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## LAWYERS MEET AT WILMINGTON

Address by President John A. McRae; Governor Morrison Present

WILMINGTON, June 28.—With four members of the supreme court, the governor, and a number of leading barristers of North Carolina in attendance, the 24th annual convention of the North Carolina Bar association convened at the Oceanic hotel last night with more members in attendance than has ever attended an opening session of any convention previously held by the state lawyers.

The convention was called to order by President John A. McRae of Charlotte, and the president was greeted by the applause of over 250 men and women as he called for attention and introduced John D. Bellamy, president of the New Hanover Bar association who delivered the address of welcome.

In his address of welcome Mr. Bellamy assured the visitors that they were in a section that boasted of its hospitality. He called upon them to enjoy the section and its surroundings.

The night, one that was programmed for speeches, finally resolved itself into actual business and what took place will perhaps prove one of the big features of the convention.

Frank Thompson, of Onslow, threw the real interesting thing into the session when he introduced a resolution calling for judicial district organizations, organizations that would have power to recommend members and function as a subordinate part of the state association. Mr. Thompson's amendment to the constitution and by-laws would eliminate the necessity of action by the state association as regards a great number of matters except insofar as endorsement or adoption of the action taken by officials of that judicial district. The resolution was referred to a committee composed of E. S. Parker, Graham, H. F. Sewell, Carthage, L. R. Varner, Lumberton, Col. Harry Skinner, Greenville, and ex-Judge J. Crawford Biggs, Raleigh. This committee will make its report some time this week.

The president announced that A. Mitchell Palmer, former member of the cabinet, who had been invited to deliver an address, had advised that on account of his health he could not be present and Governor Morrison, who was to speak this morning, had been asked to speak this evening at eight o'clock.

A resolution was offered by J. Crawford Biggs placing the association in favor of encouraging the publication of the Law Review, recently started at the University of North Carolina.

Committees on nomination and publication were named by the president as follows: Publications—J. C. Smith, Greensboro; J. H. Cook, Fayetteville; Frank Nash, Raleigh; Nominations—Z. T. Curtis, Asheville; L. T. Hartwell, Concord; John G. Dawson, Kinston; Frank Thompson, Jacksonville, and H. McD. Robinson, Fayetteville.—Wilmington Star.

## MINISTERS OPEN SUMMER MEETING AT HIGH POINT

HIGH POINT, June 28.—The Preacher's Summer Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church opened at the Children's Home Monday evening with the largest delegation in the history of the conference.

The address sounding the keynote was delivered by Rev. Lyman E. Davis, D.D., LL. D., editor of the Methodist Recorder, Pittsburgh, Pa. Dr. Davis, who was a representative of his denomination to the Ecumenical Conference at London, England, last year, took for his subject: "The King's Highway." He was introduced by Rev. J. E. Pritchard, of Henderson, president of the pastors' conference.

Thursday will be a red letter day for the Methodist Protestant Church for the cornerstone of the main building for the new college at High Point will be laid with regular services. In the afternoon of the same day the cornerstone for the boys' dormitory of the Children's Home will also be laid. A large crowd of people from various parts of the State is expected to be in attendance.

## FORTY THOUSAND SHOPMEN TO WALK OUT SATURDAY

Will Strike, As Ordered by Big Vote, Unless Wage Cutting Order Is Stayed.

CHICAGO, Ill., June 27.—A strike of the 400,000 railway shop men of the country will be called for July 1 unless the railroads agree to stay the \$60,000,000 wage cut due the shop workers on that date and to restore certain working conditions formerly in effect, it was made known tonight through a telegram from B. M. Jewell, head of the shop crafts, to the Association of Railway Executives.

Decision to call a strike came late today after a lengthy discussion by the executive committee of the six shop crafts unions, based on the strike vote of the men thus far tabulated.

Should the rail heads arrange an immediate conference, agreeing meanwhile to continue present wages, restore working rules modified by the railroad labor board and discontinue farming out railroad work, however, a walkout can be halted, the telegram said. Otherwise "a sanction of withdrawal from employment July 1, 1922, as voted by the employes, will be unavoidable."—Associated Press.

## AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY IN MEXICO IN DANGER

Forty American Employes of the Cortez Oil Company are Being Held for Ransom.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—Forty American employes of the Cortez oil company near Tampico and destructible property valued at a quarter of a million dollars are being held by a rebel general until a ransom of 15,000 pesos is paid according to a message today from the American consul at Tampico to the state department. The dispatch was dated yesterday and said the rebel general Corozabe had seized the company's property and was holding it with 240 well armed men.

