

THE STATE DEMOCRATIC TICKET APPEARS ESPECIALLY POPULAR

MARION BUTLER, IN AN EXPANSIVE INTERVIEW, STATES THAT HE WILL CONTROL THE STATE PATRONAGE, IF HARDINGS WINS.

(By Llewellyn)

Raleigh, July 27.—Knowing politicians here, including some of the old line Republicans, are considerably amused over the reports of utterances of Marion Butler, (in Washington, where he is "spending a mid-summer visit") anent the probabilities of the election of Harding and Coolidge in North Carolina next November. The foxy ex-Senator, who has capitalized so long and with so much persistence on his once "senatorship," evidently had a fresh Washington newspaper man to white wash with such a line of talk. It is accounted here, however, by this quotation from the "interview" that the morgued "senator": Mr. Butler is reported to have said that "if Harding is elected I would expect to control the North Carolina federal patronage," because "he swung to the Ohio man early in the game at Chicago." That's it! The same old Butler, with political office holding his sole propelling power.

State Ticket Popular
At Democratic headquarters here the opinion prevails that Cox will prove a strong candidate and the Democratic majority for the state ticket, with a campaigner such as Cameron Morrison at its head, will roll up the biggest vote ever polled by any party in North Carolina.

Weak City Government And Law Breaking.
The only "cussin'" among Democrats in political circles in Raleigh comes from those who are lamenting that we haven't a stronger city government. We have about the weakest solution of the thing that goes by the name ever in the history of the capital city at present. Whiskey selling and auto speeding are quite an unarrested specialty here at present.

There are others, many others—but space forbids calling 'em over just now.

LOCAL CHAMBER MET LAST NIGHT

A called meeting of the directors of the Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce was held Monday night in the rooms of the Chamber. President M. S. Brown presided at the meeting and several important matters were discussed. The secretary was asked to state the negotiation which he had had relative to the locating of a cloth mill in Tarboro. He stated that he had gone over the matter with interested parties and that it was possible to erect a mill at a cost of approximately \$500,000—provided half the amount could be subscribed locally. A committee consisting of W. O. Howard, chairman, H. P. Foxhall and E. V. Zoeller were appointed to look into the matter. The secretary was directed to collect all necessary details and advise the committee when he was ready to report. Mr. Claude Wilson was present and brought up the matter of the cutting of a street and preparing the proper drainage near his property. H. D. Hardison, in behalf of the town, promised the necessary relief. The question of the embargo on stone which was holding up the work on the streets was discussed and the secretary stated that he had written the Interstate Commerce Commission asking that they grant an exception to the order but had not had time to get a reply. R. B. Peters suggested that the Chamber of Commerce communicate with the town commissioners relative to handling the matter of leveling the tracks on St. James street, with the Atlantic Coast Line Railway. President Brown stated that the whole idea of the secretary was the growth and progress of Tarboro and asked for the support of the board of directors and the members at large.

JAP MASSACRE AT NIKOLAIEVSK

Tokio, July 27.—The massacre of Japanese at Nikolaievsk, Siberia, on May 12, the details of which are coming to light, appears to be causing great excitement throughout Japan.

Newspapers which are devoting columns to the affair daily declare that there is a divergence of views between the military circles and the foreign office, the army authorities insisting on taking strong retaliatory measures against the Bolsheviks.

The Navy Department thinks that it is certain that all the Japanese troops, numbering 301, after a desperate resistance, met their death by fighting, the morning of the 13th.

It has also been ascertained that the Bolsheviks before leaving Nikolaievsk, massacred the surviving Japanese prisoners numbering about a hundred.

The government has begun investigations into the reports that guns from a Chinese gunboat were trained on the Japanese garrison at Nikolaievsk at the time of the massacre. Should these reports prove true it is probable that they will be made the basis of diplomatic representations to the Chinese government.

WIDOW SENTENCED FOR SMUGGLING

Geneva, July 27.—Madame Bella Hartmann, young widow of an Austrian officer has been sentenced at Lindau to pay a fine of 50,000 marks and serve one month in jail, for smuggling. It is said she defrauded the Berlin and Vienna authorities out of more than \$3,000,000 by means of a small army of employes at Lake Constance who used six automobiles, three motorboats and other paraphernalia in their illicit business.

STRICT ECONOMY CAUSES FAILURES

London, July 27.—English people have determined upon a policy of strict economy resulting in a considerable increase in the number of bankruptcies during the last few months. These failures have occurred not only in London but also in the provinces. Business men, however, are confronted by the fact that the aggregate number is far below the total for pre-war years, figures for 1919 being 737 as against 2,856 for 1914.

