

OPENING RICES OF SAMPSON TO A NEEDY WORLD

Events Shaping That Will Compel More Extensive Transportation Facilities.

BUTLER DISCUSSES COOPER PROPOSITION

Says Railroad From Raleigh To Wilmington By Way of Clinton Would Be a "Dream of Development."

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Dr. G. M. Cooper in an article on a railroad from Wilmington to Raleigh, by way of Clinton, asks me to help stir up the proposition, and while there is mighty little I can do in such a matter I am always ready to help point out what the resources of any community in the State will be toward progress if the people will take advantage of the possibilities.

RAIL LINES GIVEN BACK TO OWNERS

Hines Says Government Operation Saved Money For Public—Deficit \$700,000,000.

The White House announced at 6:46 o'clock Saturday evening, says an Associated Press dispatch, that President Wilson had signed the Railroad Bill.

The railroads, which have been under Government control since December 28, 1917, will be turned back to their private owners at 12:01 A. M. Monday.

Before signing the Railroad Bill the President issued Executive orders continuing the Fuel Administration, the functions of which have been exercised by the Railroad Administration, until April 30. A commission of four was named to handle the export and bunker trade and Director General Hines will, under the second order, handle domestic distribution.

The action was taken because of the present and situation. In ending the uncertainty regarding his attitude toward this measure, President Wilson disregarded the position of organized labor and certain farm organizations that he veto the bill.

Officials of the Department of Justice on returning the measure to the White House yesterday expressed the opinion that all of the provisions are constitutional, and Director General of Railroads Hines, to whom it was later sent, informed the President that it was probably the best measure of its kind that could be obtained at this time.

ORGY OF SPECULATION IS REGARDED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD INTENTLY

Sees Tendency Among Bankers To Put the Brakes On and Exercise More Discrimination in Extending Credits—War Expansion To End Soon.

Washington, Mar. 1.—Early ending of the general expansion which has characterized war and immediate post-war periods was forecast in a statement summarizing February business conditions, issued tonight by the Federal Reserve Board. The upward movement of prices, so far as the board could ascertain generally, had not met with any check.

Financial and banking authorities everywhere were asserted to be looking more seriously at the general situation in credit and beginning to urge the adoption of conservative policies. While the review asserted that this could not be accepted as meaning that the orgy of speculation had been absolutely checked, there was said to be the indisputable evidence that banks were exercising a "greater degree of discrimination and judgment in complying with the demands of their customers."

Throughout practically all of the reports of Federal Reserve agents, the statement said, there runs plainly a recognition of the existence of an overstrained condition of credit and of some continued tendency toward speculative operations. High living costs and the upward movement of prices have apparently not been checked, although there is a decrease in prices in certain lines and a tendency toward restricted trade in others. Interest rates are rising in most districts, while banks are exercising a greater degree of discrimination and judgment in meeting the demands of their customers.

The increase in interest rates has had the effect of lowering security quotations, the board found, as even the best investment securities have suffered in this respect. It also has had the effect of forcing a shrinkage in trading in all classes of securities, the magnitude of which was regarded as alarming by the board several months ago. In some Federal Reserve districts there were indications of a reduction in the volume of speculation in commodities.

The effects of the increase in discount rates, the statement continued, "made themselves evident in a more conservative attitude on the part of member banks with respect to extending credit."

"Contraction of bank credit was not, however, entirely general throughout the country, but the reduction was particularly marked in the district reported to be by an increase in deposits, both in the financial centers and elsewhere, as occurred, a part being due to withdrawal of government funds. Very great difficulty in placing both commercial and investment securities at satisfactory quantities is reported."

General prospects at the close of February were for a very active and prosperous spring season in all lines, the statement said. Agricultural prospects were said to be "encouraging" and the outlook for exports, due to the exchange situation, which undoubtedly began to make itself felt, was believed to be exercised in banking authorities to be of benefit to the country rather than injurious. It was pointed out also that there was a tendency to exercise greater care in the exercise of purchasing, all of which were regarded as "favorable symptoms."

