

DAWES SPEAKS AGAINST EVILS OF THE PRIMARY

Vice President Seeks to Abolish This Method of Selecting Candidates for Public Office

NOT REPRESENTATIVE

Address Is Made Before the National Convention of the American Legion at Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—Vice President Dawes today joined hands with those seeking the abolishment of the American system of primary elections for selecting candidates to public office.

He expressed his sentiments in the course of a plea made before the national convention of the American Legion for a greater exercise of the franchise by the voters of the United States, whose lethargy, he said, made it possible for a very small minority to choose nominees who later were elected.

"Personally I believe that the primary system should be largely abolished and that if we follow the theory and plan of representative government laid down in our Constitution by providing for nomination by conventions, a better and more impartial class of candidates will result," he said.

"But even if the primary system was abolished an increase in the impartial voting in the United States is the crying need of the hour."

The basis for Mr. Dawes' address was the plan of the American Legion for getting out the vote in national, state and city elections. This project he regarded as one vital to the welfare of the republic.

"If the American Government is to be a success," he said, "the American people must vote. In difference in the attitude of the American public toward the franchise is the greatest existing menace to American institutions. It is tending to substitute government by aggressive and interested minorities for government by the people."

GOVERNOR FUQUA DIES—SUDDENLY

Baton Rouge, Oct. 12.—Arrangements for the funeral of Governor Henry L. Fuqua of Louisiana who died unexpectedly last night, are being held up today pending the arrival of Mrs. Fuqua, who was returning from a Northern trip.

Mrs. Fuqua has been located at Clarksdale, Mississippi. Gastric hemorrhage was the cause of the governor's death, his illness having been considered not serious.

DEADLY BATTLE OVER CONTROL OF BOOZE

Chicago, Oct. 12.—Chicago's deadly battle between rival booze gangs over control of the liquor traffic was renewed last night with machine guns.

Five men were mowed down within the shadow of the Catholic Cathedral of the Holy Name, North State street. The attack was more daring than the McSwiggan murder. Earl Weiss, notorious gunman, and Paddy Murray, were killed and others were wounded.

All the city forces were loosed today to hunt the slayers whose bullets brought the gang toll to 45 here this year. Police said their information was that the rival gangs obtained 18 machine guns recently. Chief of Police Collins said he didn't want to encourage "the business but if somebody has to be killed it's a good thing that the gangsters are murdering themselves off. It saves trouble for the police."

QUEEN MARIE AND SON ARE RECONCILED

Paris, Oct. 12.—Queen Marie of Rumania departed for Cherbourg aboard the Leviathan for America today, after a brief reconciliation with her son, former Crown Prince Carol.

Carol came to the railroad station to see his mother. The train was held for some time while they talked in the royal car.

HEAVY COTTON GINNINGS SHOWN

A 50 per cent increase in cotton ginned this season in Pasquotank County up to October 1, as compared with the corresponding period last year, is shown in the report just filed by W. N. Price, of Wecksville, cotton statistician for the County.

Mr. Price reports 313 bales ginned in the County up to that date, as compared with 207 bales to October 1 last year. The larger total for this year is ascribed partly to an increased acreage, and partly to early maturity due to an unusually dry growing season.

Pershing's Speech At Philadelphia Pleases Japan

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Tokyo, Oct. 12.—General Pershing's Philadelphia speech warning against any further reduction of the American Army has been published at length in Japan and welcomed by supporters of increased military appropriations here. General Pershing's argument is eagerly endorsed by Japanese militarists who point out that if the American army's efficiency and equipment have dropped below the level of safety, how much more Japan's defense has been neglected.

A former supreme commander of the American forces overseas, General Pershing is regarded as among the first military authorities of the world; hence his views against reduction will exercise the widest and most powerful influence among military circles, especially at present, when appropriations for the Army and Navy constitute the principal issue before this country's newly enfranchised millions.

The former A. E. F. commander's views have been broadcast at a psychological hour as it touches the orient because the far eastern situation at present is regarded as more critical than at any previous period in history. It is thus regarded by both advisers and Army and Navy strategists who envisage new China's awakening to the consciousness of vast power.

Simultaneously Mr. Kenworthy's warning to the British through the House of Commons in London finds prompt echo throughout Japan, whose highest authorities repudiate statements that Japan regards the southern element of China as "reds." These authorities assert the present attitude of South China is perfectly natural and highly commendable, and harmonizes with the spirit permeating the world against the waste of war. The best element in Japan believes the southern Kuomintang constitutes no menace to Japan, but on the contrary, the success of the Southern forces, it is believed, will bring constructive peace nearer.

