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## NO ELVENTH HOUR PATRIOTS WANTED

### The State Convention Wants Men Loyal to Wilson.

JOHN GARY EVANS HEADS COMMITTEE

#### Beard's Bolters Can Not Vote—Highly Patriotic Speeches by Many Orators.

Columbia, S. C., May 15.—Voters in the primary this summer will be required to make oath that they did not vote against the nominees of the party at the general election in 1916. The object sought is to eliminate those who voted the "Beard" ticket two years ago in the historical "bolt."

The only other modification of the rules effected yesterday was the election of a certain section relating to Charleston and rendered useless by the enactment of a State-wide Australian ballot system. The rules were also made to conform to the State statute for the Australian ballot and also the law to enable soldiers and sailors to vote.

No resolution was offered in the executive committee meeting proposing the abolishment of the county-to-county campaigns this summer. The matter was under discussion, but little opposition materialized.

#### To Map Out Itinerary.

A subcommittee will within the next few days announce the itinerary of the candidates for the United States senate and also the route to be followed by aspirants to State office. The date for the opening of the campaigns was fixed. The itinerary is to be published when railroad schedules have been examined so as to map out the most convenient arrangements. The two campaigns will likely open in different sections of the State, as has been customary in previous election years. Members of the committee are: General Willie Jones, Columbia; Edgar A. Brown, Barnwell; and J. M. Moorer, Waltherboro.

The report on the assessment will be made simultaneously. This committee is composed of General Jones, John Gary Evans and D. D. McColl.

An appropriation of \$1,000 was made yesterday by the executive committee when the war is over. This amount is taken from the accumulated balance from previous years. The proposition was submitted by Legare Walker, committeeman from Dorchester County, and was heartily indorsed.

A resolution was presented to the committee, asking a referendum on the question of equal suffrage. This was rejected by the committee.

A minority report was made on the platform resolution by J. K. Hood of Anderson, who wished to amend the committee report by the adoption of the "Hood resolution," adopted by many of the recent county conventions. The committee's objection to this was a paragraph which condemned the recent attack, by some Irish people, who attacked a group of American marines on the Irish coast. The committee's contention was that the question was foreign to the prerogatives of the State convention.

Mr. Hood made an earnest appeal for the resolution as prepared by himself and H. H. Watkins of Anderson also made a plea in its favor. The committee report was adopted.

#### War Not Politics.

The convention yesterday partook more largely of the character of a patriotic rally than a political convention. There was little disposition for reference to factional politics. Disloyalty and disloyal utterances were scathingly rebuked by members (Continued on Page Two)

### Honor Roll of the City Schools

HONOR ROLL OF ABBEVILLE SCHOOLS FOR THE EIGHTH MONTH.

Grade I.—Lamar Clinkscapes, Jack Sutherland, William Thomson, Sarah Thomson, Louise Beauford—Miss Bess Epting, Teacher.

Grade I.—Oscar Clarkk, Janie Bell McIlwain, Virginia Starnes, Laura Mae Welsh.

Grade II.—Josephine Barnwell, Martha Calvert, Estelle Lyon, Jean Milford, Ralph Link—Miss Olive Brock, Teacher.

Grade II.—Charlie Cox, Henry Mundy, Francis Sutherland, Elise Campbell, Ethel Campbell, Nell C. Flynn, Elizabeth Martin, Mary Norwood Perrin, Minnie Ella Swetenburg—Miss Flora M. Timmons, Teacher.

Grade III.—Sara Cowan, Susie Gossett, Irene McMahan—Miss Annie R. Richards, Teacher.

Grade III.—Elizabeth Corley, Alma Gaston, Ernestine McCord—Miss May Robertson, Teacher.

Grade IV.—Mary Barksdale, Mary Stallings—Miss Sara W. Edwards, Teacher.

