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MEN OF ABBEVILLE WANT THE SCHOOL

Mass Meeting of the Citizens of Abbeville Held in Court House—Good Crowd Attend—Unanimous Opinion That Military School Should Be Established Here—Committee Appointed to Solicit Subscription At Early Date

Last night at 8 o'clock the citizens of the town, or a goodly portion of them gathered in the Court House to consider the matter of raising money to secure the Military School to be established by the Baptists in South Carolina. J. M. Nickles, of the Chamber of Commerce presided at the meeting.

At the suggestion of the Chairman Dr. Louis J. Bristow gave a history of the movement to establish this school, outlining what the Baptists proposed to do in an educational way, the amount of money which had been raised, and the schools they expected to establish in the state. He called especial attention to the Military School, which he said was to be established in upper South Carolina, and for which he thought Abbeville had a good chance provided the people of the town could convince the Baptist authorities that it would have our support, and provided we were willing to offer inducements, better than other places which are making bids for it.

Dr. J. S. Moffatt, of Erskine College, who had been invited to attend the meeting and make an address on the moral influence of a school of this kind, was next introduced and made an excellent presentation of the advantages which would come to the town from securing the school, advantages financial, of a cultural and moral nature. He spoke too of the need for schools of this kind, explain-

ing some of the difficulties which the colleges have on account of the fact that students make application for entrance who are not prepared and who therefore if admitted are a drag all the way through college life. He urged the building of schools of this kind, and thought the people of Abbeville had a fine opportunity to get the best enterprise offering if this school may be secured.

Judge Frank Be Gary, Messrs J. S. Stark, T. G. White, Maj. Fulp, Wm. P. Greene and others made talks on the subject of securing the school, offering suggestions and giving information showing the need of such schools in every community.

At the end of the discussion, a motion was made that a committee be appointed with power to act and that subscriptions be solicited from the citizens of the town looking to the establishment of the school. Various amounts were mentioned, which it was believed would be necessary in order to secure the school, but the prevailing opinion was that it would be much better to offer a larger amount than necessary and get the school, than to offer a smaller amount than necessary and fail to get it. The committee will probably call on the people of the city in the next few days soliciting subscriptions to this institution on condition that it come to Abbeville and it is believed and hoped that the people of the city will make a liberal response to the call which will come to them.

COTTON GROWERS TO MAKE PROTEST

Federal Reserve Credit Policy Displeases—Conference in Georgia Capital Thursday to Take Action.

Atlanta, Sept. 28.—Plans for a nationwide protest against the farm credit policy of the federal reserve banks as announced in a recent statement by Secretary Houston were made here today at a conference attended by J. J. Brown, Georgia commissioner of agriculture; R. A. Maddox, president of the Georgia division of the American Cotton association, and Harvie Jordan, secretary of the organization.

"Secretary Houston's statement have already hammered down the price of cotton 150 points," Commissioner Brown asserted in a statement after the conference. "As long as the spinner is making \$4 worth of cloth out of every 40 cents worth of cotton," he added, "it is not worth while to talk to the cotton grower about deflating the cotton market." He asserted that a similar situation existed regarding the miller and the wheat grower.

"The federal reserve act explicitly provides credit facilities for the producers of farm crops, the intent of this being to enable them to hold their crops for favorable markets," said Mr. Brown.

It was announced that J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton association, will be asked to call a national meeting on the question in Washington.

Meantime telegrams were sent to leaders of the cotton association and the Farmers union, all members of the Georgia delegation in congress and all Georgia legislators asking them to meet here Thursday to file a protest.

Messrs E. J. and J. G. Huckabee, of Lowndesville, were in Abbeville today on business.

REUNION OF 30TH DIVISION BEGINS

Division Society Is Called To Order By Holmes B. Springs Of Greenville—Big Parade This Afternoon.

Asheville, N. C., Sept 28.—A keen fight is developing between Knoxville, Chattanooga and Nashville for the honor of entertaining the next reunion of the Old Hickory Association, although it is believed that Nashville has the best lead owing to the fact that Governor Roberts has wired a personal invitation and mailed the resolution adopted at the last session of the general assembly of Tennessee urging the association to meet at Nashville.

