

## COMMITTEE IS TO MEET

### Republican Executive Body Decides to Convene National After Adjournment of Congress.

### PARTY POLICY DETAILS SCARCELY MENTIONED

### Recommendations of the Chicago Conference Read, but Representation Question Is Passed Over.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, May 24.—After several hours' discussion the executive committee of the republican national committee today tentatively agreed to call a meeting of the national committee 60 days after the adjournment of the extra session of congress, to determine whether a national convention shall be called to consider changes in basis of representation.

Washington, May 24.—Members of the republican national executive committee assembled here today to take stock of the party since the November defeat, look over the field for the future and determine whether a meeting of the national committee should be called to consider the advisability of holding a special national convention.

Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the national committee who issued the call for the executive committee, reached Washington early in the day and conferred with several republican leaders.

"I have talked with only three or four members of the executive committee," said Mr. Hilles, "and I find that some of them favor calling a meeting of the national committee. I am not sure that a majority of them are of that opinion."

When the committee met it had a memorandum from the consolidation committee of republican progressives headed by Senator Sumner, appointed as a result of the recent Chicago conference. This memorandum requested that an early meeting of the national committee be called. It included a statement of the reforms proposed at the Chicago conference which would provide for party recognition of the primary system of selecting delegates to the national convention and a change of basis of representation to conform to the voting strength of the party in the various states, a change directed against the heavy representation from the south.

Differences of opinion.  
Upon the merits of proposed reforms the executive committee does not pass. As far as contemplated re-organization plans are concerned, the only thing the committee may decide is whether to call the national committee. Many leaders assert that a convention is not necessary to carry out contemplated re-organization plans, that the committee can enact them. The progressive republicans, however, insist a convention is necessary.

Chairman Hilles said before the questions presented were referred to the national committee. He was undecided as to the right of the committee to change the basis of representation in national conventions and declared that it was a legal matter upon which he had no advice. Senator Jones, holding a proxy from Sam Perkins, national committeeman from Washington, sat with the executive committee and presented the ideas of Senator Cummins and the progressives seeking an early national convention. Many republicans of prominence, including former Speaker Cannon and former Representative McKinley, manager of the Taft pre-convention campaign, gathered about the room where the committee met.

The session of the executive committee was devoted almost entirely to a discussion of the need for a national convention. Committeeman Warren of Michigan made the motion to call a meeting and practically every member pointed in the debate that followed. There were no expressions of disapproval, the only questions were those of detail.

Primary Question Not Discussed.  
The question of choosing delegates by state primaries was not discussed at great length. Chairman Hilles and some others contended that a congressional district should be allowed to choose its own delegates in any way it saw fit, notwithstanding provisions for a state primary.

The letter from the consolidation committee sets forth a report of the progressive republican conference in Chicago which asks for a meeting of the republican national committee in the near future to act upon the suggestion made by a great many republicans that here be held during the present year a republican national convention.

Setting forth the reasons for this request the committee in part says: "We believe that an overwhelming majority of the republican party have reached the conclusion that the basis of representation in our national conventions is not only unjust but contrary to the fundamental principle of representative government. The present system enables a minority of republicans to control national conventions, affect state party nominations and demand party declarations and..."

## EMPEROR OF JAPAN IS BETTER TODAY

### Physicians Profess Confidence that He Will Recover from Attack.

By Associated Press.  
Tokio, May 24.—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito continued to improve today. The physicians in attendance declare themselves confident that he will recover from the attack of pneumonia. His majesty is cheerful. He takes nourishment regularly and his heart action is strong.

Count Chikata Watanabe, the imperial master of ceremonies, today read to the emperor President Wilson's cable message of sympathy, which is also prominently displayed in the newspapers.

The bulletin issued by the court physicians in attendance on Emperor Yoshihito at 4 o'clock this afternoon said: "His majesty's condition has improved. His temperature is 102.74 degrees Fahrenheit. His pulse 85 and his respiration 28."

## GO TO WEST VIRGINIA AND TAKE IT ALL BACK

### Debs and Berger Apologize for the Attacks Made on Governor Hatfield.

(By Associated Press)  
Charleston, W. Va., May 24.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, former congressman, Victor Berger and Adolph Germer of Illinois, accompanied by John Moore, labor leader representing Governor Hatfield, and Paul J. Paulson, member of the International Board of the United Mine Workers went into the Paint and Cabin Creek coal fields today.

Mr. Berger, in a statement said: "I have an entirely different impression to the one I previously had of West Virginia's executive, and his attitude to the workingman."

Mr. Debs told the governor: "You have been placed in a false light. I have said some harsh things of you in print, but now I will correct them."

Much data and information was laid before the leaders by the governor.

## SITE IS SELECTED FOR JACKSON COURT HOUSE

### It Is Expected New Building Will Be Ready for February Court.

The court house building committee which met at Sylva recently, according to the Jackson County Journal, was unanimous in its selection of the point of the ridge at the west end of Main street and overlooking the city as the site for the new court house.

