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## Republican Party For South Carolina

### The National Executive Committee Will Act in the Matter on June 8th

## Tolbert and His Clan Not Popular with Leaders in Washington

Columbia, May 19.—Considerable interest is being taken throughout the state in the plans of the Republican party for the formation of a new party in South Carolina and Georgia. According to prominent Republicans of Columbia, these plans will take definite shape at the meeting of the National Republican executive committee in Washington on June 8. A preliminary meeting of Republican leaders will be held on May 25th, in Washington. It is stated, and a number of South Carolinians say they are to attend this meeting. It is said that definite announcement of the plans of the G. O. P. for the new party in this state will be made following the meeting on the 25th.

Joseph W. Tolbert, of Greenville, national committeeman of the Republican party, is now in Washington looking after his interests in connection with the fruit on the G. O. P. plum tree. Reports from Greenville a few days ago, to the effect that A. A. Oates, prominent Republican of that city, had been appointed postmaster at Greenville, and that J. R. Cochran had been given the postmastership at Anderson, were denied in telegraphic advices received from Washington Wednesday, these being to the effect that these two men had not been appointed and that other of the names endorsed by Tolbert were not being considered. These advices state that the Republican leaders are making earnest efforts to "find a Republican leader in South Carolina to whom the administration can turn instead of Tolbert, so far as this effort has not been successful." It is also stated that the Republican chiefs are searching for names in connection with some of the plums for which Tolbert has set his basket "that will reflect more credit on their party than those of the Tolbert clan."

There is much speculation being indulged in in political and official circles in Columbia and other parts of the state as to what procedure the Republican party will follow, if it does determine on June 8th to launch an entirely new party in South Carolina and Georgia. There are many political wise ones who say that it can't be done, while on the other hand there are many in the old Democratic state of South Carolina who say openly that they would join such a party as is proposed, if it can be formed. The outcome of the situation is awaited with much interest.

## Confederate Reunion

Camden, May 18.—Camden is today under strict martial law with Maj. Gen. C. A. Reed commanding the South Carolina division U. C. V., and Commander W. F. Russell of Camp Richard Kirkland, in charge. The city was placed under martial law early this morning and will remain so until late Thursday night. Major General Reed and Commander Russell are having no difficulty controlling the situation as they have something over 500 soldiers standing at attention awaiting commands. It is the martial law that is giving the participants one of the greatest times in their lives. Major Reed and Commander Russell are in charge of the reunion of the South Carolina division of the Confederate Veterans.

The first day of the program was carried out as planned without a single hitch and every veteran in attendance is enjoying every minute. Every citizen of Camden, as well as many citizens of the county for miles surrounding Camden, are leaving no stone unturned to see that everyone of them are well entertained—every automobile and every home in the city of Camden is at the disposal of the veterans and all they have to do is to express a desire and it is complied with.

Practically the entire day of Wednesday was filled up with addresses of welcome, music, introducing of sponsors, maids and matrons of honor. All business hours in the city closed their doors at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to give the veterans a chance to entertain the veterans and the entire afternoon was a continuous round of pleasure for everyone.

## CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE ILL

### Distinguished Jurist Not Expected to Survive—Until Yesterday He Was Believed to Be Improving Steadily

Washington, May 17.—Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court is not expected to live through the night, his physicians said late this evening. "His pulse is weak and his heart is bad," Dr. Francis R. Hagner said after a visit to the judge at Garfield hospital. "He probably will not survive the night." The chief justice submitted to an operation for bladder trouble last Friday and had improved steadily until late today when he suffered a relapse.

Dr. Hagner said that the patient's temperature was normal until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when he suffered a chill and then declined rapidly. Late tonight he lapsed into unconsciousness. For four months he had been unwell, the doctor said, but he refused to leave his work, saying that it was important, and, if necessary, he would die rather than stop for treatment.

The chief justice, who is 76 years of age, had always been in rugged health, except for a slight impairment of vision, which had troubled him for several years. He was a well known figure about the capital and he enjoyed walking and was to be seen frequently among the crowds on the streets.

