

BOOST GARDNER NEXT GOVERNOR

Strong Sentiment Expressed by Legislature But Unwritten Law Says Next Executive Must Come From East

Raleigh, Jan. 13 (Special)—Members of the Senate in "nominating" O. Max Gardner as the Democratic candidate for Governor four years hence, yesterday afternoon when W. B. Cooper, the new Lieutenant Governor, was inducted into office, have caused considerable comment at the capital from legislators of the lower house and visitors here attending the inaugural ceremonies.

That Mr. Gardner today, although defeated for the Governorship last summer, is still the leader of the young and progressive Democracy was the declaration of Senator R. S. McCain, who made a brief speech praising the work of the retiring Lieutenant-Governor. And by the demonstration accorded Mr. Gardner from the Senators, it is apparent that he will be a formidable opponent in 1924, should he decide to make the race again.

The legislature does not always pick the State's Governor, however, as the 1920 gubernatorial campaign proves, since the majority of the members of the 1919 session were fighting hard and long for Mr. Gardner. But the fact that he made such a good race together with the fact that he rallied to his victorious opponent's aid in the election campaign, his friends say, is going to make his nomination reasonably certain next time. The women also are going to support him, it is pointed out, and with their support Mr. Gardner's allies in the present session of the legislature optimistically declare that he will be North Carolina's next Governor.

There is but one thing that stands in his way at this time. That is the unwritten law that the East shall furnish the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1924. Whether this difficulty can be overcome is debatable. There will be, of course, one or more candidates from the eastern part of the State. A. Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, will in all probability make the race and Judge John Kerr, of Warrenton, is another likely candidate. District Attorney E. F. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City, has been mentioned a number of times, although it is not known whether he will offer or not. Both Mr. Kerr and Mr. Aydtlett supported Mr. Gardner in the fight against Governor Morrison, and it may be that because of their friendship for him they can be persuaded to remain out of the race. Mr. McLean, however, was a Morrison supporter and it is not expected that he will forego his plans of trying at the expiration of Governor Morrison's regime.

Whether the Gardner boom will be as strong in 1924 as it is today is another question, but there is every reason to believe that his friends are going to do their best to have him succeed the present Governor.

With the inauguration of Cameron Morrison as Governor the General Assembly today prepared to tackle some of the bigger problems that will come up within the next ten days. Governor Morrison will deliver his first message to the legislators within the next two or three days, after which no time will be lost by both branches of the Assembly in getting down to hard work.

If the Governor's inaugural address can be taken as an index of what he proposes to recommend, good roads, adequate appropriation for the State's institutions, more efficient public schools and a new system of taxation will be the first matters of importance that he will ask for consideration. Governor Morrison devoted a good portion of his address to good roads, and it is understood that he will work vigorously for a state-wide system of hard surfaced highways.

To devise plans for the better marketing of tobacco and cotton is the principal aim of farmers who are here this week. The first session was held Wednesday and another session is scheduled for today. The North Carolina branch of the Interstate Tobacco Growers Association and the State division of the American Cotton Association are promoting the meetings.

The commodity or California plan, which has been in successful operation in California for 25 years in the marketing of fifteen or twenty crops of that and other adjoining States is the plan that the farmers here hope to inaugurate.

Merchants To Banquet Tonight

The annual banquet of the Elizabeth City Merchants' Association will be held tonight at 7:30 in the Masonic Hall.

O. F. Gilbert will act as toastmaster and Ernest L. Sawyer will make the address of welcome.

J. H. Brownley, vice president of the Ames-Brownley Company of Norfolk, will address the merchants on "The Benefits of the Association to the Individual."

J. Paul Leonard, Secretary of the North Carolina Merchants Association, of Statesville, will speak on "The Necessity of Co-operation."

J. C. Sawyer, retiring president, will give a brief review of the accomplishments of the Association during the past year, and J. T. McCabe, president for the coming year, will state some of the plans of the Association for 1921.

A delightful musical program will be rendered by Mrs. A. R. Nicholson, soloist, accompanied by Miss Emma Cobb, pianist, and H. C. Rout, violinist.

The ladies of City Road Methodist Church will serve the following menu:

- Roast Turkey with Cranberry Sauce
- Celery Pickles
- Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Tips
- Sliced Fresh Ham
- Hot Rolls
- Combination Salad
- Ice Cream
- Coffee
- Cake
- Cigars
- Cigarettes

JANUARY 17TH FRANKLIN DAY

Among Many Other Things, Attention Called to Him as Founder First Public Library In Colonies

New York, Jan. 13.—The versatile accomplishments of Benjamin Franklin will be retold throughout the country by various organizations on January 17, the 215th anniversary of his birth. In a number of celebrations tributes will be paid to him as a statesman, diplomat, philosopher, scientist, journalist, economist, salesman, philanthropist, humorist, printer and publisher.

