

D. A. R. CANDIDATES PUSHING CAMPAIGN

Three Hotel Lobbies Thronged by Women Here for National Convention.

Three hotel lobbies—filled with women, gathered in groups of from six to twelve—all talking vigorously—gesticulating, nodding, or shaking heads—women dressed in the latest spring fashions, some of a severely near-masculine type—the lapels of their coats burdened with ribbons and medals—yes, the campaign for the presidency of the D. A. R. is on, and on in earnest.

The four candidates for the presidency are quartered in the three hotels. Mrs. George Thacher Guernsey, of Kansas, and Mrs. John Miller Horton, of New York, have their campaign headquarters at the Willard. Mrs. J. Hamilton Lewis, of Illinois, is at the Shoreham, and Mrs. George C. Squires, of Minnesota, is at the Powhatan.

The lobby of the Willard is a scene of great activity. Two presidential candidates, each with a large retinue of earnest followers, were in the lobby this morning. There were two groups, and each group surrounded its candidate.

True, there were a few hard looks exchanged.

Mrs. Guernsey confident.

"I am going to win," said Mrs. Guernsey, as she came from the dining-room with her son. "As far as I can see there is no doubt about it. Of course, I won't go so far as to state what support I shall have, exactly, but after looking over the situation carefully, I don't see very well how I can fall now."

"Mrs. Lewis says she has the South backing her. Mrs. Lewis was born in Georgia, belongs to a South Carolina chapter, and is the wife of a Senator from Illinois. She hasn't got the support of the South—not even South Carolina—and I have been assured of the way that Illinois will vote."

Mrs. Guernsey is tall and rather stout. She has a very strong face, with a chin indicative of determination. She wears glasses and looks directly at the person she addresses.

Mrs. Guernsey characterized the course of Mrs. Wilson and wives of Cabinet members in declaring the simple life as "one of the most sensible things yet."

Just as Mrs. Guernsey was questioned concerning the gardening campaign in Washington and other cities, she was called away. Her son, George T. Guernsey, Jr., spoke for her.

"Yes, I am sure mother endorses the gardening, but she does it only as an American woman, you understand. She also has some ideas about how the D. A. R. can help the country during war time."

We are all very confident that mother will win. Mother has the support of enough people to give her the election easily. The other candidates will not deny it in public, but they go in their own rooms."

Two Candidates Reluctant.

Mrs. John Miller Horton, of New York, also a guest at the Willard, said she would rather not discuss D. A. R. politics, as to do so might embarrass her.

Mrs. Lewis, at the Shoreham, denied that she had withdrawn as a candidate, but did not discuss the situation.

Mrs. George C. Squires, the fourth candidate, stopping at the Powhatan with her daughter and several members of the Minnesota delegation, cheerfully "made a statement." She talks in a perfectly even, unemotional voice, with never a pause, until she is through, and then she is through.

"The political skies are shining brightly today," said Mrs. Squires, "brightly for me and brightly for the Minnesota delegates. We are very happy over the prospects."

"One thing about this year's election—there is no ill-feeling among the candidates. We are all here to have a good time—just a good old time—and we are having a very fine time. Thank you. Good-by."

And Mrs. Squires withdrew to talk with the contingent from Minnesota, which held an informal meeting in her apartment at the Powhatan today.

THREE HURT IN COLLISION

Cars Crash in Switch Near Union Station.

Three persons were hurt in a collision of a car on the Capital Traction Company with one of the Washington Railway and Electric Company in the switch at the east end of the Union Station plaza shortly after 8 o'clock this morning.

The injured: Lumber McIntyre, conductor of the Capital Traction car, bruises on hips and body; to his home, 147 R street northeast, in a taxicab.

James Anderson, passenger on Capital Traction car, both hips injured; to his home, 148 W street northwest, in a private machine.

L. A. Montgomery, passenger on Washington Railway and Electric car, slight bruises; to his home, 311 Tennessee avenue northwest.

Both cars were damaged, and traffic was tied up for nearly fifteen minutes.

