

DEMOCRATS GATHER FOR
JACKSON DAY DINNER

Presidential "Timber" Will Come Into Limelight
at Quadrennial Event of Democratic Party -
Many Cities Making Bid For Convention.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Democrats from all parts of the country continued to arrive in Washington today to attend tomorrow the Jackson Day banquet, the famous quadrennial event of the democratic party when speakers considered of presidential "timber" discuss public questions.
Although the banquet is supposed to be a side issue to the meeting of the democratic national committee for the selection of the time and place for the national convention, main interest centers in it. A letter from President Wilson, announced as important, will be read and an address by William Jennings Bryan will be delivered at that time. The message from the president and the speech by the former secretary of state are expected to have an important bearing on the presidential campaign.
Six cities are making bids for the convention and Kansas City and San Francisco have launched vigorous campaigns for the honor. Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and Cleveland also are active. It was estimated that 1500 democrats would attend the banquet which will be held in two sections. The same speakers will address both groups with prospects of the oratory extending until late into the night.

COLONEL TAYLOR RESIGNS
AS COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS

James H. Cowan, Secretary of Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Succeeds Him.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Col. Walker Taylor has resigned as collector of customs for North Carolina, it was announced today at Senator Simmons' office.
He will be succeeded by James H. Cowan, secretary of the Wilmington chamber of commerce and formerly editor of The Wilmington Dispatch.
Senators Simmons and Overman recommended Mr. Cowan after conferring today.
Colonel Taylor, who has been collector of customs several years, resigned to attend to private business, it was said.

OAK PARK COUNTRY CLUB
WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Awarding of the women's western golf championship to the Oak Park Country Club here was announced today. The tournament will be held the week of August 23.
A proposal to stage a junior championship, with an age limit of from 13 to 18 years, in connection with the event, is under consideration by the executive committee of the association, it was said.

WILSON AND ROCKY MOUNT
NOW IN VIRGINIA LEAGUE.

(By The Associated Press.)
NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 5.—Directors of the Virginia baseball league, meeting here today, awarded franchises to Rocky Mount, N. C., and Wilson, N. C., thereby making the league an eight-club circuit.
The season will begin on April 22 and close on September 11, being split on July 3, the winner of the first half to play the winner of the second half a post season series for the championship.

MYERS PARK IS NOW
A CITY TO ITSELF.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—Myers Park is now a city with a mayor and three commissioners, so created today by the state board of municipal control, sitting in the senate chamber at Raleigh, after hearing H. C. Dockery, an attorney representing the citizens, and George Stephens, present as a citizen of Mecklenburg's newest municipality.
The mayor is H. C. Gover and the commissioners are J. P. Little, J. M. Harry and Dr. John S. Clifford.
This fact was forcibly brought out that, in seeking incorporation, Myers Park was not trying to curtail Charlotte's growth in any manner. Messrs. Dockery and Stephens made it plain that the new municipality will not seek to ward off absorption by legislative authority at some future date.
It was shown that 98 per cent of the voters of Myers Park signed the petition and that the petition was properly signed and verified. The purpose of incorporation, it was shown, was not to antagonize the city of Charlotte in any manner shape or form, but to secure such benefits as fire and police protection, lights and schools.

CLEARING HOUSE OFFICIALS
WILL MEET AGAIN

Detectives Force Entrance -
Mother of Boy Is Armed
With Pistol—Bergdoll Found
Hiding in Box.

(By The Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—Grover Bergdoll, one of the two brothers accused of draft dodging and who have been sought by the police for the last two years, was arrested in his mother's home here today.
Detectives broke into the home by the front and rear entrances. While one of the men wrested a revolver from Mrs. Bergdoll, mother of the two draft dodgers, the others went through the house and found Grover wrapped in a blanket, hiding in a box seat. He was without collar, vest or coat. The prisoner was taken to the federal building in a motor car.

CAUGHT AFTER DODGING
DRAFT FOR TWO YEARS

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Another conference of representatives of clearing house associations and federal reserve board officials will be held in Chicago on January 23, when another effort will be made to reach an agreement on the question of interest rates on bank balances. At the conference here yesterday, the bankers failed to reach a decision.
A resolution adopted stated that the Chicago meeting would be "to consider the whole question of interest on balances in order that some basis may be agreed upon that will be mutually satisfactory, conducive to conservative banking and benefit the entire business and banking community."

