

CARD FROM MISS DELORME

Expression of Resentment at Unauthorized Use of Her Name as Candidate For Member of School Board

To The Editor of The Item: To my amazement and indignation, I learned from last night's item that, without my knowledge or consent, I had been put up to be the defeated candidate in the recent election of a school trustee.

However, had I been a candidate for the honor I feel sure that my friends could have mustered more than twenty-six ballots in my behalf.

I hope that I have been able to inject into this letter some of the anger and resentment that I feel in being placed in this position by some of the twenty-six gentlemen who took part in this very democratic election!

Edith M. DeLorme.

ENSIGN EDITOR IS REPRIMANDED

For "Cruel and Unwarranted" Treatment of Classmate

Washington, June 15.—Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt today officially reprimanded Ensign J. E. Olmsted, editor of the "Lucky Bag," the year book of this year's graduating class at Annapolis, for "cruel and unwarranted" treatment of Leonard Kaplan, a fellow member of the class.

Secretary Roosevelt told Ensign Olmsted, whose home is in Des Moines, Iowa, that he had been guilty of "an action which casts a grave doubt as to your possession of those qualifications essential to any officer in the United States navy."

Others, especially the associate editors, the Naval Secretary, asserted undoubtedly were guilty in some measure for the affront to Kaplan, which consisted in perforating the page in the year book containing his photograph and biography so that it might be removed.

When asked for a copy of the reprimand, Acting Secretary Roosevelt made public at the same time a statement in which he expressed the belief that no racial antipathy was behind the treatment of Kaplan.

"A most serious note in this instance at the Academy," Col. Roosevelt said, in his statement to newspapermen, "was struck by the query in certain people's minds as to whether the action had been taken because of racial reasons."

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WOMAN VS. WOMAN

Second Candidate Files Pledge For Office of Superintendent of Education

Columbia, June 3.—The most interesting political situation ever known in the history of the state arises with the filing of the second woman to offer for an important state office. Mrs. Martha Wallace, wife of E. B. Wallace, a school principal of Columbia, herself an educator of note, entered the race for state superintendent of education, in which there are several candidates, one of the others being Mrs. Bessie Rogers Drake, of Bennettsville.

Mrs. Wallace at one time taught in Chicago College here. She has also taught in public schools, and during the camp days following the war she made a fine record in the Camp Jackson schools here. During the war proper she went to France as a Y. M. C. A. entertainer, and for ten months she did remarkable service for the men in the camps abroad. She served as teacher in several camps in this country. She has been prominent in club and social service activities in Columbia.

There are lots of hats in the ring and the campaign will open with a vim next Tuesday, the first meeting being in Columbia.

RAILROAD COMMISSION HEARINGS

Train Service and Rates to Be Considered

Columbia, June 16.—The South Carolina Railroad Commission today announces series of hearings, dealing largely with the petition of the Atlantic Coast Line to be allowed to discontinue trains. One of the trains under discussion operates between Columbia and Sumter, Nos. 63 and 69. The railroad had posted notices that it would discontinue these trains, the commission authorizing such action, with the understanding that if there was any protest, the notices must be taken down and a hearing held.

At Florence on next Thursday the commission will consider a petition of the Atlantic Coast Line to make certain changes in the service on the Wadesboro-Cheraw-Florence line, changes that are usually made in summer, but against which there is a protest this year.

Another matter to come before the commission at Florence will be the proposed to take off trains Nos. 23 and 29 on the Glio and Latta branch. The road contends that it is losing money heavily on this line.

Several important matters are to come before the commission at a hearing in Columbia on July 6. Among these is the question of certain adjustments in the freight rates on brick, and also the rate on ice.

Following the hearings in Florence next week, the commission will go to Charleston, for the Isle of Palms railway inspection on Friday. The route to Charleston on the commission will stop at St. Stephens to have a hearing in regard to a proposal to establish another railroad crossing in the Little town.

The records of the Naval Academy show that in the class of 1922, nine men entered their faith as Jewish. Certain of these men were among the most popular in the class. Furthermore, a number of our prominent officers, in the past, and at this time, are either Jewish or of Jewish extraction.

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And another civilizing influence China appears to need is a little target practice.

