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\$1. CAMPAIGN STARTS OFF

All Loyal Democrats Are Asked to Contribute

EVERY LITTLE BIT WILL HELP

County Chairman Will Be Appointed to Solicit Funds to Elect Governor Cox

Contributions to the Dollar Democracy campaign poured in yesterday from all sections of South Carolina. Judging by the number of Democrats subscribing to the fund, even before the formal organization is launched there is every evidence that South Carolinians will subscribe a large amount. It is the hope of the managers of the campaign to collect as much as \$1 from every Democrat in the state.

The honor to be first Democrat in South Carolina to give money to defray the expense of the campaign of Cox and Roosevelt must be divided between W. W. Dukes of Orangeburg and M. D. Kirk of Columbia. The first letter opened yesterday by Joe Sparks, financial director for the South Carolina campaign contained a check for \$1, signed by Mr. Dukes with a short letter stating that he considered it a great privilege to help in so worthy a cause. When Gen. Willie Jones campaign treasurer, arrived at the Palmetto National bank yesterday morning he was handed a dollar bill by Mr. Kirk, who said that he hoped that he was the first Democrat to contribute. The honor of being third goes to Walter E. Duncan, of Aiken and Columbia, sure fit candidate for comptroller general. Mr. Duncan came down from the North, where he has been spending his vacation and his first act was to subscribe to the campaign fund.

Mr. Sparks will today send letters to the county Democratic chairmen urging that they appoint a great number of good Democrats in each county to collect funds for the party. The collectors will be furnished with credentials. Democrats throughout the state who desire to aid in this campaign should get in touch with their county chairmen. Campaign treasurers are to be appointed in each county.

All communications concerning the campaign should be addressed to Joe Sparks, 1202 Main street, Columbia.

Democratic leaders in Columbia yesterday expressed the opinion that the fund will be collected with little effort. "I do not believe that there is a Democrat in South Carolina who will refuse to give \$1.00 for Democracy's success," said A. F. Lever, member of the federal farm loan board and former congressman from the seventh district.

A letter will be sent today to the chairman of the campaign parties urging that the matter of subscriptions to the dollar Democracy fund be presented at all campaign meetings.

Formal notice was sent yesterday to Mr. Cox, the Democratic presidential nominee, that a campaign had been begun in this state to help pay the expenses of the campaign in the doubtful states.

Yachts Race Again Today

Shamrock Leading Resolute by Half a Mile

Sandy Hook, July 20.—The Shamrock crossed the starting line ahead of the Resolute and headed for the sea on the first leg of the triangular 20 mile course.

The Shamrock crossed the line nearly a minute ahead of her rival but fouled her hull. The Resolute paced the Shamrock within the first ten minutes of the race. At 12:55, thirty minutes after the start, the Resolute was half a mile ahead, and sailing easily, while the Shamrock seemed in trouble with her sails.

At one o'clock the Resolute ran into a soft spot and the Shamrock regained a quarter of a mile. At 1:10 the Shamrock passed the Resolute and took the lead. At 1:45 the Shamrock was half mile ahead and four miles from the first turn. At two o'clock the Resolute had regained a quarter of a mile.

Sandy Hook, July 20.—The Shamrock and Resolute were due to arrive at the starting point of the race at 11:25 today. At 11:30 the Regatta committee requested a signal postponing the start until later in the day, evidently in the hope of a stronger wind. The breeze at that hour was about five knots. Ten minutes later the committee hauled down the postponement signal. It was officially announced that Captain Burton would be at the Shamrock's wheel.

Communist Congress In Petrograd

Fifty-One Countries Are Represented at Great Opening

London, July 11.—Fifty-one countries are represented at the second international communist congress which opened in Petrograd July nineteenth, says a Moscow wireless.

LABOR BOARD MAKES AWARD

Announce Greatly Increased Wages for Railroad Men

TWO-THIRDS OF AMOUNT DEMANDED

Railway Executives Will Ask Increased Freight and Passenger Rates to Meet Increase

Chicago, July 20.—The United States railway labor board today awarded nearly 2,000,000 organized railway workers, wage increases totalling 600,000,000 yearly. The increase amounts to approximately 21 per cent of the present wage scale.