Car 435 of the Washington Railway and Electric Company collided at First and B streets northeast yesterday with an auto truck belonging to T. R. Nowland, of 315 Fourteenth street southeast, damaging the truck.

LURE OF SUBURBS AFFECTS TRADING

Nine Hundred Parcels Outside Old City Limits Change Hands in Week.

The lure of the suburbs was the feature of the realty trading of the second week of April. Exactly 900 parcels changed owners in the last six days in the sections beyond the old city limits. Of this number 350 parcels were in the outlying suburbs, and 50 in the near-urban district. Only 82 lots were conveyed within the city proper.

While only six more sales were reported this week than in the opening days of April the volume of trading increased four fold. A total of 932 lots were transferred while only 239 parcels figured in the operations of the first week of the month. An aggregate of 137 sales were affected this week.

The owners of the Evans building at 1420 New York avenue have agreed to make partition of the property, and Justice Hitz, of the District Supreme Court yesterday named Frank S. Bright, trustee to sell the building. The property is said to be worth about \$600,000, and has an encumbrance of \$225,000 on it.

Many Delinquent Taxes.

Neglect to settle for delinquent taxes on real estate seemed to be on the increase this year, according to the report of the District Commissioners and Ben L. Prince, collector of taxes, of the number of lots sold for unpaid taxes. The report filed during the week with Recorder of Deeds Costello shows that 6,520 parcels were sold this year, as compared with 6,099 in 1916. The revenues of the recorder's office were augmented by \$650.15 by the filing of this year's report.

The Playhouse, at 1814 N street northwest, was bought yesterday by Mrs. Henrietta M. Halliday from Eldridge E. Jordan and George P. Eustis. The consideration is not made public. The property has attracted attention recently by the court proceedings for an injunction to prevent dancing at late hours.

Wednesday was the busiest day of the week, with thirty-three sales to its credit. The half-holiday of Saturday ranked second, with twenty-two sales. Monday, Thursday, and Friday were tied, each having reported twenty-one deals. There were nineteen trades on Tuesday.

Bulk of Trading.

The outlying suburbs furnished the bulk of the week's trading, being the scene of the transfer of 300 parcels. The near-urban district was in second place with fifty lots conveyed, followed closely by the northwest, where forty-six lots changed owners. There were fifteen lots sold in the southeast, fourteen in the northeast, and seven in the southwest.

The loan market experienced a slump. The exact figures of the loans of the past six days were \$530,692.30. This sum was borrowed on the security of 946 lots at an average interest rate of 4.7 per cent.

Straight loans had the lion's share of the week's business with a total of \$371,165.23. The sum of all the notes given for deferred purchase money was \$164,487.07. The building associations advanced to members \$61,100.

The northwest retained its favor as a basis of loan security by a small margin only. It was pledged for a total of \$235,182, while land in the country was encumbered to the extent of \$234,482.30. Loans on property in the northeast reached \$44,450, and in the southeast \$16,575. No loan was reported on land in southwest Washington.

"WAR PROHIBITION" MOVEMENT GROWS

Breweries and Distilleries May Be Wiped Out as Result of Food Shortage.

America's "big push" for food may wipe out breweries and distilleries.

Taking advantage of the threatened food shortage throughout the world, and demands on American farmers to feed not only the United States but her allies, "drys" in Congress are preparing a spectacular drive for "war prohibition." Plans for the effort will be announced early next week.

The purpose is to stop the manufacture of liquor and beer at least for the period of the war, thereby diverting millions of bushels of grain into food channels.

To Save 600,000,000 Bushels.

Those behind the movement declare that more than 600,000,000 bushels of grain would be saved by closing the beer and whiskey plants.

"That's enough to feed 13,000,000 people," said Dr. Wiley, pure food expert. "It's sufficient to feed the whole nation for a month," declared Senator Sheppard, father of the national prohibition amendment.

Thousands of workers in breweries and distilleries would be released for farm and other productive work, it is contended.

Chairman Lever of the House Agriculture Committee favors the plan. The movement has gained such momentum that distillers are making overtures to Congress, offering to restrict their output so as to release at least 15,000,000 bushels of grain annually for food.