As an advocate of spending less than one makes, Franklin is to be honored on his birthday by the National Thrift Week Committee, which is encouraging other celebration of his work. University of Pennsylvania alumni here plan to hail him as the founder of their alma mater.

Libraries in many cities will call attention to Franklin as the founder of the first public library in the colonies.

France Dissolves Federation Labor

Paris, Jan. 13.—Dissolution of the general federation of labor was ordered by the court hearing the case against its officers today on charges of infringement of the law governing unions.

EMPRESS NEAR END

Doorn, Jan. 13.—Former Emperor Wilhelm and others are convinced that the death of the former Empress is near and are resigned to the inevitable.

The attending physician said today that her condition is such that she might linger indefinitely although becoming increasingly serious.

Mob Storms Jail And Lynchs Miner

Jasper, Ala., Jan. 13.—A mob stormed Walker County jail here at three o'clock this morning and lynched William Beard, a miner held in connection with the killing of James Morris, National Guardsman, last month.

Beard was taken from jail and shot to death three miles from here. It was at first believed that friends had effected his release, but later a mail carrier found the body riddled with bullets.

ALKRAMA TODAY

Cecil B. De Mille, famous for his long string of artistic motion picture successes, is declared to have excelled all previous efforts in "Male and Female," his latest Paramount-Artercraft picture, which is at the Alkrama today. The story was adapted for the screen by Jeanie Macpherson from Sir James M. Barrie's great play, "The Admirable Crichton." No effort was spared by Mr. De Mille to make it a faithful reproduction in every respect.

OTHER CHAPTERS IN AIRY THRILLS

Two New York Airmen In 1910 Were Lost In Canada— Lieut. Hinton Was Also On Seaplane NC-4

New York, Jan. 13.—Aviation's thrilling history, filled with adventurous journeys in balloons and airplane, already contain a story paralleling the one created by the flight into the frozen fastnesses of Northern Canada which has focused the news-hungry readers of the world on the three American lieutenants who recently completed it.

In 1910 two New York airmen, Alan R. Hawley and Augustus Post, were lost among the untrodden wilderness of Canada for seven days after traveling nearly 1,200 miles through the air from St. Louis in the balloon America II.

They floated northeastward for two days and two nights, crossing over the Great Lakes and beyond the outposts of which are few and far between in the northland. Despairing of finding a suitable landing place, they brought their gas bag down into dense trees, ending a trip that won the Gordon Bennett trophy and set a new record for distance, and beginning a tramp over unknown land that dwarfed in public interest their thrilling experiences in the air.

Extricating themselves from the limbs of trees entangled in their basket, Post and Henry Hawley tramped along a stream and later around the hem of a lake, as the woods were impenetrable and trackless. Four days and four nights they pushed southward, through snowstorms, rain and stabbing cold winds, and with little to eat, Hawley, wrenched his knee and the pair stopped to rest at the first restful place they found—an old cave.

There they prayed, exchanged confidences to be carried back by whichever one lived if either failed to get back home, and then took a fresh start. The next day they came upon a shovel—the first sign of civilization they had encountered—and a few yards furthers a tent.

They spent the night in this tent and the next morning going down to the side of a lake they pierced the air with yells of greeting. From across the water came a reply, and then two trappers in a canoe. The trappers took the airmen down a river in canoes for two days until they reached Chloutine, a settlement, from where they communicated with the world they had left, and began their trip back to New York. They had left St. Louis October 17 and the first word came from them October 26.

A balloon trip that ended above the North sea, was made by Captain Von Schaeck during the 1909 Gordon Bennett race, which started from Berlin. A passing steamer spied the guide rope splashing through the water, and towed the balloon back to the coast of Norway with the rope secured to the stern of the ship and the balloon floating overhead.

Being lost to the world was not a new experience to Lieutenant Walter Hinton, one of the three lieutenants who recently piloted the A-5598 from Rockaway Air Station into Canada. He was a pilot on the NC-4, the famous naval seaplane which made the first trans-Atlantic air voyage, and was in the cockpit of that plane when it was lost out in the Gulf of Mexico in December 1919.