Grade IV.—Margaret Harrison, Ada Perrin, Harriet Swope, Rachel Minshall, William P. Greene, Dick Parker, Willis Harrison, James McComb, Pauline Welch, James Cox, Marie Norris, Rose Lee Anderson, Rubie Hughes—Miss Etta Aflen, Teacher.

Grade V.—Raiford McMillan, Anthony Tennant, Sarah Edwards, Mary Mundy, Lavonia Seal—Miss Blanche Tarrant, Teacher.

#### MR. WILSON'S BENEFACTION.

Mr. Hugh Wilson's will left \$5,000 to the Thornwell Orphanage. That bequest will be used in an enlargement of the general dining room and kitchen, the Memorial Hall. The corner stone of that addition will be laid May 28th.

Mr. Wilson at one time was very strongly opposed to the Thornwell Orphanage, but he changed his mind and most nobly and splendidly endorsed its work in the splendid bequest which he left to the Orphanage at his death. We would like to honor him by putting a copy of his paper, The Press and Banner, containing his obituary and his picture into the corner stone.

#### THE BOOK CLUB.

The meeting of the Book Club at Mrs. G. A. Neuffer's Wednesday was a very enjoyable affair. In the absence of Mrs. Klugh, Mrs. Miller presided, bringing out the discussion of the books and current topics.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Neuffer served tea.

#### SERVICE AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

There will be service in the Catholic Church Sunday morning, May 19, at 11 o'clock. Evening services at 8:30. Mass Monday morning at 7 o'clock.

#### CAPT. PIERRE TO LECTURE

We are requested again to call attention to Capt. Pierre's lecture Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Opera House. People from nearby counties are especially invited to come.

#### SEEING THE CAMP.

Mr. R. L. Mabry, accompanied by members of his family and Miss Minna Bee, went up to Greenville Tuesday and spent the day at Camp Sevier.

## THE OVERMAN BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT

### House Passes the Administration Measure 295 to 2.

OPPOSITION FADES AWAY Proposal to Exempt Interstate Commerce Commission Defeated By Big Vote.

Washington, May 14.—The long fight in Congress over the Overman bill, empowering the President to reorganize government departments and agencies, ended late today with passage of the measure as amended by the House. It now goes to President Wilson for his signature.

The vote was 295 to 2, Representatives Sterling, of Illinois, and Gillette, of Massachusetts, both Republicans, casting the only negative votes.

What opposition there was in the House when the bill came from the Senate began to crumble yesterday, and today it was hardly in evidence. No Exemptions.

A proposal to exempt the Interstate Commerce Commission, offered by Representative Walsh, of Massachusetts, Republican, was defeated, 213 to 87, and one by Representative Longworth, of Ohio, Republican, to exempt the war finance corporation and the capital issues committee, was rejected, 109 to 161.

Representatives Moore of Pennsylvania, and Towner, of Iowa, Republican, sought vainly to insert an amendment to require the President to report to Congress on changes in departments, while Representative Gould, of New York, Republican, wanted to amend the section authorizing the President to establish an executive agency to have jurisdiction over the aircraft production, so as to make compulsory the establishment of a separate aircraft department.

#### LIEUT. J. R. DEVLIN.

Lieut. J. Roddy Devlin, who, for the past eight weeks has been taking a special course in Machine Gunnery at Fort Sill, Okla., has been transferred from Camp Forrest to Camp Wadsworth. Lieut. Devlin says he hopes to visit Abbeville and his friends here in the near future.

#### AVIATOR BAYLIES, OF U. S. FORCES, DROPS NINTH FOE

Paris, May 15.—Aviator Frank Baylies, of New Bedford, Mass., with the American forces in France, has just shot down his ninth enemy machine, according to official announcement here today.

Sergeant Baylies is a member of the "Stork" Escadrille. He brought down his eighth machine a couple of days ago. Before joining the Stork Escadrille, Baylies served in the American field ambulance corps.

