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MOVE FOR COMMON GOOD

ORGANIZATION IN COLUMBIA.

K. Tate is President of Conference—Rev. H. R. Murchison on Executive Committee.

The following account of the organization of the "Conference for the Common Good" was taken from Wednesday's State:

Socially sensitive South Carolinians, men and women, more than half a hundred of them—appearing as representatives of organizations, others in the character of public-spirited private citizens—gathered yesterday in Columbia, at the call of five of their number, and, after a canvass of views in which many practical, constructive suggestions regarding the project in hand were advanced, formulated plans for a statewide meeting in Columbia late this summer, the first of its kind, under the style of the Conference for the Common Good; such conference to be thereafter an annual fixture maintaining between its yearly meetings an executive secretary, probably in Columbia, with an organization for the prosecution of its work; and to be followed by similar conferences at the county seats, for the consideration in detail of local concerns.

These numerous individuals and organizations working for the common good shall, it is intended, find in this conference a medium which by other better, be enabled to formulate a program of progress, and so co-ordinate, correlate and articulate their endeavor as to concentrate efforts and unify forces for accomplishment of substantial results.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

William K. Tate of Columbia, state supervisor of elementary rural schools and professor of pedagogy in the University of South Carolina, was elected president of the conference.

Albert Sidney Johnstone, secretary of the chamber of commerce, Greenville, was made secretary. Engagement of an executive secretary who shall manage the office of the conference and direct its propaganda, was entrusted to the executive committee, composed—the president being ex-officio its chairman—of William Weston, M. D., R. Beverley Herbert and Henry J. Hardy, Columbia; Mrs. M. T. Coleman, Abbeville; E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville; David R. Coker, Hartsville; Thomas F. Harper, Clemson; Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, Lancaster; Rev. Howard Lee Jones, Charleston; George B. Cromer, Newberry, and Henry M. Dibble, Aiken. This committee is to meet this morning at 9:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building, Columbia, to work out a program for the state conference and if that seems practicable to fix a date therefor. Two sessions, both in the Y. M. C. A. building, were held yesterday, the first beginning at noon, the second at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Adjournment was taken at 5:30 p. m. Yesterday's meeting was born of much thought and study by many minds, but those active in arranging it were William E. Gonzales, William Weston, W. K. Tate, E. W. Dabbs and E. J. Watson. The organization as it now stands will exist intact until the 1914 conference.

Dynamic energy, purpose and enthusiasm ran electric throughout the proceedings, from which evolved clear-cut the stimulating, hopeful conception of a people divided in matters of creed and politics but united in moral and ethical concerns, of good will among themselves, mutually trustful, all solicitous for the larger welfare of the state and working together therefor efficiently and wisely.

Participants in the preliminary meeting yesterday return to their homes under agreement to make known the character of the enterprise thus launched, to give the executive committee the benefit of suggestions which their mature deliberation may yield, and to interest their neighbors in the financing of the work to be done in the immediate future—for which, it is estimated, about \$1,000 will be required.

County fairs to the number of 30 or more will probably be held in the state this year, and it likely that the dates and other dispositions for county conferences subsidiary to the State Conference for the Common Good will be arranged with reference to the dates of these fairs.

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

Woodrow Memorial Assembly hall in the Y. M. C. A. building was the scene of the meeting yesterday. E. J. Watson, state commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries, took the chair by request until the organization could be effected. The Rev. Charles E. Burts, pastor of the First Baptist church, Columbia, offered an invocation of divine blessing. Mr. Watson, in stating the purpose of the meeting, said that this was the "most significant gathering" ever held in South Carolina. "There are today at work in the state," he said, "forces making for uplift, under the direction of some of the most patriotic men and women I know. We are here to co-ordinate those forces, to take stock of our resources, to look to the conservation of our material resources, but, more, the conservation of our human resources, and above all of the resources we have in our boyhood and our girlhood. I like the name applied to this gathering—

the 'Conference for the Common Good.'

The time has come in South Carolina—and you all know it—when the great mass of the people are ready to receive higher standards. It has been one of the dreams of my life, and, I believe, one of the dreams of every man and woman engaged in my class of work, to see the hour come when we might combine our efforts, concentrate and correlate them. I take it you are here to discuss these things, and to launch today a work that shall not die; that you are determined also to do away with senseless vaporing and cheap politics."

Rev. Thornton Whaling, president of Columbia Seminary, was nominated by W. K. Tate, with William E. Gonzales as second, for chairman and was elected and took the gavel. Dr. Whaling said the movement about to be launched would prove "strategic" and effective. Albert S. Johnstone, secretary of the Green-ville chamber of commerce, was elected secretary, on the nomination of William Weston, M. D., seconded by H. L. Watson of Greenwood, president of the South Carolina Press Association.