On that occasion the NC-4 left Galveston, Texas, early in the morning on an intended non-stop flight to Mobile, Alabama. Throughout the day and night and part of the following day the famous seaplane was unheard from. The government was making arrangements to send an armada of seaplanes and boats into the gulf to look for the missing craft, when a radio message from it was picked up in New Orleans.

The NC-4 reported it had been forced to come down by low hanging clouds off the southeastern coast of Louisiana. When on the water the wireless on the plane was not powerful enough to carry many miles and communication was impossible until the craft took the air again the following afternoon.

IN POLICE COURT

Thomas Riddick, colored, was fined five dollars and costs in police court Tuesday for failure to park his car at the approach of the fire apparatus.

NEAR 5 MILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS

This the Amount For State Institutions Set by Budget Commission With Liberal Aid For Colored Normal

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—The report and the recommendations of the North Carolina Budget Commission which has just been transmitted to the General Assembly recommends, for the various State institutions, a total of \$4,995,000 for permanent improvements for the year 1921 and 1922.

"The budget contemplates that the General Assembly will continue the policy of maintaining the State government and State institutions without a levy of any tax on property," says the report. All property taxes are left for the support of the schools, roads and for local purposes. The expenditures recommended equal the estimate of the amount of revenue that may reasonably be anticipated from the various sources of revenue, the report adding that if any larger appropriations should be made, additional sources of revenue would be necessary. For permanent improvements the commission recommends a bond issue and is of the opinion that current expenses must be paid out of current revenues.

The maintenance recommendations for the various State institutions total an increase for the year 1921 over 1920 of \$469,511.48 and for the year 1922 an increase of \$493,511.48. The commission explains that increase of maintenance appropriation is made necessary on account of increase in the number of inmates at the institutions, provided for by the extensions and additions authorized by the last General Assembly.

No recommendation for appropriation to complete the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia is made, the report of the commission saying:

"The commission has made no recommendation for appropriation to complete the North Carolina Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia for the reason that since the law was passed authorizing the establishment of this hospital, Fred L. Seely of Asheville has commenced to build an orthopaedic hospital that will accommodate many more patients than the proposed hospital at Gastonia. Mr. Seely proposes to admit all North Carolina children to the hospital he is building free of charge and in view of this situation the commission deems it proper to submit to the General Assembly the question as to whether or not it would be wise to make further appropriation to the hospital at Gastonia. The hospital at Gastonia has never been opened and the State at this time has spent comparatively little money."

The budget contemplates liberal aid to the Elizabeth City State Normal, recommending a total of \$400,000 for the colored normal schools here, at Fayetteville and at Winston-Salem.

Went Bird Hunting And Got a 'Possum

W. J. B. Johnson, Norfolk Southern agent here, went bird hunting the other day and brought home a 'possum. Mr. Johnson was out on the Suffolk & Carolina tracks, within half a mile of the city limits, when the dog went down into a ditch alongside the road bed and refused to come out. Investigations showed that he had two 'possums, but Mr. Johnson succeeded in capturing only one of them. He now has the "varmint" at the freight depot.

Pasquotank Cotton Crop Shows Big Decrease

The number of bales of cotton ginned in Pasquotank prior to January 8, 1921 was 2,194 as compared with 3,964 bales ginned to January 1, 1920.

There were 1755 bales ginned in Camden prior to January 1, 1921, as compared with 2787 bales ginned to Jan. 1, 1920.

These figures were made public today by Special Agent, N. A. Jones.

BOYS' BASKETBALL AT Y. M. C. A. FRIDAY

There will be a boys' basketball game between the Elizabeth City High School team and the Edenton High School team at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night at eight o'clock.

This game was to have been played before the holidays, but had to be postponed. A close and interesting game is expected.

Admission is twenty-five and thirty-five cents.

Morrison Receives Congratulations

Raleigh, Jan. 13.—After fixing his signature to the commission of Lee S. Overman as United States Senator was the first official act of Governor Cameron Morrison, who was yesterday inaugurated Governor, when he reached his office this morning.

Telegrams of congratulation are being received at the new Governor's office from all sections of the State today.

One of the first was from the Hendersonville Board of Trade endorsing his pronouncements in his inaugural address pertaining to good roads and education. "Our Board of Trade stands back of you at all times," the telegram read, "to further these important projects."

Short sessions of the House and Senate were held today, only matters of local interest being considered.

MORE THAN HALF LIVE IN CITIES

For First Census in History of Country United States Has More Urban Than Rural Inhabitants

Washington, Jan. 13.—The urban population of the United States or the people living in places of 2,500 or more is 54,318,032, or 51.4 per cent of the country's total population.