Prompt instructions were sent to the embassy in Mexico City to urge the Mexican authorities to take immediate action for the protection of American lives and property.

The consul reported that Corozabe had demanded payment within 48 hours from yesterday morning when his forces seized the property. The message also said there were no Mexican federal troops there.

MEXICO CITY, June 27.—Manuel Barcena, Mexican lawyer, who was kidnapped together with A. Bruce Relaski near Cuernavaca on Sunday, has been released and news is momentarily expected of Relaski's freedom.

Late advices said Mr. Bilaski was safe.

Negotiations for Bilaski's release are being carried on by friends, and the ransom is being paid on the order of a New York company of which Mr. Bilaski is the head.—Wilson Times.

## BIELASKI SET FREE BY MEXICAN BANDITS

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The state department was officially advised in a message from Charge Summerlin at Mexico City late today of the release of Bruce Bielaski. Mr. Summerlin said he had received a telegram from Puenta Ixtla, near where Bielaski was captured by bandits, stating that he was there "safe and sound" and that he was expected to arrive in Mexico City tonight.

Visiting Rev. and Mrs. Tuttle

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Tuttle and little daughter, Mary Wescott, of Goldsboro, arrived in the city yesterday to visit their parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Tuttle.

Spending Sometime Here.

Mr. B. Mark Tuttle, of Wilmington, is spending several days here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Tuttle.

Asheville is to put a million dollar hotel on Haywood street. Jitney fare from there to the postoffice, a couple of blocks away, will probably be reduced to a mere fifty cents.—Charity and Children.

## HARDING CALLS FOR CONFERENCE

Coal Operators and Union Leaders Invited; Acceptances Expected

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Invitations went out from the White House today asking the leaders of the striking miners and the representatives of the employing coal operators in both the bituminous and anthracite fields of the United States to meet President Harding Saturday "to devise methods upon which negotiations for the settlement of the coal strike can be initiated."

The communication made evident that careful and complete discussions with spokesmen on both sides of the industrial struggle had preceded the meeting call and prompt and ready acceptances are expected.

John L. Lewis, chief of the United Min Workers, who remained in the city after a personal interview with the President, accepted at once in behalf of the union.

The wording of the President's message was interpreted as demonstrating the desire of the administration to hold the meeting above the controversies which have deadlocked the unionized section of the industry since April 1. Official, but informal comment emphasized it was the intention that the conference should be held merely to discuss ways and means for a settlement, and not to take up the miners' demands for continuance of war-time wage scale, nor the operators' demand in the bituminous field for separate district wage agreements supplanting the semi-national wage contracts that have heretofore been made.

It was fully expected, however, that when the meeting assembled, the President or his cabinet members who have participated in the preliminary efforts would have a program for continuation of the settlement attempt to present to the assemblage. There was no hint, however, as to the line such a program might follow.—Associated Press.

## HAGUE DELEGATES ACCEDE TO RUSSIAN REQUEST TO CONSIDER CREDITS FIRST

There Appears a Determination to Go the Limit for Conciliation.

THE HAGUE, June 27.—Determined to go to the limit of conciliation, Europe's delegates acceded to the Russian request to discuss credits first, and at the initial joint meeting of the conference today, Russian proposals were heard and an unequivocal reply was made to them.

The former Bolshevik request for an arrangement for loans or credits was met by the pronouncement on the part of the allies that before there could be any thought of credits the world must know the exact situation in Russia and what the soviet intended to do with the credits.

Moreover, the Russians were informed that capital could only flow to Russia in proportion to the re-establishment of confidence and confidence largely depended upon what the Bolsheviks did about private property and debts. All three questions, it was declared, were inter-dependent and inseparable.

Maxim Litvinoff, head of the soviet, agreed to supply detailed information. The Bolsheviks resumed their communique habit, begun at Genoa, by issuing tonight a copy of a letter sent to President Patyn of the central commission, demanding to know where France and Belgium stood, and whether they intended to adhere to their attitude of aloofness adopted at Genoa on the question of the restoration of private property confiscated by the soviet government.—Associated Press.

Mr. J. F. Harrison Resigns.

At a called meeting of the town commissioners last Friday night Mr. J. F. Harrison City Superintendent of the Water and Light Department handed in his resignation to take effect at once. Mr. N. G. Rand who has been at the head of the City Street Maintenance Department will be in charge for the present in Mr. Harrison's place.