General manufacturing was reported very active over the country. Wholesale trade conditions were said to be prosperous throughout the country, although individual lines, the board remarked, that the demand for goods of shoes, regardless of price, seems to continue and shoe prices for the new season are higher than ever.

Some improvement was noted in general labor conditions. There was an "unfavorable" outlook, however, a tendency reported in various districts toward restriction of output. Even in those cases it was shown, the opinion was occasionally expressed that the effects of the restriction policy beginning to be exercised by those producing it as in injurious to many of any other class.

The most serious situation in the labor field is that of farm workers. A genuine scarcity, noted which, the board feared, might result in a reduction in farm output. This was said to be particularly true of the southwest and of agricultural communities.

PAGE ESTABLISHES HIS HEADQUARTERS

Mr. Thad Page Announces Location of Father's Temporary Offices.

Mr. Robert N. Page, candidate for Democratic nomination for Governor, has secured temporary headquarters over Berwagner's store, on Fayetteville street, and the name of Mr. Page's campaign manager to be placed with the announcement of permanent headquarters will be made shortly, according to Mr. Thad Page, Raleigh, son of the candidate who has been looking after his father's business since his death.

Now that the influenza epidemic is subsiding over the State, said Mr. Page yesterday, the active campaign for his father will be resumed vigorously. He recalled that just as the Page convention was held for a State-wide conference in Raleigh a month ago the epidemic began and the meeting was at once called off. Since that time, Mr. Page said, his father had not only declined all requests for public appearance, but he didn't have any inclination for political demonstrations of any kind, either through the usual publicity agencies or stir-potting waters while so many were suffering, dying and in distress over the dreadful scourge.

"During all this period," he declared, "only desultory correspondence was attended to, the volume being large owing to activities prior to the epidemic development." Mr. Page stated that from now on everything in the way of vigorous, legitimate campaign activity would be prosecuted and that the active endorsement of the proffered services of Berwagner in every community of the State was being called into action for the purpose of quietly effecting organization.

Mr. Page said, "my father's candidacies have received little newspaper publicity, but the fact that he has not prevented his candidacy from making remarkable progress. We have been too busy at work to do much talking, and while we do not propose to do any big amount of talking, we may say that he wants his friends to know that at the proper time his candidacy will receive some very forceful and convincing publicity through the State press and other mediums."

Temporary headquarters have been secured over Berwagner's store, and an announcement will be made of permanent headquarters, provided it becomes possible to do so. Mr. Page said, "because of the influenza epidemic, has been unable to do much of the kind of thing you can expect on a campaign. My father is not going to have a huge campaign at all. One reason is because his supporters, as a rule, are of the class who are not trained to public political activities, they being largely among the rank of what might be termed the uneducated Democrats, who have to keep at work and who are more or less reticent in airing their views on political or other questions."

"You may also rest assured that all we do is going to be in the open as far as our attitude toward opposition candidates is concerned, and that attitude will continue as at present, honest, friendly and cordial. It can only be interrupted by unjustifiable methods or false reports that irresponsible partisans of rival interests may adopt or circulate. If anything like this is resorted to, we will certainly at once defend ourselves in no uncertain manner. His private and public life has been an open book, and that record will be his vindication."

ROOSEVELT CHANGED CABINET MEMBERSHIP MORE THAN WILSON

The comparison of the number of men holding each Cabinet post under Roosevelt and Wilson is as follows:

Under Roosevelt	Under Wilson
Hay	Bryan
Root	Lanning
Bacon	
Treasury	
Gaughey	McAdoo
Shaw	Glavin
Cortelyou	Houston
War	
Root	Garrison
Taft	Baker
Wright	
Navy	
Long	Daniel
Moody	
Morton	
Metcalf	
Newberry	
Attorney-General	
Moody	McInnes
Bonaparte	Gregory
Postmaster-General	Palmer
Smith	Burleson
Payne	
Wynne	
Cortelyou	
Von Meyer	
Agriculture	
Wilson	Houston
	Meredith

ASK DISMISSAL OF LIQUOR TEST SUIT

Twenty-One States, Including North Carolina, Move To Block Rhode Island.