Chicago, July 20.—Railroad officials have declared that any increases awarded the men must be followed by corresponding increase in rates and they plan to file new tariffs with the interstate commerce commission as soon as they are prepared. Whether the award will stay the threat of a general railroad strike remains to be seen. The leaders of the unions will immediately present the award to the general chairmen who are gathered here to pass on its acceptability.

Chicago, July 20.—The award is retroactive to May first this year. The decision grants workers approximately sixty per cent of the billion dollars increase they sought. The presidents of all leading brotherhoods and representatives of railroad managers were present when the decision was made public.

Washington, July 20.—Following immediately on the receipt of the labor board's announcement the railway executives here went into a conference to frame recommendations to the interstate commerce commission for a rate advance to meet the added expenses of six hundred millions to the carriers.

The commission now has under consideration the application of the carriers for freight rate increases to provide an added income of \$1,107,000,000 annually. This increase does not take into account any wage advances.

The railroad executives said today that they would ask the commission to divide the expense created by an award on both freight and passenger rates but the proportion has not yet been determined.

King Will Case Takes New Turn

Claim of Northern Trust Company Disputed

Chicago, July 19.—Documentary evidence to disprove the allegation of the Northern Trust company that Gaston B. Means had obtained a large part of the fortune of Mrs. Maude A. King, widow of James C. King, Chicago millionaire, was introduced today in the King contest hearing. Means is the principal witness for Mrs. King, who is seeking to have an alleged second will of Mrs. King's probated.

Last week counsel for the Northern Trust company sought to show that Means had induced Mrs. King to withdraw money deposited with the Woodruff Trust company in Pollet under a trust agreement and that he had obtained a substantial portion of this. The amount on deposit was placed at \$200,000.

Counsel for Mrs. Melvin declared that records of the Woodruff Trust company showed that the trust fund at the time of its withdrawal amounted to \$172,000, including notes for \$34,000, leaving a balance of \$138,000.

Correspondence was also introduced that in December, 1914, several months before Mrs. King became acquainted with Means she had been advised by an attorney to withdraw the funds. Other evidence included notes of Mrs. Melvin for \$35,000 lent to her after the withdrawal of the money, receipts for \$25,000 for furnishing Mrs. King's New York apartment and \$4,000 given for an automobile.

Means read from a note book in which he said he had written bits of conversation with Mrs. King, in effect quoted Mrs. King as saying: "Mr. King told me that in a will of 1901 he had provided for building of an old men's home but that the will was not worth the paper it was written on."

Another paragraph stated that about 1903, King told his wife that he had been attacked by blackmailers and that he moved from one city to another cause he feared them.

Farm Help Plentiful

Kansas City, Mo., July 20.—The harvest labor situation in Kansas and the Southwest is generally good according to officials of the federal free employment bureau in Kansas City, Kan., and the Missouri Bureau of Farm Labor, conducted by state authorities with federal aid in Kansas City, Mo.

At the opening of this month a surplus of farm labor was evident. There were a number of instances of men who came back from the harvest field declaring that they had been unable to find employment.

GOVERNOR COX MEETS LEADERS

Roosevelt on Hand to Help With Campaign Plans

MANY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CONSIDERED

Must Select Committee Chairman and Establish National Headquarters

Columbus, O., July 19.—Democratic leaders gathered here today to counsel with Governor Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt, the party's presidential and vice presidential nominees, on their national political battle.

The Democratic national committee meets at 11 o'clock tomorrow to organize the campaign. Much preliminary work was done today in conferences.

Selection of a committee chairman to manage the campaign, naming of headquarters, choosing an executive subcommittee, plans for financing the campaign, arrangements for notification dates for the two nominees and their itineraries were the major affairs to be considered at tomorrow's meeting.

Governor Cox declined to respond to the request of Senator Harding, the Republican nominee, for details of the Governor's conference with President Wilson yesterday on the league of nations. The governor said he would answer anything desirable in his acceptance address.

Disinclination of Edmund H. Moore, national committeeman from Ohio, and Governor Cox's floor manager at the San Francisco convention, to assume management of the campaign, left unsettled tonight the election of a national committee chairman. Governor Cox said that in a telephone conversation Mr. Moore indicated that he did not desire the place, but wished to serve in other and unofficial capacities.