## WARFARE GOING ON IN IRELAND

Fighting in Dublin; Provisional Government Handling the Situation

LONDON, June 28.—The Four Courts in Dublin was still held by the irregulars at 10 o'clock tonight, according to a dispatch to the Times.

The Irish labor party is reported to disapprove of the action of the provisional government in attacking the building, but the provisional government, once it decided to suppress the revolt of the irregulars, acted immediately and took efficiently all the usual war measures.

It is handling the situation entirely alone, without any assistance from British troops who are still in garrison in Dublin.

A feature of the operations today was that even within a short distance of the scene of the fighting business proceeded normally and though in the afternoon there was some slackening of the traffic in the streets, a visitor might have noted nothing unusual beyond the sound of artillery and the rattle of rifle fire at intervals, often in unexpected places.

Citizens lined the quays and bridge to watch the battle and a large holiday boat load of excursionists from the Isle of Man watched the spectacle.

Military activity was apparent from midnight; thence on the military movements were continuous. The Four Courts district was cordoned and the occupants were cleared from the houses facing the courts on the opposite side of the river to make way for official troops.

The temper of the irregulars was manifested twice during the day in attacks on officials cars or lorries, one being fired on in Camdon street and another, containing officers, on the Leeson street bridge. Three of the officers in the latter car and two privates were wounded.

Rory O'Connor issued a manifesto, intended to recall memories of Easter week when Sinn Fein troops under command of Eammon de Duggan, now home secretary, were bombarded in Four Courts by British troops. But the complete absence of British troops on this occasion, destroyed the parallel and the belief is generally expressed that O'Connor does not intend to hold out for any great length of time. The determination of the Irish government, backed by the electorate, to govern is more strongly expressed by the free state officials than ever and their appeals for public support have been cordially received.—Greensboro News.

## DOG SAVES MASTER AND WIFE FROM DROWNING

TACOMA, Wash., June 27.—Rex today is basking in the sunshine of his own glory which has made him the most talked of dog in the State, following his heroic rescue of his master and mistress. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Smith, as they were near drowning in Spanaway Lake yesterday.

The Smiths were bathing together when Smith stepped into a deep hole and became confused. His call for help brought Mrs. Smith and he clutched his wife in a hold she was unable to break and her cries were added to those of the husband.

The dog heard his master's calls for help, swam out and brushed across Smith's half submerged face. Smith caught at the dog's collar, got a firm grip and the canine started for shore, snorting and struggling hard to prevent Smith's weight from dragging him under. Freed from her husband's grasp the wife was able to swim back to shore alone.

Rev. McInnis at Selma.

Rev. Neill McInnis will preach at the Selma Presbyterian church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and at Community Church in the afternoon at four o'clock. Mr. McInnis, who recently resigned the pastorate of the Presbyterian church here, will remain at Smithfield during the summer months. He will have charge of the Selma and Community churches and possibly other county work.

Tact and talent make a strong team.

## SENATE ADOPTS HOUSE PLAN FOR MUSCLE SHOALS WORK

Army Measure Carrying Provision For Work Upon Muscle Shoals Dam Ready for President

WASHINGTON, June 27.—President Harding's signature was all that was required tonight for authorizing the appropriation of \$7,500,000 for new work on the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals. The army bill containing authority of Congress to spend the money on that project, effective October 1, next, was passed today by the senate without a change in the language already provided by the house and before the conferees of the two legislative bodies.

During final senate consideration, however, the measure at certain stages was threatened with being sent back to the house for further conference, Senator Norris, of Nebraska, chairman of the agriculture committee, moving that the senate disagreed with the house provision delaying expenditure of the money until October. He was finally overruled by the senate on a vote of 28 to 32.—Associated Press.

## BIRTHS AND DEATHS AS REPORTED BY UNCLE SAM

Bureau of Census Issues Vital Statistics for Year 1920; Infant Mortality on Decline.

WASHINGTON, June 29. (Capital News Service).—The Bureau of the Census has issued its annual volume of birth statistics for the year 1920. It includes figures for more than 82 per cent of the United States, or what is known as the "registration area." From its pages the information is obtained that "in the birth registration area of the United States in 1920 there were 1,508,874 live births, which represent a birth rate of 23.7 per 1,000 populations, as against 1,373,438 live births reported in 1919 with a rate of 22.3. Of the 1920 births, 775,322 were males and 733,552 were females, or a proportion of 1,057 males to 1,000 females.

"The total deaths in the birth registration area in 1920 numbered 836,134 of which 438,201 were males and 397,933 were females. Of the 129,531 deaths of infants under 1 year of age, 73,737 were males and 55,794 were females, or proportion of 1,322 males to 1,000 females.

