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POLITICAL STORM IN WAKE OF WILSON

Democrats Lined Up Behind President, While Republicans At Their Old Tricks of Trying To Discredit Him—President Resting Before Beginning Arduous Labors.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Political pandemonium is expected this week in the senate if Republicans of the foreign relations committee carry out their plan for reporting on the peace treaty before Wednesday night when the president leaves on his stumping tour of the country.

Following conferences with the president, Senator Hitchcock, administration leader, is planning to line up Democrats for the hardest fight they have yet put up in congress.

Democrats will open the battle the minute the treaty is reported.

"It must be ratified without amendment," said Senator Hitchcock, following his White House conferences.

Meanwhile, Republicans while preparing to meet the Democratic charge, also are planning to go to the country in opposition to the president.

Republicans may send out a special orators' train to trail the president and attempt to refute his arguments for adoption of the treaty as it stands.

The "calm that precedes the storm" is looked for Monday and Tuesday, both at the capital and the White House.

President Resting.
Acting on the advice of Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, the president will take it easy before leaving on his tour. The president began taking it easy today when he did little work and went for an automobile ride in the afternoon.

Golf tomorrow and Tuesday will be the president's program with a little routine work on Tuesday.

Only the critical labor situation precipitated by the demands of the steel workers seems likely to mar the presidential plans for a rest for the next two days. The president may accede to requests of union officials that he take a hand in this by writing or telegraphing Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation. Mr. Gary has twice refused to meet the steel workers' union officials.

What action President Wilson will take, if he gets into the fight, will depend on whether the workers today put into effect their threat to strike. The committee which failed to obtain an audience with Mr. Gary were placed under orders, they said, to call a strike unless Mr. Gary acceded to their demand for a meeting by last midnight. Committeemen left here late last night declaring they had received no communication from Gary indicating he has changed his policy.

Union officials say that in demanding that the United States Steel corporation recognize their union, they are merely asking for one of the principles on which the national war labor board acted during the war.

President May Act.
Officials here today expressed the belief the president tomorrow will act in the matter. No intimation as to whether their belief was well founded came from the White House today.

But whether or not he takes a hand in the steel situation the president is believed certain to issue a final treaty statement just before he steps aboard the train. That this parting shot will be a hot one is the prediction of those who have studied past performances of the president.

Mr. Hutchison of Lowndesville, was a business visitor in Abbeville Monday.

BOWDEN-SIMPSON DRUG STORE SOLD HERE ON SATURDAY

Lewis Perrin and Dr. James H. Austin bought the Bowden-Simpson Drug Store from Dr. W. D. Simpson Saturday, taking possession Monday. This deal has been pending for some time and is the outcome of efforts of Dr. Austin to return to Abbeville, where he lived for a number of years. He is now living in Bennettsville. He recently married Miss Eliza Mabry of this city and the friends of Dr. and Mrs. Austin will be delighted to hear of their return, which will be about the first of October.

In the meantime the store will be in charge of Dr. George Penney.

Dr. Simpson also sold his home on North Main street Saturday, Dr. J. R. Power being the purchaser, the consideration being \$6,000. Dr. Simpson has not definitely decided on his future plans but will move in the near future to either Charlotte or Monroe.

Dr. Simpson and his family have made many friends in Abbeville during their sojourn here who will regret to learn that they are soon to leave.

ACTUAL WORK ON HOSPITAL COMMENCES

Actual work of the remodeling of the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital began today when eight workmen and a foreman began to tear down the porch and other parts of the building that will have to be removed before the plans of the architect can be carried out.

In the near future another campaign to raise additional funds for the hospital will be begun. The board of managers have estimated that it will take at least \$12,000 to complete and equip the building. This is absolutely necessary before a hospital which will fill the needs of this county can be built and furnished.

OPPOSITION PLANS REPLY TO WILSON

Washington, Aug. 29.—As the final itinerary for President Wilson's speaking tour in support of the peace treaty was announced today, Republican senators began conferences to decide on plans for sending opposition speakers along behind him.