Following heavy rains yesterday afternoon and last night the first day of the second annual reunion of the 30th Division opened here with a clear sky and warm sunshine. The registration this morning showed over 5,000 veterans up to noon today are officially attending the reunion, with scores more expecting during the early afternoon. It is safe to say that at least six thousand will be in attendance before night. It far eclipses in attendance the Greenville reunion.

The first business session opened this morning at the city auditorium with Col. H. B. Springs of Greenville, president, presiding. Governor Roberts of Tennessee could not be present, but Governor Cooper, of South Carolina and Governor Bicketts of this state, extended cordial welcome to the boys, as did Mayor Roberts. Gen. Lewis, former commander of the division responded on behalf of the division.

Everything is set for the great parade which will be held at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon through the principal streets of the city it is believed that fully 6,000 soldiers will be in line. A great street dance will be a feature this evening.

OLD HICKORY MEN HOLDING REUNION

Men Who Broke Hindenburg Line Parade in Asheville—Cooper Taking Part.

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 28.—With standards and colors waving in the crisp mountain breeze, with horses prancing and the feet of hundreds of horses tramping in rhythmic unison to the cadence of four army bands, veterans of the Thirtieth division marched through the principal streets of Asheville today, led by their former commander, Maj. Gen. E. M. Lewis, the governors of two states, Maj. Gen. George W. Read, former commander of the corps, and the general officers of their respective staffs. Thousands lined the streets along the course of march applauding madly as the people who broke the Hindenburg line passed.

The last business session of their reunion will be held tomorrow morning with addresses by Secretary Daniels and Major General Read as features. Secretary Daniels will arrive at noon and speaks also at the court house at night. Officers will be elected a meeting place chosen and other business transacted at the morning session. All indications point to the selection of Nashville as the next meeting place also Knoxville and Chattanooga are contenders.

Silent Prayer for Dead

Opening with a silent prayer for the soldier dead, followed by the addresses of welcome delivered for the city of Asheville by Mayor Gallatin Roberts and for the State of North Carolina by Gov. Thomas W. Bickett, the second reunion of the Old Hickory association, composed of former members of the division, was begun officially in the auditorium today with the main floor and galleries packed to capacity.

IN POLICE COURT.

Almeta Morris, Annie Morris and Hester Haddon, of the colored persuasion, were before His Honor, the Mayor, this morning charged with fighting the fight taking place in Cosbytown. It seemed from the testimony taken that Almeta had her affections centered on a gentleman of color, and Hester Gordon was a stumbling block in her way.

Tuesday evening Hester got the man in the case to take her to ride in an automobile, and of course Hester had the car to pass Almeta, and as they passed Hester "cussed" Almeta, just to show the latter how a "nigger" can cuss. Almeta of course "cussed" back, and then sticks and rocks were brought into play. Annie Morris, a sister of Almeta, had no interest in the case, but she did not propose to see Almeta's property taken without due process of law, so she handled a rock also.

So far as the testimony showed no bones were broken and there were no bruises except of the affections, but Mayor Mars thought the case deserved recognition, so he levied an assessment of \$7.50 each against Almeta and Hester, while Annie drew a slip for \$5.00.

DR. MOFFATT HERE.

Dr. J. S. Moffatt, the distinguished president of Erskine College, was in Abbeville last night, having come down to attend the citizens' meeting looking to the establishment of the Baptist High School in Abbeville. He reports the colleges at Due West full of students and the work progressing satisfactorily.

THE COTTON MARKET

Cotton was stronger today. December futures closed at 22.80 as against 22.40 yesterday.

Spot cotton today sold for 26 to 27 cents in Abbeville.

Cotton seed brought 60 cents per bushel.

Frost is predicted for Oklahoma, the Panhandle of Texas and Arkansas for tonight, with colder weather in the East and rain. A storm in the gulf threatens to work inland.

