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This Week in Washington

Washington, Dec. 6 (AS)—With the organization by the foremost Republican leaders of New York State of a "Dewey-for-President" campaign for delegates, and the opening speech in that campaign made by the District Attorney of New York County in Minneapolis, the three-cornered battle for the Republican nomination is at last fully under way.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg's organization committee has been actively at work for several weeks, proclaiming him as Michigan's Favorite Son, and issuing impressive "literature" in his behalf, with almost all of Michigan's foremost Republicans, from the Governor down, as signatories.

Senator Taft's personal campaign in the West, which has taken him and his politically-able wife to the Pacific Coast, has also been going on since the extra session of Congress ended. It has the blessing of most of the Ohio party leaders, including Governor Bricker, who was being talked of as a Presidential possibility himself before he declared in favor of "Bob" Taft.

Between Three Men

As Washington political observers view the prospects from this point in time and space, the real battle for the nomination is between those three men. Each of them, it is expected, will go to the convention with a practically solid block of delegates from his home state. Dewey's will be the largest, Taft's the next largest and Vandenberg's third. Each will have a considerable number of delegates from other than their home states, the number of whom cannot as yet be estimated even approximately. No experienced observer expects any one of these three leading candidates to have a majority of delegates when the convention opens, but each will have enough backing to be an extremely powerful factor in the final decision.

Only one man can get the first prize, and he is not always the candidate who has the greatest strength short of a majority.

Observers with long memories are harking back to the Republican convention of 1920, when it seemed a foregone conclusion that the nominee would be either General Leonard Wood or Gov. Frank Lowden of Illinois. The convention became deadlocked and when the nomination of either of the leaders became utterly hopeless, the effort to find a candidate who would not be too objectionable for both Wood and Lowden to agree on him resulted in the selection of the darkest "dark horse" in the convention, Warren Harding.

Having that episode in mind, some astute lookers-on are beginning to look over the "dark horses" now in the Republican field. A three-way deadlock is less likely than one involving only two candidates, but it is possible; and there are many Republicans who have their lightning rods in readiness in case they might be useful.

The present outlook is that many states will send delegations for "favorite sons" who have no expectation of getting the plum, but whose followers could be traded to advantage to support the likeliest winner. New Hampshire's Gov. Bridges, Massachusetts' Gov. Saltonstall, Rhode Island's Gov. Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania's Gov. James, are among those who are expected to have considerable numbers of delegates if not solid state blocks, when the convention convenes.

Delegation For Landon

Kansas is expected to send a solid delegation for former Governor Alf Landon, who will be remembered as the Republican candidate for President in 1936.

Representative James W. Wadsworth of New York, and Representative Bruce Barton of the same state are most often spoken of as possibilities in case it should turn out that Mr. Dewey cannot get the nomination and the New York leaders should be unwilling to throw their tremendous strength to either Vandenberg or Taft.

Hovering over the whole Republican picture is the shadow of former President Hoover. Mr. Hoover has no organization working for his nomination, he has made no public declaration one way or the other, and those in his personal confidence assert that he has no ambition or desire to run for President again.

But his recent frequent contacts with political leaders all over the nation, his public addresses and magazine articles and the quite general and definite growth in Mr. Hoover's personal popularity and the public's respect for his opinions, look to some of the Washington observers as preparing the way for his selec-

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The strike at the Webb plant in Galax ended

—Tuesday when an agreement was reached at a conference between W. A. McAlister, conciliator from the U. S. Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.; William L. Fitts, representative of the Carpenters and Joiners of America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor; a committee of the strikers, and John A. Messer, Sr., owner and manager of the plant. Mr. Messer announced the settlement of the dispute Tuesday night.

In his announcement, Mr. Messer said that, in the agreement reached, he had promised to take back as many of the former employees as possible and that they would be put to work as rapidly as possible. He said he thought that, by January 15, all of the former employees could be taken back. Mr. Messer also said that about a dozen would be taken back yesterday (Wednesday).

More than 100 of the furniture factory workers walked out on Monday, November 20, in protest against a request of the management that they work extra hours during Thanksgiving week to make up for Thanksgiving Day (November 23).

Programs were presented by the different grades

—of Laurel Springs School during October and November.

