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REPUBLICANS EAGER TO GET TOGETHER AND NAME WINNER

This Spirit Said To Be Pervading Ranks of the Politicians Regardless of the Hot Race Among the Several Candidates.

Chicago, June 3—Two of the most important planks to be incorporated in the Republican party platform of 1920, will be constructed during the convention here and the candidates to be nominated will be the boss carpenter of the job. These are the planks dealing with foreign relations, and Mexican policies. This became evident today when chairman Will H. Hays, announced that when the platform committee begins building the 1920 instruments, it will have at the outset complete data on expert advice of 1920 politics. Only the two that deal with foreign relations and Mexico will have to be built from the ground up.

The Foreign relation's plank is by far the most important ofthe party's declarations, and if Hiram Johnson is nominated it will be one thing; if Wood or Lowden, it will be another: Thus the committee cannot well act until the uncertainity that now surrounds the nomination of a standard bearer is removed.

Hearings on the platform will begin early next week, it was announced today. Representatives of labor and Women's organizations have been given assurance that they will have ample opportunity to state their cases. The American Federation of Labor will send special representatives from its convention at Montreal to put labor's demands before the committee.

Short Convention Is Now Being Predicted By Leaders at Chicago

Chicago, June 3.—A strange veer of the political winds has set in during the past 24 hours and many leaders now voice the opinion that instead of the convention possibly lasting over Sunday it may even end as early as Friday.

General Leonard Wood believes the convention will be short, and some of his principal supporters have expressed a similar view, while along "presidential row" there seems to be a new born feeling that things will not drag along in a deadlock once proceedings at the Coliseum get under way.

All sorts of reasons for this new preconvention cross current have been put forward, but the principal one invoked is the campaign fund airing before the Kenyon committee in Washington. The senatorial investigation, it is currently believed here, has already performed a considerable amount of work which, in one way or another, the convention would otherwise have had to do, thereby shortening its labors by that much.

Furthermore, it is believed here that in case it is found, after the first ballot or two, that the chances of any of the candidates have been materially damaged by the testimony of witnesses at Washington, such candidates will soon eliminate themselves from the convention or be eliminated by it.

Another of the reasons heard among politicans is that the Republicans this year, extremely desirous of not repeating the mistakes of 1912 and 1916, will strive from the outset for harmony. Some doubts are expressed that this will be at all times possible to obtain and there is still some betting that Senator Hiram Johnson will bolt the convention with the odds that he won't. But there is a noticeable trend toward a spirit of "let's get together" and "we're here to nominate a winner."

That very powerful influences are quietly working towards this end is admitted in all quarters, but the precise origin and direction of the movement are not clearly revealed. Party leaders are endeavoring to induce all hands to agree to "play the game" and stand or fall by the result, and afterward to fight for the election of the ticket named by the convention.

General Wood will not bolt, however, much he has heretofore acted contrary to orthodox methods by invading favorite son states and the like. Herbert Hoover has put himself on record as saying he will abide by the decision of his party, and a recent letter to one of his followers here confirms this understanding. Of Lowden bolting there has never been any question.

The main fight, as viewed five days before the convention meets, will first come between Wood, Johnson and Lowden, and though sentiment swerves with each new sun the belief exists here today that some six or seven ballots ought to tell the tale: The first not counting, the second furnishing an idea of comparative standings; the third displaying a tendency to deadlock; fourth and fifth ditto; then consultations and nomination of one of the above —or some compromise candidate.

So argued the "regulars" today.

Johnson Arrives in Chicago Mid Blare of Bands

Chicago, June 3—The arrival of Hiram Johnson from Cleveland where he spoke yesterday was the big number on the card of pre-convention events scheduled here today. Rival headquarters all along the line perforce yielded the spotlight. Saying: "This is Hiram's day."

The blare of bands, the yelling of Johnson slogans, a great reception at the railway station, a parade to the Californian's headquarters at the Auditorium Hotel with an escort of Chicago and Illinois Johnson club members, were all part of the program arranged at a meeting of his supporters here last night.

A tremendous amount of work has piled up here for "the chief," as his headquarters force calls the senator, the understanding being that he would tackle it at once.