"The question will be left to the committee," said Governor Cox.

Mr. Moore's reasons for not wishing to manage the campaign were said by close friends to be a personal one, based largely on the necessities of his law practice at Youngstown.

The committee chairmanship also was discussed late today by Governor Cox with Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut, the present chairman. Mr. Cummings has stated that he wished to avoid the responsibilities and labor of another campaign, but many committee members were urging that he be "drafted" by reelection tomorrow.

Representative Cordell Hull of Tennessee also was being urged as an eligible.

A number of committeewomen chosen under the new rule giving women equal representation were here for tomorrow's meeting and there was a disposition to give them places on the executive committee, possibly electing one woman vice chairman. Woman suffrage leaders also are to urge the committee to make another move toward ratification of the federal suffrage amendment. Norman E. Mack of New York, committee member, is to offer a resolution urging the Tennessee and North Carolina legislatures to ratify.

Two American Aviators Are Missing

Started For a Flight Over Bolshevik Lines Fail to Return

Warsaw, July 20.—Captain Arthur Kelley, of Richmond, Va., pilot with the Kosciusk squadron is missing. He started for a flight over the Bolshevik lines five days ago. Captain Merion Cooper of Jacksonville, Florida has not been heard from since he began a flight over the enemy lines, July thirteenth.

June Dairy Honors

Clemson College Announces Winners For Past Month

Nineteen Guernseys, thirteen Holsteins, and one Jersey won places on the dairy honor roll for June, the highest honor going to a Holstein, Beaver Dam Nevada Alcarta, owned by H. D. Jordan, Ridge Spring, S. C., her production being 1792 pounds of milk and 61.7 pounds of butter-fat. The second honor was won by another Holstein, Princess Colie Paul 2nd, also owned by H. D. Jordan, for 1783 lbs. of milk and 54.1 pounds of butter-fat. Third place went to Lena of Broadhurst, owned by J. M. Ervin, Darlington, for 1059 pounds of milk and 53.4 pounds of butter-fat.

The records of the official tests for June show the following to have made the required 40 pounds or more of butter-fat.

Holsteins: J. K. Mayfield, Denmark, 2; P. A. Baxley, Blackville, 5; H. D. Jordan, Ridge Springs, 4; St. J. A. Lawton, Charleston, 2.

Guernseys: J. L. McIntosh, Dovesville, 7; R. A. Smith, Lynchburg, 1; R. M. Cooper, Wisacky, 4; J. M. Ervin, Darlington, 4; C. S. McCall, Bennettsville, 1; A. M. McKeown, Cornwell, 1; J. W. Weir, Cornwell, 1; Ware Shoals Manufacturing Co., 3.

Jerseys: South Carolina Experiment Station, Clemson College, 1.

TOBACCO PLANTERS WARNED

Should Put Their Money in Local Banks

LOCAL TRADING CONTINUES GOOD

Present Indications For the Best Season Ever For the Local Market

The South Carolina Tobacco Association is sending out advice to the tobacco growers as follows:

"HELP THE TOBACCO MARKET" 1st. By leaving your money in your local banks. There is little help to be had from the North on account of the money stringency, so the local banks and the local farmers must hold up the markets.

If you do not leave money in banks market is sure to fall seriously.

2nd. Do not rush your tobacco on the market.

Cure your tobaccos right and bulk down until they bleach. Only bright tobaccos will sell good.

3rd. If prices fall below reason withhold your tobaccos from the market.

4th. Join the South Carolina Tobacco Association. Do your part to keep up the prices.

The tobacco opening in every section of the state was a great success according to advices received from the various markets. Sumter's opening was very satisfactory and the prices were right. The small amount of tobacco on the floors was a sign that the farmers are learning to hold their tobacco and not rush it all on the market at the first of the season, which tends to lower the price. If the present indications are correct, the outlook for Sumter this year is very bright for becoming the leading tobacco market in this section.

The buyers, the warehouses and the tobacco are here and a great season is expected.