FRUITT AND BURGESS TAKE HACK SAW BAIL

Currituck, Oct. 12.—No clue as to the whereabouts of Paul Pruitt and Bruce Burgess, alleged illicit liquor makers who, unable to give bond for their appearance at the March term of Superior Court to which they had appealed from the judgment of Dr. J. M. Newbern, Judge of Currituck Recorder's Court, sawed their way to liberty out of the Currituck jail last Friday night, has been found here up to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Pruitt and Burgess are two of a trio tried before Judge Newbern on Monday, September 27, for creating a nuisance on the previous Wednesday night at the home of Willis Banks of Silgo and for handling liquor. The third defendant was Willie Denby. All were convicted on the liquor charge but Pruitt only was found guilty of creating a nuisance. Denby was subsequently released under bond.

Saturday morning of last week it was discovered that Pruitt and Burgess had taken hack-saw bail.

FRANCE INVITES AMERICAN LEGION

Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—France through letters from Premier Poincaré and Aristide Briand today renewed the invitation to the American Legion to hold next year's convention in Paris. The letters were brought by Col. Yves Picot, member of the chamber of deputies.

American Legion members need no advice on how to conduct themselves in civil life, General John J. Pershing told the convention today. He told members they could always count on him.

Vice President Dawes, chief guest, today was cheered when he told veterans if the American Government is to be the success the American people must vote.

Work your face to be beautiful, says a London expert. But be sure to work it in the right place.

THINK COTTON MUST BE KEPT OFF THE MARKET

Representative Business Men of North Carolina Hold Conference at Raleigh on Monday

ACREAGE REDUCED

Cotton Producing States Must Plant at Least 25 Per Cent Smaller Crop Next Year

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—That from 3,000,000 to 8,000,000 bales of the present cotton crop must be held off the market indefinitely—at least until spring of 1927—and that the acreage of the 1927 crop must be reduced in the cotton producing states of the United States at least 25 per cent, was the consensus of opinion reached at a conference of North Carolina bankers and farmers, together with the North Carolina delegates to the cotton conference that meets in Memphis tomorrow, held in the Sir Walter Hotel here Monday. It was a serious session of serious-minded business men, met to discuss a serious situation and one fraught with far-reaching consequences not only to the cotton farmer, but to all business and business men everywhere.

Though a number of speeches were made, the keynote of the meeting was sounded by Clarence Ousley of Texas, former assistant secretary of agriculture in the Wilson administration, James H. Pou, Sr., of Raleigh and Josephus Daniels. Mr. Ousley analyzed the present cotton situation tersely and accurately, one told the gaudier bluntly what they could do to help prevent the recurrence of another cotton surplus, which briefly, was "cut off the credit of those farmers who refuse to co-operate in reducing cotton acreage."

Mr. Pou, who has been raising cotton since 1878, advocated the withholding of at least 8,000,000 bales from the market now and big reduction in next year's acreage. And at the close of the meeting, Mr. Daniels proposed a resolution instructing the North Carolina delegates to Governor Henry L. Whitefield's cotton conference in Memphis tomorrow to use their influence to develop a plan whereby cotton may be kept off the market this year in sufficient quantities to stabilize the price, and also devise a workable plan to reduce production. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The meeting was thoroughly representative of the best business men in the State. It was presided over by H. M. Cox of Mt. Olive, chairman of the agricultural committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

LANE DEFICIT MAY BE LESS

No Definite Estimates Available Yet and Neither is Mr. Lane Himself

Still first among all topics of conversation on the street here is the closing of the Lane Motor Company, and the disturbing discovery by many purchasers of cars from the company that their cars are encumbered by mortgages of which they knew nothing.

Enoch Ludford, mentioned widely Monday as one of the heaviest losers by reason of loans made by him to A. W. Lane, manager of the company, stated positively Tuesday that Lane didn't owe him a cent. "Mr. Lane paid me everything he owed me," he declared. "He just forgot to take it off the records."

Lane left here Saturday morning, and has been sought eagerly these last few days by many of his customers, as well as by several who had loaned him money. As investigation of the records in the courthouse progresses, it is declared to be evident that the potential loss of his customers is smaller than was thought at first, though no definite estimate can be made yet as to the amount of his indebtedness secured by cars whose owners thought were free of encumbrance.

