

CO-OPS HOLD BIG MEETING AT LITTLE WASHINGTON PICNIC

Dynamite Found Apparently To Blow Up The Farmers, Said

ONLY TWO USED FIGHTING SPIRIT

Washington, Aug. 14.—(Special)—Dynamite, written threats and ripe tobacco in the fields could not keep hundreds of enthusiastic tobacco co-ops from greeting Congressman H. S. Ward, Richard R. Patterson, leaf manager of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association and T. C. Watkins, director of warehouses at the great picnic on the banks of the Pamlico river near here today at one of the most enthusiastic co-operative gatherings ever held in this section. A large stick of dynamite was awaiting the hundreds of farmers who left their harvesting to join today's meeting and it was tied to the following message: "This represents the co-ops. I hope they will all meet here today so I can get them. I hope no one won't meet here but them, for some one is going to get hurt today. We don't want no one that don't like the co-ops but we are going to get all of them before we stop." No dynamite was needed to arouse the fighting spirit of the farmers here today. They passed a resolution of confidence in their directors and the management of the tobacco association and interrupted every speaker with cheering and shouts of approval.

Director Patterson of the leaf department produced figures to show that the association had paid its members of Eastern Carolina over three and a quarter million dollars in advances and had on hand redried tobacco valued at nearly two million dollars. "There is no power on earth that can break this association up except your own members," declared Mr. Patterson. "Every purchaser to whom we have sold our tobacco including every large company except the Imperial has stated that our tobacco were entirely satisfactory and they hope to continue business." Exposing many false rumors circulated by the enemies of the association, Mr. Patterson cited as an example of such falsehoods the rumor circulated by a dealer of Pine-top, N. C. that he had made a forty thousand dollar profit on his purchases from the association which Mr. Patterson showed to involve only twenty five thousand pounds and less than five thousand dollars. More than three million pounds of 1923 tobacco have been delivered to the association in South Carolina according to today's statement of T. C. Watkins, director of the association warehouses who told the Eastern Carolina growers today that at the request of the South Carolina growers the association is demanding all tobacco grown upon the farms of handlords. "There is no man who can operate his business and divide his loyalty. You cannot put one half of your tobacco on the co-operative floor and the other half on the auction floor. If you will deliver the tobacco the Imperial and all the other companies will buy from you. I think you are better qualified through your elected representatives to put the value on it than a set of men sitting in London." Mr. Watkins told the auction planters today.

HAMILTON TO CONDUCT HEARING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.—Senator Tasker L. Odell, chairman of the Senate Commission of Gold and Silver Inquiry, announced today the appointment of Fletcher Hamilton, of San Francisco, California, to represent the commission in the conduct of hearings in the Western gold and silver producing states for the purpose of developing first hand information upon the condition of the industry. Through the conduct of these hearings the commission will be able to attain the personal contact necessary to determine the problems confronting the gold and silver mining industry.

Mr. Hamilton comes to the commission eminently well qualified to carry on this work, through his direction of the work of the California State Mining Bureau as its Mineralogist for a period of over ten years. California being the premier gold producing state in the Union. Mr. Hamilton graduated from the University of California in 1904 and has had practical experience in mine operations and engineering in the states of Arizona, Nevada and Montana, as well as in California, and is familiar with general Western conditions.

The activities of the commission are being directed along lines which will develop the causes of the continuing decrease in gold and silver production and the depressed condition of the industry in the United States. Investigation is being made as to the production, reduction, refining, transportation, marketing, sale and uses of gold and silver in the United States and elsewhere. It is also being made regarding the effect of the decreased production of gold and silver upon commerce, industry, exchange and prices.

RIOTS IN BERLIN CAUSE DEATHS

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Communists in the east end of Berlin today wrecked barricades at noon today to prevent the passage of tram cars. They smashed car windows and assaulted the drivers. The police fired on the rioters who returned the fire. London, Aug. 14.—A Central News dispatch from Berlin said that Communists had stormed the town hall of Alford with hand grenades and that 100 were wounded or killed.

GRAND LODGE HEARS WICKER AND WHITE AT COURT HOUSE

Representative Crowd From All This Section Hear The Two Speakers Last Night

MEETING OF AN EDUCATIONAL NATURE

"The preservation of law and order should be in the hands of the constituted officers of our government both state and nation," said Dr. R. McB. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Kinston before the gathering of Masons here last night. It was the only reference to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan, and that was indirect. The meeting was given over entirely to educational work and discussion.

Dr. W. C. Wicker, for some time head of the English department of Elon College gave an educational address featured by moving pictures and lantern slides. His address dealt mostly with the excellent work being done by the Masons in an educational way.

