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PALMER GETS PLURALITY OF VOTES IN GEORGIA

(By The Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Ga., April 22.—Complete unofficial returns from all counties in Georgia available here early today gave Attorney General Palmer 140 votes in the State Democratic convention, a ten vote plurality over Thomas E. Watson, his nearest Democratic opponent, who had 130 votes.

United States Senator Hoke Smith, the other candidate in the three-cornered race in Tuesday's Democratic presidential primary, had 114 votes, on these figures. There are 386 votes in the convention. The available returns showed Mr. Palmer carried 51 counties, Mr. Watson 55 counties, many of them with fewer convention votes than the Palmer counties, and Senator Smith, 49 counties out of the 155 in the State.

The unofficial figures were based on returns that were complete in almost every county, but it was pointed out that owing to the closeness of the race in some counties the official tabulation might swing them in another column.

Backers of Palmer quoted Secretary Hiram Gardner, of the Democratic State executive committee, which arranged the primary, as stating that the committee had ruled that whatever candidate won the highest convention vote would get the State's delegation to the San Francisco convention.

One county, Wilkinson, with two convention votes, did not hold a primary, and under the rules as announced here, its votes would go to the candidate having a plurality of votes in the other counties.

CLOSER RELATIONS ARE URGED

(By The Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 22.—An increase of more than \$1,000,000 a year in the value of cotton to the growers in this country and a better quality of product for the spinners could be attained through closer relations between the cotton grower and spinner, H. M. Cottrell, of Little Rock, Ark., told the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, in annual meeting here.

Growers who produce annually cotton valued at two billion dollars are without information from the manufacturers, Mr. Cottrell said, concerning the grades and staples and the quantities of each required by the spinners. He urged the manufacturers to make a survey of the cotton growing areas in co-operation with local specialists to determine the staples and grades most profitable for each locality to raise and be best adapted for the spinners use.

A permanent decrease in cotton acreage unless the movement from the farms to the cities can be checked through making cotton raising more attractive was forecast by Mr. Cottrell. For the past five years, he said, enormous quantities of cotton have stood in the field until so badly damaged by weather that it is brought less than the cost of production because there were not enough pickers to gather it at the proper time.

SAYS THERE WILL NOT BE WOMAN CONFESSORS

(By The Associated Press.)

LONDON, April 22.—Whether the Church should provide women confessors is a question with which the Lambeth conference of the clergy of Great Britain, to be held in July, is threatened.

At a meeting of the national union for equal citizenship, Miss Edith Picton-Turberville said that letters had been received from girls in various parts of the country pleading for women confessors in high Anglican churches.

The Rev. Henry Rose, vicar of St. Albans, a large parish in Holborn, London, does not hold out much hope for the suggestion, for in a recent interview he said women would not confess to women, who are pitiless to their own sex.

"I have had considerable experience of public life outside the church," he said, "and while we want women's help, I have had evidence of this trait in their character."

"The church is quite clear on this subject," he added, "for we come at once up against the question of the priesthood. No woman can be admitted to the priesthood. Therefore, we can have neither women preachers nor women confessors."

"If there were no other, there is the psychological objection that one woman would not trust another woman to keep a secret, even if told in the confessional."

CARPENTIER APPEARS

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 22.—Georges Carpentier, champion European heavyweight boxer, will make his first appearance in ring togs in America on May 2, when he will box four exhibition rounds here with one of his sparring partners, it was announced today. The exhibition will be held in the 71st regiment armory for the benefit of a war veterans building in this city.

OVERALL CLUBS TO PARADE SATURDAY

Ten Thousand Will Join In Parade Protesting Against High Cost of Clothes in New York.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 22.—Ten thousand persons at least, will parade here on Saturday in overalls, according to estimates today by the Cheese Club, which is fostering the drive against high prices of clothing. It will be an "all-overalls" parade, from the police who will head the procession, to the bands and marchers. No advertisements of firms selling overalls will be permitted to be carried in the procession.

The original plan to hold the parade on lower Fifth avenue was abandoned as it interfered with a recent city ordinance prohibiting processions of thickly congested highways, unless on special occasions. Mayor Hylan suggested Broadway as a line of march and this was accepted. The mayor said he would like to head the procession, but would be out of the city Saturday.

