

DECLARES DEMOCRATS WILL RECOVER LOST GROUND IN NOVEMBER

Representative Rouse Looks For Big Victory for Party in Next Election

SAYS KENTUCKY AND TEXAS TO SWING BACK

Failure of Harding Administration Causing Loss of Faith He Contends

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—The prediction that the Democratic party would make gains in every state in the north, east and west and would retrieve in the coming campaign the ground lost in Tennessee and Texas in the last election was made today by Representative Arthur B. Rouse, of Kentucky, chairman of the Democratic national congressional committee.

"We have been proceeding energetically," the statement said, "and have completed our organization in each state. Our committee includes in its membership a representative in congress from every state in the union that has Democratic representation in the national law making body. There are now twenty three states without Democratic representation. In all except five of these, I have appointed a prominent Democrat to represent the state on the committee and the organization will be complete within a week."

"The committee also will have a woman representative in each state and half of these appointments have been made."

IRISH LEADER CALLS ON LONDON OFFICIALS

Collins Attends Conference With Treaty Makers

LONDON, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government, arrived in London today and conferred at the British offices with Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, and the lord chancellor, Viscount Birkhead.

After a day Premier Lloyd George returned from Chequers Court for the special purpose of presiding at a conference of the Irish committee of the cabinet in Downing street this evening. This conference, in addition to Mr. Churchill and Lord Birkhead, included Mr. Chamberlain, Sir Hamar Greenwood and Sir Gordon Howard, Michael Collins, Kevin O'Higgins and Eamon J. Duggan.

Arthur Griffith has been summoned to London to join a similar conference tomorrow for discussion of the Ulster difficulty.

No official statement was issued to indicate the nature of the discussion at the Downing street conference, but it is assumed that the prime minister is anxious to arrive at a settlement, if possible, before the meeting of the imperial parliament this week. At this meeting opponents of the Irish treaty are understood to be prepared to bring a heavy attack to bear on the government, greatly fortified by the fact that hopes of a peaceful settlement were suddenly dashed and records of the position is rendered more grave by the postponement of the Ard Fheis because of the strike in Ireland. Movement has been made through Ard Fheis its position on the de laera. Collins is considered unlikely that field material on the boundary question.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., FEB. 5.—A woman's jury at Layette, Ga., today acquitted the killing of Deputy Sheriff J. C. Parrish and his 14-year-old son, Fred Parrish, near High Point, Thursday, returned a verdict that the shooting had been done by Tom Partain and other persons.

It was reported that Will Partain, Drew Pace, Zeller, Jess Hughes and Fred Partain were in jail in connection with the crime. The Parrish brothers and Tom Partain were killed when the deputy attacked and arrested negro whiskey runner, who was attempting to bring the contraband to Chattanooga bootleggers.

ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., FEB. 5.—The body of Charles Parker, wealthy retired glove manufacturer, of this city, was found dangling at the end of a rope from a small building used for storage here today.

He had been dead several hours when he was discovered. Parker, who was about 70 years old, died here from New York 12 years ago.

SOLUTION OF FILM DIRECTOR'S MURDER IS SOUGHT



William Desmond Taylor, noted moving picture director, who was mysteriously murdered in his bungalow at Los Angeles. His assassin shot him from behind while Taylor was sitting at his desk.

Mabel Normand, film actress and neighbor of the slain man, told police of having been at Taylor's bungalow the evening before he was found slain. She said Taylor escorted her to her automobile shortly before 9 o'clock. Miss Edna Purviance, another film actress and also a neighbor, told police she saw a light burning in Taylor's home at midnight.

Movie Actor And Cameraman Held In Los Angeles Murder

Actor With Make-up on Face Rushed To Jail To Tell Story

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—A motion picture actor and a cameraman were brought to the Los Angeles county jail here tonight for questioning as to their possible knowledge of slues to the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director.

The make-up was still on the actor's face when he arrived at the jail, indicating, officers stated, that the deputy sheriffs who had brought him in, A. L. Manning, chief criminal deputy, and Harvey Bell, were in great haste to leave his story.

The men were located at a motion picture studio in the Hollywood district of Los Angeles, it was stated.

After they had been questioned separately for two hours, the officers started back to Hollywood with the actor.

The trip back to Hollywood, it was announced, was to give the actor an opportunity to make good his declaration to the deputies that if they would escort him to the apartment of Taylor, he would account for his movements, last Wednesday night, the night Taylor was slain.