The president's plans call for speeches in 30 cities throughout the West between the time he leaves here next Wednesday and his return to Washington, September 30. While resolutions were being offered in the house calling upon the president to abandon his tour and engage himself in Washington with domestic affairs of the nation, Republican senators who oppose the treaty met with Senator McCormick of Illinois. Nothing was finally decided and another conference will be held tomorrow when it is expected a definite program will be announced.

Leaving Washington on a special train, the president will swing through the Middle West, thence across the Plain States to the Pacific coast at Washington and down the coast as far as San Diego. On the return trip he will speak in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky, his last address being at Louisville on September 29.

Whether the president will make speeches from the rear platform of his train has not yet been decided. He has set for himself the task of making 30 addresses in 26 days and to carry out this program, it will be necessary for him to deliver two speeches a day for eight days of the trip, as his itinerary does not call for any addresses on Sundays.

The president will leave Washington before General Pershing returns from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis McMillan came down from Anderson and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gambrell.

SEPTEMBER TERM OF COURT BEGINS HERE MONDAY; MANY CASES

The September term of Court convened here Monday, Judge R. W. Memminger, Charleston, presiding. The docket is a heavy one and the court will be kept busy all week.

In his charge to the Grand Jury Judge Memminger stated the duties of that body, calling attention to its general supervision over the affairs of the county with power to make any recommendations as to finances, improvements and law enforcement in addition to its usual duty of investigating indictments and bringing in true or no bills.

The following cases were disposed of Monday:

State vs. O. E. Devlin, charged with enticing labor and appealed from magistrate's court, fine reduced from \$50 to \$25.

State vs. Rouse Ricord, plead guilty to larceny and was sentenced to 3 months.

State vs. Ernest Cosby, larceny, plead guilty, sentence not passed.

True Bills Presented.

The following true bills were returned by the grand jury: For murder—Robert Alexander, Dave Alexander, charged with murder of Alford Childs, August 4; Olin Jones, charged with murder of Nathaniel Williams, July 2; Harvey Robinson, charged with murder of Harden Fuller, June 25.

J. N. Cooley, assault and battery on C. G. McAllister; Lewis Childs and Winston Childs, burglary and larceny; Otto Linsay, assault and battery on Mary Little.

C. N. Thornton, charged with non-support of wife.

Solicitor H. S. Blackwell states that he hopes to complete the criminal docket this week if possible, though it is unusually large because so many cases were continued from last term of court.

GOSNELL CASE REMOVED.

Greenville, S. C., Aug. 27.—The case of Jack Gosnell, charged with the murder of Sheriff Hendrix Rector on July 4, was today removed from the Court of General Sessions to the United States Court for the Eastern District of South Carolina, upon the filing by the defendant a petition under the provisions of Section 33 of the Federal judicial code.

The filing of the petition automatically removed the case from the State court and a writ of habeas corpus cum causa was issued by J. B. Knight, clerk of court, directing the State authorities to deliver the body of Jake Gosnell into the custody of United States Marshal Lyon.

Solicitor Martin declared tonight that he would inaugurate a fight to have the case remain removed from the Federal to the State court and expects to appear before Judge H. H. Watkins in the near future with a motion to that effect.

Mrs. Mary Ann Douglass.

Mrs. Mary Ann Douglass, 71 years old, died Thursday morning at 1 o'clock at the home of her son, Chas. H. Douglass on the W. R. Ellis place. Ms. Douglass was here on a visit to her son, her home being in Orangeburg. The body was sent to Orangeburg Friday for burial.

Frank Gary Home.

Frank Gary arrived in Abbeville last Friday and will spend a short furlough with his parents, Judge and Mrs. Frank B. Gary. The young man has finished his first year at Annapolis and is home after his first cruise, which took him through the Canal to San Francisco.

Frank looks well and is receiving a warm welcome from his friends.

Lebo Day was not marked by any unusual program. The postoffice was closed, but all the stores remained open to accommodate the large crowd drawn by the opening of court, Tuesday, etc.

TWO MORE NEGROES ARE KILLED BY GUARD TROOPS IN KNOXVILLE

Knoxville, Tenn., August 31.—Two more negroes were killed here this morning by national guardsmen when they refused to stop and deliver their arms. The city is under martial law. The total dead now is seven and a score are wounded. The jail and sheriff's residence were partly wrecked and many dangerous prisoners escaped. Race riots now are reported from Memphis and two companies of Memphis troops here have been ordered to leave for Memphis in two hours. Many store here were looted and further serious trouble is expected.