The price cutting movement by department stores, which started in Brooklyn, spread to Manhattan today with the announcement by A. W. Biley, head of the department flying squadron of profiteering hunters, that two big stores have volunteered to cut clothing and shoe prices. He said one was a large Fifth avenue department store.

Mr. Biley said his agents had collected evidence against several New York stores, indicating profiteering and that arrests would follow soon, unless there were voluntary price cuts.

MAROOLED FOR 30 HOURS ON TOP OF STONE PIER

E. C. Partain, of Anderson, Escapes Death By Clinging to Top of Stone Pier — Can Not Be Released Until Flood Recedes.

ANDERSON, S. C., April 22.—Marooned already for 30 hours, without food or water, on top of a pier of Gregg shoals hydro-electric plant, on Savannah river, E. C. Partain probably have to spend the remainder of today on his perch, where he has been since a bateau in which he and W. L. Conwell were crossing the stream, was swept over the dam Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, dashing the latter to death on the rocks below.

First reports stated that Partain also went over the dam with his companion, but it has been learned that he leaped just as the bateau plunged over the precipice and clung to a pier which stands above the dam. Clambering to the top of the stone pier, he spent the day and night there, while would-be rescuers made heroic efforts to rescue him. Efforts to get a cable across the stream have failed, while attempts to get to the man with a boat from above or below the dam have been out of the question. The only hope now of rescuing him is to wait for the flood waters to recede sufficiently to allow persons to walk along the crest of the dam and take him off the pier.

CANADIAN WOMAN CONVICTED OF FIENDISH CRIME

(By The Associated Press.)

QUEBEC, April 22.—Mrs. Marie Anne Houde Gagnon was found guilty yesterday of torturing and murdering her 16-year old stepdaughter Aureo Gagnon, and was sentenced to be hanged October 1. The girl, after being beaten, buried with a red hot poker, and made to walk barefooted in the snow, was forced to drink poison, the evidence disclosed. The post mortem examination of the body revealed 54 wounds.

STEAMER O'BRIEN WENT DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD.

(By The Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 22.—The coast guard cutter Acushnet, which has been searching for the disabled steamer William O'Brien, reported early today by wireless that she had found the sea covered with fuel oil and a name board of the steamer drifting in latitude 39.50, longitude 64.56, or about 500 miles east of New York. An empty lifeboat from the William O'Brien was picked up Tuesday in the same locality.

It is feared that the steamer went down not long after she had asked for assistance during a gale Sunday, saying that her hatch covers were gone and that she was taking in water rapidly. She left New York for Rotterdam with coal April 15th.

The Acushnet will remain in the vicinity looking for possible survivors in small boats.



MR. W. H. FARLEY, WHO WILL LECTURE TONIGHT AT THE COURT HOUSE.

LECTURE TONIGHT ON TROUBLES OF A MERCHANT

Mr. W. H. Farley Will Deliver Illustrated Lecture on Troubles of a Merchant and How to Stop Them at Court-House Tonight.

Merchants, clerks and business men generally are expected to crowd the court house tonight at 8 o'clock when W. H. Farley, of Dayton, O., will deliver an illustrated address on "The Troubles of a Merchant and How to Stop Them." A moving picture film will be shown on merchandising also. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock and is under the auspices of the Department of Mercantile Affairs of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce. All who are interested are invited to be present.

Arrangements for securing the address were made by the Chamber of Commerce with the National Cash Register Company of Dayton.

The lecture covers: Retail failures, their causes; store organization; newspaper advertising; window display; clerks' efficiency; selling methods; credit business; and system in retail business.

All of these subjects should be of great interest to the merchants and clerks, and the one in particular which should receive favorable consideration from the business man is the value of newspaper advertising, judiciously and constantly used. The lecturer will give some useful hints along these lines, as well as other efficiency ideas that will be helpful to the merchant and clerk.

BODIES OF THREE MORE VICTIMS FOUND

(By The Associated Press.)