COMMANDER CIVIL WAR REGIMENT DIES

Charlotte, Oct. 12.—Colonel A. E. Osborn, aged 90, commander of the North Carolina Confederate Regiment during the Civil War and retired Episcopal clergyman, died here today.

LOS ANGELES WAITS FOR GOOD WEATHER

Lakehurst, Oct. 12.—The Naval Air Station awaited additional weather reports today before ordering the dirigible Los Angeles flight to Detroit. The route and time depend on the weather.

Home Of Deputy Is Searched For Liquor

Camden County folks are talking much about a little visitation by Federal Deputy Marshal Peter Burgess and Deputy Sheriff Will Davis, of that county, on the home of Deputy Sheriff John Taylor, of South Mills, last Saturday night, in the course of which they conducted an intensive search for intoxicating beverages, but found none.

Deputy Sheriff Taylor has held his present office in South Mills for nearly 20 years. He is about 65 years old, and is known as a fellow who takes a drink when he wants it, regardless of such little matters as the Volstead Act and the Turlington Law. He is said to have admitted freely to the officers that he had had liquor on his premises on occasion, though strictly for personal use.

At any rate, armed with a search warrant, the Federal and county officers made a thorough search of the premises, according to South Mills sources.

Some Camden people are saying that the county appears to have had a rather high percentage of deputy sheriffs in recent years who were suspected of lacking full sympathy with the prohibition laws.

WHO'LL SUCCEED PHILLIP COHOON?

While Councilman Is on Honeymoon Much Speculation Goes on in City

There is lively speculation these days as to whom the City Council will elect as a successor to Councilman P. C. Cohoon, representing the Third Ward, who is expected to retire from office at the next regular meeting of the board by reason of his change in residence from that ward to the Fourth, as a result of his recent marriage to the former Mrs. Clinnie Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cohoon are on their wedding trip now. It is understood that upon their return, they will take up their residence in Mrs. Cohoon's home at Fearing and Elliott streets, in the Fourth Ward. Mr. Cohoon is declared to have rented out his home on Ellinghaus street, in the Third Ward.

Prompted by the urging of his friends, Walter L. Cohoon, attorney living on West Church street, admitted Tuesday that he had circulated a petition among leading residents of the Third Ward, with a view to filling the vacant Council seat, but that he had withdrawn from an active campaign for the office when he learned that another citizen, whom he regarded as eminently capable, had come out for the place. He declined to name that individual.

Mr. Cohoon stated that, in the event he happened to be elected to the Council seat, he would accept it with two projects in view. He named these as the establishment of a curb market here, to establish better trade relations with neighboring counties, and the enactment of proper measures to regulate the sanitation of the city's milk supply. He declared emphatically that he had no axe to grind, and didn't care to become embroiled in any political fight for the office.

In that connection, Mr. Cohoon added that he went on the Council 15 years ago with the expressed purpose of establishing a municipal market here, and led the fight which resulted in the building of the present market house.

Among possibilities in the matter of Councilman timber to succeed Councilman P. C. Cohoon, in the event his expected resignation is tendered, have been named D. Guy Brockett, for many years city auditor here, and Cecil F. Garrett. As the first of the month approaches, it is anticipated that several more potential Councilmen will be discussed.

CAROLINIANS ARE ON HEALTH PROGRAM

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—North Carolina has been assigned a prominent part in the convention of the American Public Health Association which will open in Buffalo, New York, Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Four officials of the State Board of Health left Monday for the meeting. All will deliver addresses or informal talks on various phases of public health work in North Carolina.

Those attending are: Dr. Chas. O'Hagen Laughlin, secretary of the State Health board; Ronald B. Wilson, assistant secretary; Dr. F. M. Register, head of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and H. E. Miller, Director of the Bureau of Sanitary Engineering.

WOMEN FIGHT FOR VOLSTEAD LAW TO STAND

Campaign Arranged in Every Detail and They Will Listen to No Compromise Whatever

NO NEW POLICY

Women's Organizations Have Stood Firm on Prohibition While Many Folks Have Weakened

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Washington, Oct. 12.—Organizations representing approximately ten million women are preparing to fight vigorously any attempt to weaken the Volstead Act or repeal the eighteenth amendment.