PLAYERS CONFESS TO "THROWING" GAMES

INDICTMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS BREAK UP WHITE SOX MACHINE—VETERAN PLAYERS TELL COOK COUNTY GRAND JURY OF HOW GAMES WERE "THROWN" TO REDS LAST YEAR.

What Each Received

Chicago, Sept. 28.—According to reports of the testimony of Eddie Cicotte before the grand jury the White Sox players received the following amounts for their part in "throwing" the series:

Eddie Cicotte, pitcher, \$10,000.
Claude Williams, pitcher, \$10,000.
Joe Jackson, outfielder, \$5,000.
"Buck" Weaver, third baseman, \$5,000.
"Happy" Felsch, outfielder, \$1,000.
Charles Risberg, shortstop, \$2,000.
"Chick" Gandil, first baseman, \$20,000.
Fred McMullin, utility, \$15,000.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Indictments were voted against eight baseball stars today and confessions obtained from two of them when the Old Roman, Charles A. Comiskey, owner of ofttime champion Chicago White Sox, smashed his pennant chasing machine to clean up baseball. The confessions told how the White Sox threw last year's world's championship to Cincinnati for money paid by gamblers.

Seven White Sox regulars and one former player comprise the players against whom true bills were voted by the Cook county grand jury and the seven were immediately suspended by Mr. Comiskey. With his team only a game behind the league leading Cleveland Indians the White Sox owner served notice on his seven stars that, if they were found guilty, he would drive them out of organized baseball for the rest of their lives.

Officials of Chief Justice Charles McDonald's court, desirous of giving the national game the benefit of publicity in its purging, lifted the curtain on the grand jury proceedings sufficiently to show a great hitter, Joe Jackson, declaring that he deliberately just tapped the ball, a picture of one of the world's most famous pitchers, Cicotte, in tears, and glimpses of alleged bribes of \$5,000 or \$10,000 discovered under pillows, or on the beds by famous athletes about to retire.

McGraw Awaits Call.

Around the court room at one time or another were some of baseball's greatest leaders, among them John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, awaiting a call to testify tomorrow and John Heydler president of the National league, who went before the grand jurors this afternoon.

The exact nature of the information Mr. Comiskey put before the grand jury was not disclosed. The men whom the jury involved as a result of testimony uncovered by their owner were Eddie Cicotte, star pitcher, who waived immunity and confessed, according to court attaches, that he took a \$10,000 bribe.

Arnold Gandil, former first baseman.

"Shoeless Joe" Jackson, heavy hitting left fielder.

Oscar "Hap" Felsch, center fielder.

Charles "Swede" Risberg, shortstop.

Claude Williams, pitcher.

George "Buck" Weaver, third baseman.

Fred McMullin, utility player.

While the grand jurors voted their true bills, the Old Roman, seated in the midst of his crumb-

A VIOLENT EXPLOSION SHOOK CITY OF CORK

Followed By Rifle Fire In Various Parts of The City—A Department Store Wrecked.

Cork, Sept. 28.—A violent explosion shook this city about 2 o'clock this morning. It was followed by the rattle of rifle fire in various parts of the business district.

When the townspeople ventured forth later in the morning, after the curfew had expired they found the main thoroughfare, Patrick street, littered with glass and the front of a large department store, which is said to employ a large number of young Sinn Feiners, completely wrecked as if by bombs.

Windows were smashed in the upper stories of almost every store in the vicinity.

Belfast, Sept. 28.—The shooting by snipers and others which occurred in the center of Belfast last night caused a panic among the crowds promenading on Royal avenue, the city's main artery, after church hours. The disturbance followed the shootings of Saturday night and early Sunday, in which one policeman was killed and two others were wounded, followed by assassination of three civilians in reprisal by parties of masked men.

The opening incident of Sunday night's disorders occurred when snipers in side streets of the Sinn Fein quarters fired into North street, which crosses Royal avenue. A tram car on North street came into the line of fire, and there was great alarm among the passengers who, with the driver, crouched on the floor until the car had turned into Royal avenue. The tram car traffic later had to be diverted to another route.