COAL PRICE REGULATION

Secretary Hoover Announces That Prices Are to Remain Unchanged

Washington, June 15.—Agreement with representatives of the National Coal Association and the National Retail Coal Merchants' association upon a plan for preventing advance of bituminous coal prices during the strike was announced tonight by Secretary Hoover after a conference at the commission commerce department. Anthracite coal operators, Mr. Hoover stated, have agreed not to advance prices of stock now a ton above ground above the levels of the past week, which he added, were lower than at the beginning of the strike.

Bituminous operators in fields where a price basis has not yet been established, Mr. Hoover said, will be "earnestly requested" to reduce selling expenses for spot coal to the Garfield price including the standard selling expense, plus "such additions for increased costs as were justified in each individual case."

"The complexity of local conditions," he said, "due to the strike and the entrance of many 'snow-bird' mines make the estimate of maximum prices very difficult in many districts. This plan, if adhered to, should result in a reduction of prices in several districts of Pennsylvania and west Kentucky. I have some assurance that this basis will be accepted for Pennsylvania, and I hope west Kentucky will also fall into line."

Persistent misstatement or misunderstanding of elements inside and outside the coal industry, Mr. Hoover asserted, has given rise to the impression in some quarters that the maximum of \$3.50 a ton for spot coal, established with operators of 80 per cent of the producing fields, constituted minimum prices and offered opportunity for occasional advance being taken.

There have been few violations of the spirit of this agreement in Virginia, eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, Mr. Hoover said, where prices for spot coal averaged about \$3 a ton, varying from \$2.50 to \$3.25 with an occasional sale at the maximum. More than half the tonnage, he added, is moving as contract coal at averages below \$2.25 while Alabama coal is being offered at from \$1.82 to \$2.10.

At present, he declared, there is a surplus of unsold coal at Virginia tidewater and in Alabama, which it would be of advantage to larger consumers to obtain as public demands will enlarge later in the season.

Permanent settlement of the coal strike, Mr. Hoover said, discussing the mine controversy, will rest upon some solution of the problem of intermittency of employment in the coal industry.

Part of those employed in coal mining, he explained, receive less than an annual living wage while on the other extreme there are the high annual wages where there is permanent employment.

There have been from 10 to 15 different proposals for solving the problem of intermittency of employment in the coal industry, Mr. Hoover said, some of which would not require legislation. He declined to discuss these suggestions further at this time, however.

Terra Haute, Ind., June 15.—Withdrawal of their acceptance of an invitation to meet the United Mine Workers in a joint wage conference was announced tonight by the local committee of the Indianapolis Bituminous Operators' association. The Indiana operators in the future will deal only with the miners of this state, the committee announced. This action follows similar action taken by the Illinois operators, a statement by the committee said.

DR. GLENN HEADS STATE DENTISTS

Myrtle Beach Selected as Convention Place for 1923

Georgetown, June 15.—The State Dental Association met this morning and elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Dr. J. P. Glenn, Spartanburg; first vice president, Dr. David Aiken, of Winnsboro; second vice president, Dr. Herbert M. Hucks, of Georgetown; recording secretary, Dr. E. C. Dye of Greenville; directing secretary, Dr. J. S. Byrd of Edgefield; member of Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. W. B. Simmons, of Piedmont; editor-in-chief of association journal, Dr. J. P. Carlisle, of Greenville.

All the visiting dentists agree that this has been one of the best and most enjoyable gatherings of the association yet held and are loud in praise of the hospitality shown them by the people of Georgetown. The trip to North Island and the jetties was delightful. Fishing and a fish fry on a scale seldom participated in by the visitors was a feature which will not soon be forgotten. Myrtle Beach was selected as the next meeting place. The local committee in charge of arrangements so successfully carried out consisted of Dr. H. M. Hucks, Dr. P. H. McDonald, Dr. E. W. Duran, Dr. Z. Robinson, J. H. Carraway, and R. S. Smith.

"Organized labor suffers from its own mistakes." Sure, the idea of trying to attract attention with a strike when the country is interested in hits.

If skirts are longer, they are in them too far.

Woman asking divorce says her husband whips her every day. This is entirely too often.

Scientist says the world will be crazy in 2122. Others, however, look for a change before then.