As a matter of fact only routine matters have been taken care of by Johnson's lieutenants here, everything of importance being held pending his arrival. Questions of policy, decisions upon which may hinge even the nomination itself, were to be determined at a conference with his leaders here this evening. Today Johnson takes full charge of his pre-convention campaign and from now on until somebody is nominated at the Coliseum, his friends say he will keep things popping every minute.

The "poppy special" the Johnson train bringing flowers and the California delegations plus a lot of pluggers for Hiram not only from the coast but from points between, will reach Chicago Saturday. Senator Wm. E. Borah, of Idaho, Johnson's convention floor leader, is likewise expected shortly whereupon with all the other Johnsonians present in Chicago or on the way here they plan to give the windy city a rare old political hurrah. It is planned to outdo the demonstrations over Roosevelt in 1912 if such a thing is possible, while as to his method of handling the convention situation, Hiram is expected to out-do Teddy.

Pre-Convention Sidelights

Chicago, June 3—The Republican candidate for the presidency will be named on the seventh ballot, if the averaged opinions of 23 visiting politicians serve as an indication.

Hiram Johnson's or Leonard Wood's—whose shoulders caught the mantle of Roosevelt? Lobby chatter gives it to Wood since Colonel Roosevelt, "son of the old men," arrived here and "sat" to have his picture taken with the general.

Stretched clear across the front of the Auditorium Hotel facing Lake Michigan is the biggest election banner ever printed. In colossal red letters on a field of white appears the name of Hiram Johnson.

"He's even trying to win the Canadian vote," a wag remarked.

Republican women delegates have been invited to "Hoover House" presided over by Mrs. James W. Morrison, a Hooverette, who announces that luncheon will be served at only 50 cents the plate.

It was remarked that when certain delegates shrugged shoulders over the effect of news of alleged Lowden delegate purchases in Missouri, they spoke of dark horses as possibilities rather than of avowed candidates.

A formal statement issued from Hoover headquarters says Mr. Hoover will not be in Chicago during the convention "because he is so busy with other affairs."

Congress To Adjourn Saturday, June Fifth

Washington, June 3—By a vote of 44 to 21 the Senate this afternoon concurred with the House resolution providing for an adjournment of Congress sine die at 4 p. m. on Saturday, June 5th.

CASSATT ASKED TO UNDERWRITE WOOD CAMPAIGN

At Meeting of Financiers in New York Last November

Witness Testifies Before the Senate Committee Investigating Expenditures

Washington, June 3—General Wood himself was present at a meeting of New York and Philadelphia financiers held here in New York City, last November to "organize" the financial end of his campaign with "half a million dollars as a starter," Charles H. Duell a lawyer of Yonkers, N. Y., who was closely associated with the Wood campaign when John T. King Republican national committeeman from Connecticut was its manager, testified before the Senate Committee investigating presidential campaign expenditures.

Duell testified a meeting of men, identified with Wall street financial interest, "to underwrite" the Wood campaign, was held at the residence of Ambrose Monell, steel and liquor magnate, 16 East 62nd street New York city. Dr. Robert K. Cassett wealthy Philadelphia banker and son of the late Alexander J. Cassett, one time president of the Pennsylvania railroad was present at the gathering," Duell said:

Cassatt was asked to personally "underwrite" a half-million fund to start the Wood campaign," Duell added. "Cassatt declined to do so, however, and Monell agreed to "raise it himself," Duell explained.

Horace Stebbins, eastern treasurer, for the General Wood campaign was "found" today.

Senator Kenyon, Republican of Iowa, chairman of the committee received the following telegram from Montreal today.

"Have just received word. Desire to testify before your committee. Leaving for New York. Please telegraph me 31 West 58th street, New York city, if I can testify Friday. Have planned to leave for Chicago Saturday. Signed Horace Stebbins." Senator Kenyon wired to Stebbins at the New York address that the committee would expect him to appear before it tomorrow.

Sergeant-of-arms of the Senate and Deputy United States Marshall had searched in vain for him for several days with a subpoena to compel his appearance before the Senate committee investigating pre-convention presidential campaign expenditures and contributions.

Resolute and Vanitie Are in Racing Trim

Newport, R. I., June 3—The Resolute and Vanitie, America's rival yachts for the honor of defending the America's cup against the Shamrck IV were in racing trim early today for the start of the trial spins on Narragansett Bay. Crews were aboard and the rival commanders eager for the start.