Resolute Is Leading Race

Overtakes Shamrock and Runs Ahead

Sandyhook, July 21.—A dead calm on the racing lanes prevailed this morning when the crews of the Shamrock and Resolute prepared to make sail for the days contest. It looked at an early hour as if the contest might be postponed.

At eleven thirty the Regatta committee ordered postponement at fifteen intervals. With scarcely a breath of air, both crews were impatient. The Shamrock is eager to add a third victory and take the cup while the Resolute hoped to begin the task of winning three straight.

The Shamrock led across line. The course announced was a beat to a point about eight miles off Asbury Park with a run back to the Ambrose Channel light ship. Each leg consists of fifteen miles. The Shamrock started, twenty-two seconds after 1 o'clock. The Resolute crossed line 19 seconds later. At 1:25 the Shamrock had one eighth mile lead and was gaining rapidly in a four knot breeze. Five minutes later was leading by three-eighths mile and at 2:22 the Resolute made up the loss and was leading by two hundred yards.

General Strike Called in Dublin

To Demand Release of James Head, Anarchist Held in New York

Dublin, July 21.—A general strike was called in Dublin today in pursuance of the movement to secure the release of James Head of the transport works union, who is serving a sentence in New York on conviction of being a criminal anarchist.

Peace in China

Peking, July 21.—Peace terms amounting to complete capitulation of the military party has been offered by the army commander was declared here today. The terms are being communicated to the leaders of the Chile faction.

Republicans Meet

Columbus, July 21.—Members of the executive committee of the republican national committee arrived here today for a meeting to discuss campaign plans before going to Marion tomorrow for the Harding notification ceremonies.

Poles Push Back Bolsheviks

Warsaw, July 20.—The long awaited attack of the Bolsheviks along the Sty river in Volhemia began Monday and has been repulsed by seven Polish divisions, according to an army headquarters announcement.

DANIEL RICH IS GUILTY

Of Manslaughter with Recommendation For Mercy

WILLIS JONES TRIAL IS BEGUN

Counsel For Defense Moves To Quash Writ of Venire, is Overruled

The court of general sessions reconvened on Wednesday morning at 9:30. After the charge of the court in the case of Daniel Rich, Jr., charged with the murder of Eugene Canteley, the jury retired to consider the case.

The court then called the case of Willis Jones, charged with murder. The state said that it was ready, but Mr. Davis Moise moved to quash the venire on account of errors in the writs. Mr. Moise said:

Mr. Moise: Subject to a motion that we may have for a general continuance in this case, we first move to quash the venire on the ground that the direction by the clerk of court for the drawing of the jury is without calendar date, and the only date that does appear, to wit: the year of the Sovereignty of the Independence of the United States of America, is the year 1921, beginning July 4, 1920, and ending July 4, 1921.

That the direction also contains no county, and that the sheriff of Sumter county is not mentioned; that the drawing, therefore, of the jury for the present week, was without authority in law, and that the jury commissioners, if they attempted to draw the jury, acted without authority in law, and, therefore, that this jury is null and void, and that the petit jury for this week is without authority to try this or any other case.

Also, it does not contain any date on the face of the instrument that the jury is to be drawn on. The direction also to the sheriff to summon the jury was made before the jury was drawn, contrary to the statute, and has no date on which he summoned the jury to appear.

During the arguments for both the state and the defense on this question, the jury returned and announced that they had found Daniel Rich guilty of manslaughter with a recommendation for mercy. The defense moved for a new trial. Arguments were continued in the case of Willis Jones. The state pointed out that the writ of venire was simply a custom and was not called for by law, therefore an error in it would not affect the jury. After arguments that took up the entire morning, Judge Wilson sustained the state, after which court adjourned until 3:30.

National Committee Makes Plans

Special Campaign Committee and Headquarters To Be Selected

Columbus, July 21.—Chairman White, Treasurer Marsh and other members of the Democratic National Committee remaining here today after yesterday's meeting were to meet with Cox today and map out further organization details, including a special campaign committee, location of several major headquarters, and arrangements for the notification ceremonies and finances. White, a former Ohio congressman succeeds Homer Cummings as the national chairman.