A Hallowe'en program was given by the Fourth and Fifth grades. A program for American Education Week was given by the Seventh Grade, program for Book Week by the Sixth Grade, and a Thanksgiving program by the Second and Third Grades. The First Grade students will present a program at a later date.

The honor roll for the third month is as follows:

First Grade: Rebecca Moxley, Louise Pruitt, Norma Harrold and Hiram Cox.

Second Grade: John Miller.

Third Grade: John Woodruff, Wendell Moxley, Anna Sue Jones, Gordon Miller, Levette Dixon, Odell Dixon, Ervin Pruitt, Rose Marie Fender, Maud Taylor, Doris Upchurch and Jewel Pruitt.

Fourth Grade: Jane Bledsoe, Ellen Woodruff, Roy Miller and Jack Osborne.

Fifth Grade: Jimmy Wagoner, Thompson Shepherd and James Edward Myers.

Sixth Grade: Cleo Bryant, Eleanor Upchurch and Raymond Miller.

Seventh Grade: Ralph Brown and Edward Taylor.

Ann Rutherford was a visitor in Winston-Salem

—yesterday (Wednesday) and made personal appearances at the Carolina Theatre. Dressed in grayish slacks, bright red socks that matched a little bow at her throat, and lounge slippers, Miss Rutherford, one of Hollywood's prettiest gifts to movie-goers, tripped into her room in the Robert E. Lee Hotel in the Twin City Tuesday night and shook hands energetically with a group of newspaper and theatre folk.

The 19-year-old actress, better known as Mickey Rooney's sweetheart in the Judge Hardy Family picture series, arrived in Winston-Salem early Tuesday night from Charlotte, accompanied by her mother, Al Burks, Hollywood executive, and Mrs. Burks.

The group was enroute to Atlanta, Ga., where the world premiere of "Gone With the Wind" will be shown December 15 in Loew's Grand Theatre. Miss Rutherford, "thrilled pink" over her role in the much-talked-of technicolor picture that portrays Civil War and reconstruction days in the Old South, plays the part of Carreen O'Hara, Scarlett's youngest sister.

SYMPATHY FOR THE PEOPLE OF FINLAND

—who are "the victims of aggression," was expressed Tuesday night, in Mexico City, by President Lazaro Cardenas.

Both capital and labor were indicted Tuesday

—in Detroit by a special federal grand jury proceeding against manufacturers, contractors and unions on a charge of violating anti-trust laws by creation of a monopoly in the Detroit tile industry.

Three associations of contractors, eight national manufacturing concerns, two AFL locals and 35 individauls were named by the grand jury.

The indictment charges that a conspiracy exists to drive out of business 60 independent Detroit tile contractors by depriving them of sources of tile and labor.

Halifax said Hitler caused Russia to invade

—Finland, in a statement to the House of Lords in London, made Tuesday night. Foreign Secretary Viscount Halifax said the invasion has "bartered away the liberties of the Baltic people."

Condemning Russia for bombarding open cities and towns and "mutilating women and children," Lord Halifax inferred that Hitler and Josef V. Stalin had entered into an agreement whereby Russia was given a free hand in the Baltic.

The Soviet invasion of Finland, he said, "seems to be the direct consequence of Germany's policy."

"Hitler has bartered away what was not his policy—namely, the liberties of the Baltic peoples.

"The sequence of events has shown how wide is the damage once the flood gates are opened."

Lord Halifax said Britain and France are prepared for a long war against Germany and that "there can be no truce or patched-up armistice that will bring no relief."

The foreign secretary promised that when the League of Nations council sits in Geneva Saturday to take up Finland's protest against the invasion Britain will "make its position plain."

He did not indicate, however, whether Britain would support a demand by Argentina and other smaller nations that Russia be voted out of the League as a wanton aggressor.

Earlier, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain had told Commons that Britain had not protested the Soviet invasion and he side-stepped a question by Vyvyan Adams, conservative, as to whether Britain would vote for Russia's expulsion from the League.

Lord Halifax will not go to Geneva and Britain will be represented before the council and assembly sessions by Richard Austen Butler, parliamentary undersecretary of foreign affairs.