At that time, the cameraman was still in jail.

Search for a drug peddler, upon whom trail the police said they were "getting warmer," and the absence of a woman's silken night dress, said by Henry Peavy, colored houseman, to be missing from the apartment, was firm among the outstanding developments here tonight of the search for his slayer.

The police were reticent as to the details concerning their search for the peddler, who was believed to have sought patrons for his contraband drugs among the employes of motion picture studios, but they intimated their belief they had attempted to make a delivery through Taylor to an address who found it difficult to make her purchase in person.

The exact importance of the missing night dress, which was pink, was not made plain. Peavy, however, was firm in his declaration that it had a regular place in Taylor's apartment and equally firm in his assertion that since his employer was slain, he had been unable to find it.

After the announcement of the search for the drug peddler, deputy sheriffs left for an unnamed destination on what they termed the most definite clue thus far discovered in the Taylor murder mystery.

They said they were going to interview "a certain party" and possibly make an arrest. This was the first active participation of the sheriff's forces in the case.

Checking for Edward F. Sands, missing butler of Taylor, continued to be an important element of the investigation of Taylor's death, police said today.

Checking of the various angles of the case among members of the motion picture colony and other friends and acquaintances of Taylor almost invariably led to some mention of Sands, named according to detective.

Police said they had had several clues to Sands' whereabouts, but that these had resulted in disappointments.

Henry Peavy, valet of Taylor, who found his employer's body came to police headquarters again today and was questioned by detectives for a half hour. It is understood he was asked for more detailed information concerning the arrangement of Taylor's furniture and other belongings in the apartments.

NOTED AUTHOR DIES NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Allen S. Williams, 64, author, naturalist, and friend of the late John Burroughs, died in a hospital tonight. Thirty years ago, after several years spent in newspaper work, Mr. Williams wrote a book exposing the illicit drug trade and its effects, which led to the adoption on laws concerning the sale of opium. He is survived by a widow.

SPRING WILL REVEAL PILES OF SKELETONS ON RUSSIAN STEPPES

Associated Press Correspondent Tells of Thousands of Deaths Among Refugees

VICTIMS DIED IN SEARCH FOR FOOD

UFA, Volga Region, Russia, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—When the snows melt next spring the Russian steppes will be strewn with skeletons. They will resemble the high prairies of the American cow countries in the days when big cattle outfits had insufficient hay to carry their stock through a hard winter.

But among the skeletons of cattle and camels, there will be the bones of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children who fell exhausted in their quest for bread; who lived the simple lives their peasant ancestors lived for centuries and had little conception of the political upheaval which made this famine more terrible than that of 1891.

They wandered, and millions of them are still wandering. There was nothing to eat in their homes, so they started on the trek for bread. Some drifted toward the Siberia, the land of gold and wheat, which has always been so alluring to the Russian moujik, who heard little of its vastness, its hardships and its heartlessness. The peasants knew nothing of modern war. They were unable to buy tickets on the railways, unable to get permits to ride on trains burdened with the Red army and food for Moscow and Petrograd. When their animals fell dead, the families walked on, always hoping that food lay over the next knoll.

But the country districts have no grain, or of peasant families have a scant supply. They conceal it in the effort to prolong their own lives until another crop is harvested. In the larger towns, there is food for sale at fabulous prices, but the starving refugees have no money, nor goods to exchange and can only sit down to await death or trudge on until they sink of exhaustion.

Garments Are Taken The bodies that lie along the railroads are collected on cars and hauled to centers where they are piled in heaps, now covered by a snowfall from passing trains. Some are buried, but many are left to rot. The morning's balloting was completed. This evening black smoke again issued from the chimney indicating that the afternoon balloting also had been without result.

The thick veil of secrecy which surrounded the deliberations within the vatican since the conclave convened Thursday was lifted slightly today when it was learned from a most authoritative source that Cardinals Gasparri and Merry del Val were the leading candidates throughout Friday, with a few scattered votes for five other cardinals. On Saturday morning, the conclave was still deadlocked.

The cardinals realized that the election of either of these candidates was impossible, and in consequence both were virtually eliminated at the afternoon session.

The cardinals were busy last night looking for a compromise candidate with Camillo Lazzarini, secretary of the congregation of the propaganda, and Giovanni Tacchi, Pappalardo, both created cardinals in 1921 prominently to the fore. Cardinal Tacchi was reported to be leading in the balloting.

