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CROWD WELCOMES DEBS HOME AGAIN

THROUGH GREETINGS SOCIALIST AT TERRE HAUTE—"SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL OF THE SAFETY OF MAKING A SPEECH," HE SAYS.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 28.—Welcomed by the cheers of thousands of followers, friends and neighbors, Eugene V. Debs, the Socialist leader, returned tonight to his home here after an absence of almost three years spent in federal prison for his anti-war speech made in 1918 when America was at war, and responded to the greeting with a speech from the front porch of his home, pledging again that he would not rest until others, now serving prison terms, are free.

"I have a heart for my fellow prisoners left behind me at Atlanta," said Debs, "and I shall not rest in peace until they are restored to their loved ones."

Mrs. Debs was not at the railroad station to meet her husband for she preferred their reunion to be in the privacy of their home. Mr. Debs, who was released from the Atlanta prison last Sunday by the president's commutation of his ten year sentence, was delayed in reaching here by a two day visit to Washington and an afternoon stop today at Indianapolis. The delay apparently did not lessen the ardor of his home town greeting for a long line of marchers escorted him from the station to his home, and then wended its way into the downtown district to continue the jollification. Leader in charge of the demonstration variously estimated the participants to number from 10,000 to 15,000. Hundreds of spectators walled the line of march of the parade.

"Home again," began Debs, in a voice shaking with emotion. First he thanked the crowd, saying its demonstration was a "wonderful, beautiful home coming." "I felt in leaving here," said the aged leader "that you were with me in spirit and I was sustained by your faithfulness and devotion. I thank every one of you for the efforts you have been putting forth so long in my behalf. You have succeeded at last. But I am not free so long as any are in prison. I have a heart for my fellowman and I hope to devote my life to the liberation of those who are imprisoned and I shall know no rest until they are restored to their loved ones. I was saddened because I was compelled to leave behind me in Atlanta my fellowmen in prison. "In my heart," concluded Debs, "there is no bitterness only a resolution not to yield, but to remain true to my honest convictions and my ideals. I could not do otherwise. I can't make a speech now, but I can say that I love you all for this demonstration."

G. P. WILSON DEAD.

G. Paul Wilson, 38, died yesterday morning at a hospital in Columbia where he had been taken for treatment. The remains were brought to Abbeville where they were interred today at Sharon, the Rev. H. C. Fennel conducting the services.

Surviving members of Mr. Wilson's family are his father, G. S. Wilson of Warrenton, Mrs. M. C. Beauford of Graniteville, and Mrs. John Dees of Pikeville, sisters; Miles Wilson, of Augusta, Henry Wilson of Springfield, Walter Wilson of Spartanburg, Lowrie, George and Curtis Wilson of Abbeville, brothers.

A GIFT

One of the pleasant presentations of the Christmas season was a substantial check to Neil Swetenburg, emphasizing the appreciation of the people of the city for his efforts in behalf of the football team. The presentation was made by Mrs. C. E. Williamson.

MUST EXPEDITE MOVES IN COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT OF UNITED STATES ADDRESSES LAWYERS—PROCEDURE TOO LONG DELAYED SAYS TAFT.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Expanding activities of the federal courts may swamp them "and delay is a denial of justice," Chief Justice William H. Taft of the United States supreme court said tonight in an address before the Chicago Bar association urging reforms to expedite court procedure.

Chief Justice Taft urged three reforms which he outlined as follows: "First: An increase in the judicial force in the trial federal courts, and an organization and effective distribution of the force by the council of judges.

"Second: Simplicity of procedure in the trial federal court.

"Third: A reduction in the obligatory jurisdiction of the supreme court and an increase in the field of its discretionary jurisdiction by certiorari.

"There is no field of government action so important to the people as our courts," he said. "There is nothing in those courts so essential to the doing of justice as the prompt dispatch of business and the elimination from procedure of such requirements as will defeat the ends of justice through technicality and delay.

"While the bar and the bench are really much less responsible for delays in legal procedure than the public is likely to think, the very fact that they are popularly supposed to be responsible should make us act with energy to justify the existence of our profession and the maintenance of courts.