The forces defending prohibition are unusually active. They are well aware that the "wets" are making some headway, at least that the "wets" are so convinced. Realizing that a public opinion is fickle and that if the "wets" do get the upper hand, there may be a swing back of the pendulum, the leaders of the various women's organizations are maintaining an elaborate program of defense.

The drive which was made in the closing days of the last Congress was in a sense a victory for the "wets" because they managed to arouse interest in what was considered a slumbering issue in Congress. The fact that a lively interest was taken in the controversy encouraged the "wets" to make plans for the forthcoming session of Congress. Undoubtedly some candidates now running on a "wet" platform will be elected to Congress and will begin to do their utmost to keep the agitation for change before their colleagues on Capitol Hill.

The exact course of the women's campaign has not been arranged in detail. Conferences between the leaders have indicated that while every effort will be made to combat erroneous impressions that may have been given to statistics, the main job is to prevent the cry for temperance from veiling the drive to repeal the eighteenth amendment altogether.

Senator Wadsworth of New York, for example, has suggested that a substitute for the eighteenth amendment shall be enacted which gives Congress the power to legislate in accordance with the will of the people as conditions change from era to era. The defenders of this proposal insist that there is no intention to go back to the saloon or pre-prohibition conditions.

The battle, therefore, is against any change whatsoever. The Anti-Saloon League, for instance, has taken an uncompromising position on the ground that if light wines and beer are sold, the stores or agencies dispensing these beverages will become the instrumentalities for the distribution of all intoxicants and that enforcement will be many times more difficult than it is today.

The move to organize the women forces has come from the women themselves. It is in line with the policy for several years on prohibition. And although church leaders here and there have weakened on the question of the effectiveness of the Volstead Act, the tendency of the women leaders is to concentrate their whole energy on the idea of no change. Most of the women's organizations last winter worked for the ratification of the proposal to have America enter the World Court. Their chief concern this winter will be to defend prohibition and oppose any change in the present law which would tend to nullify the eighteenth amendment to the Federal Constitution.

ALL SAN FRANCISCO AFTER TWO GUNMEN

San Francisco, Oct. 12.—Every San Francisco policeman was called back to his post today to join the concerted effort to round up two misnamed young gunmen who have carried on a wanton reign of killing, robbery, and shooting since Saturday.

Scores of firemen also were detailed to police duty and 1,000 rifles were obtained from the National Guard.

The bandits striking at various parts of the city last night killed three men and wounded five others, shooting or beating with pistols. They killed one outright, fatally wounded one, and shot three Saturday and Sunday.

COTTON COMMITTEE MEANS BUSINESS

Washington, Oct. 12.—The cotton committee appointed by President Coolidge today gave assurance of Federal co-operation with the South in handling the record cotton crop. Eugene C. Meyer, Jr., chairman, said the committee is planning action.

Her Majesty, Marie



This picture of Marie, Queen of Rumania was taken just before she left Bucharest for Paris on her way to the United States.

Alleged Hit and Run Driver Held Under Bond of \$500 In Theft Charge By 30 Cents

Charged with having been the driver of the Ford roadster that ran over and seriously injured Bill Byrum, elderly resident of the Fork community, late Saturday afternoon, Isaac Ward, young insurance agent here, was put under \$500 bond in recorder's court today on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon—to wit, an automobile.

Mr. Ward was arrested by Chief of Police Holmes early today. He disclaimed all knowledge of the accident, declaring he was collecting insurance premiums Saturday afternoon, and did not leave the city. Hearing of the case was set tentatively for Wednesday, October 27, on the possibility that the injured man might be able to appear in court by that time.

Mr. Byrum is under treatment at the Elizabeth City Hospital. His left hip bone was splintered in the accident, and was set yesterday at the hospital. Attending physicians stated today that he had a fair chance for recovery, though his advancing years and a constitution none too strong militated against him.

The injured man was run down while on his way home from this city. He is said to have been walking on the dirt shoulder of the nine-foot concrete highway leading to Fork schoolhouse, and had reached a point scarcely half a mile from this city when he was run over.

DIPHTHERIA STILL ON THE INCREASE

Raleigh, Oct. 12.—Despite the fact that the various county Boards of Health in the State have been offering free inoculations of anti-diphtheria serum for all who desire it, the increase in the number of diphtheria cases each week grows, according to the records in the State Board of Health, where 209 new cases were reported for the week ending October 9. This is the first week this fall in which the number of new cases has passed 200, although they have been in excess of 100 for several weeks. The State Board of Health still urges that parents have their children, and especially if they have been exposed to diphtheria, as this will do much to prevent its spread.