Christensen Would Release Debs

Calls on Cox and Harding to Join in Demand

Denver, July 21.—Parley Christensen, the farmer-labor party candidate for president today telegraphed Harding and Cox, suggesting that all candidates join in a demand upon President Wilson, to immediately release Eugene Debs, from prison.

Prohibition Party Opens Convention

Lincoln, Neb., July 21.—The prohibition party opened its thirteenth annual convention here today and prepared to devote much of the three days' session to jubulations over the downfall of John Barley Corn. Indications were that such matters as the nominees and platform would give way at least two days for the jubilee. William Jennings Bryan is apparently the favorite for the presidential nominee, but friends here claiming speak for Bryan reiterate the previous statements that he would not accept the nomination.

Erwin Bergdoll Has Surrendered

New York, July 21.—Erwin Bergdoll, a younger brother of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, who disappeared two years ago and has since been sought on charges of draft evasion surrendered today at Governor Island.

COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE DEFENDED

By Clerk of Board of Trustees For District Seven

SAYS REPORT OF GRAND JURY INCORRECT

County to Have Hard Time Getting Teachers if Schools Are Thus Adversely

Editor Item:

Will you be generous enough as to grant a little space in your paper for a brief statement of facts, as they exist, in reply to the lengthy report of the committee of the Grand Jury in their report of the finding of conditions of the public schools of Sumter county, which report, to say the least for it, painted a very dark picture and is a reflection not only on the county but on all parties connected in any way with the management of the public schools.

I will not attempt to answer for the other school districts, but in so far as their report refers to school district No. 7, in which Green Swamp and Lee schools are. At Green Swamp school seems to have been the first landing of this committee of inspectors. Here they found nothing but desks and washer woman's stands. Now this committee must have taken an exterior view of things only. For had they taken an interior view, unless it was in the night time, and their eyesight any good at all, they could have seen in the building blackboards, maps, charts, globe, library, recitation bench, stove, teacher's chair and table and perhaps a few other little pieces of furniture. But they say they only saw desks and the washerwoman's stand and only one privy when the law requires two privies. We are obliged for their knowledge of the law, but perhaps we knew the law before this committee was appointed.

For their information will say that we conferred with Dr. T. D. Rankin, the county physician at that time, who took this matter up with the State Board of Health, whose instructions were that under existing conditions, one privy at each of these school buildings was insufficient. This we give as our excuse for violating the law. One other suggestion for their information is that they could have traveled a good deal less than they did, and obtained more accurate data than it seems they were able to obtain, by making inquiry of the county superintendent of education, and members of the various boards of trustees.

The washerwoman's stand might have been erected at Green Swamp school after the school had been closed for the term, but don't think it was there during the school session.

Things in general are not as tohy as we would like them to be, but are about as good as can be afforded. With the dark picture painted by this committee it is doubtful if teachers can be procured for the schools of Sumter county this term.

This is only in defence of Green Swamp and Lee schools. Others have the privilege of speaking for their districts.

In conclusion will state that I have the keys to these two school buildings, and will gladly open up for the inspection of any one who desire to see which report of the condition as they exist is correct.

S. W. Ruffield,
Clerk Board Trustees, Dist. 7,
July 19, 1920.

Editor The Item:

Wedgfield and her citizens usually take criticisms when they are deserved, but in the report of the committee to the grand jury on conditions of the public school in the county they were justified in recommending the painting of the building. It is our aim at some future time when wet get over the shock of the bond issue for good roads, to have a better school building, but when they said the school had no privies, an injustice is done us. The school has two, one for each sex.

This information could very easily have been had.

W. H. Ramsey,
Wedgfield, July 20, 1920.

Great Plot in Turkey Revealed by Wholesale Arrests in Constantinople

Constantinople, July 21.—Wholesale arrests were made here today in connection with the alleged plot to promote a general uprising of Moslems against the foreign occupation. Confession of plotters are reported to have implicated high officials of one eminent power in the alleged conspiracy which was directed chiefly against Great Britain.

Harding Will Speak

Delivers His Acceptance Address at Marion

Marion, July 21.—Harding's speech of acceptance to be delivered here tomorrow is expected by his associates to give prominence to the foreign policy and the league of nations and to advance the campaign toward a squarely joined issue between the two political parties.