"Examination of the statistics of cases brought and tried and personal conferences with judges leave no doubt that an increase of the judges of first instance in the federal system is absolutely necessary."

CANNING PLANT FOR GREENWOOD

Liberal Response First Day to Call For Subscriptions to Capital Stock.

Greenwood, Dec. 29.—Stock amounting to \$22,000 was subscribed in a few hours after the books of subscription were opened for the Greenwood Cannery and Peach Packing plant, S. Allen Banks, president of the Dixie Land company, announced yesterday morning. The Dixie Land company is organizing the cannery and peach packing plant with a proposed capital stock of \$50,000.

Mr. Banks says, under the present plans, the plant will be ready for operation by the beginning of the coming season, and will be sufficiently large to take every sort of vegetable raised in this section for canning. It is proposed to can tomatoes, spinach, beans, peas, green corn, small fruits, and other products of this section. In addition, peaches will be purchased from small growers who do not grow enough to ship in car lots themselves. The company being organized also proposes to plant a large acreage in peaches.

FOUR PER CENT PAID

Officers of Farmers Bank Complimented on Showing.

At a meeting Wednesday of the directors of the Farmers Bank of Abbeville County the usual 4 per cent semi-annual dividend was declared, the officials finding the affairs of the bank in fine condition. The executive officers of the bank were complimented on the fine showing the bank has made during the past year, despite the unusual business depression that has prevailed.

MUCH ENTHUSIASM MARKS LEGION MEET

POST REORGANIZED WITH R. B. CHEATHAM AS COMMANDER AND D. T. SMITH, JR., AS VICE COMMANDER—BANQUET SERVED BY WOMEN THOROUGH SUCCESS.

At a business meeting in the court house yesterday afternoon the Abbeville Post of the American Legion was reorganized, with R. B. Cheatham as post commander and D. T. Smith, Jr., as vice commander. With approximately 200 men present, much enthusiasm was in evidence at the business meeting and at the banquet and dance which followed.

W. D. Wilkinson, as former commander of the Abbeville post, presided at the business meeting until the commander was elected, also serving as toastmaster at the banquet. Mayor J. Moore Mars made the address of welcome. Ernest Rosenberg, commander of the Greenwood post, told of his work in connection with the Foch visit to South Carolina, and of the important place the Legion has in the business and social life of Greenwood. He said that he hoped to see Abbeville make a fine showing at the next meeting of the state department, even eclipsing Greenwood's present mark, so that they would have to hustle to keep the lead. Lieutenant Commander R. E. Bell, who is in Abbeville on a visit to relatives, and who has recently returned from France where he has been since the armistice, made a report on the present post-bellum status of vin rouge and vin blanc and wished the Abbeville organization godspeed in its auspicious start. He spoke interestingly of the work of Legion Post No. 1 in Paris where he was stationed as naval attaché.

R. B. Cheatham, the new post commander, is at present county treasurer. He has a long record of military service, beginning with his student days at the Citadel in 1896. He was a private and sergeant in the First South Carolina Volunteer Infantry during the Spanish American war. Attending the first officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Mr. Cheatham was commissioned a captain of infantry. Later he was for a time senior instructor in the officers training school of the Eighty-first division. He was commissioned a major August 2, 1918, and assigned to the 141st Infantry of the 36th division. During the period of inactivity following the armistice Major Cheatham was instructor in his divisional educational center. Along with hundreds of other officers, Major Cheatham's next step up in rank, to colonel, was cancelled by a war department order after the armistice. He was discharged from the army July 15, 1919 at Camp Mills. Because of his educational experience and his military record, Major Cheatham is well equipped to be commander of the legion post and his unanimous election shows the opinion in which he is held throughout the county.

The election of D. Townsend Smith, Jr., as vice commander was also unanimous. His hard work to make of the meeting yesterday a success was commended and his election was a tribute to his fine accomplishment. An executive committee consisting of E. C. Donald of Donalds, S. F. Sherard of Calhoun Falls, J. P. Anderson of Anreville, C. C. Gambrell, G. A. Neuffer, Jr., F. E. Harrison, Jr., was chosen by ballot to appoint other executive officers to serve the post, adjutant and treasurer not yet having been chosen. It was a compliment to his ability that W. D. Wilkinson received the largest vote of any man chosen on the committee.