SIX AMERICANS KILLED; 12 INJURED

Fall Under the Fire of the Rebellious Moros—Entrenchment Carried After Fierce Battle.

Manila, June 12.—The entrenchments of the rebellious Moros under the Sultan of Jolo at Bagsag were taken by the American forces today after a fierce battle in which the American casualties were six killed and 12 wounded.

The killed were two privates of Company M, Eighth United States Infantry, three members of the first company of scouts and one member of the 29 company of scouts. Lieut. Edwin H. Rackley was wounded in the leg.

The casualties are regarded as light in view of the stubborn resistance put up by the Moros.

The attacking forces had been made up unusually strong as a precaution, there being in addition to the company of regular infantry, a troop of cavalry seven companies of scouts, two companies of constabulary with a battery of four mountain guns and a machine gun platoon.

Although there remains one point still occupied in the mountains, the mountain guns will be in a position to shell it easily. Brig. Gen. John Pershing, commander of the department of the Mindanao, who led the forces, declares he will continue operations in Jolo until the tribesmen's guns have been taken and the island is peaceful.

CHANGES MADE WITH CLERKS

Captain Jennings Resigns—Mr. Derieux Becomes New Book-keeper at Treasurer's Office.

Columbia, June 12.—Announcement was made Tuesday night at 8 o'clock by State Treasurer S. T. Harter of changes in his clerical force. Capt. R. H. Jennings, for 12 years state treasurer, has resigned as chief clerk, and is succeeded by Y. H. Vance, for several years book-keeper for the treasury department. W. T. Derieux, Jr., of Greenville, will be Mr. Vance's successor at book-keeper.

Captain Jennings plans to visit relatives in Georgia, Mississippi and Florida. He is a veteran of the War Between the States and is one of the best known men in the state, both politically and socially.

Mr. Derieux, the new book-keeper, is the son of Rev. William T. Derieux, secretary of the Baptist state mission board, and he has been connected for the past six years with the City National Bank of Greenville. At the time of his appointment he was teller in the bank.

FREAK OF LIGHTNING.

Bolt Causes Boy of Four Years to Walk For First Time.

New York, June 12.—That Thomas William Brown, Jr., is walking this week for the first time in his life, although he is over four years old, is credited by his parents to a bolt of lightning which struck near their home in Jamaica, L. I., last Saturday.

The little boy had always had a pair of very normal legs, but no amount of coaxing would induce him to use them. During Saturday's storm he sat by the door of his father's grocery store when lightning struck nearby a deafening crash of thunder came. Mrs. Brown herself was hysterical with fright and when with joy she saw her little boy running around the store for the first time.

President Becomes Member of Golf Club.

Washington, June 12.—President Wilson evidently expected to spend part of the summer in the open, for it was learned today he is a member of the Washington Country Club the quarters of which are just across the Potomac river in Virginia. The President has played several games of golf over the club course and is said to have an especial liking for the links.

NIPS RACE RIOT IN BUDD

QUICK ACTION OF SHERIFF.

Governor Orders Out Military Company to Assist in Putting Down Threatened Upeaval.

The following account of the threatened race riot at Bluffton is taken from the Columbia Record of Thursday:

The threatened race riot in Bluffton seems to have been nipped in the bud by the arrival of the Beaufort military company and Sheriff White. A wire from the sheriff to Governor Blease Thursday afternoon says:

"Military company and myself returned from Bluffton this morning. Everything quiet.

"M. O'D. WHITE.

"Sheriff Beaufort County."

Bluffton, a picturesque little town near Savannah, in Beaufort county, is cut off from direct communication with the outside world, either through the instrumentality of negroes cutting the wires or because of a costwise storm that has been raging in that territory. Anxiety is manifested in Columbia because the town is supposed to be in throes of a biracial war, brought on because of the killing of a negro suspected of attempted criminal assault by State Constable E. Frank Hammond. Although Sheriff M. O'D. White of Beaufort county, and a posse, assisted by the Beaufort company, Third division Naval reserves, under the command of Lieut. Townsend, have gone to the scene, the larger predominance of the negro race in and near Bluffton gives a pessimistic tinge to the already dark outlook.

On Tuesday a negro attempted an assault on the wife of a prominent attorney of Bluffton. While the husband was away from his home, according to the reports, a negro entered the residence and threw his arms around the neck of the young woman, who writhed from his grasp, ran from the house and gave the alarm. The negro made his escape.