Fuller And McGee Finally Indicted

New York, Aug. 14.—E. M. Fuller and W. F. McGee, partners in the bankrupt stock house of E. M. Fuller and Co., were indicted with their former lawyers by a federal grand jury today for conspiracy to conceal the records showing the assets of the firm which failed for nearly \$6,000,000. Additional indictments naming higher ups were promised for tomorrow.

The lawyers surrendered and entered pleas of not guilty had were held in \$5,000 bail. William J. Fallon, one of the lawyers was freed under a \$5,000 bond for bribing a jurymen. E. E. McGee the other lawyer was given until tomorrow morning to provide bonds.

One Killed And One Hurt As Plane Falls

Washington, Aug. 14.—Betram M. Stewart was instantly killed today when an airplane he was piloting fell 1,000 feet near here. George Ward, Jr., was seriously injured. The accident occurred across the river from Washington.

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RAILROAD CASUALTIES IN ENGLAND

London, Aug. 14.—Only five of the 1,186,479,000 carried on English railways during 1923 were killed in accidents. This is one passenger in every 237,000,000.

Harvesting Uncle Sam's Own Crops



This picture was made at the Department of Agriculture's experimental farm in Virginia, just across the Potomac from Washington.

BITS OF INFORMATION

California leads all the states of the Union in the development of her water power. Birds are as sensitive to colors as are human beings, but fish respond most readily to green and yellow lights.

Marcus Royer, a French inventor, has perfected an acetylene cutter to assist divers.

Not until the early part of the Third century A. D. did the silk industry begin in Japan.

It is said that nearly every word beginning with the letter "W" has a history of 1,000 years.

KLUCKERS HEAR THE JUDGE FROM THE HOOSIER STATE

Come Near Pulling One on Their Masonic Brethren With the Jurist from "Up North"

JUDGE BAIN IS ON THE PLATFORM

About 150 members of the Ku Klux Klan and possibly others, who can't tell, listened to the address of Judge Charles J. Orbison held last night in the Opera House under the auspices of the Goldsboro Ku Klux Klan.

Mayor Edgar H. Bain, also a judge, was on the platform with his brother Judge and Kinsman from Indiana and presented him to the audience. Possibly a larger crowd would have greeted the Indiana jurist had the Kinsmen been able to get their meeting heralded more widely. But it could not be done. Up until a late hour yesterday it was all arranged that the good judge speak at the Masonic meeting which was held in the court house.

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BIG ATTENDANCE EXPECTED AT LAKE MEETING OF LEAGUE

Junaluska Prepares for Invasion of Young People From The South

MANY SPEAKERS ON PROGRAM

Lake Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 14.—A record-breaking attendance is expected to be on hand for the ten-day session of the Epworth League Assembly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which meets here on August 16, with sessions that will extend through August 26. E. O. Harbin, director, announced tonight. The program for the assembly is one of the most comprehensive ever put on at a summer assembly. Mr. Harbin declared.

Prayer begins at seven o'clock each morning will be a feature of the daily schedule. The afternoon hours from 1:30 to 3:30 will be given over to rest and study; from 3:30 to 4:30 will be given over to rest and study; from 4:30 to 6:30 will be devoted to directed games, followed by boating, swimming, tennis, baseball and other sports; in the evening there will be a social hour with refreshments.

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Over Seventy Die In Mine Explosion At Kemmerera; Many Rescued By Workers

Throng of Men and Women Crowd Around The Shaft To Watch For The Bodies of Their Loved Ones

TWENTY NINE WORKERS ARE RESCUED UP TO LATE LAST NIGHT

Kemmerera, Aug. 14.—Twenty-nine miners entombed by an explosion in the front-end mines of Kemera Coal Company had been rescued alive up to 3:15 o'clock this afternoon according to reports from the mine received at the offices. The reports said that rescue parties had encountered over 70 dead bodies in their progress through the workings. There was no fire. The explosion occurred near the 1,700 foot level. Tonight rescue workers had penetrated to nearly every quarter of the workings and it was indicated they had brought out all survivors. Smoke blackened embers of nine cars buried in a cavern gave rise to the belief that fire had followed the blast. The cause of the explosion is presumed to have been a blowout shot according to a statement issued today by the company. The company declared no fire had followed the explosion. At the same time it announced that rescue work was continuing. Throng of women, many of them

widowed by the blast and children gathered about the mouth of the shaft. Many were hysterical. When trip cars carrying the survivors came to the surface the crowd became almost uncontrollable rushing forward in an effort to find their loved ones and police experienced great difficulty in keeping them back. One hundred workers were searching the lower depths late tonight. Pitiful scenes were enacted about the mouth of the mine as relatives of men who came out alive rushed into the arms of their loved ones. Alex. Inman and Oete Tapers were two of the first men to come from the workings. They had been in a section of the mine near the shaft and made their way out through smoke and dust to the entrance. The last of clearing the main slope delayed rescuers several hours. On the entire 37 and 40. The first intimation of the disaster was given shortly after 8 o'clock when long streams began to issue from the shaft fans.