The foreign secretary was bitter in his condemnation of Russia's resort to armed force against Finland, saying:

"In the last few days we have witnessed what has been universally condemned as an inexcusable act of aggression by one of the largest upon one of the smallest but most highly civilized nations of Europe.

"Open towns have been bombarded and women and children have been mutilated and done to death on the pretext that a nation of under four millions had hostile intentions against one of 180,000,000.

"The tale of evil consequence that has flown from the German example and practice of aggression grows."

A SQUARE DANCE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY

—night, December 9, at Laurel Springs School.

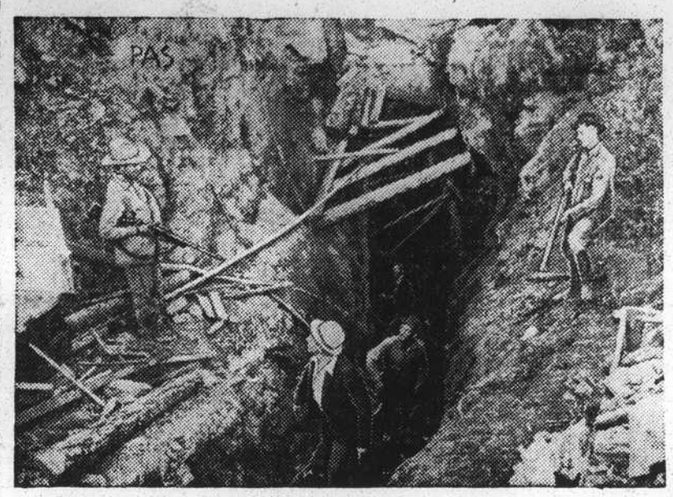
A small admission charge will be made, and proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

Secretary Hull assailed foes of his trade pacts

—Tuesday night in Chicago as "narrow and short-sighted." He also asserted that abandonment of the program would "render infinitely more difficult the process of building an orderly and prosperous world."

Much of Hull's speech dealt with the trade program's effect upon the farmer.

Rich Gold Lode Uncovered In Georgia . . .



DAHLONEGA, GA. . . Armed with rifles and shotguns, guards are shown before the entrance to the century-old Calhoun gold mine at which work has started. The mine was found to contain rich bonanza ore assayed at $60,000 per ton, and classed with the famous Comstock Lode in Nevada. The land in the area is under private ownership, hence making "claim staking" impossible.

National And World NEWS At A Glance

TO SEEK SETTLEMENT

Copenhagen, Dec. 5.—Norway issued a rush call today for a conference of Scandinavian countries to explore the possibilities of peaceful settlement of the Finnish-Russian war and to take stock of their own alarming situation.

Emphasizing the earnest desire of the northern countries to reestablish peace, Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht invited the foreign ministers of Sweden and Denmark to meet him in Oslo Thursday.

Norway stepped up defense measures by sending more men to her far northern frontier, which adjoins Finland.

BRITAIN SCORES RUSSIA

London, Dec. 5.—Great Britain today condemned anew the Russian invasion of Finland but spurned any quick peace with Germany to meet "worse perils."

Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax told the house of lords that the Russian attack had been "universally condemned as an inexcusable act of aggression" and declared it was an outgrowth of the Russian-German pact signed August 23.

TO HONOR CARTER GLASS

New York, Dec. 4.—A chair of government in honor of Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, will be endowed next month at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va., Dabney Lancaster, secretary of the college board, said today.

The official announcement of the endowment will be made January 4 at a dinner to be given the senator on his 82nd birthday anniversary. Lancaster said between 200 and 300 friends of Senator Glass' will attend the dinner which will be followed by an open meeting in the college auditorium.

ITALIAN STUDENTS BITTER

Rome, Dec. 4.—Mounting Italian disapproval of the Soviet Russian invasion of Finland was shown today by vigorous student demonstrations in both Rome and Milan.

About a thousand students paraded the streets of Milan for an hour behind Italian and Finnish flags.

"Viva Finlandia," they shouted urging resistance to the Soviet attack.

ENVOY TO CUBA DIES

Havana, Dec. 4.—United States Ambassador J. Butler Wright died here tonight at the Anglo American hospital where he underwent an operation several days ago.

He was 62 years old.