ANDERSON, S. C., April 22.—Bodies of Mrs. Lester Waters, Miss Alice Meschine and Robert Manning, members of a party of ten who were drowned at Harper's Ferry, on Savannah river, April 4, when a ferryboat tumbled at Cades Ferry, twenty miles east of Anderson, were found late Wednesday afternoon at the scene of the tragedy. Bodies of three other persons, believed to be members of the same party, were seen floating down the swollen stream. On account of high water, efforts to recover these corpses were fruitless. The recovery of two bodies several days ago leaves five corpses as yet unaccounted for. The flooded condition of Savannah river, it is believed, will wash up the missing bodies and efforts of searching parties have been renewed.

FIRE DAMAGES COCKER MACHINE AND FOUNDRY PLANT

Blaze at Plant at 11:30 Wednesday Night Caused Considerable Loss.

Fire which was discovered about 11:30 last night at the plant of the Cocker Machine and Foundry Company on East Franklin avenue did \$1,000 to \$1,500 worth of damage before it was extinguished. The fire originated in the engine room and was burning fiercely when discovered. It had spread to the roof of the main building when the firemen arrived. For a few minutes it looked as if their efforts were to be in vain on account of insufficient pressure to force a good stream of water. The pump was finally put to work and the fire was extinguished.

Messrs. Geo. B. Cocker and J. Robert Craig, officials of the firm, announce today that the plant will resume operations in a few days.

TO COLLECT BALLOTS IN FORD-NEWBERRY CONTEST

DETROIT, April 22.—Initial steps in the collection of ballots cast in the Ford-Newberry senatorial contest of 1918, in which a recount has been ordered by the senate, were taken here today by David S. Barry, sergeant-at-arms of the senate.

BUYS MOUNTAIN PROPERTY FOR RESORT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John O. Plonk Buys "The Pinnacle" on Kings Mountain For Purposes of Developing Recreational and Amusement Resort — His Move Brings to Light Other Similar Projects Contemplated.

By the terms of a deal consummated recently Mr. John O. Plonk, of Kings Mountain, has come into possession of that portion of Kings Mountain known as "The Pinnacle," the highest peak visible in this section, together with 155 acres, immediately surrounding the mountain. It is the purpose of Mr. Plonk to develop this property for recreational and resort purposes. It is rumored that large Chicago financial interests are back of the scheme.

"The Pinnacle" is distant from the town of Kings Mountain about two miles. Those who are familiar with the property say that it is capable of the highest development as a summer resort and home building site. Mountain scenery, good water and convenience of location to the main line of the Southern Railway are among the most attractive features of the property. Located about seven miles in a southerly direction is the scene of the battle of Kings Mountain and the monument erected there several years ago.

The Pinnacle is some three or four miles south of Crowders Mountain and is a part of the same range of mountains.

It is the purpose of Mr. Plonk to begin at once the construction of a good road from Kings Mountain town to the property and to begin the work of exploiting the property. In close proximity to the property is the once famous Sparrow Springs. All Healing Springs at Crowders Mountain is also only a short distance away.

Those who have interested themselves in this proposition say that there is nothing to prevent this section of fine mountain scenery and good mineral water from becoming as well and favorably known as some of the popular resorts of Western North Carolina.

The Chimney Rock and Stony Point developments are pointed out as examples of what eventually will be developed in the vicinity of Kings and Crowders Mountains. It is specially planned to attract people of moderate means who wish to spend the summer at a modern inexpensive resort, and who are unable to frequent for any length of time the more expensive mountain resorts.

HIGH HONOR COMES TO DR. L. N. GLENN

Gastonia Physician Is Elected to Position of State Board of Medical Examiners.

L. N. Glenn, of Gastonia, was signally honored at the meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society yesterday in Charlotte by being elected to a place on the State Board of Examiners. This is a unique honor and one that has not been heretofore enjoyed by a Gaston county physician. His many friends in Gastonia are congratulating Dr. Glenn on the honor. The Observer of today says:

The state board of medical examiners, balloted on yesterday morning, was announced yesterday afternoon, Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Jacksonville, announcing that the society had done an unusual thing in electing the entire board of seven men, to serve for six years, balloting on the 18 nominated in one vote.