The yachts will race over a 30-mile course and the Resolute will be given a time allowance of one minute and 42 seconds.

Charles F. Adams will be at the wheel of the Resolute, which is the favorite. George Nichols, commodore of the New York Yacht Club, will be the Vanitie's skipper.

The start of the race was scheduled for 11 o'clock and early weather conditions were ideal.

It Will Be Necessary To Draft John W. Davis

London, June 3—"The only way they can get me for president is by the Selective Service Act," declared Ambassador John W. Davis, with a laugh today when asked if he would accept the Democratic nomination for president at San Francisco. Mr. Davis added: "I think I shall stay where I am." The American ambassador is "sitting tight" although he naturally feels a keen interest in the presidential boom which is under way in his behalf in the United States.

Committee Orders Favorable Report

Washington, June 3—The House foreign relations committee today ordered a favorable report on the resolution passed by the Senate, denying the President's authority to accept a mandate for Armenia. Chairman Porter stated that he would ask early action by the House.

Democratic members of the committee attempted to obtain approval for a substitute resolution denying the authority only until after ratification of the Peace Treaty. The substitute was voted down.

Princess Marries Chauffeur.

Paris, June 3—Princess Alexandra Victoria, of Schleswig-Holstein, who was recently divorced by Prince August William of Hohenzollern, fourth son of the ex-kaiser, has married her chauffeur, according to a Zurich dispatch to the Petit Journal today. The chauffeur, Fritz Mayer, was formerly a lieutenant in the German officers reserve corps.

Lodge May Again Dominate G. O. P. Convention

Henry Cabot Lodge, recognized since 1895 as one of the most powerful figures in the Republican party and who, on two occasions, when the Republican party was confronted by a great crisis, has come forward and taken a stand as the acknowledged director of the policies of the party, may again dominate the G. O. P. convention, which opens at Chicago June 8.

TITLE OF MANY OIL LEASES QUESTIONED

Doubt Thrown on Validity of Texas Wells

Ancient Documents Which May Affect a Billion Dollars Worth of Property

Washington, June 3—Doubt is thrown upon the validity of title to thousands of oil leases in the state of Texas by ancient documents brought to the attention of the Department of Justice today following litigation between Oklahoma and Texas involving oil deposits in the Red River district.

Unless the documents now at the disposal of Attorney General Palmer are declared by the Supreme Court to be invalid or non-applicable, more than a billion dollars worth of oil lands in Texas may pass out of the control of their present holders and become the property of the first "lease jumper" who files upon them.

Should it be decided that the lease holders affected must comply with the new federal oil land leasing law to retain title to the property, they would have less than three months in which to do so; would be subject to a 20 per cent tax on all oil removed between February 25, 1920 and the date upon which the new lease was issued, and thereafter would be required to pay the usual 12 1-4 per cent, royalty to the United States.

The nice legal questions involved have to do with the old Spanish law regarding mineral rights, international law as regards treaties of annexation, and modern statutory law as exemplified in the acts of Congress.

The principal documents bearing upon the case are a formal conveyance of plenary power by the Republic of Texas to its ministers at Washington, dated November 16, 1836; a treaty of annexation signed by Secretary of State John C. Calhoun for the United States and Isaac Van Zandt and J. Pinckney Henderson, for the Republic of Texas; th dairy of President James K. Polk for the year 1845; a joint resolution of Congress "erecting the now state of Texas;" the United States mineral land law of 1866; and the federal oil land leasing act of February 25, 1920.

All these documents are either on file with the Department of Justice or are in the archives of the Department of State.

Under the old Spanish law, which prevailed in the Republic of Texas, minerals were a separate estate from the land they chanced to be located on, and belonged to the national government. A special mineral patent or concession was necessary before an individual could gain title to these mineral rights, regardless of whether that individual owned the surface land upon which the minerals were located.

The Republic of Texas having almost unanimously voted in favor of annexation to the United States, the first Congress of the new republic by resolution gave plenary powers to Isaac Van Zandt and J. Pinckney Henderson to negotiate a treaty of annexation. John C. Calhoun, secretary of state of the United States, was given full power to act by President John Tyler.

"GET BRYAN" IS WILSON ORDER

Washington, June 3—Taking it from the Wilson Democrats who are rallying around the flag of administration loyally, William Jennings Bryan has about as much chance at the San Francisco convention as an unprotected American has in Mexico.