Although recently there have been reports current that he contemplated resigning, no word from him supported the rumor. Several weeks ago he was absent from the bench for a period of two weeks with a severe cold, but returned to his duties in apparently as good health as ever.

On May 2 he delivered a vigorous dissenting opinion in the Newberry case with his oldtime force.

Because of what is understood to have been a developing trouble, he was taken to Garfield hospital last week and operated on Friday. Attending surgeons refused to announce the character of the operation, but described it as of a minor nature. His early convalescence was expected until late today, when the unexpected relapse came.

The chief justice is a native of Louisiana and served in the Confederate army during the war. He served in the United States senate three years before he was appointed to the supreme court by President Cleveland in 1894. Although he had been a Democrat in politics, he was elevated to the chief justiceship in 1910 by President Taft.

## MRS. BERGDOLL SENTENCED

### Mother of Draft Dodger Must Pay Fine or Go To Prison

Philadelphia, May 17.—Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll was today sentenced to pay a fine of \$7,000 for the part she was convicted of having taken in the evasion of the draft laws by her sons, Grover and Edwin Bergdoll. If she refuses or fails to pay the fine, Judge Dickinson of the United States district court imposed the alternate sentence of one year and one day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga. Her fine must be paid by June 12.

A like fine, with the same alternative, was imposed upon two of her co-defendants in the conspiracy case. One was her son, Charles F. Braun, who changed his name because of the notoriety achieved by his brothers, and the other her lifelong friend and counsellor, James E. Romig. The two other defendants, Albert Mitchell and Harry Schuh, were fined \$1,000 each, with the alternative of spending six months in the Mercer county jail at Trenton, N. J.

Counsel for the defendants immediately filed a formal appeal from the sentence. This action, the clerk of the court explained, was for the purpose of staying execution of the sentence, as otherwise the defendants would have been sent to jail immediately.

Judge Dickinson, in sentencing Mrs. Bergdoll, declared there was no way of ascertaining how much of her guilt was the act of a fond and foolish mother, and while her motive did not affect her guilt, it might mitigate the punishment. Her heaviest punishment, he said, would be the thought that her sons had brought disgrace upon her.

## REPLY TO POLISH REQUEST

### Secretary of State Declares American Representatives Abroad Will Not Take Part in Discussion of Silesian Question

Washington, May 18 (By the Associated Press)—Poland's request for American support in the settlement of the disposition of Upper Silesia has evoked a formal answer from Secretary Hughes that the American representatives abroad would take no part in the discussions concerning the Silesian question.

In explanation of the American refusal, Secretary Hughes pointed to "the traditional policy of the United States" not to become involved in matters of purely European concern. The text of Secretary Hughes' note follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of May 11, in which you recite the reasons why, in your opinion, certain districts of Upper Silesia should be assigned to Poland and urge that the representatives of the government of the United States on the supreme council, the council of ambassadors and the reparations commission, be instructed to exert their influence in favor of a settlement of the matter strictly in accord with the treaty of Versailles and the result of the recent plebiscite.

"In reply I have the honor to inform you that in my opinion the settlement of such boundary disputes as arise in the matter under consideration is a matter of European concern in which, in accord with the traditional policy of the United States, this government should not become involved. The attitude of the government in this matter is clearly understood by its representatives in Europe, who will, therefore, so far as at present may be seen, take no part in the discussions concerning Upper Silesia and will express no opinion as to the settlement."

## South Carolina Good Roads Association

Columbia, May 19.—The South Carolina Telephone Subscribers' association executive committee is planning to have a meeting in Columbia at an early date, according to Colin S. Monteith, of Columbia, secretary, who states that the purpose of the meeting will be to consider further plans for the association's fight against the advanced telephone rates. The committee meeting will be held about the 25th, though the exact date has not yet been announced.

Mr. Monteith is advised by President Wiggins, of Hartsville, of the coming committee meeting, and he urges that the association put forth every effort to secure the funds necessary for the rate fight.