The Cardinals within the palace, and the pontifical household outside, are pleased with the regularity with which everything is proceeding, according to an announcement made this evening by Prince Cicali, the Marquis of the Sacred College, which was not forthcoming, numbered probably 100,000. The long wait for the last smoke signal with the accompanying disappointment, led to the conclusion that the Sacred College had decided to retard its final choice until an American cardinal occupied a place among the throng in the Sistine chapel. Thus, it is thought that the survivors will have an election Tuesday morning, or if the choice is made tomorrow afternoon, it will not be announced until the next morning.

Cardinals Send Word. ROME, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, aboard the steamer, Presidente Wilson on his way to Rome for the conclave expects to arrive at Naples early Monday morning and hopes to reach Rome some time before noon, says a wireless message received from the American college. A wireless message also has been received from Cardinal Daugherly, of Philadelphia, aboard the steamer Lorine, saying he hopes to reach Rome Wednesday.

Among the college authorities has notified the Sacred College of the time the American prelates expect to arrive in Rome.

The government may place a special train at Cardinal O'Connell's disposal to rush him to Rome in time for Monday morning's balloting of the conclave. The Rev. Bernard J. Mahoney, spiritual director of the American college, will meet Cardinal O'Connell on his arrival and escort him to Rome.

WOMAN FIRST TO LIVE IN COUNTY IS DEAD ROME, Ga., Feb. 5.—Mrs. Martha Smith Battey, 81, widow of Dr. Robert Battey, famous surgeon, and said to be the first white child to live in Floyd county, Georgia, then in control of Indians, died at her home here today.

Although an invalid at the time of the civil war, Mrs. Battey was many times summoned before the Union military forces in favor of the southern states. Among her surviving children are Mrs. Grace Bayard, George M. Battey and Mrs. E. C. Orthon, of Atlanta; and Mrs. Mary B. King, of Waycross, Ga.

SPEED BY PRESIDENT TODAY WILL ADJOURN WASHINGTON PARLEY

"SOLD", SAYS HE AS HE EMERGES FROM UNDER WRECKAGE OF MOTOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—A new automobile plunged off an Edgecombe avenue cliff today and landed 70 feet below, a wreck. Around it gathered a crowd.

"I'd give \$50 as she is," remarked a bystander.

"Sold," said a voice, and Edward Jackson, who bought the car yesterday for \$600, crawled from beneath its twisted remnants.

Young Jackson's father was learning to drive and in attempting to avert collision with a taxicab, put his foot on the accelerator instead of the break.

Neither was badly hurt. The elder Jackson was arrested for driving without a license.

Chief Jap Delegate Says Parley's Work To Live In History

Says Proposal For Conference on Arms Was "Stroke of Genius"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The proposal of the United States government for the convening of the Washington armament conference was "a stroke of genius" which has resulted in a service to the world and which "will live in history as long as history lives," Baron Kato, head of the Japanese delegation, said tonight in a statement commenting on the meeting. The agreements signed here, he added, contain nothing that is calculated to impair the security of any nation, but, on the contrary, "have given such reassurance as but few visionary dreamers had contemplated up to three months ago."

Baron Kato said, "she could have dominated the seas. She chose, however, the wiser course, the way of true greatness which has commanded the admiration, respect and love of the whole world. At the same time, every nation represented here has benefited immensely as a result of the earnest discussion and the notable series of understandings that have been reached."

"In Japan, we realized that a new spirit consciousness had come over the world, but we could not bring ourselves to believe that such a spirit struck so deeply into the souls of men, until we came to Washington. We came and we have learned, and in turn we have, I think, given evidence such that the world has been made ready for the new order of thought—the spirit of international friendship and co-operation for the greater good of humanity—which the conference has brought about."

Couple Fleeed By Gang Identify Two Cleveland Man and Wife Tell of Florida Wire-Tapping

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 5.—Two of the 12 alleged confederate men held in jail as a result of Friday's raid on their establishment, were today identified by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Blumenthal, of Cleveland, Ohio, as having fled from them \$19,500 at St. Augustine early in January.

A man named Cowan, who escaped during the raid and is now being sought by the police, was identified through his photograph by the couple, as a man who approached them on a train between St. Augustine and Jacksonville and led them into the alleged fraud. Officials said they expected to arrest Cowan tonight or tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumenthal who came here from St. Augustine when they heard of the roundup of the confederates, announced they would remain and further assist the prosecution.