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The search for the Bergdolls took the federal agents all over the country. Grover got away in a high-powered motor car and reports reached this city that he was seen in various sections of the west. He sent messages written on postcards to the authorities. Once he was seen in Mexico and again in Cuba. He was provided with a large sum of money. Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, mother of the two accused men, is the widow of a wealthy brewer.
Although born in this country, the Bergdolls were of German descent and declared they would never fight against Germany. Mrs. Bergdoll was arrested several times on the charge of obstructing the draft.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—Later Mrs. Bergdoll was arrested, charged with obstructing justice. With a revolver she had kept the officers at bay for several hours.
Young Bergdoll was taken to the federal building and locked up. An officer of the department of justice said it was the expectation that Bergdoll would be turned over to the United States military authorities.

PROGRESS MADE IN
TRIAL OF NEW

(By Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 7.—Replies of three alienists to a hypothetical question of about 5,000 words today would complete submission of evidence for the state in the trial of Harry S. New for the alleged murder of Miss Freda Lesser, his fiancée, it was indicated by District Attorney Woolwine. The defense planned to introduce a small amount of evidence intended to controvert that offered in rebuttal by the prosecution.
With each side planning to require a full day for argument, it was believed the case would go to the jury Friday night.
Court adjourned early yesterday to permit Mr. Woolwine to prepare the question he intended asking Doctors Charles A. Allen, Louis Weber and D. H. Calder.

HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST
FROM EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Possibly Thousands of Lives
Are Lost — Volcanic Eruptions
and Flooded Streams
Add to Peril of People.

(By The Associated Press.)
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 7.—Hundreds, possibly thousands, of lives were lost, as a result of the earthquake which shook the state of Vera Cruz Saturday night. So widespread was the damage done by the shock and so wild are some of the sections that suffered from it that it is probable the number of casualties will never be known.
Private despatches received from Vera Cruz and Jalapa state that 1,000 persons lost their lives at Cuatzacoatz. These reports, which are said at both cities to be reliable, confirm information given out last night by presidential military authorities. Thirty lives were lost at Teocelo, where three churches and 40 houses were destroyed.
Volcanic eruptions have occurred at Coffre de Perite, from which point to the volcano of Orizaba the shock seemed to center, according to rumors.
Flood waters pouring down the Pecos river have inundated Ishaucan, Mahaudtlan and Tlapanala, while many ranches are under water. Darranca Grande and Los Simones are also suffering from floods, it is reported from Vera Cruz. Twenty bodies have been recovered from the Pecos at Jalomulco and Apazapan.
Subterranean noises are still noticeable in the Pedregal, a rocky waste near this city, and great cracks have appeared in the earth. Travelers returning here from Vera Cruz say some streams were dried up as a result of the shocks.

INTER-CHURCH MOVEMENT
MEETS IN ATLANTIC CITY

(By The Associated Press.)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 7.—A three-day conference of the Inter-Church World Movement at which a program of Protestant denominational co-operation for the "evangelization of the world" will be formulated and the amount of money necessary for this purpose will be determined, opened here today.
More than 1,000 delegates, representing about 20 denominations, and 200,000 churches in all sections of the United States are here for the meeting. The conference was called by Robert Lansing, secretary of state, chairman of the general committee of the Inter-Church Movement. Owing to pressure of government business, however, it was said Mr. Lansing probably would not be able to preside over the sessions.
Leaders of the movement said it is hoped to agree upon a plan whereby, through the avoidance of duplicated effort in the fields already covered by missionary campaigns, men and money will be available for great areas which have never been opened to the missionaries.
Spectacular evangelistic methods are not to be encouraged in connection with the drive and none of the funds will be employed in raising the prohibition issue abroad, delegates said.
Estimates as to the amounts of money necessary to carry out the plans vary from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000.
An independent campaign, for which \$100,000,000 already has been raised, will be conducted by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Its slogan is "One Million New Members by June 1."

BIG EXPLOSION AT
DU PONT PLANT.

(By The Associated Press.)
UNIONTOWN, PA., Jan. 7.—Approximately 1,000 pounds of powder, stored in the truck shed of the Du Pont powder plant at Fair Chance, six miles from Uniontown, exploded early today and totally destroyed the building. There were only four men working in the vicinity when the blast occurred and three escaped unhurt while one, an engineer, was slightly injured. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE BEFORE
MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

(By The Associated Press.)
ANNAPOLIS, MD., Jan. 7.—The federal woman suffrage amendment, concurrent prohibition enforcement and race track betting are among the measures that will come before the legislature, which opened its biennial session today.

CALL FOR NATIONAL BANK
STATEMENTS ISSUED.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Comptroller of the Currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Wednesday, December 31.

