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FRANK B. NOYLES DEFENDS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 20.—Members of The Associated Press met at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here today to elect five directors, four advisory boards, and auditing and nominating committees.

At a luncheon in connection with the meeting, President Frank B. Noyles, of the Washington Star, proposed a toast to President Wilson, saying "In offering a toast the formal wish for 'Health' is usually of little significance. With us this year, in our only toast, it is our custom to offer, the case is profoundly different, for very earnestly, very hopefully, and very sincerely, we drink to the health, the full restored health of the president of the United States.

"Every season of the year is an open season for the critics of The Associated Press," said Mr. Noyles, beginning his address to his associate officers and directors.

"We are accustomed through long experiences, to the railings against our service of the uninformed, the notoriety-seeker and the common or garden liar, who charges bias or suppression in the report of The Associated Press.

"Every newspaper man, every informed person, knows how preposterously untrue these charges are — whoever may make them. To you I need not explain that our very organization was in response to the demand of the newspapers that their news service should be owned and controlled by themselves and themselves alone, that it should be their servant and not their master, that it should give an adequate and truthful record of the day's world happenings free from bias and from opinion or propaganda.

While laying no claim to inerrancy, our service has been singularly successful in attaining the objects we sought, and the line 'By Associated Press' has become a hall-mark of accuracy, whether the event recorded is the election of a president, the signing of an armistice, a decision of the supreme court or the death of the pope.

"Secure in our knowledge that our agency is serving us faithfully and competently, we may contemplate the outbursts against us of radicals and reactionaries with good natured tolerance when their attacks are due to ignorance and contempt when due to malice.

"While at all times this open season continues, every four years comes a special period of tribulation. When the presidential campaign rolls around, every candidate for the nomination, and the resulting presidential candidates and every manager of every such candidate finds clear evidence in our report of bias against every candidate mentioned—until after the election and then all agree that The Associated Press has been conspicuously fair. This has been our experience in the past and there is every indication that the present campaign will be no exception.

"I say this for there is a measure of truth in the charge for the theory that 'He who is not with us is against us.' The Associated Press is against every candidate for it surely is not for any one of them."

Mr. Noyles explained that while every one of the candidates will have the support of individual members, The Associated Press will continue serenely indifferent as to the outcome of the nominating conventions and elections, contenting itself to supplying its members with the news as it happens, playing no favorites, and punishing no enemies.

"The report of The Associated Press does not grow or simply come into being without effort," continued Mr. Noyles, "every line, every word, is the product of an individual worker of whom hundreds toil and adventure daily to supply a fair picture of the world's happenings.

"Every one of you know that at bottom these charges of bias are charges against our anonymous workers—who if we are betrayed, are the betrayers, who, if these charges are true, are recreant to the trust we have placed in them."

"You know them, you know them all, division chiefs, bureau chiefs, editors, correspondents, reporters, operators, working tirelessly, faithfully, efficiently, intelligently.

"You know that these men are the salt of the earth, the pride of our profession, and neither your opinion nor mine can be fitly expressed, on an occasion of this sort of the ignoramus, the blatherer or the liar who defame them."

Mr. Noyles, in introducing Vice President Marshall, the principal speaker at the luncheon, said:

"Some men shrink in stature on further acquaintance, while a few grow. As the people of the United States have observed one of the chief of their servants from day to day, and from year to year, there has been an increasing appreciation with each day and each year not only of his delightful personality and of his great tact in a very trying and difficult position, but of his resolute cheerfulness and sturdy good sense—and that is saying a great deal in these days, and especially of a man who has been in his

PICKUPS FROM THE WEEK-END ROUNDUP OF INTERESTING NEWS

Scoutmaster D. B. Stroup and a patrol of scouts from Troop No. 2, assisted in organizing a new troop at the Piedmont mill chapel Saturday night. Mr. Chas. L. Rhyme was elected Scoutmaster, Mr. John Setzer, assistant and Mr. Loyd Rhyme, scribe. The new troop will join Troop No. 2 and Ranlo No. 1 on a hike to the river, in South Point township, next Saturday.

A mass meeting for Boy Scouts of Gastonia and Gaston county has been called for Saturday afternoon May 1, at the county court house. At this meeting a Scout League will be formed by the baseball teams of the several troops, a schedule of games arranged for the season, and a pennant decided upon for the winning team. Now is the time for eligible boys to enlist in the Scout movement, not merely for the pleasure to be derived, but for the great opportunity for service offered, and the opportunity afforded of doing "A daily good turn" to the other fellow.