While many reasons are advanced for this state of affairs, the most acceptable one in business circles is the attitude of the buying public which has decided only to purchase absolute necessities. In consequence, traders who have purchased large stocks of goods at fancy prices in anticipation of quick and handsome profits, find themselves with "white elephants" on their hands and a non-buying public.

The goods had to be disposed of frequently at a big loss.

The recent bankruptcies included a number of demobilized men who started business with the proceeds of their gratuity and small savings. These men, for the most part, were inexperienced in the ways of trade and when a severe test came were forced to close their doors.

A woman proprietor of a high-class millinery shop in Bond street explained recently that wealthy women who before the war bought generously in such specialty shops as hers, were unable to do so now, because of the tremendous increase in the cost of living, wages for servants, etc. These women now are only purchasing the necessities, the business woman added.

From every trade comes the report that shopkeepers and business houses generally find themselves with an overstock of goods, purchased in hope of a big buying season this spring and summer.

MAYOR APPEALS FOR SOME RELIEF

Writes to the Commerce Commission That Stone May Be Transportation

WOULD FINISH STREETS

Requesting that orders seven and eight of the Interstate Commerce Commission be amended so as to give relief to Tarboro and allow the balance of the streets to be finished, which cannot be done unless stone is shipped in, Mayor Hardison, under date of July 22, has appealed to the commission, explaining how essential it is that these streets be completed before the tobacco season starts.

In the communication the Mayor emphasizes the needs of the farmers in this section in that good thoroughfares are essential in order to haul through the winter months.

At the same time the mayor has addressed a letter to Mr. Frank Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, asking that he use his best endeavor with the Interstate Commerce Commission to effect this relief.

It is apparent that the commission amended their order insofar as the State Highway Commission is enabled to get stone. If this be right then it is also proper that the commission grant the same privilege to Tarboro where the necessities demand instant relief.

TROOPS NEAR CITY BUT PEKIN IS QUIET

Peking, July 27.—Troops of General Wu Pei-Fu are near the city on the southwest but Peking is generally quiet.

MANILLA VISITED BY CONGRESSMEN

Manilla, July 27.—The transport Great Northern, carrying a party of members of congress, arrived here this morning.

U. S. OCEAN FLEETS AT GULF OF PANAMA

Washington, July 27.—The greatest concentration of sea power in the history of the American navy will result from the junction of the reorganized Atlantic and Pacific fleets off the Pacific coast next January under plans now being prepared by naval operations. The great naval spectacle probably will be staged in the vicinity of the Gulf of Panama.

Officials of the Navy Department say the proposed mobilization will in no sense result in "grand" maneuvers. No effort will be made to concentrate all of the nation's naval strength and only ships regularly in commission with trained crews will participate. The exercises and drill will be simple and mainly of a competitive nature, including unofficial athletic competitions between representatives of the two fleets and of individual ships. The main object of the mobilization will be to give officers and men an opportunity to compare notes and meet for a few weeks for good-natured rivalry.

Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, will be senior officer of the combined force, with Admiral Hugh Rodman chief of the Pacific Fleet, second in command.

The maneuvers will be unique in many respects, chiefly in that they will afford the first actual mobilization of the bulk of the new American navy. Before the war the forces were always more or less scattered and a shortage of several types of vessels, particularly of destroyers, submarines, light cruisers, aerial forces and fleet auxiliaries made it impossible to concentrate a well rounded out fleet although the major portion of the battleship force met each winter at Guantanamo, Cuba, for target practice and drills.

"LITTLE POTSDAM" IS KAISER'S HOME

Dutch call Residence "The Forty Hectare Cage" of the Kaiser

HE SELDOM VISITS

Doorn, Holland, July 27.—The former German Emperor William, who is professing a desire to lead at Doorn the quiet life of a country gentleman, has nevertheless created a little court around him—somewhat larger than that which he had at Amerongen and Dutch newspapers have already begun calling Doorn "The Little Potsdam."

The Allies' demands upon Holland to guard the former Emperor closely have made it impossible for William to mingle with the Dutch country gentry who have estates about Doorn and the house where he is said to expect to spend his remaining days is just like a little bit of Germany.

Strict military order prevails outside the House of Doorn, where passersby must not be too curious. Inside the discipline is Prussian. William's only associates are German. His entire staff, including approximately 40 servants, are German, with one exception—the village barber, a Dutchman, is called in now and then to trim his hair or board.

When at Amerongen, William went frequently to Doorn by automobile, but now, he is seldom seen outside the wire fence of his estate, which villagers call his "40 hectare cage." Forty hectares are about 80 acres.

The few times he has been out, he has paid visits to his former host, Count Bentinck, at Amerongen. Every now and then, the former crown prince or others of William's sons have been permitted to visit the exile, largely because of the illness of their mother, but, from day to day, William seldom sees any new faces—only his daily associates.