"All the members of the committee named in the act of the general assembly were present with the exception of H. R. Queen. The organization was perfected with E. L. McKee as chairman and George W. Sutton as secretary. The committee selected a sub-committee composed of E. L. McKee, George W. Sutton and Lee Hooper to visit the Madison county court house at Marshall and report to the committee as to the advisability of following the plans of that building in the erection of our new court house."

## COTTON CORNER REINDICTMENTS

### Government to Ask for Another Bill Against Hayne, Brown, Scales and Thompson.

### FLAWS IN PRESENT FINDING FEARED

### Defects Might Stand in Way of Conviction, Say Federal Attorneys — Defendants to Fight.

By Associated Press.  
New York, May 24.—The department of justice has decided to seek the re-indictment of Frank Hayne and William P. Brown of New Orleans; Eugene Scales of Texas and Col. Robert M. Thompson of New York on the charge that they conspired to corner the cotton crop of 1909.

This was learned today when subpoenas were issued by United States District Attorney Marshall for the appearance next week before the federal grand jury of the witnesses upon whose testimony the indictment now stands against them was founded.

The document contained flaws, it is understood, which the government fears might stand in the way of conviction. It charged that, with James A. Patten of Chicago, the defendants conspired to create a bull pool with the intention of artificially raising the price of cotton in order to obtain a profit of \$1,000,000.

Patten pleaded guilty last February to the sixth count of the indictment known as the "contract count," which alleged that the defendants entered into contracts to buy up all the raw cotton produced in 1909 and to hold out of the market until November, 1910. He was fined \$4000 and under an agreement between his counsel and the department of justice the other counts in the indictment were nolle prosequi.

Zitons announced in entering his plea that he was "not conscious of any moral turpitude."

Messrs. Hayne, Brown and Scales professed to be indignant at his action and said that they would fight the case to the end. Col. Thompson recently sailed for Europe.

All five defendants originally pleaded not guilty and, with the exception of Col. Thompson, demurred to the indictment. The demurrer was defeated in the United States Supreme court.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS USE OF ROOM

### For Superior Court—Said to Be No Question as to the Legality.

In answer to the telegram sent yesterday by Assistant Postmaster Bradford, who is custodian of the federal building, to the supervising architect in the treasury department, asking if the Superior court of Buncombe county would be given the privilege of using the United States District court room for a two-weeks civil term, a message has been received in which it is stated that there is absolutely no objection to such an arrangement.

The point was raised by some one since yesterday that the Buncombe Superior court would have no jurisdiction if held in the government building, but many think there is no foundation whatever for such a question. County Attorney J. E. Swain made arrangements for the use of the federal court room, and Clerk of the Court Marcus Erwin stated today that there is nothing in the way of holding Superior court outside of its own building 90 per cent as he knows. When permission is given by the federal government for the court to be held in its building, then for the time being the court is at home. It is argued by some. Mr. Swain says there is absolutely no reason why Superior court should not be held in the federal building.

### Admits He Killed Wife.

By Associated Press.  
Richmond, Ind., May 24.—Geth Lucas, farmer, has confessed that he killed his wife and then set fire to their home near Williamsburg last September, according to a statement of the police here today. First investigation of the fire revealed no indication of crime but the inquiry was reopened when Lucas, acting in a peculiar manner, appeared at the police station here last Thursday. Lucas is a prisoner.

### Korean Case Remanded.

By Associated Press.  
Seoul, Korea, May 24.—The Supreme court today nullified the decision of the appeals court which on March 28 sentenced six prominent Koreans to varying terms of imprisonment on a charge of conspiring against the Japanese governor general, Count Terajima.

## CONSOLIDATION PLAN PRESENTED

### Dr. Campbell's Report as Chairman of Closer Relations Committee.

In the closing hour of the Southern Presbyterian assembly of 1913, which came to an end Thursday afternoon at the North Avenue church, a plan was born that points toward the eventual consolidation of all the Presbyterian churches of America in a "Greater Presbyterian Congress" formed directly on the plan of the congress of the United States, with a senate and a house of representatives supreme in authority over all Presbyterian affairs in the country, says the Atlanta Constitution.

The plan made its appearance in the report of the "select committee on closer relations with other ecclesiastical bodies," submitted to the assembly by Dr. R. R. Campbell of Asheville, chairman of the committee. Because of the approaching adjournment that faced the assembly, it was impossible to discuss the plan at length, although a number wanted to precipitate the question of church union at once, regardless of adjournment.

By its previous decision to postpone action the next year on the proposed union with the U. P. church, however, the assembly had set itself on record as favoring slow and careful consideration of the question of union, and Dr. Campbell's report was accordingly referred to the committee considering the U. P. affiliation, for a detailed report at the assembly of 1913 in Kansas City.

As outlined by Dr. Campbell, however, the proposition factuated the minds of scores of those present Thursday afternoon at the closing session, offering as it did the most logical and far-reaching in its scope of all the plans made for church union.

"We recommend that the assembly instruct its committee to propose to the conference a plan for closer relations through a 'federal congress,'" read the report, "the congress to consist of an upper and lower house—the churches of the federation to have representation in the lower house on the basis of the number of communicants, and every church in the federation to have equal representation in the upper house, the concurrence of both houses to be necessary for authoritative action."