This offer, however, is scorned by E. C. Dinwiddie, chairman of the legislative bureau of the anti-liquor forces. He says distillers and brewers are overstocked with grain and "for business reasons" are willing to reduce their grain demands.

Congressman Randall, "dry," says "war prohibition" is inevitable.

Executive Action Suggested.

"Forty-four per cent of the barley, 2 per cent of the rye raised in this country," Randall said, "is being used in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors." Congressman Howard believes President Wilson should not and will not wait for Congress to act but "as a war measure" will issue a proclamation temporarily closing breweries, distilleries, and saloons.

Senator Kenyon is preparing a bill which he will present probably Monday, which will impose a heavy tax on new production of distilled spirits for beverage purposes and also on new production of beer and malt liquors.

HOME GUARDS TO DRILL.

Company A of the National Capitol Home Guard, will hold its first drill at the Senate Office Building at 8 o'clock tonight and complete its organization. E. A. Halsey is captain. A regular army officer will address the company and drill it.

HUNDREDS TO MEET AGAINST PROFANITY

Holy Name Society's Convention Will Have Big Maryland Delegation.

Hundreds of Holy Name Society members from Maryland and Virginia cities will join with the Washington membership on Sunday, April 22 in ceremonies in St. Dominic's Church for the annual convention of the Archdiocesan Union of the Society.

Baltimore will send the largest delegation, and take a prominent part in the church services and in the convention which will be held in the afternoon in St. Dominic's Hall. Decisions will be made on the details of the annual autumn street demonstration of the society. Officers also will be elected.

The committee on arrangements has made elaborate plans for the reception of the visitors. The day will begin with the celebration of high mass at St. Dominic's, with the Rev. James E. Krug, spiritual director of the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's Church, as celebrant. The Rev. James E. O'Connor and the Rev. Francis D. McGraw will assist as deacons.

The mass will be sung in the presence of Bishop O. B. Corrigan, auxiliary to Cardinal Gibbons, who will be seated on a throne inside the chancel rail as the personal representative of the Cardinal. Bishop Corrigan is national director of the Holy Name Society. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. E. G. Fitzgerald, prior of the Dominican House of Studies, in Brookland.

John Hadley Doyle, president of the Washington branch, and Col. Robert S. Johnston, U. S. A. marshal of the society, will have charge of the local members who will form a guard of honor for the prelates in the march from the rectory of St. Dominic's to the church.

FOOD CONSERVATION PLANS ARE RUSHED

Comprehensive Program Arranged for Rigid Government Control.

Comprehensive plans for rigid government control of food supplies, with powers of price fixing and distribution, have been agreed upon by the Administration. Congressional action probably will be asked early next week.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston went over the food situation with the President last night. Today he conferred with Congressional leaders upon the terms of the food bill.

The Secretary is at work upon a far-reaching national food organization. Through the Council of National Defense, appointment of State committees to estimate production and conserve supplies has been asked. It is now proposed that municipal committees under the State committees be formed in every city, town, and hamlet.

Any attempt at manipulation of prices will meet with summary action from the Government under the plan.

"ETHICS OF WORK" TOPIC.

Miss Lucy C. Fowble will speak on "The Ethics of Work" before the Washington Secular League at Pythian Temple on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MRS. A. P. DAVIS DEAD.

Mrs. Elizabeth Brown Davis, the wife of Arthur Powell Davis, director of the United States Reclamation Service, is dead at her home 2212 First street northwest. Mrs. Davis was born in Front Royal, Va., but had been a resident of Washington practically all her life. She was a graduate of Columbia University, now George Washington University, and for many years was employed as a mathematician in the National Almanac office. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Rena D. Peck, Mrs. Florence Ballin, Miss Elizabeth Davis, and Miss Dorothy Davis, all of Washington.

The funeral services will be held on Monday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Martin's Church. Burial will be made in Rock Creek Cemetery.

TO OBSERVE "PARENTS' DAY."

"Parents' Day" is to be observed tomorrow at the Centennial Baptist Church Sunday school, Seventh and I streets northeast. Parents are urged to attend the Sunday school service, and get acquainted with each other and the teachers.

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