"There is a marked excess of births over deaths in ever state in the birth registration area. In Vermont the figures are lowest, the excess being 1,873 for 1920 against 1,947 for 1919. A marked excess is also shown for nearly every city and wherever the deaths outnumber the births the excess is usually among the colored population. The mortality rate of infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births in the birth registration area is 86, ranging from 62 in Oregon to 116 in South Carolina. In 1919 the infant mortality rate of the birth registration area was 87, ranging from 63 in Oregon and Washington to 113 in South Carolina."

## REPUBLICANS DISPLACE THREE NORTH CAROLINIANS

These Were Deputy Marshals for District of Columbia. Retire Saturday—Their Plans.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Three North Carolinians, Ed Coghill, of Charlotte; Elijah Bennett, of Morganton, and Ed Beam of Rutherfordton, who have been Deputy United States marshals in the District of Columbia for several years will be succeeded by republicans July 1.

Coghill will remain here. He has secured a job with a bonding house. Bennett, who has several children in the government service here, will stick to his farm in Virginia nearby. Mr. Beam has not decided what he will do. He used to be sheriff of Rutherford county.—Associated Press.

Mass Meeting at Kenly.

There will be a mass meeting at Kenly Saturday afternoon, July 1st, at 3:30 o'clock. Everybody who is desirous of hearing Co-operative Marketing of both cotton and tobacco discussed and explained by Dr. J. Y. Joyner and others, is invited to be present. At this meeting plans will be considered for making Kenly a receiving point for cotton and tobacco.

## TWO MEANS OF AVERTING STRIKE

Possible Loopholes to Stop Strike; Union Ultimatum May be Rejected

CHICAGO, Ill., June 28.—Two possible means of averting the threatened rail strike of 400,000 shopmen suggested themselves to railroad circles tonight followed by what B. M. Jewell, head of the shop unions, termed the "last word" to the railroads in the union ultimatum, sent to the Association of Railway Executives last night.

The executive, by coincidence, were scheduled to meet in Chicago tomorrow afternoon and local railroad executives today said the shopmen's proposal of a truce pending further negotiations on wages and working conditions would undoubtedly receive attention.

President Jewell's telegram last night to T. Dewitt Cuyler, chairman of the executives, left little leeway for avoiding the strike, it was felt by the railroad officials today.

The certain rejection of the union proposal, therefore, left in the opinion of railroad men, but two possible loopholes to avoid issuance of the strike call.

One was that a conference between the union leaders and the executives might be called tomorrow and if no agreement was reached a technical dispute might be announced, over which the railroad labor board, acting under authority of the transportation act, could take jurisdiction as it did in the Big Four brotherhoods' strike last year and act to prevent a walkout.

The other was that if the strike is called, the board could also take jurisdiction under the act, on the ground that the strike would interrupt commerce, and order the men back to work.

Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the board, refused to comment on these two possibilities tonight. The action of the board in the threatened strike last October was interpreted as representing the board's position on the first possibility and since the board has never had occasion to act in any strike of consequence the chairman declined to state what the federal body's interpretation of transportation act on that point would be.

Among phases of the strike situation which received considerable attention tonight was the fact that but 19 roads are involved in the practice of contracting work to outside firms, one of the points on which the shopmen cast their strike vote. Among the 201 railroads themselves, there was said to be a decided split on the question of contracting and there was said to be some doubt as to whether the majority of the roads, which have refrained from contracting, would support the minority which has held contracting to be their legal right.

Chairman Cuyler and the heads of the larger roads of the country, were to arrive in Chicago tomorrow morning for a meeting announced as a conference on contracts with the American railway express company. Numerous other subjects, however, would be discussed, it was said.—Associated Press.

## ANNOUNCE NAMES OF RATHENAU'S ASSASSINS

BERLIN, June 28.—The police officially announce that the murderers of Dr. Walter Rathenau, Foreign Minister, were Ernest Werner Tchow, of Berlin; Fischer, alias Vogel, a Saxon, and Knauer, alias Koener, of Kern, of Mecklenburg.

All the men are said to be members of the monarchists organization and former members of the brigade of Captain Ehrhardt, who last year planned to overthrow the Ebert government and whose name was mentioned in connection with the assassination of Mathias Erzberger.

The police also announce that several persons have been arrested charged with complicity in the assassination of Dr. Rathenau.

Several persons were taken into custody today in connection with the assassination.—Associated Press.

Leisure is a beautiful garment but it will not do for constant wear.—Washington Post.