The Bluebird girls enjoyed a delightful trip to the home and farm of Mr. J. C. Robinson, on the Union road, Friday afternoon. Despite threatening weather, the afternoon proved ideal, and a genuine good time was had by all.

Twelve young ladies of the Piedmont mill community were organized as Camp Fire Girls Saturday afternoon, and Miss Addie May Brawley has been unanimously chosen and cordially invited to become their leader.

The Boy Scouts and Camp Fire Girls long ago decided for themselves the "Overall" problem, by donning khaki costumes that are inexpensive. Two or three boy scout suits can be purchased for the price of one civilian suit and always look neat, on duty and off. The same is true of the natty, khaki skirts and blouses for the Camp Fire girls. All can be worn on all occasions.

Miss Marian Harvey, who came to Gastonia February 1 as church secretary of the First Presbyterian church, consenting to a three months' trial of the newly established position, we are glad to state will remain indefinitely as secretary of the church. She having demonstrated the church's need of the office and her own ability and capability as a most efficient secretary and leader of the young people, the executive committee of the session cheerfully and unanimously decided, at a meeting held with Dr. Henderlite last week, to continue the relations.

There is very little being said or thought about the new "Overall" fad in Gastonia's many mill communities. Overall, instead of being a fad with mill operatives, unfortunately for them at this time, are very much of a necessity, and the greater the demand for them by "faddists," the shorter will become the supply and the higher will soar the price of blue denim and khaki. Men who must work for a living are not eager to hang suits for which they paid \$35.00 last spring or fall on the hooks and buy new overall for the sake of boosting the price of the clothing essential to them and their work. A judge of a court or president of a trust company can easily afford to give their last year's \$75 suit to a tramp and pay \$8 for a new suit of overalls, effecting a saving of \$69, but it is different story to the man working for \$15.00 a week and paying \$8 for a suit of overalls, for which he formerly paid \$2.50 and \$3.

A tailor who formerly received from eight to twelve dollars for making a coat now gets thirty dollars for a single coat. When he received \$10 for the same work he made more coats and clothing was cheaper to the trade and patrons. Where formerly it required the making of four or five coats for the weekly stipend, two will now bring fine wages and the public, not the merchant, pays the difference in the wages of the tailor. In clothing, as in all other lines, prices to the public depend on the production of the manufacturing interests, and these in turn upon the production of operatives.

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DEATH LIST FROM TORNADO REACHES 22

(By The Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 20.—The death list as a result of a series of tornadoes which swept northwestern Arkansas Sunday night today was raised to 22, and a large strip of country still was unheard from.

More than one hundred persons were injured and tremendous property damage caused, according to the information trickling in over storm impaired wires. Efforts were being made to confirm a rumor that twenty persons had been killed near Blaine, Logan county.

precise geographical position. "It gives me great pleasure to present to you the vice president of the United States, Thomas R. Marshall."

GEORGIA DEMOCRATS ARE HOLDING PRIMARY

Result is Regarded as Expression of Sentiment Toward League of Nations and Wilson Administration.

ATLANTA, April 20.—With the result generally regarded as an expression of sentiment toward the league of nations and the Wilson administration, Georgia democrats today were balloting in the statewide presidential preference primary. Candidates for support of the state delegation at the San Francisco convention were Attorney General Palmer, a supporter of the Wilson administration and an avowed proponent of the league of nations, and Senator Hoke Smith and Thomas E. Watson. Senator Smith supported the Republican reservations to the league covenant, while Mr. Watson is opposed to the league in any form.

Tubercular Clinic.

D. W. B. Hunter, county superintendent of public welfare, announces that he has completed arrangements for a tubercular clinic to be held in Gaston county beginning the second Monday in June. A physician from the staff of the State Hospital at Sanitarium, will be here to examine for symptoms of tuberculosis all who wish such an examination. These examinations will be by appointment and those who wish an appointment can see Dr. Hunter or any of the community nurses.

BIG OVERALL PARADE.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Headquarters for the organization of a mammoth overall parade to be held next Saturday, were opened today by the Cheese Club, local leaders of the back-to-overalls movement.

