

AMERICAN LEGION CRITICISES SAWYER

Veterans Demand Removal of President's Personal Physician. Officers Elected at Today's Session.

New Orleans, Oct. 19.—The American Legion after a long business session, in which a resolution was adopted criticising severely Brigadier General Sawyer, in spite of the protest of the legion's hospitalization commissioner, A. A. Sprague of Chicago, tonight entertained Gen. John J. Pershing, head of the army in France, and made last minute preparations for the contest tomorrow for the election of its national officers.

Out of the names of candidates for the national commandery William F. Deegan, of New York and Alvin M. Owsley of Denton, Texas, stood forth most prominently, if the gossip of the lobbies and committee rooms was any indication.

Both assert confidence that their campaigns will be successful.

Neither man had anything further to add early tonight to pronouncements, already made public as to his stand on legion policies. Owsley in his report as head of the legion's Americanization commission had laid stress upon what he termed the necessity for "100 per cent Americanism," total exclusion of immigrants from this country for an indefinite period, correction of alleged deficiencies in textbooks dealing with the war in such manner that the Germans have been given too favorable a report.

Deegan has chosen as his principal policy continuation of the bonus fight.

Praise for MacNider

Both endorse the policy and the record of Hanford MacNider, the present commander.

Matthew Murphy, of Birmingham, Ala., whose name was suggested several days ago by Milton J. Foreman of Chicago as a promising candidate, had practically withdrawn from the race tonight.

Another name which continues to be discussed is that of Joseph F. Thompson, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a former state commander of the legion in that state.

It was hinted tonight that a resolution calling for definite action in behalf of universal peace might be introduced tomorrow by legionaires who also are members of the Interallied Veterans' federation.

Although the Interallied Veterans formally concluded their convention Monday, an executive committee of the organization empowered by the convention to take what action it deemed expedient toward forwarding world peace has been in session here all day today, and is expected to make a statement shortly covering its position.

The resolution attacking and demanding the removal of Brigadier General Sawyer, President Harding's personal physician, from the post of chief coordinator of the federal hospitalization board, was adopted by the convention by a vote of 601 to 375.

Maj. A. A. Sprague of Chicago, mentioned as a candidate for the position of national commander, vainly tried to stem the tide against Dr. Sawyer. Sprague precipitated the issue several weeks ago by a bitter attack on Sawyer, but pleaded today with the convention to give Dr. Sawyer "a chance" on the latter's recent promise of cooperation with the legion's rehabilitation committee.

The suggestion by Delegate Bettman of Ohio, that a repudiation of Dr. Sawyer would hurt the cause of the disabled veterans and make President Harding "sore" was greeted with hoots and jeers mingled with applause.

Amendment to Report

Repudiation of Dr. Sawyer came in the form of an amendment to the report of the rehabilitation committee which report was even more conservative in tone than had been expected, and carried the recommendation that "the American Legion accept for the time being the pledge of cooperation given by Brigadier General Sawyer in the hope that it will be carried out by him in a spirit as well as in the letter."

State Commander Barron of Minnesota, presented the substitute resolution attacking General Sawyer and demanding his removal.

It follows in part: "Whereas, although four years have elapsed since the signing of the armistice and vast sums have been appropriated by congress for the hospitalization of sick and disabled veterans suffering without hospital care or in state or contract hospitals or in unfit government hospitals, and

"Whereas, in many cases more than one year has elapsed between the date of congressional appropriation and the selection of sites for new hospitals while many of the men for whom such hospitals were intended have died for the lack of proper treatment, and,

"Whereas, the director of the United States veterans' bureau has made commendable efforts to get these hospitals completed while there is yet hope of saving many of the veterans in need of them; and

"Whereas, Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer has hampered the efforts of the director of the veterans' bureau to accomplish this result and

has repeatedly made public statements which can only be construed to mean that he is more interested in economy than in saving the lives of the men who gave their health to their country, . . . and has shown himself by speech and action to be temperamentally unfit for the position which he holds and for the responsibilities which he exercises, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the American Legion of the United States of America in convention assembled demands the removal of Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer from the post of chief coordinator of the federal hospitalization board."

RAIN USHERS IN FIRST STATE FAIR DAY

Fail to Interfere with Program, However. Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt Occupies Center of Stage.

Columbia, Oct. 23.—Overcast skies that finally broke into a torrential shower ushered in the first day of the fifty-third annual South Carolina State Fair here today—the first fair to be given under the recently expanded program of activities mapped out by the State Fair association. The rain came in the afternoon, and, except for soaking many of the spectators at the horse racing, did not interfere with the day's program.