Chattanooga Jail Guard Is Reinforced Sunday.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Aug. 31.—Sheriff Bass reinforced jail guards early today, anticipating an attack by armed men from Knoxville, who are reported to have left here shortly after midnight vowing to lynch Maurice Mayes, a negro, accused of murder.

Mayes, when placed in a cell here late yesterday, denied any knowledge of the crime.

SUPERVISOR STEVENSON ELECTED LIFE MEMBER GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

Supervisor W. A. Stevenson is in receipt of a letter from the United States Good Roads Association apprizing him of the fact that he had been elected a life member of the association for the State of South Carolina.

This is quite an honor and is accorded Mr. Stevenson for his excellent showing made in behalf of good roads in Abbeville County. In 1918 he stood first in the State as graded by the State highway authorities.

CLEMSON REOPENS SEPT. 10.

Clemson College, Aug. 27.—The session of 1919-20 opens for the regular work on the morning of Wednesday, September 10, according to an announcement made by Mr. J. C. Littlejohn, registrar. All old men who have conditions to remove are due to report during "make-up week" which is September 4 to 9 inclusive, so that they may begin work on the 10th. All other old students are due to come in on the 9th in order to begin work on the 10th.

New students will report Tuesday, September 16, to be ready for regular work beginning Wednesday, September 17.

Roughly speaking, there will be among the new men 300 freshmen, about fifty one-year agricultural students and about fifty disabled soldiers, making a total of about 400 new students, out of about 325, which will be the capacity enrollment.

A noticeable feature of the applications for the coming session is the fact that a very large number of old students who have been in the military service are seeking to return to complete their courses. Quite a number of these have been out since 1917 or before.

All necessary arrangements for taking care of the 800 or more who will enroll are now being made. A supply of new beds, mattresses, etc., is now coming in, and a carload of canned goods purchased from the government surplus has been ordered for the mess hall. Everything points to a successful opening of the first full session under peace conditions.

BLANCHETT FARM SOLD BY THE PROBATE JUDGE

Monday was salesday and the farm of the late T. J. Blanchett was sold by Probate Judge Miller. This land consists of 59 1-2 acres, lying about 10 miles north of Abbeville on the Martins Mill road. E. A. Williams bought the land at the auction, paying \$60 per acre.

POST OF AMERICAN LEGION WILL BE ESTABLISHED HERE

A meeting of the ex-soldiers of the Great War will be held at the Court House, Wednesday, September 10, to organize a post of the American Legion in this county. A large attendance is urged.

The progress of the American Legion is unprecedented: A little more than five months ago a few men of the A. E. F., in France were puzzling over a "big idea." They were trying to launch the inevitable veterans' organization coincident with demobilization and establish it on a worthy plane. It got under way in Paris March 15 to 17 and was called The American Legion.

There are today approximately 1,000 posts fully organized. Double that number are in process of formation in every State of the Union and in Alaska, Hawaii and the Philippine Islands. The demand for a unified and organized patriotism has taken form in every section of America.

Embraced in the posts already organized is a membership of 100,000. A similar number is included in the posts in the process of formation. And it is just two months since the St. Louis caucus where the Legion was launched in America. Sixty days ago there was no American Legion in the United States. There was nothing more than a small band of volunteer workers with faces set to the task of vitalizing "the big idea."

With state organizations rapidly nearing perfection, with posts filled with former soldiers, sailors and marines in almost every community in every state and territory that "Big Idea" is rapidly becoming a finished product—The American Legion.

WILSON LEAVES NEXT WEDNESDAY

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Wilson will leave Washington next Wednesday on a tour of the country to give an account to the people of the negotiation of the treaty of Versailles.

Secretary Tumulty made this announcement today, finally putting at rest rumors current during the past few weeks that the proposed trip, which would take the president to the Pacific coast, had been abandoned. The trip will occupy 25 days, and speeches appealing for the immediate ratification of the peace treaty without change, will be made in the principal cities of the West.