Washington, March 1.—Twenty-one states joined with the Federal government today in asking the Supreme Court to dismiss the original suit brought by Rhode Island to test the validity of the prohibition amendment to the constitution.

Subscribing to a brief, which was filed by Charles E. Hughes with the permission of the Rhode Island case on the ground that no justifiable question was involved, were the states of Delaware, North Carolina, Kentucky, Louisiana, Indiana, Alabama, Maine, Arkansas, Michigan, Florida, Oregon, Kansas, West Virginia, Nevada, Nebraska, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah and Arizona.

Dismissal of the suit, which the government has moved, was opposed in another brief presented by Attorney-General Herbert A. Rice, of Rhode Island, who asserted that the government's view that the amendment is "unassailable" could "only lead to anarchy and oppression."

Another development today in the proceedings was indefinite postponement by permission of the court, of arguments, which were to have been heard next Monday, in order to permit appeals from Kentucky and Massachusetts to be heard at the same time. Assistant Attorney-General Prierson indicated tonight that the arguments might be heard March 15.

In asking permission to file the brief, Mr. Hughes told the court that one state had communicated with him directly relative to opposing Rhode Island's suit while the government of the other two, Nevada and Kansas, had given him authority to include them.

"The state of Rhode Island," Mr. Hughes said in his brief, "does not bring its bill of complaint to enforce any property right or any interest of the state which can be regarded as the proper subject of judicial consideration."

"If this court may consider the question whether an amendment not expressly prohibited by the constitution itself can validly be adopted, it is submitted that there is nothing in the nature of the eleventh prohibition which would appear to be the charge of invalidity."

which entitles the principle. But moneyed interests seeking to defeat the income tax and to beat with it the original to hold the poll tax at \$2, have joined the resultants of revaluation and are making trouble.

The first district's troubles may become the convention's worries. If they do the whole Republican management may be jeopardized; there may be done, John Morhead and John M. Morehead, living at each other's throat. But whether there are or not, the Democrats now have their rallying cry. They have read letters from Chairman Will Hays declaring his approval of the plans of the national chairman does not seem to have heard of State Chairman Frank A. Linney and those plans of "Will," Clarence and Mr. Morehead have received vast ventilation within a week.

The incorrigible Philistine, W. O. Sanders of Elizabeth City, gives a collection of ten-point type to Pugh and the Meekins this week, but the Paquotank representative in the lower house doesn't go the limit in assault on the Elizabeth City lawyer.

SHOWS TOLL OF TUBERCULOSIS Tuberculosis was responsible for the condemnation of more cattle, slaughtered under Federal meat inspection last year, than all other diseases combined. Information from the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, shows that 59,547 carcasses of cattle were condemned on post-mortem inspection and of that number 37,696 were the result of tuberculosis. In addition 53,852 parts of cattle carcasses were condemned for the same cause.

The bureau points out that tuberculosis in cattle and hog cholera in swine are the two most serious contagious diseases affecting meat animals, and there is evidence that a heavy loss occurs on farms in addition to condemnations at establishment. The Department of Agriculture has prepared to give information on the best methods of reducing the losses.

COMMUNITY CHAUTAUQUA COMING TO DUNN FOR WEEK OF JUNE 7TH Little Symphony Orchestra, Sheehan Concert Company, Pike the Bird Man, "Fine Feathers," All-press All-Star Company, Light Opera Revue and Lectures On Program.

This season's Chautauqua will be held in Dunn during the five days beginning June 7. It was announced yesterday. The program is arranged that each day will be a feature day with plenty of music and an appropriate lecture. Real artists and notable lecturers have been engaged, and a different group will appear each day.

hand the very possibility of the area, and the needs of the increasing population of the country and the world will utilize this great opportunity. To start with this is a favored cotton belt, all the way from Raleigh to Wilmington, and in spite of the fears about the boll weevil it will continue to be a cotton belt. People must have cotton. It is the material that provides for clothing far beyond the possibilities of anything else. Necessity has always made the success of the human race, and the world needs cotton for clothing as well as for many other uses, and long experience has shown that the American cotton States are the dependable supply. Boll weevil or any other pest may come along to bother the planter, but the combined necessities of the world, war, and the coming fight against the boll weevil, and human intelligence does not run away from an insect pest. We have not stopped eating Irish potatoes because of the potato bug. The world has not given up wheat because of the head smut. (Continued On Last Page.)

far short of the reported deficit of \$700,000,000. 4. Approximately \$1,200,000,000 has been expended in the period of Federal control for improvements to properties. 5. In compliance with contractual obligations the roads will be returned in as good shape as when taken over.