If you can't spell "sophisticated," just use the word "fresh."

To Bring a Morning Smile



ROCK HILL MAN HEADS BANKERS

Charles L. Cobb is Elected President of State Body

Asheville, N. C., June 15.—Charles L. Cobb, of Rock Hill, was elected president of the South Carolina Bankers' Association at the business session held here today. Other officers chosen were: Robert I. Woodside, of Greenville, vice president; James H. Craig, of Anderson, secretary; and Orangeburg, attorney.

Tonight's banquet concluded the 1922 convention, which was attended by 281 members and visitors Governor Morrison, of North Carolina, and a number of men prominent in banking circles in many states attended. The convention endorsed cooperative marketing and went on record as urging the government fully to take care of its wounded and disabled soldiers before granting a bonus to former service men, and adopted a resolution asking that the United States government return a sum estimated to be between \$50,000,000 and \$80,000,000, alleged to have been taken illegally from the South States following the civil war through taxation on cotton.

GREAT FIRE AT ROCKAWAY, N. Y.

Hundreds of Buildings Swept Away in Summer Colony

New York, June 15.—Fire swept through the seashore bungalow colony at Arverne, between Rockaway and Far Rockaway, tonight and destroyed between 600 and 700 buildings. More than a score of colonists, overcome by smoke while fighting to save their effects, were rescued by firemen and policemen.

Arverne lies in a narrow part of the Rockaway peninsula and stretches across from Jamaica bay to the sea. The blaze, believed to have started in the Hotel Nantulu, spread to the light wooden bungalows on the bay side and destroyed several boarding houses. Fire boats, sent from New York, fought the fire from the bay.

Every structure in a five block area was destroyed. In Beach 59, 60 and 61 streets, the private residential section, 80 residences, valued at from \$15,000 to \$25,000 each, 75 bungalows, valued at \$5,000 each, and 15 hotels and boarding houses, valued at \$40,000 to \$50,000 each, were destroyed.

Seven engine companies, sent from New York, aided the volunteer fire fighting companies from beach resorts and five lines were stretched around the fire area. After three hours the blaze was reported under control.

The blaze presented a spectacle that attracted thousands and many of these assisted the firemen and the residents in removing household goods. An entire section of small bungalows was dynamited in an attempt to arrest the flames, and several firemen were hurt in this operation.

Tents and improvised shelters were pitched on the beach and occupied for the night by the hundreds whose homes were burned. One hundred and fifty children in the Israel Orphan asylum were marched from the building as flames licked its walls. They were housed in a hotel outside the fire area. The orphanage was destroyed.

If the property owners want East Liberty street paved from the railroad to the city limits to connect with the county hard surface highway and Main street from Live Oak street to the city limits, they have the opportunity to say so by signing the petition for a bond issue that is to be circulated. Attention is directed to the statement issued today by Mayor Jennings in direction of City Council. The paving should be done now, as the highway system of the county will be incomplete until these unpaved gaps are filled. City Council cannot order this paving done without the sanction of the property owners and a majority vote of the qualified electors. It is up to the people to say what they want done.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 THROUGH TUESDAY, JUNE 27. The event the well-dressed woman looks forward to. The twice yearly Legitimate Clearance Sale of the Correct Styles in Woman's Wear. Our entire stock including VOGUE HATS and BETTY WALES DRESSES. All at and below New York invoice cost. THE LADIES' SHOP

REPUBLICAN ROW IN GEORGIA

Grand Jury Will Make Searching Investigation

Atlanta, Ga., June 15.—Investigation of complaints that federal employes and office seekers in Georgia had been required to pay for appointments was continued here today by Clint W. Hager, district attorney, but the federal grand jury, still busy with its inquiry into alleged drug smuggling at the Atlanta federal penitentiary, did not take up the patronage charges.

Many persons were at the federal building ready to testify in the allegations that funds had been collected, and among them was Clarke Greer of Augusta, known as a leader of the Republican faction in Georgia opposing J. Louis Phillips, state chairman. He issued a statement charging that Phillips had had him "fired" as a special agent of the department of justice because of the patronage charges, while Phillips, who was expected to reach here from Philadelphia early next week, telegraphed a statement denying the charges in full and attributed them to "Democratic partisans," "disappointed office seekers" and "an enemy faction in our own party led by Greer and others."