The committee, at its meeting in Columbia, will discuss plans for appearing before the railroad commission to ask for a re-opening of the case. The association proposes to present evidence to the commission as ground for a re-opening of the case. If the commission will reopen it and hear the evidence presented by the association, the aim will be to have the commission change the recent order which increased the phone rates.

Thereafter the association will make plans for having an audit made of the telephone company's books, with a view to determining whether or not the rate increase is justifiable.

Allen Rogers, of the Liberty Trust company, of Columbia, treasurer of the telephone subscribers' association, states that funds for the financing of the work of the association is not coming in as rapidly as possible. To date a thousand dollars, in round numbers, has been received, and practically all of this has been secured in the seventh congressional district, and the city of Columbia and the city of Orangeburg have contributed a large part of that. Several towns in the Pee Dee section have also contributed liberally, in proportion to their telephone exchange list, but Mr. Rogers says that there should be more liberal response. He says he believes some of the district committeemen have not sent in all their funds and he hopes they will do this right away, so the association will know how it stands financially.

London, May 19.—The shortage of beer reported throughout the country generally as one consequence lack of coal due to the miners' strike. This has led the newspaper Punch to remark that it is feared something serious would happen eventually.

Washington, May 19.—Chairman Porter of the house foreign committee, after a conference with President Harding today said that the president hoped for adoption of a peace resolution by the house without unnecessary delay.

Greenfield, Mo., May 19.—Amendment to the constitution of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, proposing to eliminate all reference to sex constitutes one of the most important issues before the general assembly, which opened here today.

## Attempted Assault in Orangeburg

### Accused Negro Brought to Penitentiary For Safe Keeping, Avoiding Possible Violence

Orangeburg, May 17.—Abraham Williams, sometimes known as Abraham Mays, a negro, is being held at the state penitentiary on a charge of attempted assault upon a well known white girl of near Branchville, the attempt being made this morning about 10 o'clock. The news reaching Orangeburg is to the effect that the 18-year old daughter of a leading farmer of near Branchville was attacked by Abraham Williams, but his attempt was unsuccessful. The girl was taking a letter to the wife of Abraham Williams, upon her father's place, as the Williams negroes receive their mail at the mail box of the girl's father and when she called for Williams' wife, the front door was closed. A voice from the inside called "Come in." The wife of Williams was not there, but the girl did not know it. As she opened the door, according to the story reaching here, Abraham Williams, who had not gone out to work, appeared with only his shirt on and grabbed the girl. When she screamed, Williams was frightened, and turned her loose, it is said.

## COAL MINERS UNITE

### Hard and Soft Coal Unions Forming Combinations

New York, May 17.—The anthracite mine workers will join forces with the bituminous miners in formulating policies which will govern the negotiation of wage agreements with the coal operators, to take the place of the present contracts which expire March 31, 1922.

This action which will consolidate the ranks of 500,000 organized miners of the country so that they will present a solid front to the coal operators was decided upon today at a conference between international officers of the United Mine Workers of America and the presidents and international board members of the three union districts comprising the anthracite coal region. The conference decided that the anthracite tri-district convention which is usually held in August to draw up the new wage demands, should be postponed until after the international convention of the United Mine Workers which opens at Indianapolis, September 26. At this international gathering the bituminous workers frame their wage proposals.

John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers, explained that under this agreement of prominent citizens of the state, the membership effort is to be pushing to an immediate success, with the view to making this organization a functioning proposition right away. The aim of the association is to develop a sentiment for better highways, education along the line of roads, their construction, their financing, their value to the state and the local community, will be the object of the association.

L. D. Jennings, of Sumter, is president of the organization, and on its official board are some of the most prominent men of the state, Dr. George B. Cromer, of Newberry, and W. G. Miller, of Chester, are first and second vice presidents respectively.

## MUST RELEASE AMERICANS

Washington, May 17.—Definite though informal notification has been served on Soviet Russia by the state department that so long as Americans are held prisoners in Russia there exists no chance for the recognition of the soviet government in any form by the United States.