COOLIDGE'S REPLY REPEATS HARDING

Northampton, Mass., July 27.—Governor Calvin was formally notified today of his nomination to carry the republican banner to victory as vice-presidential candidate in exercises which began with a meeting of the nomination committee and concluded with the ceremonies of notification at three o'clock on Allen Field at Smith College.

In his speech of acceptance Coolidge repeated the interpretation of issues for the campaign as broadly defined in the party platform and in Harding's notification speech.

Keen interest was manifested in the emphasis he gave to the various subjects.

Governor Morrow, of Kentucky, delivered the address of notification.

BELEM NEWS AMERICANS PROFESSIONALS

Antwerp, July 27.—The newspaper Etoile Belge, commenting on the trapshooting events at Olympic games won by the Americans, says it is the intention, attributed to Sweden, to protest against the Americans charging that they are professionals, no amateurs.

This has not been confirmed from any other source.

MRS. ARTHUR HAMILTON TO SWIM ENGLISH CHANNEL

Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, the first woman to swim the Solent, is going to repeat this summer her attempt to swim the English Channel, in which she failed last year. Whether she will be more successful this time remains to be seen, but she chances seem to be against her. Navy expert swimmers have tried the feat but none so far has come within even measurable distance of success.

New York fans are now wagering home runs before the season is gone that "Babe" Ruth will make it 50.

PLUNGES THROUGH BURNED BRIDGE

Mexico City, July 27.—The train leaving Lar.do for Mexico City on Sunday plunged through a bridge which had been burned by rebels.

Eight coaches were burned. No other details have been received except the statement that it is known that some persons were injured.

EARTHQUAKE FELT IN LOS ANGELES

Prisoners in the county Jail Howl That They Might Be Set Free.

CHILE ALSO GETS SHOCK

Los Angeles, California, July 27.—A sharp earthquake shock was felt shortly after midnight, rattling the windows of downtown buildings and awakening the prisoners in the county jail who set up howls to be released.

Reports from various parts of the city show that no material damage was done.

Santiago, Chile, July 27.—Advises from various sections indicate that yesterday's earthquake affected the central provinces generally.

There were also isolated cases of minor damage but no reports of personal injuries.

MONTREAL PORT RANKS SECOND

Montreal, July 27.—The port of Montreal, in relation to the value of foreign commerce passing through it, ranks second in the western hemisphere and seventh in the world, according to the annual report of the Harbor Commissioners covering port operations during 1919, which has just been issued.

POMERENE AFTER CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Dayton, July 27.—Except for a conference with Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, Governor Cox had a full day to proceed with framing his address of acceptance.

Pomerene's visit was to arrange for a further investigation of campaign funds by the Senator Inquiry Committee of which he is the democratic member.

SINN FEINERS FORM JUDICIAL SYSTEM

Dublin, July 27.—The Sinn Feiners have established a judicial system for Ireland composed of parish courts, district courts and a court of final appeal.

All judges have to take the oath of allegiance to Dail Eireann, and all litigants must agree not to submit to any enemy tribunal any matters on which the Republican courts may pronounce a decision. The judges of the parish courts receive one pound a day for expenses and the district judges two pounds. The costs of the courts are provided out of deposits collected from the litigants.

The Council of the Irish Bar has decided that it is professional misconduct for a member of the Bar to appear before any of these courts; but there are many Irish barristers willing to appear for a suitable fee before the Republican courts.

The government treats all these courts in civil matters as really arbitrations with which they are not concerned. But in criminal matters they are regarded as illegal and persons punished by them are entitled to the protection of the police.

WITHOUT NEWS OF ALLIED CONFAB

Washington, July 27.—The State Department is still without official information regarding the proposed conference in London between representatives of the allies and the Soviet government concerning peace between Poland and Soviet Russia.

TRUNK MYSTERY REVEALS THAT KILLING WAS DONE IN DETROIT

MAHOMEDAN STATE IN TRANS CAUCASIA

Warsaw, July 27.—A strong movement designed to create a large Mahomedan state in trans-Caucasia, extending from the Caspian Sea to Erzerum, has been started recently according to words received here. It is designed to make the new state a satellite of Turkey. A purely national idea is said to be behind this movement and which has nothing in common with Bolshevism, according to reports excepting dislike for the Allies.

It is said Lenin, the Russian Premier and Mustafa Kemal Paasha, Turkish Nationalist leader, both have the same aim—to attack Great Britain. But while Kemal cannot admit Moscow's supremacy over Armenia and the Mahomedan Caucasus, Lenin does not wish to see creation of a large Turkish state in the Caucasus.

Consequently, though Allies, the two leaders are really rivals.