The board is composed of Doctors L. A. Crowell, Lincolnton; L. N. Glenn, Gastonia; J. G. Murphy, Wilmington; C. A. Shore, Raleigh; W. M. Jones, Greensboro; W. P. Holt, Duke, and K. P. B. Bonner, Morehead City. Dr. B. J. Witherspoon, of Charlotte, was the next highest man in the number of votes, having received 154 of the 334 ballots cast.

In recognition of his skill and training in surgery Dr. Glenn was given the special branch of surgery for examination.

WILL SEND AID TO STRICKEN SECTIONS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 22.—In response to an appeal by Governor Kilby many communities throughout the state were preparing today to send aid to the districts swept by the tornado Tuesday.

More than 100 tents, cots, bed sack and other supplies were dispatched to Hamilton, and Phil Campbell, Ala., this morning by Major Lucien Brown, in charge of the United States army depot here, and additional necessities will be requisitioned from the war department for the relief of hundreds of families made homeless by the disaster.

Red Cross chapters and Salvation Army posts with many other organizations had formed expeditions today and physicians of Birmingham joined with those in other cities in offering their services to the victims.

Complete reports of the tornado's toll have not yet been received but conservative estimates place the dead at 155, with several hundred injured and live stock and property damage of \$2,000,000.

SENATOR CUMMINS CONDEMNS WILSON AND PEACE TREATY

(By The Associated Press.)

NEGRO CONFESSES TO REVOLTING CRIME

(By The Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 22.—William Ray, a 19-year old negro, arrested last night in connection with the murder last Monday of Martha Huff, aged 14, made a written confession of the crime early today, according to a statement at police headquarters. The alleged confession was witnessed by four policemen.

In the statement Ray, according to the police, traced his movements from the time he is said to have enticed the girl from home by promising her new clothes until after he had thrown her body, stripped of clothing into Engle creek, at the western end of the city.

Ray denied that he assaulted the girl, the police said, but admitted he had stabbed her in the neck with a pocket knife when she fought off his attempt to embrace her and screamed. A knife with a bloody blade was found in his possession. The alleged confession was written after a step sister of the slain girl had identified Ray as the person with whom the Huff girl had left home.

Ray came to Indianapolis from Chicago three weeks ago.

PICKETERS AND MINERS CLASH IN MONTANA

(By The Associated Press.)

TROOPS SENT TO BUTTE. SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—An announcement that he had complied with the request of Governor Stewart of Montana, that troops be sent to Butte as the result of mine strike disturbances there, was made here today by Lieutenant General Hunter Liggett, commanding the western department of the army. The size of the detachment was left to Major General John F. Morrison, commanding Camp Lewis, he said.

BUTTE, Mont., April 22.—City and county authorities today investigated a clash late yesterday near the Nevost mine here in which fourteen men were shot. Most of the wounded were said to be pickets placed about mine following the calling of a strike Sunday by the metal mine workers union to enforce demands including a wage of \$7 for a six hour day and release of all political prisoners.

The shooting began, according to Sheriff John K. O'Rourke, while he and a force of deputies were trying to disperse a crowd at the gates of the stockade about the mine.

The first shot, the sheriff said was fired from a window of a nearby boarding house and narrowly missed a deputy sheriff. Immediately afterward, he said, "shots were fired in all directions."

Both police officers and the deputy sheriffs said they fired no shots.

Immediately after the shooting an extra edition of a newspaper calling upon all workers in the county to "lay down their tools and stop the wheels of industry," as a protest against the shooting of pickets, appeared. Speakers at a mass meeting last night were quoted as urging their hearers to "arm yourselves in self-defense."

A large number of special deputies were sworn in during the night by the sheriff.

URGE FARMERS TO REVISE WHEAT PLANTING PLANS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Reports from the spring wheat regions of a plan for reduced acreage this year caused the department of agriculture to issue a statement today urging farmers to revise their planting plans. Weather conditions and a shortage of farm labor have affected the planting but statistics presented by the department advised increased production because of the poor condition of the winter crop and the continuing world demand for wheat.