Wright, a veteran career diplomat, went to the post in Havana in 1937 from Czecho-Slovakia, where he served as minister.

A REGISTERED GUERNSEY BULL HAS BEEN SOLD

—by W. A. Corpening, of Horse Shoe, to Bill Hardin, Sparta. The animal is Bill's Masterful Pete 278601, according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club, Peterborough, N. H., which announced the sale.

"Here Comes Charlie" will be presented

—by the Junior class of Sparta High School, in the high school auditorium on Saturday night, December 16, and it is expected that a large audience will witness the presentation of this interesting production.

The cast of characters follows: Charlie Hopps, Larry's Ward—Miss Wanda Choate; Larry Elliott, a young business man—Jimmy Atwood; Vivian Smythe-Kersey, Larry's fiancee—Miss Emogene Choate; Uncle Aleck Twiggs, in charge of Charlie—N. G. Smith, Jr.; Mrs. Fanny Farnham, Larry's aunt by marriage—Miss Hazel Richardson; Ted Hartley, Larry's old-time college pal—Kyle Atwood; Mrs. Smythe-Kersey, Vivian's mother—Miss the-Kersey, Vivian's brother—R. the—Kersey, Vivian's brother, R. C. Mitchell; Nora Malone, cook at Elliott home—Miss Edith Caudill, and Officer Tim McGrill, Nora's sweetheart—Roy Choate.

A nominal charge for admission will be made and the proceeds will be used for meeting necessary school expenses.

Mrs. J. H. Rhudy died in Galax Hospital Tuesday

—about 12:23 o'clock, after having been a patient in the hospital for some time. Mrs. Rhudy formerly resided in Independence, and has been a frequent visitor ni Sparta, even after she and her husband, the late J. Hix Rhudy, prominent attorney, moved to Galax several years ago.

She became seriously ill several weeks ago and spent a number of weeks in Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke, before being brought back to the Galax Hospital.

Mrs. Rhudy was a daughter of the late E. Columbus Fulton and Rosamond Dickenson Edwards Fulton, of Independence. Mrs. Rhudy's father, who died over three years ago, was for a number of years adjutant of the Peyton N. Hale Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and was a prominent Grayson County citizen.

Surviving are three sons, Captain Ralph C. Rhudy, of the U. S. Army Aviation corps, Honolulu, Hawaii; Rob Roy Rhudy, Miami, Fla., and Jim Ted Rhudy, Gainsville, Fla., and a daughter, Mrs. Horace Sutherland, Galax. A sister, Mrs. Verna Couch, Roanoke, also survives. For many years Mrs. Rhudy had been active in social, civic and religious circles of Galax and Grayson county and was actively affiliated with the D. A. R., U. D. C., and American Legion Auxiliary.

Funeral services will be conducted this (Thursday) afternoon, at two o'clock, in the First Methodist Church, Galax, by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Bunts, assisted by Rev. D. Sidney McCarty, pastor of the Galax Presbyterian Church. Interment will be in Felts Memorial Cemetery, Galax.

The Sparta High School basketball teams have been

—invited to enter the Mountain Park Tournament, which was scheduled to open yesterday (Wednesday) and continue through Monday, December 11.

Teams from Wilkes, Surry and Alleghany counties are participating in this tournament.

The Sparta boys' and girls' teams will meet the White Plains teams tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, at 6:30 and 7:30 o'clock, and will play in the tournament until eliminated.

Van Reeves, a prominent Sparta man, passed away

—suddenly at his home on Sunday afternoon, December 3, at the age of 70 years. Although sudden, Mr. Reeves' death was not unexpected, as he had been in declining health for some time.

Mr. Reeves took an active part in civic and religious work. For many years, he was Register of Deeds of Alleghany County, Also, he had held the office of deacon in the Little River Primitive Baptist Church for many years.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ettie Gambill Reeves; four daughters, Mrs. John R. Edwards, Dowingtown, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Connie Edwards, Mrs. Wayne Waddell and Mrs. George Crouse, Sparta, and four sons: Lester Reeves, Bennettsville, South Carolina; Carl Reeves, Bel Air, Maryland, and Lon Mac and Paul Reeves, Sparta.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, at eleven o'clock, at Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Elder J. D. Vass, Elder S. G. Caudill and Elder C. B. Kilby conducted the services.