#### MISS ROSA WINKLER DEAD.

The many friends of Mrs. James F. Byrnes, of New York City, who before her marriage was Miss Rosa Winkler, will be grieved to know of her death, which occurred at her home on Monday, after an illness of about ten days.

As Miss Winkler, Mrs. Byrnes was well known and greatly admired in Abbeville. She was a niece of Mrs. L. J. Bristow, and at one time was a teacher in the Graded School here. She has visited in the city at different times.

She is survived by her husband and a young son.

#### BASEBALL.

Abbeville clerks were defeated on the 14th by the High School Boys 11 to 2.

## PROVOST MARSHAL GEN. MAKES CALL

### Splendid Opportunity for Energetic and Ambitious Men.

CAN VOLUNTEER TILL MAY 20 Calls 504, 538, 543—White Men Only; Calls 535 and 536—Colored Men Only.

The Local Board has received the following from Richard E. Carwile, Captain O. R. C. and Officer in charge of S. S. R.

1. The Provost Marshal General announces the following induction calls upon this State:

"Call five hundred four under which your allotment is ten railroad brakemen, flagmen and conductors to report to Commanding Officer of Engineers, Camp Meade, Admiral, Maryland. Call five thirty eight under which your allotment is three veterinarians to report to Commanding Officer of Veterinary Corps, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia. Call five forty three under which your allotment is four wheelwrights to report to Commanding Officer of Quartermaster Corps, Camp Joseph Johnston, Jacksonville, Florida." Only white men and men physically qualified for general military services are to be inducted under these calls.

"Call five thirty five under which your allotment is twenty bricklayers to report to Commanding Officer of Signal Corps, Aviation Mobilization Camp, Fort Wayne, Michigan. Only ten men are wanted under this call." Only colored men and men physically qualified for general military service are to be inducted under these calls.

"These are exceptional opportunities for energetic and ambitious men. You are urged to make these calls of state-wide interest. Qualified registrants should be urged to present themselves to their Local Boards for voluntary induction. When registrants voluntarily present themselves, Local Boards may induct qualified men until their allotments have been filled. The voluntary period will continue until May 20th. After May 20th no more volunteers will be accepted. If on May 21st a sufficient number of volunteers has not come forth to fill the allotment of the Local Board the Local Board will proceed to select in sequence of order numbers a sufficient number of qualified men from within Class One to fill its allotment after deducting the voluntary inductions. If the call cannot be filled from qualified registrants within Class One the Local Boards should proceed to induct registrants in Classes II-D and II-K and L."

Each Local Board is hereby directed to make an immediate investigation and report how many qualified men it has to fill the above mentioned men for such services in Class One and that number that are in Class II-D and II-K and L. This is an imperative matter and must receive the immediate attention of the Local Boards. It is hoped that these calls will be filled by volunteers but if such does not prove to be the case it will be necessary to make all allotments. The calls must be filled.

2. I am advised by Provost Marshal General that many Local Boards have not complied with his request for complete list of serial number of all colored registrants. Please comply at once.

The Queen of England has presented one hundred volumes to the American Expeditionary Force Library of the American Y. M. C. A. for the use of the American troops in England and France.

## FIERCE BATTLES IN KEMMEL SECTION

### Hughes to Aid Aircraft Probe

WILL CO-OPERATE WITH DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO INVESTIGATE AIRCRAFT.

Washington, May 15.—Charles Evans Hughes, former Supreme Court justice and presidential candidate, will co-operate with the Department of Justice investigation into aircraft production, it was announced by the White House this afternoon.

The President's letter asking Mr. Hughes to co-operate in the investigation was as follows:

"You have doubtless noticed that various serious charges of dishonesty have been made in connection with the production of aircraft.

"Because of the capital importance of this branch of the military service, I feel that these charges should be thoroughly investigated and with as little delay as possible, in order that the guilty, if there be any such, may be promptly and vigorously prosecuted, and that the reputations of those whose actions have been attacked may be protected in case the charges are groundless.