State Constable Hammond and a negro constable were in Bluffton at the time looking for negro "blind tigers." This negro was suspected of the attempted assault, and he was arrested and taken before the young woman for identification. She said the negro was not the one who attempted the crime.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Hammond attempted to arrest a negro suspect, who had previously approached the daughter of a prominent planter of the Bluffton section and another woman and he resisted arrest. In the resultant struggle, according to a telegram from the state constable to Governor Blease, Hammond shot the black to death. The wire says:

"The mayor and some citizens here think negroes are arming themselves and will make trouble and request that I ask you for Beaufort militia to protect whites and property. Phone connections only to Bluffton and wire may be cut."

To accentuate the seriousness of the already threatening circumstances the dead body of the negro shot by Mr. Hammond was viewed by the young woman on whom an attempted assault was made and she said it was the wrong man.

Governor Blease then wired Lieut. H. C. Townsend, commanding the Beaufort artillery, Naval reserves, to put himself and men in readiness and hold company subject to the orders of Sheriff White if needed. The chief executive received a wire from Sheriff White at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night in which he states he and the military company would leave for Bluffton in an hour.

Besides the military company and the sheriff's posse from Beaufort, automobile parties and posses from Jasper and Hampton counties hurried to Bluffton to be in readiness in case there was a serious uprising in and near the town.

Bluffton is situated in what is known as the "black belt of the state," and an upheaval of the blacks there would probably precipitate a situation that would be serious. The negroes predominate in Beaufort county, the ratio being about 8 to 1. Although the negroes of Beaufort and the adjacent island as a rule are peaceful, yet a race riot would mean annihilation of the white residents unless assistance was quickly thrown into the territory. The military companies of Beaufort, Walterboro, Barnwell and Charleston, however, could be quickly mobilized and rushed into Beaufort county on special trains, and if danger was imminent the farmers and other citizens of Colleton, Jasper, Hampton and Barnwell counties, which are in close proximity to Beaufort, would leave their various vocations and professions and make a well armed descent into the threatened territory to protect their threatened racial brothers.

Roosevelt is to Lecture in South America.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 12.—It was announced here today that Theodore Roosevelt is coming to Argentina to lecture on the progress of the United States.

New York, June 12.—Colonel Roosevelt's private secretary today contemplates a trip to Argentina but added that the details had not been settled. Present plans call for his departure this fall.

WILSON VISITS CAPITOL

SENATORS ALL AT BALL GAME.

Makes Engagement With Secretary Lane and Discusses Cabinet Matters With Him.

Washington, June 12.—President Wilson made another trip to the Capitol today but most of the senators whom he intended to see were absent, playing golf, watching the baseball game, or otherwise bent on recreation as the senate was not in session.

The President did not send word he was coming, deciding on the spur of the moment to go to his "other office," as the President's room in the Capitol is being called, after he had started away for an afternoon's ride. He had a list of 21 senators whom he hoped to talk with about the appointment of an industrial commission. Only six answered a call when he arrived and the President remained but a little while. During that time, however, besides talking appointments, he discussed with Senators Chamberlain and O'Gorman the status of the arbitration treaties which are up for renewal, and which he still hopes may be renewed.

After the President discovered there were no more senators in evidence, he used the newly-installed telephone in his room and informed Secretary Lane that he was coming to visit him. It was another precedent added to the list, for rarely has a President gone calling on a cabinet officer. Mr. Wilson had some routine matters to discuss with Mr. Lane, and remembered that the latter had asked for a conference and that no hour had been set so he disposed of it summarily and went riding later through Rock Creek Park. The President probably will make another trip to the Capitol tomorrow to discuss appointments.

GUN FROM MAINE EXPECTED SOON

Senator Tillman Urges Victor Blue to Ship Relic to Columbia as Soon as Possible.

The following is from The Columbia Record:

The six-pounder from the battleship Maine, which has been presented to the city of Columbia by the navy department, should arrive here before many days, the necessary formal steps having already been taken by Mayor Gibbs immediately upon receipt of the letter from Senator Tillman offering to get the relic if the request blank were filled out and returned at once.

Senator Tillman has sent to Mayor Gibbs a copy of a letter which the senator has written Victor Blue, a South Carolinian, who is chairman of the bureau of navigation, asking him to have the cannon shipped at once. The letter follows:

Ad. Victor Blue, Chairman of Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear Victor: I enclose herewith the application of the city of Columbia for the six-pounder from the wreck of the battleship Maine, which you are holding for me. I would thank you to take the necessary steps to see that this cannon is forwarded promptly to Mayor Gibbs.

Very sincerely yours,

B. R. TILLMAN.

MUCH BEER EMPTIED.

Fifteen Barrels Poured Out by Cabarrus Commissioners.