TO TAX STOCK EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS FOR BONUS

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—A tax on all stock exchange transactions equal to the brokers commission has been agreed on tentatively by republican members of the house ways and means committee as one of the new levies for raising money for the soldier bonus legislation.

Three other levies for raising the money similarly have been adopted by the republicans. These are a one per cent levy on the final sales to consumers, a new levy on incomes, probably in excess of \$5,000 and an increase of approximately 15 per cent of existing taxes on tobacco and cigars.

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—The cotton market opened steady. May 39.42; July 38.05; October 34.69; December 33.63; January 32.80 bid.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 22.—President Wilson and the peace treaty were condemned and the railroad law commended by Senator Cummins, president pro tempore of the senate, in an address here today to the Iowa republican convention.

Predicting republican success next November, Senator Cummins said a republican president should be chosen "because it is high time that the president should be a right-minded man."

"For surely," he continued, "eight years of mystery, of uncertainty, of inconsistency, of abnormality, of inconceivable twisting and turning in the office of the chief executive are punishment enough for all the sins and blunders we may have committed, and we have earned our emancipation."

Senator Cummins declared the republicans were responsible for the law returning the railroads to private ownership, which he characterized as a "great forward step in progressive and constructive legislation," containing "a code for protection of railroad workers."

Reiterating advocacy of anti-strike legislation, Mr. Cummins said the railroad labor board is "a tribunal which will render to railroad wage workers a surer and higher justice than they can ever hope to secure through a strike."

With such a tribunal, he said the public, in its need for uninterrupted transportation, was entitled to declare unlawful conspiracies of railroad workers to "coerce employers by inflicting upon an innocent public the infinite cruelties which spring from general cessation of transportation."

The treaty of Versailles will be a campaign issue, said Mr. Cummins, who asserted that it contained "unconstitutional and treasonable provisions."

"The treaty failed of ratification," he continued, "for just one reason. Woodrow Wilson, in his revengeful pride, in his resentment against the senate because it dared to exercise its constitutional functions, coerced enough democratic senators who wanted to vote for ratification into the course which he commanded, and they followed him instead of their own consciences."

The greatest problem now facing America, Mr. Cummins said, is "to readjust the disordered relation which has inevitably appeared between wages and compensation for personal service and the price on commodities." Increased production, he added, was the remedy.

TAR HEEL DELEGATES TO STICK TO SIMMONS UNTIL HE PLAYS OUT

Efforts of Some to Twist North Carolina Envoys Away From Him Is Rapped Good and Hard.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—North Carolinians here resent the efforts of one or more of the Democratic candidates for the presidency to "twist" the delegates from the State to the San Francisco convention away from Senator Simmons.

They assert that such a practice is not very pretty to say the least. Senator Simmons is to be supported by the Tar Heels until it is seen he has no show.

North Carolina has been allotted 24 seats for delegates and 24 for alternates at the national convention. The hall is much smaller than the one promised. Instead of seating 1,800 it would care for but 1,000.

In some of the North Carolina districts more than four delegates and alternates were selected. The extra members may have a hard time getting in. National Committeeman McLean had that matter up with the committee today, and may be able to squeeze in a few more.

R. R. OFFICIALS REJECT STRIKERS OFFER TO RETURN

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 22.—Proposals of striking engineers and firemen in the Hoboken yards of the Erie railroad that they return to work in a body and be guaranteed their seniority rights was rejected by the railroad officials today.

A delegation headed by John J. Reilly, representing the men who are still on strike, conferred with Erie officials here and made the proposal.

Railroad officials insisted each striker should stand on his own record, and let it be known that some of the men now out would not be taken back.

WISHES NEWS OF CRIME AN DARRESTS SUPPRESSED

(By The Associated Press.)

EL CENTRO, Calif., April 22.—O. E. Ohmsted, El Centro's new mayor, has instructed Chief of Police Oliver to suppress all news of arrests and crimes, it became known today.

"Publications of sensational news of crimes does not in my manner benefit the purpose," declared the mayor, "and in many ways tends to lower the moral tone of the community."