Rising votes of thanks were given Ernest Rosenberg for his speech and to W. D. Wilkinson as former commander. Resolutions were adopted thanking Parker and Reese for

the use of the banquet hall, S. H. Rosenberg for the use of the dance hall, the Press and Banner for publicity service, the Seaboard railway for the efficient way in which the Foch special was handled through Abbeville, and to the women of Abbeville, led by Miss Mae Robertson, who so energetically and generously prepared and served the delightful supper.

As one article to the Abbeville Post's constitution, authority was given, in a motion made by W. D. Wilkinson and unanimously passed, for the forming of a Woman's Auxiliary to the local legion, wives, brothers, sisters and daughters of legion members being eligible for membership.

Enjoyable Banquet.

Following the business meeting in the court house the meeting was adjourned to the hall over Parker and Reese's store where a bountiful supper was served by a committee of ladies. The menu consisted of grapefruit, turkey, dressing, cranberries, rice, macaroni, candied sweet potatoes, celery, pickles, coffee, block cream and cake. Decorations were holly and ivy on the tables and souvenir cane and flag emblems at each place. Covers were laid for 200 guests and there were 193 present, by count. Dr. G. A. Neuffer said grace. W. D. Wilkinson, as toastmaster called upon Dr. Neuffer, Dr. C. C. Gambrell, Capt. J. L. Perrin, Commander Cheatham, D. T. Smith, Jr., Ernest Rosenberg and R. E. Bell for toasts, all of the replies being in a happy vein, befitting the occasion.

At each place at the banquet was found boutonniere to be used as tickets to the picture show, and many of the members who did not wish to attend the dance visited the opera house to conclude a happy evening.

One hundred and forty-three ex-service men attended the business meeting at the court house, 81 expressing their intention to join the legion, while 30 did not fill in questionnaires. With this number as a nucleus to start with the prospects for Post No. 2 are good. With the many opportunities coming for public service the Legion under the leadership of Commander Cheatham will take a prominent part in the affairs of the community.

It is understood that steps will be taken immediately to organize the ladies auxiliary, which organization although not yet organized was responsible in large measure for the success of the meeting yesterday.



MAJ. R. B. CHEATHAM
New Commander of Abbeville Post No. 2, American Legion.

DAUGHERTY ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE

CALLS ON STATE TO JOIN IN COOPERATION—LETTERS SENT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL SUGGESTING MEETING OF OFFICERS EARLY IN YEAR.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Cooperation of state law enforcement officials with those of the federal government was asked by Attorney General Daugherty in letters sent late today to the attorneys general of the various states. Such cooperation, it was maintained, would result in better and more uniform enforcement of all statutes.

Enforcement of the prohibition and the food and fuel supply laws were particularly referred to. Mr. Daugherty explained in announcing the dispatch of the letters. There was no disposition on the part of the federal government to evade responsibility, he added, but there was a feeling that the states should make every effort to enforce their laws which might be a duplication of federal statutes.

The letters were also accepted in some quarters as a step in connection with the move recently announced of investigating retail prices.

Mr. Daugherty suggested to the state attorneys general that they call a conference of county prosecutors of their respective states, and if possible bring about a working arrangement between them and the federal officials charged with the same enforcement of the functions. Such a meeting, he added, ought to be held early in the new year, that the basis of understanding could be employed to effect economies in expenditures as well as serve the real purpose of accomplishing more through law enforcement.

The coordination sought, Mr. Daugherty said, ought to be of real help to municipal authorities, chambers of commerce and others interested in reaching "violations for extortion in the prices now maintained."

MANY CONTRIBUTORS TO BABY FUND

Ninety-Four Dollars Raised By Miss Reep to Date—Money Still Coming In.

Just before Christmas Miss Blanche Reep, superintendent of the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital, sent out postal cards to five hundred persons whom she thought would be interested in her fund for indigent babies. To date she has received checks and money to the amount of \$94.75, some of it being received since Christmas. Miss Reep says that there are many babies whose parents are unable to provide needed hospital treatment, and it is for these children that she hopes to raise a sum of money to provide free treatment.