COOLIDGE SELECTS BASCOM SLEMP AS HIS NEW SECRETARY

Former Representative From Ninth District of Virginia Gets Coveted Post

Washington, Aug. 14.—Former representative Bascom Slemm, of Virginia, has been tendered and has accepted the position of secretary to President Coolidge.

Contractors In Charlotte Held Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Chapter of Associated General Contractors will be held Thursday, August 16th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. at the Selwyn Hotel, Charlotte, N. C.

THREE KILLED IN BERLIN RIOT

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Three persons were killed and nine wounded in the course of rioting. Wilhelmshagen near Hamburg today. A party of police which went to Wilhelmshagen was received with a volley of shots. The Hamburg policemen repressed and dispersed the rioters.

MAN OF MYSTERY LIVES ALONE ON ROCKY ISLE

Ushant, Finistere, France, Aug. 14.—There is one Frenchman to whom the high cost of living, the precarious existence of the Entente Cordiale and the occupation of the Ruhr mean nothing, and that is Basile de Kerivio, who has found perfect peace and quiet on the island of Keler, the smallest of the group of islands of which Ushant, 27 miles from Brest, is the largest.

GERMAN INTERESTS TAKE OVER MORE RUSSIAN LAND

Berlin, Aug. 14.—Another agricultural concession has been taken in Russia by a German organization called the German-Russian Seed Growing Company, which will establish an experimental farm on a tract of about 30,000 acres near Moscow. This is similar to the Krupp agricultural concession in the Ukraine.

ROTARIANS HEAR FINAL REPORT OF ST LOUIS MEET

Leslie Well Reads Resolutions Adopted at the Rotary International Con.; Statement

The Rotary meeting last night was a short and snappy affair with President Wilkins presiding and Leslie Well giving the final report on the Rotary International held last month in St. Louis.

BASEBALL RESULTS

National
Pittsburgh 10; Philadelphia 16.
Brooklyn 3; New York 3.
Chicago 6-5; Boston 1-4.
American
Philadelphia 2; Detroit 7.
Charlotte 6; Gastonia 4.
Macon 9; Greenville 6.
Spartanburg 7-3; Augusta 2-11.
Virginia
Wilson 2; Norfolk 1-11 Innings.
Richmond 4; Portsmouth 13.
Rocky Mount 10; Petersburg 3.
Piedmont
High Point 4; Raleigh 3.
Danville 5; Winston 1.

PLEADS FOR CARE IN STATE FORESTS OR WILL BE RUINED

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt Makes Startling Statements in His Asheville Speech

MUST CONSERVE OR IMPORT TIMBER

ASHEVILLE, Aug. 14.—(Unless immediate steps are taken to prevent the rapid deforestation of the timber lands in the Southern Appalachian and southeastern states, these states will find it necessary to import timber with which to carry on their wood-working industries from far western states at greatly increased costs, declared Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Director of the North Carolina Geological and Economic Survey in an address today before the members of the Southern Saw, Door and Millwork Manufacturers' Association, in convention here.

The problem of conserving the forest lands of these states confronts the federal, state, county and municipal governments and private owners of timber lands, but it rests principally with the state, county and municipal governments which should pass laws designed to prevent forest fires and improper lumbering and cattle grazing methods and should establish large government owned forests areas in order to provide steady lumber yields for years to come, Dr. Pratt said. This is practicable and can be made profitable, he added.

"At the present time there are only 15 lumber exporting states; this is, states that are producing more timber than they are using," he said. "Of course one state is in the north-east—Maine; eight in the south—Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi; and six in the west—Oregon, Washington, Idaho, California, Montana and Arizona. Several of these states are now importing almost as much lumber as they are exporting. It is estimated at the present rate of logging that within a few years there will be only three states left in the north-east—Maine, New Brunswick and California."

"Sixty one percent of the timber in the United States is produced in the Great Plains. It is produced, and unless conditions are made for growing timber in the regions east of the Great Plains the future supply of lumber for the western states will have to come from the Pacific coast states, which will mean greatly increased lumber prices on account of the heavy freight rates."

In reviewing the trend of the lumber supply during the past years the speaker pointed out that "the once scorned 'old field' pine, cut as small as six to eight inches, is snatched up at prices reflecting the exiguity of the market. In 1921, this type of timber sold for 75 a thousand feet loaded on the cars, but recently it has been bringing \$22, he said."

"Spruce, once thought worthless timber used to be specified by contractors because carpenters disliked working with 'inferior woods' but now the use of spruce is growing more and more exceptionally on account of its species becoming exhausted, the quantities necessary to haul it longer, and the price higher, Dr. Pratt said. He drew many other examples of how on account of the decreasing supply of the more desirable woods, timber of inferior quality is being used of necessity.