The club issued invitations to all organizations and individuals in the city to register for the protest parade, which will invade the clothing manufacturers' district in lower Fifth avenue. It was announced that persons who preferred to wear old, patched clothing, instead of committing the "extravagance" of buying new overalls, would be welcome in the line of march. Fancy, as well as plain, overalls, will appear in the parade. One firm inserted advertisements in newspapers today offering denim "custom-tailored in stylish spring and summer models at \$10 and denim tuxedos for evening wear at \$12.50." It also offered "modish evening, wedding and afternoon gowns" or calico and gingham at \$15.

DETROIT BUSINESS WOMEN HAVE THE RIGHT IDEA.

DETROIT, April 20.—Business women's organizations here have taken their fling at the high cost of wearing apparel. One thousand stenographers, bookkeepers, and other office workers pledged themselves not to exceed these maximum prices: Hats and shoes \$10; suits and coats \$50; dresses \$35; hosiery \$2.50 and gloves \$2.

The United States district attorney's office was asked to investigate the "unjustified advance in the price of women's clothing. His wife goes by at forty miles. In his new car—but mine just smiles; Our house has pipes and everything—His wife totes water from the spring.

SPREADS TO CANADA.

ST. THOMAS, Ontario, April 19.—The overall crusade in the United States has spread over the border to Canada and clubs have been organized here and at several nearby towns. More than 300 employees of the Michigan Central Railroad have joined the local club. The Wallaceburg, Ont., club was organized today with a large membership.

THE PAPER SHORTAGE.

The Gazette regrets very much that it is forced to cut down the size of the paper today from eight to four pages, but when it is a matter either of issuing a smaller paper every day or of eventually discontinuing on account of the lack of paper, the former alternative is better, we think.

Our normal and regular supply of paper for the year 1920 was contracted for last fall to be delivered in quarterly shipments, but the jobbers tell us that it is impossible to get the paper now. The decreased size interferes seriously with the plans and aims of the management of The Gazette which is just now embarking upon a program of increased activity and usefulness. We hope, however, that this arrangement will be necessary only twice or three times a week, and that with the coming of spring and opening up of traffic, the paper mills will resume shipments.

MEXICAN TROOPS CONTINUE PREPARATIONS

Sonora and Mexican Federal Leaders Continue Preparations For Expected Clash.

AGUA PRIETA, Sonora, April 20.—Sonora and Mexican federal leaders today continued preparations for the clash expected as a result of Sonora's withdrawal of allegiance to the Carranza government. Heartened by reports that Francisco Villa definitely had aligned himself with their movement, Sonorans went about placing troops, to prevent an incursion from Chihuahua, while at Juarez and Casas Grandes federal officers prepared an invading force.

No more news from Sonora forces advancing against federal garrisons in Sinaloa was at hand. These forces hoped to take Mazatlan and Tepic, the latter the capital of the state of Nayarit, this week. Sonora leaders declared they had numerous reports of a rising against Carranza in Chihuahua, one to which they attached considerable significance until it was convincingly denied, being that General Francisco Urbalejo had transferred his allegiance from the Carranza to the Sonora government.

General Francisco Serrano, formerly president of the chamber of deputies in Mexico City, and for some time military secretary to General Alvarez Obregon, reached Nogales yesterday and gave out a statement apparently definitely allying General Obregon with the Sonora rising. Obregon, General Serrano declared, was in a "safe place," whence he could direct Sonora activities by radio and other means.

Sonora leaders are putting large reliance upon Yaqui and Mayo Indians in planning their defense. Military experts here commented on the fact that General Urbalejo reported at Juarez with troops destined for the march on Sonora, is a Yaqui.

General Urbalejo, the Juarez reports said, brought word that Carranza planned to send 65,000 men against Sonora, instead of 60,000 as reported some days ago.

HIGH SCHOOL INVITATIONS RECEIVED.

The Gazette acknowledges the receipt from Supt. and Mrs. R. G. Fitzgerald, of an invitation to the commencement exercises of the Belmont public schools, May 7 to 11. The program:

Friday, May 7, 8 p. m. Operetta—The Isle of Jewels, by grades 1-6. Saturday, May 8 at 8 p. m. Reciters' and Declaimers' Contest by High School Sunday, May 9 at 11 a. m. Annual sermon by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, D. D. of Gastonia. Monday, May 10, at 8 p. m. play, Home Ties, by high school. Tuesday, May 11, 8 p. m. literary address by Hon. R. N. Page, of Bisbee. Class exercises and presentation of diplomas.

