

BIG DAY FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION

ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN HALL OF HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

STRONG SPEAKERS EXPECTED

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Columbia.

Tuesday of fair week will be a big day for the American Legion of South Carolina, for on that day the annual convention will be held in the hall of the house of representatives. Governor Cooper will be speaker, and an address will be made also by either Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, or Henry D. Lindsley, chairman of the national organization of the American Legion.

By the time of the state convention there will be a flourishing post in every county in South Carolina and each of these posts will be well represented at this meeting. The organization of the legion in South Carolina is progressing with marked success, and from all sections of the state, encouraging reports are being received.

It is planned to make the meeting of the legion the big event of Tuesday at the fair and the fair officials, no doubt, will do all in their power to co-operate with the officials of the legion in making it such.

Sanders Must Show Cause.

Judge Ernest Moore has issued an order requiring Col. A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the state penitentiary to show cause why county supervisors should not get convicts for county road work from the state penitentiary. The case is brought in the name of Sumter county by L. B. Jennings county attorney.

The Staff to Attend.

The staff of Governor Cooper will attend the reunion of the Thirtieth division to be held at Greenville, according to an announcement made by the adjutant general.

The staff consists of 40 men from various parts of the state.

Dial Opposes Bill.

Washington (Special).—During consideration of a bill in the senate to extend the food control law to clothing and food containers and provide a penalty for profiteering, Senator Dial, Democrat, of South Carolina opposed the bill vigorously as an unnecessary extension of war purposes.

Improve Roads Against Winter.

At the meeting of the state highway commission, federal aid requests to the amount of \$83,000 were approved and considerable consideration given to the present condition of the roads in the state.

"Roads in South Carolina are going to be as bad this winter as they were last, unless steps are taken to put them into condition to withstand winter traffic," said a member of the commission in speaking of road problems.

Prices Must Come Down.

That the time has arrived when the retail and wholesale foodstuffs markets should reflect the decline in prices on primary markets, is the opinion expressed by A. D. Oliphant, "fair price" commissioner for South Carolina.

Engineers to be Employed.

At a meeting of the canal commission it was decided to employ an engineer or engineers to make a complete survey of the canal properties for the state preparatory to pushing the case which the state has in force to recover for the people of the state the canal property from the Columbia Railway, Gas & Electric Company. The survey is being made for the purpose of ascertaining the possibilities of the canal as a navigable body of water and also as a generator of electric power.

Doctors Enroll for Service.

Two responses to the call sent out by Dr. C. V. Akin, assistant state health officer, for volunteers to work in case influenza should assume epidemic proportions during the fall, were received.

Several days ago, in accordance with advices received from the surgeon general, the state health department issued a call for 100 physicians who would be willing to serve under the direction of the state health department during the fall and winter should influenza become epidemic.

State Leads in "Y" Work.

T. B. Lanham, state general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., received word from W. G. Carlich, secretary of the second general assembly of association workers with boys, which is to hold its great conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., May 19-31, 1920, at which 600 of the picked leaders of association boys' work of the entire country will assemble, that South Carolina has beaten the entire country in its registration of seven delegates to this assembly. South Carolina is the first state to reach its quota.

Harris Questions Report

"There is something rotten in Denmark," says Commissioner Harris, in discussing the cotton situation. "Who is to blame for it. The truth will come out in the washing, within the next 90 days and we will see who is the best guesser on the cotton crop conditions."

Mr. Harris evidently is skeptical as to the accuracy of the government's crop estimates and condition reports. "I see," says Mr. Harris, "that the August 25, 1919 condition report for the belt is 57.4 and the August condition report for 1918 is 67. This is remarkable. In fact I have never known anything like this before. The estimate made for the 1919 crop is 11,230,000 bales. We all know that to take the situation in the entire cotton belt the cotton crop is the poorest prospect that has ever been known since cotton has been planted, according to the acreage."

Meet of Labor Convention.

Indications are that the fifth annual convention of the South Carolina Federation of Labor will be the largest in point of attendance ever held in this state, according to a statement made by John L. Davis, secretary-treasurer of the state federation. An urgent invitation has been extended to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to address the convention. Mr. Gompers will attend if he can possibly arrange to do so. The secretary stated that he had definite assurance from the international union of plumbers and fitters, sheet metal workers, carpenters and joiners and the typographical union that each of them would have an international officer in attendance. It is expected that there will be at least ten international representatives of international unions present.