Wallpaper From Leather Waste.
Much of the best wallpaper is made from leather waste.

TWO MORE AMERICANS
MURDERED IN MEXICO

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The Mexican government has been called upon by the state department to use every means possible to apprehend and punish the murderers of R. J. Roney and Earl Bowles, American oil men, in the Tampico field.
Immediately upon receipt of the report of the murders of the two men, the American embassy at Mexico City was instructed to urge the Mexican government to take prompt steps to bring the murderers to justice. In an effort to get action also by local authorities, similar instructions were sent to the American consul at Tampico.
The despatch to the state department said the two men were murdered near Port Lobos and that their bodies were discovered January 5. They were employees of the International Petroleum Company and were supposed to have had the company's payroll when they were killed.

AMERICAN CITIZENS
KILLED IN MEXICO

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Gabriel Porter, an American citizen in the employ of the Penn-Mex Company was shot and killed by a Mexican federal army officer at Tuxpan on December 21, according to advices received by the state department today from the American consul at Tampico.

AMERICANS MURDERED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Earl Bowles and S. J. Roney, Americans, employed by the International Petroleum Co., have been murdered by Mexicans within one mile of Palo Blanco near Port Lobos, according to private advices received here today from Tampico.
One Mexican also was murdered. No details were given, but it was said that the American consul at Tampico was in possession of all the facts. He has not yet reported to the state department.
The territory in which the murders occurred was said to be under the control of Carranza forces.

NEWSPAPER MEN
MEET IN GREENSBORO

GREENSBORO, N. C., Jan. 7.—The first of the three day sessions of North Carolina newspaper men will begin here tonight at 7:30 p. m., when the publishers of daily newspapers of North Carolina meet. Conversations of news print paper will be the chief topic of the meeting tonight and it is hoped that an agreement to curtail consumption can be reached.
Thursday morning the first session of the North Carolina State Press Association will be held at 10 o'clock. This association includes the weekly papers of the state as well as the dailies, the meeting tonight and that beginning Thursday morning being of separate organizations. There will be a morning and afternoon session Thursday, followed by a banquet Thursday night. It is expected that about 150 newspaper men of the state will be in attendance at this banquet. Governor T. W. Bickett will make an address on the tax revaluation law and there will be other addresses. The sessions of the association will continue through Friday.

GREER AREA IS RETAINED
BY SPARTANBURG COUNTY.

SPARTANBURG, Jan. 6.—The Greer area of Spartanburg county will remain in the county according to unofficial returns from the election held in that area today.
To annex the territory it was necessary that two-thirds of the voters cast their ballots for the annexation to Greenville county.
According to figures received tonight from the eight precincts voting, Spartanburg has won by 15 votes. The returns follow:
There are some contested votes but it is not believed the result will be changed. The election ends one of the most interesting campaigns in the history of this section of the state, developing in a contest in which Greenville and Spartanburg counties became deeply interested. The Greenville campaign has been directed by T. M. Marchant, of the Victor Monaghan mills who has had with him throughout the last two weeks, Senator Proctor Bonham, of Greenville.
Spartanburg speakers have been meeting in relays.
It was said tonight that the Spartanburg highway commission would begin the development of the highways of the area at once in accordance with its guarantee.

FEDERAL AGENTS WILL
PUSH RED ROUND-UP

With 2,500 Members of Communist and Communist Labor Parties Awaiting Deportation
Department of Justice Continues Drive
Against Radicals.

DEMPSEY TO MEET
FRENCH CHAMPION

Pugilists Will Meet Somewhere
In Lower California For
Purse of \$400,000 — Date
Has Not Been Fixed.

(By The Associated Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 7.—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight pugilist champion of the world, woke up this morning to learn from the public prints that he and Georges Carpentier of France, would meet in the ring sometime soon at Tijuana, Lower California.
"James D. Coffroth recently obtained an agreement from Dempsey's manager, Jack Kearns, for the champion to meet Carpentier at Tijuana for a purse of \$400,000 and news cablegrams last night brought word that Carpentier's manager, Descamps, had agreed to the match. The only stipulation was that it be not over 15 rounds and to this Coffroth in San Diego expressed no disagreement.
"A fight of that length ought to be decisive, especially with heavyweights," he said.
Regarding the date for the match Coffroth said he could not fix it definitely, although he expressed a desire to hold it as soon as the arena he plans could be constructed at Tijuana. This arena, he announced, would seat 50,000. Construction, he declared, would take several months.
The site of the arena will be near the track and big grandstand of the Lower California Jockey Club.
"I am sure I am not oversanguine when I say I hope for an attendance which will total \$1,500,000," Coffroth said. "There will be no trouble in getting the crowd there. San Diego now has a direct railroad line to the east which passes through Tijuana. Those coming from the north will take other lines or steamships or automobiles.
"Naturally, I should like to have the fight in the summer time, when we can be absolutely sure that the weather will be good. But the date must depend largely on what the boxers themselves say about it.
"The decision of the money is another question which the boxers must decide. That it will be the greatest match the world has known at least in point of interest, is certain. Everyone knows of Carpentier, partly from his war fame; every one has a good idea of what Dempsey can do. The whole world will be interested in the outcome."