Concord, June 11.—County Commissioners Weddington and Moore employed four negroes yesterday afternoon and they spent several hours at the court house pouring out the 15 barrels of beer held there by the county. The beer, as previously noted, was seized from a man named Cash. Chairman Weddington recently gave notice that the beer would be poured out and yesterday the deed was done. The liquid was poured into the waste pipe and is now mingling with the waters of the creek to the possible delight of the fishes, frogs, tadpoles and crawfish.

POLICEMEN COLOR BLIND.

Are Sent Home by Chicago Examining Board to Study.

Chicago, June 12.—The police department has a "color blind squad." It was selected yesterday at the civil service examination for second class detective sergeants when seven per cent of the policemen failed to qualify in colors.

One policeman picked four green tassels and a brown one to match a yellow tassel. Another selected two pink tassels, one lavender and two blues and insisted they were all the same color.

The applicants were rejected on the ground that their color blindness, or "color ignorance" might be the cause of losing cases. They were sent home to study.

Both Powers Accept Russia.

St. Petersburg, June 12.—The Servian and Bulgarian governments have both agreed to accept Russian arbitration in their dispute over the territory acquired during the Balkan war.

WEALTHY COUPLE SUICIDES.

Retired to Their Bedroom, Turned on Gas and Left Ten Millions.

Zurich, Switzerland, June 12.—Eugene Maggi and his wife, believed to be the wealthiest persons in Switzerland, committed suicide today, their act being actuated by sheer lack of interest in life.

Eugene Maggi was only 41 years old and his wife 35. The joint estates of the man and his wife were estimated some time ago at \$10,000,000, while quite recently Maggi inherited the income from a number of extensive factories.

The couple had been married for a number of years, but a childless union brought disappointment to both. Last night the retired to their bedroom in their villa here, turned on the gas and were found dead in the morning.

COTTON IS BADLY DAMAGED BY COLD

Curtained 1,000,000 Bales is the Belief of Those Who Study Weather Map.

The following is the opinion of The Columbia Record in regard to the recent cold weather and the cotton crop:

That the chilling rainy weather which has prevailed during the week over portions of the cotton growing belt will curtail the crop at least a million bales, is the opinion in quarters where the weather map is studied in connection with the effects of the weather on the various crops. Cotton in the growing state is peculiarly sensitive to cold, although it bears up well under the sun and will not be affected unless the drought is unusually excessive.

The unusual weather conditions for June, usually one of the softest and mildest of the summer months, are prevalent in South Carolina, where the growing of cotton is the principal agricultural pursuit. Some of the students of weather condition and crop prospects are of the opinion that the staple has suffered to a considerable extent as the result of the chilling rains that have fallen. The air, too, has been heavy with moisture and for three days the vitality of the growing crops has been put to a severe test. Early fruit appears droopy, though that which has developed firmly will probably be able to withstand the ordeal which the elements has assigned to the sunny South, which does not seem to be living up to its name during the present conditions.

Cotton is the leading financial crop of the state and any influence which tends to prevent a full maturity of the planted staple is viewed with anxiety by the planters. The unseasonable period of weather is causing an uneasiness among the planters that would be considerably dispelled if the sun should break through the clouds and once more bring brightness and sunshine over the fields.

JOY RIDE IN BIPLANE LAST FOR AVIATOR

Washington to Make Just One More Spin, Andrew Drew Volplanes to His Death.

Lima, O., June 12.—Andrew Drew, pupil of Orville Wright, volplaned to death here this evening in a blazing biplane. Drew was killed as a result of desire to take "just a little joy ride" in his last words to his partner—in a machine he had not thoroughly tested. His partner in a local school of aviation, J. C. Brabazon, had urged him not to make the trip, but Drew wished to try out the biplane.

He fell 200 feet. He was dead when Brabazon and several workmen at the Lima State Hospital pulled his body from the wreckage. Drew and Brabazon went out to the aviation grounds, about a half a mile from the State Hospital, during the afternoon and Drew and his mechanics set up the machine. It was dark when they had finished. Drew was anxious to try out the machine and urged Brabazon, who had made several flights with him, to go along.

"Let's take just one little joy ride," he laughed, "and then I'll go and eat with you," said Drew.

Brabazon demurred on the ground that it was getting dark.

The machine which the aviator used was the one in which Calvin P. Rodgers made the last lap of his coast-to-coast flight two years ago.

GARRETT TO BE ELECTROCUTED

Slayer of Campbells Found Guilty of Murder—To Die July 11.