Conference of Social Work.

At a meeting of the executive committee for the state conference of social work, held in Columbia, a tentative program for the meeting to be held at Sumter November 18 was adopted.

Among the features of the program outlined are included "The Home Service of the American Red Cross," under the direction of J. C. Logan of Atlanta; "The Commission on Child Welfare," under the direction of Walter B. Wilbur, of Charleston; "Work Among Juvenile Delinquents," handled by Miss Olivia Connor of Charleston, Mrs. Ella G. Perry, superintendent of the South Carolina Industrial School for Girls, and others. Dr. John E. White, president of the College of Anderson, will make the opening address and will sound the keynote of the conference.

Arrested in Raid.

J. O. Kelly, state constable, Deputy Sheriff Peele, Rural Policeman Rogers and Jackson and Chief of Police Cunningham of Bennettsville made a big haul in Marlboro county a few days ago. Five white men, all residents of North Carolina, were placed under arrest. The officers destroyed 1,000 gallons of beer, seized 500 pounds of sugar and destroyed a 70-gallon capacity copper still.

Piedmont Counties Join.

B. F. McLeod, state manager of the South Carolina Cotton Association, returned from a trip to Oconee and Pickens counties. The campaign for members had been delayed in these counties because of local conditions. Mr. McLeod returned very confident, however, that both counties would go over the top.

Life Insurance Losses.

Life insurance payments in South Carolina in 1918 amounted to thousands of dollars, the state suffering heavily from the influenza epidemic and from pneumonia which followed close on the heels of influenza in many cases.

Statistics recently compiled show, according to the Life Insurance Press, that in 1918 in Charleston alone payments amounted to \$383,000, while in Columbia payments amounted to \$276,750. Orangeburg comes third on the list with payments of 156,500. Total losses throughout the state were \$2,697,376.

Shortage of Teachers.

Public school superintendents and school trustees are finding much difficulty in signing up teachers for schools that, in many instances, begin work in September. School officials are becoming uneasy over their repeated failures to secure satisfactory teachers, and in many cases are probably being compelled to get what they can and not exactly what they want. Only the small boy is viewing the situation with exemplary complacency and is rather hoping that the whole profession will go on strike.

Bank Records Broken.

Record breaking deposits have been reported by the banks of South Carolina to the federal reserve bank of Richmond, the amount of money in current, or circulation, accounts and in savings deposits being far in excess of anything ever before experienced in the history of banking in the state. Comparative figures just compiled show, for instance, that from January 1, 1917 to January 1, 1919, the total volume of deposits in the South Carolina banks increased more than \$50,350,000 or 53.67 per cent.

FIVE DEAD, SCORE INJURED IN BOSTON

Some Success in Quelling Riots Attended by Death and Injury to Population.

Boston, Sept. 11.—The death today of a young woman believed to be Miss Margaret Walsh, brought the number of last night's riot victims to five. The young woman was shot during the disturbance in the South Boston district, where state guards fired into a crowd. Two men were killed at the same time.

Another death occurred when Raymond Bayers of Cambridge, tried to escape from state guards who had rounded up a group of 75 participants in dice games on Boston common. Bayers was shot through the neck.

Governor Coolidge today wired the secretary of the navy a request that naval forces be held in readiness for a call to supply additional troops for Boston's protection. With six regiments of state guards under arms, the governor has mobilized all the forces at his command.

Possibility that the situation would develop into a general strike as the result of the action of the state branch of the American Federation of Labor in ordering a sympathetic strike vote of the Boston unions tonight, was discussed on all sides. Carmen, firemen, telephone workers and several other organizations had already offered their support to the police through delegates to central body.

Traffic conditions in the business sections were greatly improved today with the assignment to duty of volunteer traffic officers and a squad of fifty men composed largely of automobile salesmen and chauffeurs.

Public cooperation in the restoration of law and order was sought by Mayor Peters in a proclamation in which he urged all inhabitants of Boston to do what they could to help.



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