Today was Ladies' Day, and the center of the stage was occupied by Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, of Biltmore, N. C., president of the North Carolina fair, who formally opened the festival at noon, and shortly thereafter played the principal role at the laying of the corner-stone of the woman's building—the outstanding feature of the day. Mrs. Wilson G. Harvey, wife of the governor, who is head of the committee which is raising the funds for the building, also participated in the exercises.

After witnessing the opening of the races, Mrs. Vanderbilt held an informal reception in the steel building on the fair grounds, meeting several hundred fair visitors.

Hundreds visited the fair grounds today, but no official announcement was made as to the number. Officials of the fair are confident that the week's attendance will break all records, if the weather is not unfavorable. The prediction for tomorrow for clear skies was declared heartening to them.

The exhibits this year are said by veteran fair-goers to be more numerous and more varied than ever before. All available space was filled some days before the close of last week, officials stated.

The midway attractions were running full blast tonight and the advertised pyrotechnic display was given. After the afternoon shower, there was no more rain, although the clouds continued to be threatening.

Tomorrow will be School Day at the fair grounds, and it is expected that hundreds of school children will take advantage of the reduced rates offered. Inmates of the several orphanages in the vicinity of Columbia, number 500, will be guests of the management.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was tonight a guest of Governor and Mrs. Harvey, at dinner. Six former governors of the state were among the guests.

Sewing exhibits by girls clubs were judged today and the following awards announced: Miss Ruth Stevenson, Spartanburg, first; Miss Eunice Green, Barnwell, second; Miss Jensa Hill, Darlington, third.

Burns' Bargains Are Always Bigger.

Winthrop Daughters Minstrel To Be Staged Next Week

The Opera House will ring with merriment next Tuesday and Wednesday nights when, under the auspices of the Winthrop Daughters, the biggest two hour comedy show seen here in many moons will be staged. The big minstrel first part will be replete with a world of local jokes, snappy song hits and novelties, and eight blackface comedians, Misses Rekah Richards, Margaret Knight, Mary Sue Bolt, Allene Franks and the Messrs. Nat Richardson, Stanley Crews, Allie Lee and Will Meng will hand out plenty of comedy, song and novelties. This part will run for a solid hour and during a ten minute intermission a snappy jazz orchestra will keep things a-moving. Following the intermission, "Mrs. Black's Pink Tea," one of the funniest plays ever seen in

the South, will be offered. This play employs twenty people and during its action many vaudeville specialties will be seen. All of the talented ladies will appear in black, Mrs. Joe Phinney taking the part of "Mrs. Black". Mrs. Earl Owens, "Mrs. White," Miss Rekah Richards "Saratoga" the maid of all work, Mrs. E. O. Anderson "Pansy Black" and Mrs. A. L. Mahaffey, "Mrs. Lincoln" the stern washwoman. "The Conscriptonists," another comedy playlet, with Messrs. Will Meng, R. T. Wilson, O. L. Long and Jas. H. Sullivan in the leading roles, will be presented. Reserved seats for both nights will be placed on sale at the Powe Drug Co. Saturday morning at nine o'clock, the first six rows being reserved, the balance rush. Get your seat early.

MURDER IN AIKEN COUNTY

Chief of Police of Wagener Fatally Shot by Negro.

Aiken, Oct. 20.—Luke Rogers, chief of police at Wagener in Aiken county, by Murray Quattlebaum, a negro, this was shot and perhaps fatally wounded morning. Rogers is in a critical condition. The negro made his escape and at last reports was hiding in a swamp near Wagener.

Posses of armed men are searching for him. The shooting occurred at the Quattlebaum negro's brother, a few miles from the town of Wagener.

The brother was wanted on a minor charge and Chief Rogers went to the home after procuring a warrant from Magistrate Garvin to make the arrest. Murray Quattlebaum was there and when Chief Rogers appeared with a constable, his brother asked that the warrant be read. As the officer was

reading the paper, Murray Quattlebaum stepped a few feet away, snatched up a shotgun and fired upon Mr. Rogers, the load entering the officer's side.

Mr. Rogers was hurried to a hospital in Columbia, but physicians who attended him at Wagener entertain little hope for his recovery.

Dashing out of the house in the midst of the confusion, the negro made his way to the swamps near by, still armed with the weapon he had used on the officer.

Sheriff Howard with his deputies went immediately to the scene and the sheriff is in charge of the situation.

Wagener, Oct. 20.—Murray Quattlebaum, who possibly fatally shot Luke Rogers, chief of police, early today, surrendered tonight and was taken to the jail in Aiken. Quattlebaum took refuge in a swamp near Wagener after the shooting.

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