Charges that an effort was afoot to obtain a \$5 contribution from each mail carrier in the state, Democratic as well as Republican, were among the matters to be investigated, Greer's statement said, "many Democrats were fleeced worse than Republicans."

Final action was expected tomorrow on a number of cases in connection with alleged smuggling of narcotics to federal prisoners in which H. C. Carrick, assistant prison physician, and three guards had been arrested. District Attorney Hager said Dr. H. H. Vontav, superintendent of federal prisons, is expected to reach Atlanta probably early tomorrow. He was understood to be coming in connection with this inquiry.

The investigation, ordered by the department of justice as Washington, will be taken by the grand jury, District Attorney Clint W. Hager stated, so soon as the probe into an alleged "dope ring" at the Atlanta federal penitentiary was cleared up. He indicated that this would be taken today or tomorrow.

Mr. Phillips, who was in Pennsylvania today, telegraphed the following statement in connection with the affair: "I desire to say that not \$1 has been paid to me or our committee for making or recommending any federal appointment in Georgia, and the false charges being circulated are made by Democratic partisans, as well as by disappointed office holders, and particularly by an enemy faction in our own party, led by Clark Greer and Charles Adanson and H. G. Hastings, who ever since the reorganization of our party on a respectable basis last year, have fought to destroy me as chairman in order that they might obtain control of the party machinery and appointments and the control of the liquor traffic for their own selfish ends. I have complete confidence that our people who believe in honor and justice and law enforcement will not permit themselves to be used for such base purposes."

Mr. Greer issued the following: "I started this investigation when I was a special agent for the department of justice. I turned up a number of cases, some of them worse than this. When I turned up this one, involving Phillips, the state chairman, he had me fired. This is absolutely not a frame-up. The collection of money was not confined to Republican office-seekers, who might possibly be expected to support the party, but was extended to Democrats, many of whom were intimidated and fleeced worse than the Republicans."

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Further Evidence on Calcium Arsenate-Molasses Mixture.

Monthly Report of Police Department

The report of the police department for the month of May is as follows: Total arrests 87, Dismissed cases 23, Suspended cases 1, Causes of Arrests: Gambling 15, Disorderly conduct 14, Driving autos 9, Drunk 4, Disorderly 4, Vagrancy 4, Drunk 4, Concealed weapons 2, Pick pocket 1, Prohibition law 1, Traffic ordinance 16, Petty larceny 4, Street taxes 4, Cash fines collected \$582.00, 30 days on gang 6.90, Total \$588.90.

The above report shows the public that the members of the police force are on the job, and should be commended for their good work.

Why Join The American Legion Auxiliary

Surely it is a matter of pride to the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the soldiers in the late war that their men "did their bit" in that great struggle and measured up when the call of duty came for the service of brave and unselfish men. The Women's Auxiliary gives us a chance to perpetuate this fact.

And it gives us a chance to stand behind them now as we did during the period of strife and bloodshed. There are many needs among these ex-soldiers which an organized band of interested, sympathetic, and determined women can help to supply. Our disabled soldiers need assistance. Many of them are without funds and with health wrecked are unable to work. The government has been delinquent and inadequate in its care of our "involved" soldiers. Perhaps we have not brought enough pressure to bear. Among the well, there are down and outers to whom we can give encouragement and a "fresh start."

The purpose of the Women's Auxiliary is beautifully expressed in the preamble of the constitution of the American Legion whose ideals it shares: "For God and country. We associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America. To maintain law and order. To foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent. Americanism. To preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war. To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation. To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses. To make right the master of might. To promote peace and good will on earth. To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to participate in and to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion; to consecrate and sanctify our association by devotion to mutual helpfulness." We shall be glad to have you attend our meeting on Monday afternoon to hear of the work being done among the ex-service men in Sumter county and, if you are eligible, to join with us in our aims and plans for the future. A man in love will do anything; but he usually does nothing. The hardest thing about being a movie actor is getting married every time your pay is raised. The coal strike is going on, but will not hit us until fall. Kiss rhymes with bliss and mice and they usually go together. Man's hero worship is usually heroine worship.