down today. The railroads entering the city are gradually overcoming the obstacles caused by food waters and normal service is being resumed with the exception of two lines.

In the flooded areas hundreds of families rushed to save their household goods and move to high ground. School buildings, churches and city auditorium are being utilized by refugees. Army field kitchens sent into the city from Fort Oglethorpe have been placed at the various buildings. It is estimated that 1,000 families have already been removed from the danger zone and the work is being continued tonight.—Associated Press.

## Vermont Women Will Try to Vote.

Burlington, Vt., April 2.—Women will go to the primaries in this State next month and will attempt to vote, notwithstanding Gov. Clement's refusal to call a special ratification session of the legislature, according to an announcement from the State Suffragists' Association headquarters here tonight. If they are refused the ballot, the association will appeal to the Supreme Court.

The suffragists contend that a bill giving women the right to vote for Presidential electors which was passed in the Legislature of 1919, but vetoed by the Governor, is a law, claiming that it did not require the Governor's signature.

## CLYDE HOEY SLATED FOR CHAIRMAN OF CONVENTION

Ninth District Congressman and Senator Overman Billed for Keynote Speeches.

Raleigh, April 2.—It is thought in state political circles that Clyde Hoey will be made permanent chairman of the state democratic convention next week.

He will deliver one of the keynote speeches and Senator Overman another. Hoey will talk on state affairs and Overman on national. Whether Simmons will be here is not yet known. Governor Bickett will not appear before the convention in person to advocate endorsement of woman suffrage, but his recommendation that the convention pursue this course will certainly come up. It is expected that this will precipitate a lengthy debate which may prolong the convention, certainly if women delegates are seated.—Charlotte Observer.

## Educators Attend Chase Inauguration

Chapel Hill, April 3.—The acceptance of President A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University, to be one of the chief speakers at the inauguration of Harry Woodburn Chase as President of the University of North Carolina, April 28, makes the 32nd college President who will be in Chapel Hill at what promises to be one of the most important events in the University's century and a quarter of history.

President Lowell, together with President Hibben, of Princeton, and Dr. Chas. R. Mann, Chairman advisory board, war plans division, war department, will discuss "The Higher Education and Its Present Task," President Lowell speaking from the view-point of the graduate school.

The total number of colleges who are sending delegates, chiefly members of their faculties, now runs above eighty, including nearly all the well known institutions in the United States. In addition to these 20 learned and professional societies have named delegates who will represent them. Among these are the National Geographical Society, American Oriental Society, American Society of Naturalists, American Chemical Society, and many others.

Mr. J. N. Cobb, of Wilson, spent Sunday in the city with relatives and friends.

## THE NATION'S DEBT BEING REDUCED

Reduction Doubles That of Any Previous Month.—With Debt Now At \$24,698,000,000, Treasury Hopes for Other Big Inroads.

Washington, April 2.—A reduction of \$705,660,000 in the national debt—more than double the amount by which the debt was lowered during any previous month—was accomplished during March, the treasury reported tonight. The national debt now stands at \$24,698,000,000.

Officials said this record could not be used as a basis for forecasting further monthly reductions. They regarded it, however, as "sound evidence" of the success of the treasury program for financing the post war period when government expenditures still continue to run high.

March payments on the public debt were confined almost wholly to retirement of certificates of indebtedness issued in anticipation of income and profit taxes. Reductions by months since August when the retirements began were: October \$15,533,000; November \$94,478,000; December \$278,973,000; January \$168,689,000, and February \$264,057,000. Heavy payments on the debt in December and February both were traceable to the retirement of certificates of indebtedness, but the amount of obligations retired each month, although fluctuating, has been on the increase.

Future monthly reductions will hinge largely on new appropriations and tax legislation, officials said. They expected, however, that operations of the sinking fund would reflect more and more on the gross national debt each month hereafter. None would venture a prediction as to the net for the calendar year.

As the public debt now stands, it is made up of \$15,616,800,000 comprising the four issues of liberty bonds; \$4,422,700,000 of victory short term notes; \$2,667,820,000 in treasury certificates; \$870,000,000 in war savings certificates and approximately \$1,000,000,000 in bonds issued prior to the world war.

The greatest single item among these old bonds is the issue of consols of 1930 which aggregate \$600,000,000.—Associated Press.

## NEWSPAPER EDITOR DIES IN DUEL WITH STATESMAN

South American Politicians Settle Their Differences in Ancient Manner.

Montevideo, Uruguay, April 2.—Washington Beltran, editor of the newspaper El Pais, was shot and killed in a duel today by Jose Batlle Ordones, former president of Uruguay.

The duel took place this morning with the usual formalities and with seconds and surgeons in attendance. The weapons used were pistols. Beltran was shot in the breast and died shortly afterward.

The morning newspapers today printed announcements of the impending duel. They said the former President Batlle had sent his seconds to Beltran, challenging the journalist because of statements published in El Pais, which Batlle considered offensive.

Beltran was a Nationalist member of the Chamber of Deputies and a leader of that party, which is opposed to the "Batllistas."

Batlle twice has been President of Uruguay. His last term was from 1906 to 1910.—Associated Press.

## Enrollment at A. & E.

West Raleigh, April 2.—The enrollment at State College for the current year has established a new high mark in attendance at the state's technical institution. A recent tabulation of the registration by courses shows that 1046 young men are preparing themselves for industrial pursuits. This is the largest enrollment in the history of the College. The highest pre-war registration was 742, reached in 1917, and the present enrollment is an increase of 40 per cent. The freshman class of 367 is larger by 42 per cent than any other incoming class. The number of students in each of the six principal courses is as follows: Agriculture 295, Mechanical Engineering 183, Electrical Engineering 176, Textile Engineering 169, Civil Engineering 111, Chemistry 41.