Flowerbearers were granddaughters of the deceased, and pallbearers were near relatives.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

R. F. Crouse has been appointed Jackson Day

—chairman for Alleghany County, according to an announcement made by John D. Larkins, Jr., state director for the annual celebration this year of the birthday of "Old Hickory," by Democratic leaders.

The purpose of this campaign, which began last week and will culminate in a mammoth Jackson Day Dinner at Raleigh on January 8, is to raise money for the Democratic campaign and convention next year.

A speaker of national reputation has been obtained for the celebration, which will be held January 8, at the Hotel Sir Walter, in Raleigh. A high standard was set at the 1939 dinner by the speech of Governor (now Senator) "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky. State Director Larkins, who managed the last campaign, guarantees that the 1940 program certainly will not fall below that standard.

Eighty-two persons are now employed

—by the Grayson County Hosiery Mill, at Independence. Of this total, there are 35 males and 47 females on the payroll. Production of the mill is now about 800 dozens of pairs of hosiery per week, but the management expects to increase the weekly production to 2,500 dozens of pairs when all machines are running. It is hoped that all the machines will be in operation by the middle of January, according to a statement issued by the management.

Of the machines in operation, there are eleven leggers, which are being operated both day and night, and three footers, three of which are operated in the day time and two at night. There are eighteen lggers and six footer machines, in all, in the mill.

There are twelve looping machines, five of which are now being operated, sixteen seaming machines, ten of which are in operation, and seven inspection tables.

As a gesture of sympathy toward Finland

—President Roosevelt disclosed Tuesday in Washington, D. C., that he was seeking a method of using Finnish war debt payments for the benefit of the little Baltic nation, now being attacked by Russia.

At the same time, he took occasion to slap the critics of his foreign policy. Objection to it has come, he said, from statesmen in Russia and Germany, from the publicity director of the Republican national committee—whose name he said he could not remember—and from a small number of politically-minded people in the House and Senate.

It was learned, meanwhile, that the administration was postponing a decision on the question of recalling the American ambassador to Russia, a course of action strongly proposed by several Republican leaders, who have criticized the President for recognizing Russia originally. In this connection it was indicated the administration is hopeful the Russo-Finnish hostilities may be ended soon.

A fourth development of the day was a statement by Sumner Welles, the acting secretary of state, making known that the United States was ready to take part in a joint denunciation of Russia by a number of American nations.

Mr. Roosevelt told of his plans for the Finnish war debt payments at a press conference, in the course of which he replied with an abrupt and emphatic negative to a question whether it would be unneutral to forgive the Finnish debt payments under the circumstances.

As to just what would ultimately be worked out, Mr. Roosevelt was uncertain. Thus far, however, he said, he had asked Secretary Morgenthau to segregate the Finnish debt payment of $234,000 expected on December 15, in a separate account and leave it untouched until the best method of making the money available to the Finnish people could be worked out. Some similar treatment may be accorded Finland's past payments, he indicated.

The fact that Finland, alone of all the nations of Europe, has scrupulously kept up her debt payments to the United States, has served to intensify the already deep sympathy for that country in her hour of duress. Suggestions that she be given special treatment regarding her debt payments have been made in several quarters.

However, it has been pointed out that only Congress can change the terms of any of the present debt agreements. A default, however technical and however much approved by popular opinion, would moreover, legally prevent the Finnish government from obtaining credits here under the Johnson act.

So a special method had to be found. As the President pointed out Tuesday, Secretary Morgenthau must, under the debt agreements, accept the Finnish payment of December 15 if it is tendered. Newspaper dispatches indicated, he said, that it would be offered. So he was proposing that the payment be held separate until he can take up with Congress the question of letting the money be used to help the Finnish people.

The monthly Methodist Young People's Union

—meeting will be held at the Sparta Methodist Church on Friday night, December 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

All members of young people's divisions in Alleghany County are invited to attend, and visitors will be welcomed.

The Soil Conservation service proposes

—to operate four or five demonstration farms adjacent to, or near, the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Any farmer interested should present his application to R. E. Black, Alleghany County farm agent, in Sparta, as early as possible.