The opening address, Secretary Tumulty said, will be at Columbus, Ohio, next Thursday, probably in the evening.

Eleventh hour changes by President Wilson prevented announcement today of the completed itinerary as had been planned. White House officials worked far into last night completing the details of the tour but today when it was sent to the president he made slight changes that necessitated reconstructing the entire route. Announcement will therefore, be made tomorrow Secretary Tumulty said tonight.

Some of the stops en route to the Pacific coast have become known and according to the best information available the second speech will be made at Indianapolis, followed by speeches at St. Louis, Kansas City and Topeka, in the order named. From the latter city the presidential party will go to Omaha, thence to Sioux Falls, S. D., St. Paul of Minneapolis, and Bismarck, N. D.

Then will follow speeches at Billings, and Helena, Mont., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Spokane; possibly Seattle; Portland, Ore.; San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. Speeches may be made from the train between these cities but it is known the president is opposed to making open air addresses.

COTTON MARKET.

No cotton market on account of Labor Day.

LIEUTENANT PAYNE IS KILLED IN RIOT

Brother of W. W. Payne, of Abbeville—Riot Not At End—Story of Trouble Brought About By Effort of Mob to Lynch Negro Accused of Murder of White Woman.

Lieutenant James W. Payne, killed by his own men in the riot Saturday night at Knoxville, Tenn., was a brother of W. W. Payne, engineer, of this city. The account of the accidental killing and the riot follows:

"Lieutenant Payne was killed accidentally early today by machine gun bullets. He was 200 yards from the machine gunners with several other officers when the party was fired upon by negroes from a second story window. Payne and his companions replied with their automatics and sought cover. Just as Lieutenant Payne stepped behind a telephone pole for protection from the negroes' bullets, the crew of the machine gun further down the street opened fire upon a crowd of blacks seen advancing and shooting in the distance. Lieutenant Payne fell into the arms of Capt. A. C. Parker of Memphis, with a dozen wounds in his legs and body. He died in an ambulance. Lieutenant Payne was attached to the Forty-sixth Infantry, regular army, and had been detailed to the encampment of the Fourth Tennessee as an instructor. He volunteered for duty when the riot call came Saturday night.

Dead and Wounded.

The known dead are:
First Lieut. James W. Payne, Madisonville, Ky., regular army; Joe Etter, negro.

The injured in hospitals are:

Fred Johnson, shot through abdomen, may die; E. V. Henderson, shot through lung, may die; Grant Odell, Covington, Tenn., shot through ankle; J. H. Lucas, gunshot wound; Policeman W. P. Morton, shot thru leg; W. B. Clapp, shot through forearm; Deputy Sheriff J. H. Clowes, shot through leg; Gib Thomas, scalp wound and nose broken; Carter Watkins, negro, may die; Claude Chambers, negro, dining car cook, may die; Charles Morton, negro, shot in mouth; Sol Jackson negro, gunshot wound; George Haden, negro, hotel porter, skull injured; Ben Glover, negro, shot in thigh by soldier while resisting search.

Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 31.—Minor disorders occurred in Knoxville tonight following the race riots Saturday night and early Sunday which were the sequel to the storming of the county jail by a mob intent upon lynching Maurice Mayes, a negro accused of the murder of Mrs. Bertie Lindsey, a white woman.

The casualty list increased Sunday by four negroes who resisted attempts to search them for arms. All were wounded by National Guardsmen, two being shot and the other two stabbed with bayonets.

Eleven hundred guardsmen of the Fourth Tennessee Infantry, under command of Adj. Gen. D. B. Sweeney, of Nashville and Col. Ewing Caruthers, of Memphis, supplemented by 200 special policemen and 75 special deputy sheriffs, patrolled the city, dispersing crowds and searching all negroes. Hundreds of weapons were taken from both whites and blacks.

The guardsmen, who were in camp near the city for annual target practice, searched all negroes arriving on trains, and established a barred zone in the heart of the negro district where the worst of rioting early Sunday occurred. Four machine guns were mounted at a commanding point in this district and other machine guns were mounted on motor trucks ready for eventualities.

Francis Welsh, who has been visiting for several weeks in Greenville, has returned to Abbeville.