PRESIDENT HEADS OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has accepted, through Secretary Tumulty, the honorary presidency of the United States Olympic Committee. The committee is arranging for the participation of American athletic teams in the Olympic games to be held in Antwerp, Belgium, in August. President Wilson was asked to accept the honorary presidency of the committee and several Cabinet members were asked to serve as honorary vice-presidents.

Honest goods and services are more profitable for it costs less to sell them.

CONGRESSMAN GODWIN IN MOOD TO CARRY HARNETT

Points To Record As Showing He Always Carried It By Big Majorities Before.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin expects to carry Harnett county this year by the same large majorities he has in past years, he indicated tonight. He has no idea that Mr. Shaw or Mr. Lyon or Mr. Anybody else is going to be able to scotch the vote for him in his own home county.

Ordinarily Congressman Godwin can keep silent in seven languages while the newspapers lament him or praise his numerous opponents, but he is just a little proud of the strong backing his home people give him in the biennial elections and said as much when a recent statement of a news story in the News and Observer that he had lost the county in past years was called to his attention.

It was intimated pretty strongly that it had always been about evenly divided between him and his opponent. Such is not the case, he says, and points to the record as showing that only 65 votes were cast against him in Harnett in 1910 while in 1912 only 30 votes were cast against him. There was no contest in 1914 while in 1916 he had a local man to deal with and there were 185 votes against him. He had no opposition in 1918.

That is just for keeping the record straight at home. As for other counties, the Congressman has no claim but he puts Harnett down as being safely for him in any event.

SALUDA IS SCENE OF WAR BETWEEN RACES

Girls Laughed, White, Expected To Die; Others Shot; Negro In Jail.

Asheville, March 2.—In a wholesale shooting affair, which took place in Saluda, Folk county, near here, tonight between white men and negroes, Girls Laughed, white, with four bullets in his body, is expected to die, and Bomar Washington, colored, believed to have done the shooting, is in jail in Hendersonville. The cause of the rioting could not be learned here, although the officers at Hendersonville and Saluda were talked to over the telephone.

Willie Johnson, white, who was also shot four times, is at his home in Saluda, and is expected to recover. Dempsey Walker, the fourth participant in the shooting affair, is at his home in Saluda with a bullet wound in the back of his head, which, it is believed, will prove fatal.

Three of the men wounded were unable to make their escape, and are at their homes in Saluda. Washington escaped, but was intercepted in Hendersonville by Chief of Police Otis Powers, and landed in jail to await details concerning the ugly affair.

PLAN FOR RETURN OF AMERICAN DEAD BEING FORMULATED

Washington, D. C.—Secretary of War Baker has announced the appointment of the two American members of the commission to serve with representatives of France in the work of returning the bodies of our soldiers dead in this country.

The officers named are Col. Henry Lathrop, chief of the Graves Registration Service in France, and Col. Bentley Mott, military attaché at Paris. The Secretary will shortly send a personal aide to France to make the detailed arrangements for the return of the bodies. His work will be expected for improvement and beautification to serve as a final resting place for those bodies whose nearest of kin elect to leave them in their graves in French soil.

DEMOCRATS WILL HOLD STATE CONVENTION APRIL 8

Executive Committee Names Date For Precinct Meeting and County Conventions.

A ten minute session of the Democratic State Executive Committee last night served to fix March 27 as the date for all Democratic precinct meetings, April 3 for all Democratic county conventions, and April 8 for the State convention to be held in Raleigh beginning at noon.