"I requested the Department of Justice to use every instrumentality at its disposal to investigate these charges, and with the approval of the Attorney General I am writing to beg that you will act with him in making this investigation. I feel that this is a matter of the very greatest importance, and I sincerely hope that you will feel that it is possible to contribute your very valuable services in studying and passing upon the questions involved."

Mr. Hughes' reply was as follows:

"Appreciating fully the gravity of the matter, I shall be glad to co-operate with the attorney general in making a prompt and thorough investigation of the charges of dishonesty in connection with aircraft production. You may be assured that nothing will give me greater pleasure than to render any assistance within my power. I assume that the attorney general will advise me of his wishes for a conference with a view to the making of definite and adequate plans for the investigation and I shall endeavor to arrange my affairs so that these plans may be carried out with as little delay as possible."

#### TILLMAN ENDORSED.

At a called meeting of the Order of Railway Trainmen of the Georgia Division of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company held in Abbeville on May 14th, resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted endorsing Hon. B. R. Tillman or re-election as United States Senator.

The Abbeville Lodge has more than one hundred members, and the endorsement of the Senator by these men means something to his candidacy.

#### THIRTY-TWO WHITE MEN TO BE SENT TO CAMP JACKSON

The Local Board has been notified to send thirty-two white men to Camp Jackson on May 29th, 1918, and to send them according to their Order number, taking them as they appear on the Classification list.

No excuse on account of being engaged in farming can be taken by Local Board, as nothing but farmers are left to be sent.

The great editor, Jas. Gordon Bennett, died at Beaulieu on the 14th inst.

### Huns Are Driven Back By the Australian Troops

HUNS CLING TO HILL 44 TENACIOUSLY

British Take Initiative in Flanders and Get Prisoners—Much Fighting in Italy.

Near Morlancourt, south of Albert the Germans delivered an attack against the British on a front of nearly a mile and at one point penetrated a British position. The Australians in a counter-attack almost recaptured the ground and the enemy suffered heavy losses.

#### Around Kemmel.

A similar operation was attempted against the French on Hill 44, the scene of many previous bloody encounters in the Kemmel sector. Unofficial accounts say the enemy gained a foothold on the rugged slopes, but that the French were pressing them hard.

North of Rebecq, in Flanders, the British took the initiative into their hands and in attack inflicted casualties on the enemy and captured prisoners. On the Amiens sector the French carried out a similar manoeuvre with like results. Wherever the Germans essayed a stroke, except near Morlancourt and Hill 44, they met with almost instant repulse at the hands of the Allies.

#### Repairing Losses.

While the Germans continue to re-construct with fresh elements their units shattered by the Allies during the recent big offensive, they are keeping up intensive bombardments against various sectors in Flanders and Picardy. They also have become embroiled with the French in heavy artillery duels in Champagne and in the Vosges mountains.

Nowhere on any part of the line from the North sea to the Swiss frontier has there been an infantry engagement of great importance.

#### Italian Theater.

In the Italian theater considerable fighting continues around Monte Corno, which commands the approach to the valley leading from Trent to Rovereto. Here the Austrians have renewed their attacks to regain the ground captured by Gen. Diaz's forces last week, but the Italians have successfully warded off every blow. Attempts by the invaders to reach Italian positions on several other sectors of the front also met with repulse.

#### FIRST TRIP OF U. S. AERO MAIL SERVICE IS SUCCESS

Washington, May 15.—The army aeroplane that started from New York this morning in the inauguration of an aero mail service between the metropolis and the capital reached Washington at 2:50 o'clock this afternoon only five minutes late.

Within half an hour after the plane came to earth nineteen pieces of mail brought here by it were delivered to President Wilson at the White House. There also was delivered a box of flowers for Mrs. Wilson.

New York, May 15.—Lieutenant Culver arrived at Belmont Park at 3:35 o'clock this afternoon with Government mail from Washington. He left Philadelphia for this city at 2:15 o'clock.

#### COTTON MARKET

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