MANY GERMANS TRYING TO EXIST

Berlin, July 27.—More than 90 percent of the people of Germany are trying to exist, according to a Berlin statistician, on incomes which do not equal the present minimum cost of living. The mark today, he reckons, has a purchasing value equal to only about one-twelfth that of pre-war times. He shows that in 1914 the minimum cost of rental food, clothing and other necessities for a man, wife and two children was 1,500 marks a year. Now this minimum cost is estimated at 19,300 marks.

After a brief experiment with twilight baseball, the Kalamazoo Central League club has reverted to the regular afternoon schedule.

HOME LOAN ACT ALLOTS \$1,000,000

Oklahoma City, Okla., July 27.—Approximately \$1,000,000 is available for the purchase of farms by citizens of Oklahoma under the provisions of the home loan act, passed by the 1919 legislature which became effective July 1. More than eight thousand requests for blanks to apply for loans have been received, according to E. P. Bryan, assistant secretary to the commissioners of the land office.

The act is limited to persons who have been residents of the state for two years or more and who are not the owners of more than 40 acres of land. From the home loan fund of \$250,000 appropriated 50 per cent of the value of the farm to be purchased, however, can be made from the "New College Fund." Supplementing the home loan fund is a fund to be paid by the state corporation commission consisting of refunds for overcharges by express companies cheated to the state.

County committees will pass upon all requests for loans. Notes run for 20 years, bearing 4 per cent interest, the act provides. The amount of land to be purchased by a single person under the home loan act is limited to 160 acres.

DAILY AIR MAIL FOR CLEVELAND

Cleveland, July 27.—Air mail service between Cleveland and New York and Cleveland and Chicago is now being operated at capacity. C. A. Parker, superintendent of the central district of the United States air mail service announces.

"Ever since we have used our bombers we have been bringing in approximately 1,600 pounds of mail daily from the east and another thousand pounds from the west," he remarked. "A like amount leaves Cleveland daily in each direction."

POLES EVACUATE BIELOSTOK CITY

Warsaw, July 27.—The Polish population of Bielostok, near Grohno is evacuating the city, according to Americans arriving here.

When the Americans left the Poles still hoped to return to the city but the Bolsheviks are making repeated attacks on both sides of the city.

POLICE SAY VITAL ORGANS OF LEROY WOMAN SHIPPED IN A SECOND TRUNK—NATION- WIDE HUNT FOR HUSBAND.

Detroit, July 27.—The police today said that they had proved that Mrs. Eugene Leroy, whose body was shipped in a trunk to New York, was killed in the Harper Avenue apartment house here.

They have found blankets, identical with those in which the body was wrapped before it was placed in the trunk, and another blanket is missing in which the police believe the vital organs of the body were wrapped and then placed in a second trunk.

Every express office in the country has been requested to check uncalled for baggage in an effort to locate the second trunk, meanwhile a nation-wide search is being instigated for the missing husband.

LAST RACE HOVERS ONLIGHT WINDS

Sandy Hook, July 27.—The Sham rock and Resolute crossed the line together at the official time of 2:17. The course was a fifteen mile beat to windward down the Jersey coast with a run home of the same distance.

Only a three knot off-shore wind was gathered at the start and few spectators believed the yachts could finish within the six hour time limit unless the wind freshened considerably.

Sandy Hook, July 27.—Clear skies, a smooth sea and seven knot north west wind were the conditions at eight o'clock this morning for the fifth and final America's Cup race, which at that hour promised to develop into another drifting match.

At eleven thirty the race was postponed at fifteen minute intervals while the crews whistled for winds.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AT BEAUMONT, TEX.

Austin, Texas, July 27.—Another case of bubonic plague was discovered today at Beaumont.

UNIVERSITY'S BIG SUMMER SCHOOL

Chapel Hill, N. C., July 27.—When the summer school at the University of North Carolina closes next week outgoing trains from Chapel Hill will carry at least one of the 1,192 students to every county in the state except five which are hidden behind the Blue Ridge—the counties of Ashe, Graham, Mitchell, Swain and Watauga. The announcement comes of the office of Dr. T. J. Wilson, Jr., registrar.

Every other one of the remaining 95 counties is represented, with Orange, whose own summer school is a part of the University summer school, away in the lead with 110 students. Other leaders are Guilford which sent 38 students, Mecklenburg 30, Sampson 30, Rowan 29, Alamance 28, Wake 24, Forsythe 23, Carteret 23, Durham 22, Wayne 21, Pitt, Gaston, Beaufort, and Catawba, 20 each, Tredell and Johnson and Stanley 18 each.

Forty five students are studying law and 1,147 are in the summer school proper making the largest number of students that has ever been in Chapel Hill in a summer. Women are far in the lead over men with 828 to a mere 319. Seven hundred fifty-six have taught before and 164 are preparing to teach. Four hundred thirty-six are taking college credit work.