This in brief sums up the work of the committee which last night held, probably its briefest session. All leaders were agreed that the committee should not take up matters not directly included in the committee call. So it was when the motion to adjourn had been put by Col. A. D. Watts and Col. J. Bryan Grimes that the plan best suited to his needs, said Mr. Foidney's statement. "Whether the gratuity should take the form of a cash bonus, securities, such as bonds or certificates of indebtedness, farm or home loans or credit in one form or another, I am unable to determine at this time. The views of the numerous bills to be considered are equally divergent."

LAPSED POLICIES MAY BE RENEWED UNTIL JULY

Washington, D. C.—Under an extension calling for Director E. G. Chalmers of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, men who hold Government insurance policies while in service during the war will be granted until July 1, 1920, to renew their lapsed policies. This has been done to give a number of men a chance to again take up their insurance, many of whom have been waiting to see just how the provisions of the original War Risk Act would be changed by Congressional legislation.

PAYS DEATH PENALTY.

Washington, Mar. 2.—James Henry Jackson, negro, who shot and killed Miss Lillian Reed, of Brownsville, Tennessee, here more than a year ago, was hanged today at the district jail, Jackson was in the act of robbing the house in which Miss Reed boarded when she was awakened. A desperate struggle between the negro and the girl followed, the man dragging her through a window into the back yard after shooting her.

REPUBLICANS PREPARE TO WAGE STRONG CAMPAIGN IN THE COUNTY

Will Reorganize Machine That Beat Democrats Six Years Ago—Prepare for Big Mass Meeting in Lillington Late This Month—Send Delegates to Convention.

One whole of an effort will be made by the G. O. P. to swing Harnett County back into the fold of Republicanism this year. This was evidenced in the convention of delegates held in Lillington Monday to choose emissaries to the State convention in Greensboro.

It was a harmonious meeting of about one hundred of the staunchest of the old guard interspersed with a few of the younger men of the party. Not even the old war horse, Z. T. Kivett, could raise a ruckus. The fellows were there to work in harmony and in harmony they did work, appointing a full set of delegates to the big, new row and to the coming senatorial convention, and calling for a big mass meeting in Lillington March 29.

Walter P. Byrd, the suave lawyer who was clerk of the court during the recent Republican regime and who is now charged with the possession of senatorial aspirations, presided over the meeting in the absence of Dr. G. E. Young, who was kept away by the prevalence of flu around Angier. Albert F. Surles, of Dunn, was the strongest figure present, overshadowing David Henry Senter, farmer and publicist, whose leveled locks have been prominent in every Republican meeting in the county for the last two decades. David Henry supported Albert in most every thing proposed. Z. T. Kivett repeatedly tried to get a rise out of somebody but was not successful in his efforts to disturb the har-

mony. Re-creation of the organization which so effectively fought the Democrats in 1914 was the aim of Mr. Surles. He was certain that there were enough Republican voters in Harnett to carry the county in normal times if they could be gotten to the polls. Now, with high taxes, cotton taxes, and various other alleged evils—all charged against the Democrats—dissatisfying the farmers, he was confident the G. O. P. could make a clean sweep in the November elections.

It is not intended that the mass meeting to be held in Lillington this month be known as a convention for the nomination of candidates. "Under the Democratic primary law," said Mr. Surles, "we are not permitted to choose our candidates in the good old Republican way. We must hold a primary in the busiest season we farmers have. But we can frame a slate and suggest to our fellow citizens whom we think they should support."

So, it is to recommend that the mass meeting will be held. In this meeting candidates for all county offices will be named. Delegates appointed to the State convention are: J. W. Wilson, John B. Holland, W. D. Holland, Martin B. Williams, Albert F. Surles, B. H. Jernigan, D. H. Senter, Felix Kay, J. H. McNeill, Z. T. Kivett, E. C. Tew, E. M. Spenser, E. M. Costa, E. P. Parker, W. J. Parker, W. D. McLeod, Enoch McLeod, J. C. Stewart. All of those from Dunn except Capt. W. D. Holland left yesterday for Greensboro.