Officials said they expected a large crowd of victims of the band's operations to be on hand at tomorrow's preliminary hearing.

In addition to the 12 men charged with operating a gambling establishment, W. O. Backrow, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be heard on the charge of frequenting a gambling establishment. He was arrested in the raid.

SEEK RELEASE OF LEAVENWORTH PRISONERS

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 5.—Efforts are being made to release 113 prisoners now in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for alleged violation of the war time laws. Roger Baldwin, director of the American Civil Liberties union of New York has interviewed the prisoners with the permission of the department of justice.

Among the prisoners are two Mexican radicals, J. O. Boston, a socialist editor, of Duluth, Minn., and eleven prisoners from Oklahoma and Northern Texas who advocated peaceful opposition to the selective draft.

FORMAL SIGNING OF TREATIES SLATED AS ENVOYS' FINAL WORK

Despite Small Amount of Work, Session Expected to Last Several Hours

HARDING GRATIFIED OVER PARLEY RESULTS

He Is Impressed by Closer Relationship Brought on by Sessions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(By Associated Press.)—The Washington conference on armaments and far eastern problems will come to an end tomorrow with a plenary session given over to the formal signing of treaties and to a farewell address by President Harding.

Making his first appearance in the sessions of the conference since he welcomed the delegates to Washington on November 12, the president plans to voice briefly his gratification over the results accomplished and his conviction that the experiment has justified full faith in the practice of settling troublesome questions in an "international meeting of minds."

Mr. Harding's belief in the "conference plan" of conducting international negotiations has been so strengthened by the developments here, his friends say, that he regards the tangible relationships resulting from the Washington meeting as of such importance that there be brought to consummation tomorrow. He is to make only a short speech, but it is expected to contain important utterances on the general subject of international fellowship.

Despite the small amount of work left to it, however, tomorrow's session may cover several hours. Four treaties and a supplement to a fifth are to be signed by the delegates at the big green table in the conference hall, around which all the public meetings of the conference have been held, the affixing of wax seals and all the exacting work of inspecting the treaty texts before signatures are made of such importance that conference officials say there will be no disposition to hurry.

All Sign Two Facts

Two of the treaties, that relating to the Root "four big nations" and the open door, and that dealing with Chinese tariff problems, must be signed by the full delegations of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France, Italy, China, Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands, while the other two, limiting capital ship strength and regulating submarine and poison gas warfare, are to be given approval by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy. All these, except Italy, are to sign also the supplemental agreement defining the scope of the four-point plan.

It is the plan to complete the signing before the President speaks, so that as he delivers his appraisements of the significance of the conference, he may have its final accomplishments on the table before him. There will be no other speech making, and as soon as Mr. Harding has concluded the conference will adjourn.

Most of the foreign delegates plan to leave Washington tomorrow night or Tuesday, and they spent today making a series of farewell calls on the work in their offices, winding up small details of the tasks which have kept them here for more than 12 weeks. Several issued statements praising the achievements of the conference and the hospitality of the American people.

Before the end of the week the conference treaties probably will be in the hands of the senate. The American delegation already has about completed the report on the conference, and the treaties when they are turned over to President Harding, and he has indicated that he will submit them in ratification within a day or two. All five come to go to the capitol at a certain time, but whether the President will deliver them in person remains to be decided.

TEXTILE STRIKERS ARRANGE PARLEYS

Steps To Be Taken to Settle Differences

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 5.—Announcement was made today by National Organizer James A. Dick, of the Amalgamated Textile Workers of America, who is conducting the strike of more than 2,500 cotton mill workers in the Pawtucket valley, that a series of conferences have been arranged for tomorrow between representatives of the strikers and the mill operators to attempt to arrive at a settlement. The textile workers went on a strike after a wage reduction of twenty per cent.

Labor organization in the Pawtucket valley and in the Blackstone valley, two chief textile centers in the state, gave over the day to a series of organization meetings. Thomas F. McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers of America, the labor organization active in the Blackstone valley addressed a meeting of union delegates in Pawtucket this afternoon. While no new walkouts were announced, plans were discussed for asking the aid of other branches of organized labor in the fight against the wage reduction.

It was reported today by President McMahon that, outside of Pawtucket valley, between 8,000 and 9,000 textile workers are out of work in Rhode Island, that the thousands of which are members of labor organizations.