The exact nature of the new communication was not revealed, but it has been intimated that it was made indirectly, either through British or Red Cross channels and could have no doubt now in the minds of soviet officials as to the attitude of the United States. It was declared that so long as Americans were held prisoners in Russia, no agent or representative of the soviet could come within hailing distance of the United States, and that until the Americans were released further negotiations direct or indirect, were useless.

## Indictments to Come

Washington, May 17.—Other indictments in New York, Chicago and other cities are to be expected as a result of the nation-wide building trades investigation, Attorney General Daugherty said today. The investigation of the department of justice, the attorney general said, has progressed steadily in various cities. He mentioned particularly Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, but added that he did not expect any indictments in the former city immediately.

The attorney general did not indicate what indictments were expected but said the investigation as a whole was leading to a general disposition in the building trades to discontinue illegal practices.

Rochester, Minn., May 18.—Franklin K. Lane, ex-secretary of the Interior, died at the hospital here early this morning, with angina pectoris. He was operated on, on May the sixth for gallstones and appendicitis and was said to be "recovering when heart disease developed".

## CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE DEAD

### Distinguished Jurist Had Been Unconscious in Washington Since Late Tuesday

Washington, May 19.—Edward Douglas White, chief justice of the United States, died at 2 o'clock this morning at a hospital here, he submitted to an operation last Friday. He was 76 years old.

The chief justice had been unconscious since late Tuesday afternoon when acute dilation of the heart occurred. Up to that time the attending physicians had hope for a rapid recovery after an operation for bladder trouble.

After this unexpected relapse the physicians had not expected the chief justice to live through that night. The Rev. Father S. J. Creedon of Georgetown university administered the last sacrament during the early evening and members of the immediate family were summoned to the bedside.

Death was said to be due directly to complications which developed after the operation. Justice McKenna and other of Mr. White's associates in the supreme court called at the hospital when it became known that his condition was serious but did not enter the room as the chief justice was unconscious.

## Telephone Subscribers' Association

Columbia, May 19.—An appeal for membership in the newly organized South Carolina Good Roads association is being sent today to hundreds of prominent citizens of the state. The membership effort is to be pushing to an immediate success, with the view to making this organization a functioning proposition right away. The aim of the association is to develop a sentiment for better highways, education along the line of roads, their construction, their financing, their value to the state and the local community, will be the object of the association.

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Those following were elected vice presidents from the seven congressional districts:

- First—J. M. Robertson, of Charleston.
- Second—Nells Christensen, of Beaufort.
- Third—Kenneth Baker, of Greenwood.
- Fourth—J. E. Jacobs, Clinton.
- Fifth—J. G. Anderson, Rock Hill.
- Sixth—E. L. Wilcox, Florence.
- Seventh—A. Mason Gibbs, Columbia.

The following executive committee was elected, to serve from one to five years, respectively, in the order named, Frank E. Brodnex, Columbia; A. V. Snell, Charleston; W. K. Ginter, Darlington; Nells Christensen, Beaufort, and C. G. Rowland, Sumter. A secretary and treasurer will be named later. There will also be an advisory committee, to consist of representatives of various other civic organizations, this committee to be named later.

The organization is modeled after the North Carolina good roads association, which has done remarkable work in that state. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the University of North Carolina, and A. B. Mecht, president of the North Carolina association, assisted in the organization of the South Carolina association at the initial meeting in Columbia Wednesday afternoon.

Washington, May 19.—Judge Edmund Washburn, Jr., of Richmond, was named by Attorney General Daugherty as judge of the fourth federal circuit court, succeeding the late Judge Pritchard of Asheville.

Panama, May 19.—As a result of the indictment of Simon J. Gatti, former governor of Florida by a federal grand jury on two counts of perjury, Gatti is being sought by both federal and state authorities. His whereabouts are unknown.

New York, May 19.—Ellis Island, through which the bulk of the country's immigration passes, was quarantined today because of the death yesterday from typhus of a Jugo-Slav boy. Seventeen hundred immigrants were transferred to Hoffman's Island detention station.