Bishopville Special to Charleston News and Courier, June 12.—M. L. Garrett, who shot and killed J. H. Campbell and his son, Aaron Campbell, on May 18, was found guilty of murder in the first degree here this afternoon at 6 o'clock by a Lee county jury and was sentenced by Judge G. W. Gage to be electrocuted on July 11. The jury was only nine minutes in deciding the case. Tatum and Ruffin, appointed by the court to defend Garrett, put up an able fight for him.

LID ON AT ISLE OF PALMS

GOVERNOR WRITES TO SHERIFF

Orders Sunday Sports and Liquor Selling on Island Stopped—Attacks Mayor Grace.

Columbia Special to Charleston News and Courier, June 12.—Governor Blease has ordered the lid to be put on tight at the Isle of Palms. Stringent and peremptory orders to forbid all motorcycle racing or such like sports on the beach on Sunday and to stop the sale of liquor and beer were issued by the Governor to Sheriff Martin and Chief Constable Stothart of Charleston. Violations of law must stop and desecration of the Sabbath Day must end, says the chief executive of South Carolina.

In his letter to Sheriff Martin the governor calls attention to the newspaper reports of motorcycle races of the Isle of Palms last Sunday and instructs the sheriff to arrest all taking part in such sports on Sunday hereafter and prosecute them to the limit of the law.

In his letter to Chief Dispensary Constable Stothart to stop the sale of liquor on the Isle of Palms, Governor Blease says: "It is thought aloud around here that John P. Grace's idea in closing up everything so tight in Charleston on Sunday is to drive everybody to the Isle of Palms, and that a bar-room is to be run open and above-board over there. It is said also that Mr. Grace is boarding at the hotel in Charleston with the gentleman who owns the Isle of Palms business."

The Isle of Palms is the playground of Charleston and excursions every Sunday take thousands of people there from all parts of the state.

GOVERNOR'S LETTER TO SHERIFF.

In his letter to Sheriff J. Elmore Martin, Governor Blease says:

"Columbia, S. C., June 9, 1913.

"J. Elmore Martin, Esq., Sheriff Charleston County, Charleston, South Carolina—Dear Sir: I notice in this morning's issue of The News and Courier, page 8, column 5, under heading, 'Cycle Racing at Isle of Palms,' that motorcycle races were held at the Isle of Palms on yesterday, the 8th instant, being the Sabbath Day.

"I hope that you did not know that these races were going to be held, as I see nothing in the said article which shows any effort on your part to prevent the same.

"I hope that you will immediately proceed to indict all who took part in said races, or attempted to do so, and bring them before the proper tribunal for desecration of the Sabbath Day and that you will keep a strict lookout in the future and have indicted and locked up in your county jail any and all persons who shall attempt to have any kind of races or other sports or amusements, save sacred concerts on the Sabbath. There are some things which possibly we can be excused for not hearing, if we did hear, and for not seeing, if we do see, but there can certainly be no excuse in the eyes of God or man for allowing these things to go on upon the Sabbath.

"It is true that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath, but the Sabbath was intended as a day of rest and recreation, and for the worship and service of God, and certainly not for the purposes that these people put it to on yesterday.

"I am mailing copy of this letter to Chief Constable Stothart, with instructions that he get busy also, and I hope that you will see, in the future that people obey the Sabbath, and the laws of this state, in the discharge of your official duties.

"Yours respectfully,

(Signed)

"COLE L. BLEASE, Governor."

"Copy to Mr. B. H. Stothart, Chief Constable, Charleston, S. C."

LETTER TO CHIEF CONSTABLE.

The governor addressed the following letter to Chief Constable B. H. Stothart:

"Columbia, S. C., June 11, 1913.

"B. H. Stothart, Esq., Chief Constable, 69 Society Street, Charleston, S. C.—Dear Sir: It is thought aloud around here that John P. Grace's idea in closing up everything so tight in Charleston on Sunday is to drive everybody to the Isle of Palms, and that a bar-room is to be run open and above-board over there. It is said also that Mr. Grace is boarding at the hotel in Charleston with the gentleman who owns the Isle of Palms business. As to these rumors I do not know. However, notify the Isle of Palms people immediately upon receipt of this letter, that not a drop of wine, whiskey or beer can be sold or served there, and if these orders are violated you are hereby directed to seize all the goods and to arrest the people violating the law, and if you cannot do this I will get a man who can. Attend strictly to this, immediately, and fall not on penalty of the loss of your job and the jobs of your men just as quickly as the telegraph wires can transmit the message.

"Very respectfully,

(Signed.)

"COLE L. BLEASE, Governor."

"I had to kill my dog this morning."

"Was he mad?"

"Well, he didn't seem any too well pleased."—Cincinnati Enquirer.