Charlotte leads with the largest number of cases reported for the week with 12 new cases, while Raleigh comes second with nine. Rocky Mount had seven new cases during the week.

Next to diphtheria, scarlet fever is showing the greatest increase, with 102 new cases reported for the week just past. The bacteriological laboratory of the State Board of Health is likewise making an anti-scarlet fever serum, and inoculations may be had free on application to these health officers. Buncombe county has the largest number of scarlet fever cases, with 15, while among the cities Winston-Salem has the most with nine new cases.

Whooping cough is declining rapidly, only 134 new cases having been reported last week, and but 89 counties and cities having organized health units. There were but 63 cases of typhoid reported, 37 of smallpox and only eight cases of measles.

END CRIMINAL FEDERAL COURT DOCKET HERE

Negro Youth Sent to Reformatory But Court Has Not Passed Sentence on Wilcox or Wilkins

DRY AGENT WARNED

Practice of Shooting at Tires of Auto to Stop Suspected Liquor Handlers Not Sanctioned

Hearing of criminal cases on the docket of Federal Court here this week, with Judge I. M. Meekins presiding, was concluded Tuesday when the court sentenced John Law, colored, to 12 months in a reformatory in Washington, D. C., after he had submitted to a charge of having forged on a money order the name of the bona fide holder, and to having cashed it at the postoffice here.

Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, former lieutenant governor of the State, appeared in behalf of the defendant, whose age was given as 18 years. Law was formerly a student at the State Normal School here, and P. W. Moore, principal of the school, also addressed the court in his behalf, stating that the youth had shown evidences of mental irresponsibility.

In passing judgment, Judge Meekins stated he was impelled to clemency by reason of the youth of the defendant, the fact that it was his first appearance in court, and by a serious question as to his mental condition.

Only one case of the criminal docket was tried before a jury. That was an action in which Whit E. Wilkins, of Portsmouth, was charged with assault on Federal Prohibition Agent King and former Deputy Sheriff Horatio Seymour, of Camden County, about a year ago. Wilkins was found guilty early Monday night, the jury recommending clemency. Judge Meekins had not passed judgment up to 2:30 p. m. today, either on that case or on another in which J. W. Wilcox, former Federal deputy marshal, was charged with irregularities in office.

In the Wilkins case, the defendant was charged with having deliberately "bucked" a Ford coupe in which King and Seymour were riding in pursuit of a car on the George Washington Highway, in which they believed liquor was being transported to Norfolk. The dry agent and former deputy sheriff testified that Wilkins drove up behind them in a high powered roadster, and struck their car a blow sufficient hard to overturn it in a deep ditch at the roadside. The defendant did not take the stand.

King came in for a curt warning from Judge Meekins when he admitted having fired at the tires of the car which he thought was loaded with liquor, the judge telling him that if some one in that car had shot him, he would have had no recourse in any court in the land.

In a civil case tried this morning in which James C. Davis, Federal transportation agent, was suing the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, the court directed a verdict in favor of the defendants, allowing the plaintiff nothing.

PROPRIETOR OF POOL ROOM GIVEN WARNING

An emphatic warning to John C. Dawson, proprietor of the Southern Hotel poolroom, that steps would be taken for revocation of his license the next time "a flock of young bucks" were haled before him for loitering in his place while still under the age of 21, was voiced by Trial Justice Sawyer in recorder's court today, after four youngsters had been fined \$1 and costs each upon their own admission that they were under the prescribed age.

All individuals playing pool in public poolrooms here are required to register on books provided for the purposes in the various establishments of the kind here, thereby tacitly stating they are 21 years old. In answer to the charge against him, Mr. Dawson declared all four of the defendants had no registered, and they had no means of knowing they were under 21. The charges against him was dropped.

Charged with being drunk, Ross Owens was fined \$5 and costs. He had been arrested the night before, and failed to appear to answer the charge.

MAY NOT BE TRIED AGAIN SAYS BUCKNER

New York, Oct. 12.—District Attorney Buckner said today it was doubtful whether Harry M. Daugherty, former Attorney General, and Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, would again be tried on charges of conspiracy. He said he couldn't tell for a month or two. The jury disagreed after 65 hours.

Mr. Mencken says America had a good time during the war. Surely, and on Armistice Day, too.