## The Hampton Mud

### Court Orders Gooding to Show Cause—County Democratic Committee Asks Thomas to Send in Resignation

Chief Justice Eugene B. Gary signed an order yesterday directing attorneys for T. Hagood Gooding, ousted auditor of Hampton county, to show cause May 25 at 10 o'clock in the morning why Mr. Gooding should not surrender the office to Jesse Thomas, appointed and commissioned by the governor.

Solicitor Murdaugh presented a petition to the court in behalf of Mr. Thomas and other authorities and the supreme court issued the order for Mr. Gooding to show cause why he should not give up the office.

Mr. Gooding submitted his resignation some weeks ago in order that the governor might hold a hearing and settle the row over the auditor's office. Solicitor Murdaugh went direct to the supreme court in the hopes of getting a final settlement and the court will take the matter under advisement on May 25.

Mr. Thomas was recommended by the senator for appointment, was appointed, was confirmed by the senate, was commissioned and has qualified.

Hampton, May 16.—Ten out of 19 members of the Democratic executive committee for this county met here today in connection with the county auditor matter and the things incident thereto and growing out of same. The county chairman, M. Y. Laffite, president, T. Hagood Gooding was requested to make some remarks to the committee and he outlined what he considered the principles governing the selection of officers under the Democratic primary system pleading with the committee to stand by the primary.

A resolution was offered and adopted by a vote of 5 to 1 requesting Jesse Thomas to tender his resignation as auditor inasmuch as he did not aspire to the office of auditor, his name was never put before the people and his appointment was contrary to both the spirit and letter of true democracy. Another resolution was offered condemning Senator Lightsey for an alleged secret agreement made with B. H. Tuten, now supervisor, to the effect that if Mr. Tuten would enter the primary last summer and win the nomination for supervisor the salary of the office would be increased by the senator from \$1,400 to \$2,000 and the term lengthened from two to four years and in the event that Mr. Tuten was not nominated the office of supervisor would be abolished. This resolution had five votes for it and five against it.

The committee then decided to call off business for the day after deciding to call upon the citizenship of the county to come together in mass meeting at Hampton court house the first Monday in June to debate the general situation.

## THE BLUE SKY LAW

Columbia 17.—A tightening up of the "blue sky" laws of South Carolina will be asked of the next legislature by State Insurance Commissioner J. J. McMahan. Mr. McMahan stated today that he would ask for certain amendments in the laws against "wild cat" investment schemes, such as would authorize the commissioner to expunge a former bond in regulating the sale to South Carolinians of stock in investment schemes.

Mr. McMahan's statement was brought about by his consideration of a recent case in this state, where an old land salesman made sales to certain South Carolinians. Prosecutions followed, but Mr. McMahan stated that had the matter come into his office for action, the "blue sky" law would not have covered the point involved, according to his interpretation and that of attorneys.

In the recent land agent case, according to Mr. McMahan, the contract offered by the agent covered lease of certain land, said to be oil producing, and on the development of which profit was assured. There was no sale of stock, but merely the lease of land, for development purposes. Mr. McMahan secured a copy of the contract and made a complete study of it and he decided that under the present law his office would not have had direct authority to prosecute in such a case.

With a view to remedying such a situation, Mr. McMahan says he will ask the 1922 legislature to make certain changes in the law, making amendments necessary to give the insurance department power to license the sale of land as well as stock in oil well corporations and similar investment projects.

British Express Attitude on Silesia. London, May 18.—Premier Lloyd George issued a statement reiterating the British attitude towards the Upper Silesian question expressed by him in his recent speech disclaiming responsibility for distorted reports in the French newspapers. "The children of the treaty cannot be allowed to break crockery in Europe with impunity. Somebody must place a restraining hand on them. Otherwise there will be continual trouble. Great Britain cannot consent to stand by whilst the treaty is being trampled upon."

Message Sent Mrs. Lane. Washington, May 18.—President Harding and ex-President Wilson sent messages of condolence to Mrs. Lane on the death of her husband. The president characterized Mr. Lane as an outstanding American.