CARPENTIER'S MANAGER
ACCEPTS TERMS.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—Descamps, manager for Georges Carpentier, wired James Coffroth, manager of the Tijuana race track, last evening, accepting the latter's terms for a championship bout between Carpentier and Dempsey in America. The only exception taken was relative to the length of the battle, Carpentier being unwilling to fight over 15 rounds and favoring 10 rounds.
The decision to accept Mr. Coffroth's offer of a \$400,000 purse came after a long consultation with French promoters in which the latter expressed their inability to meet the offer of the American.
"This talk of a \$5 round fight is stupid," said Descamps last night. "If the championship cannot be settled inside of 15, then neither Dempsey nor my boy is worthy to be champion of the world."
Descamps offers to split the purse fifty-fifty, claiming Carpentier is as big a drawing card as Dempsey, whether the battle is staged in America, England or France. French promoters were disappointed by the spirited bidding of Americans and have given up the idea of holding the fight in this country, one saying:
"The Americans knocked us out before we entered the ring."

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—A warrant for the arrest and deportation of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled ambassador of the Russian soviet government, has been ordered executed, by the department of justice.
Martens, regarded, officials said, as the real leader of the communist party in the United States, was said to be in Washington. His arrest was expected soon.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Determination of the government to take Martens into custody was definitely made after all evidence which had a bearing on activities of the Russian soviet bureau in New York had been assembled by Assistant Attorney General Garvan. While officials would not disclose the nature of the evidence they said some of it promised to be sensational.
Martens came to Washington nearly a week ago from New York and with his secretary and other assistants has occupied a suite at a local hotel.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—With 2,500 members of the communist and communist labor parties now awaiting deportation proceedings, the department of justice agents had orders today to push the round up of "reds" and proceedings against the prisoners in several cities were set to begin.
While the government agencies were preparing for the final stages of the deportation fight, a statement was issued from a hotel within a stone's throw of the department of justice building by S. Nuorteva, who said he was secretary to Ludwig C. A. Martens, self-styled ambassador to the United States from the Russian soviet government, in which he charged that department of justice agents "had actively participated" in the preparation of some of the planks of the communist parties on which the "prosecutions" now are based. He further charged that "the chief figures in such celebrated bomb plots were agents of a similar nature." Official comment on the charges were unobtainable at the department of justice but privately some of the officials said they regarded the charges as "humorous."

New appropriations aggregating \$1,150,000 have been asked of congress by the department of labor for use in furthering the government's campaign to cleanse the United States of violent radicalism.
PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED
AT CHICAGO TODAY.
CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Proceedings to rid the country of alien radicals taken in recent raids by federal authorities were instituted today when hearings of the cases of more than 200 alien "reds" were begun before a United States immigration commissioner. At the same time the grand jury was conducting an investigation of the activities of the 300 naturalized agitators held by local authorities for indictment under state laws against syndicalism and anarchy.
Attention of the special county grand jury investigating radicalism was turned to William Bross Lloyd, wealthy officer of the communist labor party. Interviews and utterances of Lloyd were testified to yesterday by two newspaper reporters.
Rafael Mallen, formerly a clerk for the federal trade commission, arrested by local authorities, was at liberty today after his release was ordered on the ground that no evidence was found connecting him with radical organizations. John T. Creighton, special assistant attorney general, gave out a statement denying that federal authorities had requested Mallen's arrest.

BAD HOTEL FIRE
AT MACON, GA.

MACON, Ga., Jan. 7.—One hundred and twenty-five guests, many of whom lost their personal belongings when they were driven from hotel Macon by fire early today are being cared for in other hotels here. Heroism of Clyde Sharpless, a clerk, who remained at the telephone switchboard until every guest was informed of the fire, probably prevented loss of life or injury. Practically all of the damage was done to the first floor near the entrance to the elevators. It is estimated at \$6,000 and is covered by insurance. Short circuited electric wires are supposed to have caused the fire.