The number of people living in rural territory is 51,390,738.

The foregoing figures were announced by the census bureau today. In 1910 the urban population represented 45.8 per cent.

Thus for the first time in the country's history more than half of its people live in cities.

The urban population in North Carolina is 490,370; the rural population 2,068,753.

STEAMSHIP REPORTED SINKING

New York, Jan. 13.—The Norwegian steamship, Ontaneda is reported sinking a thousand miles off Halifax. The vessel has been abandoned by her crew, which was picked up by a British steamer.

CONSTANTINE WON'T ABDICATE

Athens, Jan. 13.—Constantine will not abdicate his throne even if the allied nations should refuse to recognize his rights as the Greek sovereign, he declared today.

PERSONALS

Sanford Benton left here Monday for Norfolk to take up a position there, after resigning his position here with the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company.

Miss Fannie Dawson has returned from a vacation spent at Marcus Hook, Pa., with her sister, Mrs. Fred Thorgate.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Munden have returned to their home at Port Norfolk after spending the week-end with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Perry on West Main street.

Miss Mary Banks, of Marcus Hook, Pa., is in the city visiting her aunt, Miss Fannie Dawson, on Culpepper street.

L. W. Duranzo and Miss Gwendolyn Hyatt have returned to Winston-Salem after a visit here.

Mrs. S. G. Scott, Mrs. A. J. Scott, Mrs. W. W. Steinhilber, of Ohio, and Mrs. J. J. White spent Thursday in Hertford.

W. A. Dennis left Tuesday night for Raleigh on business.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Derrickson have returned from a visit to relatives in Dover, Delaware.

MAY BE LANGDON FIRED FIRST SHOT

At Any Rate That's Official Japanese Version of the Killing of an American by Jap Sentry

LANGDON DIDN'T HALT SAYS JAPANESE EMBASSY

Washington, Jan. 13.—Langdon was shot by the sentry when he failed to heed or understand the command to halt, said the official version of the incident received today by the Japanese embassy from Tokyo.

Tokyo, Jan. 13.—The Japanese official report says that the sentry's shot which killed Lieutenant Langdon was preceded by a revolver attack upon the sentry, according to the Japanese Minister of War.

A bullet from Langdon's pistol passed through the sentry's sleeve and after firing the shot Langdon ran and was shot in the back, the report says.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The Navy and State Departments are awaiting further information in regard to the fatal shooting by the Japanese sentry at Vladivostok several days ago of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, chief engineer on the United States cruiser Albany.

The government has already evidenced its intention of making a careful investigation but will take no action until the actual facts are obtained.

The Navy report said that Langdon was shot in the back.

Inaugural Gowns Are Going Cheap

Washington, Jan. 13.—Calling off the inaugural ball caused the exclusive women's garment shops to advertise in the local newspapers here today a sale of dinner and dancing gowns at one-third off, declaring that the abandonment of the ball forces such a sale.

Another Long Case Is Now On Trial

The case of the Home Development Company vs. C. W. Brown is now on trial in Superior Court and has been on trial for two days. All parties to the suit. It appears, are colored. The matter at issue seems to be the question of whether the old Citizens Bank Building belongs to Brown or to the Development Company.

As this paper went to press it did not look as if the case would get to the jury before Friday. The plaintiff is represented by Aydtlett & Simpson, W. L. Cohoon, and T. J. Markham. The defendant, who is himself an attorney, is represented by Thompson & Wilson, Ehringhaus & Small, and Meekins & McMullan.

LENIN MAY HAVE DIED OF ILLNESS

Moscow Dispatch Announces Death of Member Soviet Supreme Economic Council and Lenin's Been Sick

London, Jan. 13.—A communication from Moscow announcing the death of "Karpoff, a member of the Soviet Supreme Economic Council," is quoted in a Berlin dispatch today.

The supreme council at Moscow contains no person named Karpoff, which is an old pseudonym of Lenin, Soviet premier. Some of his publications bear that name.

Lenin was recently reported seriously ill.

MORE CONFERENCES TODAY

Marion, Jan. 13.—The association of nations, Philippine independence and the railway problem were discussed by Harding today with various persons.

TARIFF ON WHEAT

Washington, Jan. 13.—To stop the importation of Canadian wheat, Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, announced today that a tariff on wheat, probably fifty cents a bushel, would be included in the emergency tariff bill instead of the duty of thirty cents carried by the measure when the bill passed the House.