Motto: Labor omnia vincit. Colors—Green and white. Flower—White carnation. Mascot—Margaret Suggs. Officers—Joseph Price Leper, president. Ruth Shannon Cox, vice-president, Annetta Irene Harris, secretary, Robert Lee Stowe, Jr., treasurer. Members—Abee, Florence Leona; Armstrong, Edna; Armstrong, Mary Ida; Dendy, Lucy Elizabeth; Hand, Florence Belle; Hoffman, Jessie Clarinda; Howe, Mary Olive; Leeper, Mary Emma.

BLUEBIRDS ENJOY PLEASANT OUTING.

Perfectly natural for the Blue Birds to have a "barn party" and especially to seek shelter on such a rainy afternoon as was last Friday. Donned in their costumes with an inviting little lunch 40 Blue Birds assembled at the First Presbyterian church anxious to try their young wings in an afternoon outing and such a twitter over their disappointment, because of the rain, one would imagine them to be English sparrows, but through the kindness of Dr. J. H. Henderlite, Messrs. Archie Means and W. T. Love, their cars were used to convey the birds to the beautiful farm of Mr. J. C. Robinson, about three miles out on the Union road, where the jolliest time was spent romping in the hay, performing relay races and various stunts between showers and greatly admiring the baby mule which was the center of attraction with his long ears and legs. Finally the sun shown long enough for the appetizing lunch to be spread in the orchard and partaken of before returning home. Keenest interest is steadily growing in this organization.

ANOTHER CABINET MEETING IS HELD

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Wilson met with his cabinet today for the second time since his illness interrupted the regular schedule of the meetings last fall. As on last Wednesday, when a special meeting was called to consider the railroad strike, cabinet members went to the president's study in the white house instead of the regular cabinet room in the executive office. It was said that various matters, more or less of a routine nature, were considered.

The meeting lasted for an hour and a quarter. It was said that the railroad strike situation and international problems affecting Mexico and Germany were mentioned only in a general way in the discussion of the variety of topics called to the president's attention by his secretary.

STRIKE FEVER SUFFERS SETBACK IN CHICAGO

(By Associated Press.)

SIDE LIGHTS FROM THE NATION'S CAPITAL

(By Mrs. George A. Sparrow)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.—Before we arrived in Washington we heard that the strike would be on, and that we would have to take cabs or walk to our destination, but when we arrived, and a friend was standing at the iron grill work in the station, she said with delight, "The cars are running," and a pleasant faced traction manager at the car stop, grinned with delight as he put us on a car, both the conductor and motorman looked happy too, for the night before, April 14th, the employees of both electric light and other electric companies, had given up their strike and settled the differences. The only grim thing was that a large, powerful looking policeman, with a billet in his hand was sitting on the car. If they had struck the city would have been in darkness, except for a few old city gas lamps, left there by an old contract.

The utilities board has ordered that all car fares will be raised to 8 cents with 30 cents for four tickets to begin May 1st. This will perhaps prevent a future strike. The women are coming at the right time, car tickets are four for 25 cents now and they will save car fare.

Yesterday afternoon, after 2 p. m., 250 conductors and switchmen of the Potomac freight yards, walked out. This stops bringing food into the city, and the passage of all freight trains north or south; these yards being an eastern centre through which they pass.

All residents of Washington know Congress has absolute control of the capital, and local municipal officials have very little authority over Washington. Government is not intimidated by threats from either individuals, or organizations, and back of civil authority is military force, easily invoked by Congress.

Non resident individuals in authority in the labor organizations, do not seem to know the situation, and run grave risks by forgetting that they are involving the United States by this strike.

There is no law that can prevent the district being plunged into darkness and tying up the government works by stopping the car lines, but Congress can enact a law immediately and the strikes accomplish nothing, for the United States would take it out of the hands of the strikers.

The government will help settle differences, and the employees of the light and electric companies did wisely Wednesday night, when they avoided a strike and gained much sympathy for their cause.

A conductor said to us, "We were going out, but the President wouldn't let us," but they all look happy.

The delegates to the National D. A. R. Congress are arriving by every train, and by tomorrow the city will be full of women bent on preserving history.

I went last night to a reception given by the "Scions of Colonial Cavaliers," there were many notables there. It was presided over by Daniel Smith Gordon, Palatine of Maryland, he called on Mr. Whitehead Khutz, who was present, to make a speech and as I told him afterwards, I was proud of our tarheel, he was witty as possible and very charming.