"Get Bryan and get him quick," is the order that has gone out from the mobilized Wilson forces who are determined to obliterate him. There is every indication that they have control ofthe convention machinery and the staff officers are said to have the word from the commander-in-chief "to let Bryan have both barrels," one loaded for his opposition to the president's treaty and the other for his insistence upon stirring up another fuss over the dead and gone demon rum.

Vermont Democrats Declare for Wine, Beer and Woman Suffrage

Rutland, Vt., June 3—An uninstructed delegation will represent Vermont at the Democratic national convention in San Francisco. The delegates were selected without contest at the state convention yesterday. The delegates at large are J. H. Jackson, Burlington; Henry C. Brislin, Rutland; Fred C. Martin, Bennington and Dr. E. H. Bailey, Barre.

The convention favored woman suffrage and universal military training. The platform approved President Wilson's veto of the Volstead act, declaring the law "unfair and un-American," and favoring the manufacture of light wine and beer.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, June 3—Forecast for Western New York—Fair tonight and Friday, cooler tonight.

Temperatures.

7 a. m. 59
12 noon 78
3 p. m. .... [illegible]

Local Conditions.

Following a brief shower during the latter part of the night temperatures operated on a lower range than during the previous days of the week. The shower a little more than moistened the surface of the ground, but it provided some relief to the thirsty vegetation. There was a cool and moderately fresh northwest breeze today.

Two Marines Lie Wounded in Great Lakes Hospital

Waukegan, Ill., June 3— Two unidentified United State's marines lie wounded in a Great Lakes naval training hospital today, and the naval authorities are planning the most drastic disciplinary measures for the station as the result of another race riot—the second in three days—in which a mob of sailors and marines late Wednesday night attacked Waukegan police and attempted to burn down a hotel frequented by ne-

MEXICO IS GOING TO CLEAN HOUSE

War to the Death Declared Against Villa by New Government—Banditry Must Be Eliminated

Mexico City, June 3—War to the death has been declared against Francisco Villa and his followers by the new Mexican government.

"We are going to clean house in Mexico and we are going to get Villa dead or alive if it takes the last dollar in the treasury and the last living soldier in the Mexican army," declared General P. Elias Calles, acting minister of war, in an interview today.

"Banditry must be eliminated in Mexico and the government is determined to see that it is eliminated. This is especially necessary in the isolated regions .The republic must be made safe for foreigners and outside capital. No stone will be left unturned to bring this about. We are opening a campaign of extermination against the outlaw Villa and his followers. An effort was made to negotiate with Villa and secure the surrender of himself and his men, but it has failed. Terms of settlement were offered, but the Villistas rejected them."

While General Calles was on his way to Mexico City from Sonora, Villa sent an envoy to Chihuahua city to confer with him and establish the official status of the Villistas in the anti-Carranza revolution.

General Calles suggested that Villa and about 200 of his followers retire to the state of Sonora and remain quiet until after the presidential election when the new government would make known its decision.

Villa refused to go to the state of Sonora and made the counter demand that he be put in supreme command of the rebel forces in the state of Chihuahua. General Calles rejected this proposal.

Three troop trains, bearing more than 2,500 soldiers, have left for Chihuahua during the past 36 hours to join the hunt for Villa. There is already a number of federal troops in the central part of that state seeking Villa and they are believed to be hot on the trail, but the wild and mountainous nature of the country and Villa's knowledge of the intricate mountain by-ways makes the hunt a difficult one. General Calles said that the plan of the campaign is to form a "steel ring" about the central part of the state, where Villa is now in hiding and then close it in gradually.

In order to stimulate the campaign and bring it to a quick close all the federal soldiers have been notified that the government will pay a reward of 100,000 pesos for Villa dead or alive.

Provisional President de la Huerta, rose from a sick bed on Wednesday to review a military parade of 30,000 men. The picturesque and imposing pageant was led by General Alvaro Obregon and his staff, accompanied by prominent Mexicans from all parts of the republic. General Obregon announced that this was his last public appearance as a military man. He said he would return to civilian life immediately to further his candidacy for the presidency of the republic.

The military procession was in motion from 10 o'clock in the morning until late in the afternoon It consisted of federal soldiers, Yaqui Indians and former revolutionists from the ranch districts, wearing gigantic sombreros and riding half wild horses. A battalion of cadets from the national military school participated also.