The rush from the side streets caused the crowd in Royal avenue to swell to large proportions and a stampede was created in this throng when volleys suddenly rang out apparently from the Sinn Fein side streets at the top of North street, the firing rapidly increasing in volume. As the crowd raced along Royal avenue in wild disorder a number of shots were discharged in Rosemary street, which is on the southern side of the avenue, creating panic about the Castle street junction, the most crowded spot in the city, from which all tram cars start.

Women rushed hither and thither in a frenzy and there was a rush to seek shelter in the cars. A force of military was hurried to Rosemary street and the police took up a position at Royal avenue and North street. After these protective measures, conditions quieted down.

ling empire out at White Sox park, issued the telegram suspending those involved, paid off Weaver, Cicotte and Jackson on the spot, and announced that checks for pay due the others would be sent them at once. With his voice trembling, Mr. Comiskey, who has owned the White Sox since the inception of the American league, said this was the first time scandal had ever touched his "family" and that it distressed him too much to talk about it.

Cicotte Weeps In Court.

The rush of players to bare their part in the affair, started today when Cicotte appeared at criminal court building and asked permission to testify. Cicotte wept, court attaches said and exclaimed in anguish his sorrow for his two small children as he told how he did his utmost to lose rather than win the 1919 world series after he had "found" \$10,000 beneath his pillow where it had been placed by professional gamblers.

ABBEVILLE DELEGATES

Mrs. A. B. Morse and Miss Bessie Lee Cheatham are Abbeville's delegates to the meeting of the Synodical at Manning October 6th and 7th. These ladies have the interest of the church at heart and will represent Abbeville well.

AMERICAN LEGION ENDORSES BILL

BILL HAS PASSED HOUSE AND IS NOW PENDING IN THE SENATE—HOT FIGHT WAGED BY DELEGATES ON CONVENTION FLOOR—NEXT CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY, MO., IN 1921.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 28.—For malities of the official opening and the parade over, the American Legion got down to real business of its second annual convention today. Twelve committees established yesterday under orders from National Commander Franklin D'Olier worked late into the night in order to be able to have their reports ready.

The committee on time and place for the next national convention was prepared to recommend Kansas City as its choice of the next convention city. It selected October 31 to November 2, 1921, as the date, so as not to interfere with the harvest season. The committee on department divisions was prepared to recommend that the constitution be amended and six department be created, five in the United States and one in Europe, and that instead of the five vice commanders elected at large, as at present, a vice commander be placed over each of the six departments.

With the withdrawal of Milton J. Forman of Chicago, and Emmett O'Neill, of Kentucky, from the race for the national commandership, last night, only two formidable candidates were in the field when today's convention opened.

Following caucuses, it was said, that the New England delegations and several Southern and Rocky Mountain States how definitely endorsed, F. J. Galbraith, of Cincinnati.

The claim also is made that the southerners will throw their support to Hamilton MacNider of Mason City, Iowa, carrying with them the Western States. The MacNider forces claimed they would receive the support of at least 23 states, but reports of splits bringing new territory to the Galbraith rank were frequently heard.

The report of the committee on adjusted compensation was called for and adopted. The report recommended that "the American Legion give its unqualified approval of house bill number 14,157 which passed the house of representatives by a vote of 289 to 92, May 29, 1920, and which is now pending before the senate.

It provided:

"1—Adjusted service pay, based on length of service, or.

"2—Adjusted service certificates maturing in 20 years, based on length of service, or.

"3—Vocational training, or.

"4—Farm or home, or.

"5—Land settlement, for which 31 states have already made through their state legislatures, provisions for co-operation."

Delegate Tiddings of Maryland, made a motion that the roll call by states be made in order that congress might see how overwhelmingly the motion had carried. Benson of Pennsylvania, supported the motion, stating that "we should know wherein the opposition to this measure lies."

This brought several delegates to their feet, notably Johnson, of South Carolina, and Abbott, of Ohio, who said they "resented very seriously the implication that their state was an enemy within the gates because she is opposed to the American Legion asking for a bonus."

The committee on the time and place of the next convention recommended Kansas City, Mo., be given the convention on October, 31, November 1 and 2, 1921. The report was adopted.