I met Mrs. Norris, ex-regent of the Raleigh chapter of D. A. R.'s also. As I entered the room the first person I saw was Miss Jessica Smith, whose father designed the Stars and bars of our loved Southland. She leaned over and recognized me at once and asked all about Gastonia. She has never forgotten the time when our U. D. C.'s entertained the State organization; and we will never forget her.

Before I close this, I must tell of a bequest left in a will lately. I do not know the name of the man, but he left an annual income of \$12,000 a year for the private purse of the President's wives so long as the husband is in office. This is so that my first lady of the land may have pocket money enough, for her furbelows and her other little expenses, as well as her private charities; for there are no end of calls on the President's wife to contribute for all sorts of bazaars and charities.

AMERICAN DEAD TO BE MOVED AFTER SEPT. 15

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Removal of the American dead from within the fighting zones in France for transportation to the United States will begin after September 15 under an agreement between the American and French governments. Bodies of men buried outside those zones now are being moved to this country. The war department, in announcing the agreement, said the terms of the understanding limited the return of bodies to those whose removal to America had been specifically requested by the next of kin.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Strike fever among employes suffered a setback today when 30,000 railway clerks and 8,000 freight handlers in the Chicago district announced their decision to permit hearing of their wage demands by the railroad labor board at Washington. An unauthorized strike to attempt to enforce granting of increased wages was voted down last night after an appeal was received from James J. Forrester, head of the Brotherhood and member of the labor board.

Freight movement in the Chicago district, hampered by the unauthorized yardmen's strike, continued today to increase, and elsewhere in the middle west traffic conditions were returning to normal.

Four Chicago strike leaders, including John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's Association, were in jail pending hearing on charges of violating the Lever act. United States District Attorney Clyde announced that warrants would be issued for strikers who assumed the places of 25 arrested leaders.

Warrants were out for 27 persons indicted yesterday by the federal grand jury in Los Angeles in connection with the strike.

Possibility of another serious blow to the railroads in the Chicago district loomed with a threat that 100,000 members of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Railroad Shop Laborers would leave their work on April 29, unless demands for a temporary increase of \$1 a day and time and a half for overtime after eight hours were granted.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD HEARS MEN'S DEMANDS

Formal written demands that the railroad labor board give assurances of the award of a "living wage" to railroad men and that the employes now on strike would be returned to work without loss of seniority or prejudice were filed with the board today by Edward McHugh, representing the strikers in the metropolitan district of New York, and James Eubanks, of the St. Louis yardmen's association.

Spokesmen for the railroad brotherhoods objected to the filing of the demands, but Chairman Barton said any body of men had the right to file complaints with the board, but it was for the board to decide whether they were such as the board was authorized to hear.

The St. Louis yardmen's association asked a separate recognition before the board as a distinct organization, claiming that its members were not properly represented by the reorganized unions.

Mr. Eubanks said that if the board would assure him that the men's demands would be acted upon speedily he would put a message on the wire which would send the men in the St. Louis district back to work in three hours. Mr. McHugh reiterated that the men of the New York district would not return to work until word was received from him that the board would act on their complaints.

The board permitted the filing of the complaints after it had held a short executive session. With the complaints in the hands of the secretary the board proceeded with its first public hearing on the general wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad workers over the country.

MARCH, 1920, SHOWS BIG INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Improved industrial conditions and a revival of business activities following the cancellation of government contracts last year, were responsible for the large increase in the volume of employment in March, 1920, as compared with March, 1919, according to a statement today of the department of labor.

Greatest increases were shown in the woolen, men's ready made clothing, cotton finishing and automobile manufacturing industries. All industries reported increases in their pay rolls for last March as compared with March, 1919.

MAKING PLANS FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

(By The Associated Press.)

Chicago, April 20.—Final plans for the Democratic national convention at San Francisco were under formulation at a meeting here today of the arrangements committee of the Democratic national committee, headed by Homer B. Cummings, national chairman.

Housing of delegates and visitors during the convention and provisions for adequate transportation facilities were the principal problems being worked out. The committee also considered plans for appointment of gallery reservations to provide equal transportation for supporters of each candidate for the presidential nomination.

—Mr. W. Y. Warren is in Charlotte today a business visitor.