SOLDIERS POUR INTO IRELAND

Resistance by Military Police Against Sinn Fein Attacks Growing Stronger

London, June 3—Sinn Feiners raided the Queenstown naval station and five other coast guard stations on the Irish coast during the night, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Queenstown today.

Resistance by the military police against Sinn Fein attacks on barracks is growing stronger. Half a dozen attempts by Sinn Feiners to raid barracks at different places in Ireland on Wednesday were unsuccessful and four of the attackers were killed. At some points the Sinn Feiners cut telephone and telegraph wires and tore up the railway tracks before beginning their attacks.

Reinforcements of soldiers and marines are pouring into Ireland daily. The British battleships Valiant and Warspite have embarked 1,200 royal marines at Devonport for service in Ireland. The Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Devonport says that 1,200 soldiers from a Devonshire regiment will leave for Ireland tomorrow. Supplies of munitions are being sent to Ireland on British warships.

Another unsuccessful attempt has been made to raid the barracks at Blarney. An effort was made to burn the village of Sallina, but the incendiaries were driven off.

President Does Not Object to Adjournment

Washington, June 3—President Wilson will not object to an adjournment of Congress on Saturday, and he will not call Congress into extraordinary session after adjournment unless there is some "grave public necessity" Senator Underwood told the Senate today after conferring with Secretary Tumulty who had held a conference with the President, previously.

Senator Lodge called up in the Senate a resolution providing for a sine die adjournment on Saturday, as passed by the House. Senator Jones of Washington, offered objection declaring it necessary to complete the merchant marine legislation before final adjournment.

Public Debt Increases Over 30 Million in May

Washington, June 3—The public debt increased $30,285,230 during the month of May according to a statement of public debt receipts and disbursements by the Treasury Department today. The total gross public debt on May 31st was $24,974,963,000.

Kidnapper Arrested

Buffalo, June 3—Jean Valentine, alias Ross LeCroix, who is alleged to have kidnapped five year old Edward La Belle of Smyrna, Del., and brought him to Buffalo from Philadelphia was arrested here this morning. The boy was found at No. 114 Wilkeson street,

INFLICT DEFEAT UPON RUSSIANS

Poles Have Checked the Bolshevik Offensive Say Dispatches From Warsaw

London, June 3—The Russian Bolshevik offensive against the Poles has not only been stopped but military defeat has been inflicted upon the Russian army, it was announced at the Polish legation today. The following statement, based upon dispatches from Warsaw, was given out:

"The second Bolshevik drive is falling before the fierce resistance of the Polish armies. To the south of Borisoff large forces of Bolshevik troops which had crossed the Dvina River, were dispersed. In Ukrainia the Russians not only failed to recapture Kieff, but, after violent fighting on the left bank of the Dnieper River, were defeated on the front between Brovary and Krasilowka. On the Dniester River strong Bolshevik attacks against the Polish right wing were repulsed with heavy loss. Ukrainian regiments co-operated successfully in defending the Polish right wing."

State Department Asks a Report on Flag Burning

Washington, June 3—The State Department asked the District of Columbia commissioner for a full report on the burning of the British flag in front of the Treasury by pro-Irish sympathizers. It is understood that the State Department will demand action against the woman who burned the flag.

No statement was forthcoming from the State Department as to whether the British Embassy had protested against the incident.

Sensational Reports That Were Printed Are Denied

Berlin, June 3—A sensational report printed by the Tageblatt that great numbers of the Bavarian volunteer corps are concentrating near Berlin, especially in the vicinity of Potsdam, for a revolutionary outbreak on Sunday, was denied today by both Chancellor Mueller and the mayor of Potsdam. According to the Tageblatt Prince August Wilhelm, son of the former kaiser, has been taking an active part in the preparations for the coup and that the program included the arrest of extremist leaders and anti-Semitic outbreaks.

Contest in Tennessee District Is Settled

Chicago, June 3—The contest in the 6th Tennessee district was settled today when Harry A. Luck, delegate of Nashville and J. H. Austin, alternate, of Antioch, withdrew their claims for seats, whereupon the National committee, voted unanimously to seat J. B. R. McCall delegate, and D. E. Moore alternate. Both are from Nashville and are reported to be unpledged to any candidate.