While the campaign was begun just before Christmas in the belief that the holiday season was the most appealing time for the raising of such a fund, Miss Reep says that the time limit for making contributions has not yet elapsed and that any sum will be gratefully received. Following is a list of contributors to date:

Abbeville Press and Banner \$5; Abbeville Ice & Fuel Co., \$25; Mary Hennes, Clinton, \$5; H. A. Benton, \$1; Mrs. M. I. Kennedy, \$1; M. B. Syfan, \$1; Mrs. M. B. Syfan, \$1.00; S. H. Rosenberg, \$6.75; Dr. F. E. Harrison, \$1; Dr. P. B. Carwile, \$2; Mrs. Louis Levi, \$5; Mrs. Philip Rosenberg, \$5; Dr. C. H. McMurray, \$1; J. R. Glenn, \$1; J. E. Bishop, Calhoun Falls, \$1; Victor Lomax, \$1; Mrs. Claude McDill, Charleston, \$1; W. B. Perrin, Greenville, \$1; Dr. P. B. Speed, \$5; Mrs. C. E. Yoder, \$1; Sanford Howie, \$1; A. S. Kennedy, Due West, \$1; J. C. McLane, \$5; J. L. Anderson, \$1; Albert Morse, \$1; Miss Kitty Adkins, \$1; W. F. Nickles, \$5; C. E. Williamson, \$2; Mrs. Walton Stevens, \$1; Albert Rosenberg, \$1; Arthur Rosenberg, \$5.

BIG SUM SPENT TO SEE PICTURES

FIGURES GIVEN BEFORE FINANCE COMMITTEE—ADVOCATES AND OPPONENTS PRESENT CASES BEFORE SENATORS CONSIDERING BILL

Washington, Dec. 29.—The American people spend from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 a year to see motion picture shows, the senate finance committee was told today in the course of arguments for and against a high tariff on foreign made pictures. The investment in the industry totals about \$250,000,000 and employed is given to about 250,000 persons.

Paul M. Turner of New York, speaking for the Actors Equity association, testified the idea that everybody connected with the industry made "big money" was erroneous; that 96 per cent of those engaged in making films received only "a living wage."

Mr. Turner and John Emerson, an independent producer of New York, speaking for himself and for D. W. Griffith, urged a duty on imported films of from 50 to 60 per cent ad valorem in place of the 30 percent in the Fordney bill. They said the industry was in bad shape with many studios and a large number of the 18,000 motion picture theatres over the country closed. Declaring that only a high tariff stood between the industry and extermination Mr. Turner said that at this time 54 German made pictures were being exhibited in this country and that four or five of these had yielded the exhibitors \$2,500,000. American producers can not compete with the Germans, he said, adding that pictures which cost from \$200,000 to \$300,000 to produce in this country could be made in Germany for from \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Saul E. Rogers of New York, speaking for the National Association of Motion Industry, opposed the duty in the Fordney bill, urging that the present rate of 3 cents a foot be retained. He declared that only a few foreign films and those depicting great spectacles had been successful in this country.

An attack on the Eastman Kodak company featured the hearings. Mr. Rogers, William A. DeFord of New York, counsel for the International Film Service company, Inc., Frederic R. Coudert of New York, counsel for Pathe Exchange, Inc., and other witnesses charged that this company through a monopoly of the "raw" film product would be able to control the motion picture industry if imports were shut out. They consequently opposed the 20 per cent ad valorem duty on "raw" films proposed in the Fordney bill.

OFFICERS GET STILL

Forty Gallon Outfit Captured Near Lowndesville.

Deputy Sheriffs Ferguson and Prince and Revenue Officer Wright of Greenwood discovered a 40 gallon copper still Wednesday afternoon on the land of Orr Clinkscales near Lowndesville. The still and various parts were found, dismantled, in a pile of brush, and at a hog pen nearby a barrel of mash was found. Another still was captured in the same community on Christmas day.

While no one was found at the still when it was taken a case was made this morning against Mr. Clinkscales on whose land the still was found, and against Mose Williams, negro, near whose house the outfit was located. Both are under bond.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Rev. R. C. Grier of Due West will preach at the Presbyterian church here Sunday.