## SUMMER SCHEDULE IN EFFECT ON A. & T. RY

### Cars Will Be Run to and From Weaverville and Asheville Every Hour.

Today the summer schedule on the Weaverville line of the Asheville & East Tennessee Railway company between Asheville and Weaverville goes into effect. This is an hourly schedule and is one of the most convenient ever arranged on this line. The first car from Asheville leaves for Weaverville at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. The next is at 8 o'clock, and after that there is a car every hour, on the hour, until 6 in the afternoon. At 6:30 there is another car and the last in the evening leaves here at 8 o'clock, making 14 in the daily schedule.

There will be a like number of cars from Weaverville, the first one leaving there at 5:45 o'clock in the morning, the next at 7:15, and then hourly until 5:15. At 5:45 there is still another car and the last one for Asheville will leave Weaverville at 7:15. The 6 and 6:30 cars from Asheville, and the 5:15 and 5:45 cars from Weaverville are run close together so that the crowds at this hour may be more conveniently handled.

In addition to this schedule there will be a car from Asheville to Weaverville every Saturday night at 11 o'clock, and it is announced that a special car will be put on permanently within the next month. On Sundays the cars leaving Weaverville at 5:45, 7:15 and 8:15 in the morning, and those leaving Asheville at 6:30 and 8 in the morning will be omitted.

## 200 ARE DROWNED WHEN SHIP SINKS

### Special to The Gazette-News.

Waxville, May 24.—Marris Miner, a 16 years old boy living about three miles from Waxville, accidentally shot himself through the hand with a rifle yesterday. He is not seriously injured. It is said that he was handling the gun, which he did not know was loaded, and it was somehow discharged. One of the bones in his hand was broken.

By Associated Press.  
London, May 24.—The steamer Nevada with 200 passengers on board today struck a mine in the Gulf of Smyrna and sank, according to a dispatch from Constantinople to the Exchange Telegraph company.

The Nevada was owned by the Hadji Boat company and ran in the eastern Mediterranean.

### Boy Shoots Himself Through Hand.

## WEDDING JOINS ROYAL HOUSES

### Hanover-Hohenzollern Reconciliation Sealed by Marriage of Victoria Luise and Ernest August.

### SOVEREIGNS' PRESENCE EVIDENCE OF PEACE

### United States Ambassador and Other Americans Among the Guests—Lutheran Ceremony Used.

By Associated Press.  
Berlin, May 24.—Princess Victoria Luise of Prussia, only daughter of the German emperor, was married to Prince Ernest August of Cumberland with the rites of the Lutheran church at 5 o'clock this evening.

The ceremony which took place in the royal chapel of the imperial castle, seals the reconciliation between the dethroned house of Hanover and the house of Hohenzollern.

The presence of the three most powerful sovereigns of Europe—the German emperor, the Russian emperor and the British king-emperor—on terms of intimate friendship, made the event a demonstration of international peace.

The civil ceremony was performed half an hour earlier in the great elector's hall, a small room in the most ancient part of the castle. It was attended by only the immediate families of the bride and bridegroom.

Berlin, May 24.—The short formal civil marriage of Princess Victoria Luise and Prince Ernest August of Cumberland was completed at exactly 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

In the meantime the guests who were to attend the religious service had assembled in the octagonal chapel at the other end of the castle. The room was richly decorated with flowers.

Among the guests were the United States Ambassador John J. A. Leishman and his wife and daughters; Joseph C. Drew, secretary of the American embassy and his wife; Captain Albert Niblack, American attaché; Miss Yvette Borup of New York, who was a schoolmate of the bride at the Empress Augusta Institute, and a dozen excited school girls whom the young princess insisted on inviting at the last moment in return for a personally embroidered present.

A choir of men and boys was stationed in the high gallery encircling the chapel where they sang hymns.

At the conclusion of the civil ceremony the bridal procession was marshaled into line by August Zu Elenberg, grand marshal of the imperial court, and then proceeded the entire length of the castle through a long series of state apartments to the royal chapel. It was led by the bridal couple, the princess' train being borne by four of her girl friends.

Prince Ernest August of Cumberland was garbed in Prussian Hussar uniform.

After them came Emperor William with the Duchess of Cumberland, then followed in order the Duke of Cumberland with the German empress, the Emperor Nicholas of Russia, King George of England with Crown Princess Cecile, the Emperor Williams' sons with their consorts, and 50 or more princes and princesses of the royal blood.

Dr. Ernest Dryander, grand chaplain of the court, who had baptized Princess Victoria Luise and prepared such for her coronation, performed the ceremony, which was the simple Lutheran rite. He then delivered the customary address of advice and admonition to the newly married couple.

As the rings were exchanged before the altar a battery of artillery stationed outside the castle fired a royal salute.

## ATLANTA PLOT REACHES MAYOR

### MR. WEAVER SAYS PROSPECTS GOOD

### That Farmers Are Already Getting Interested in Their Fall Fair.

President E. D. Weaver of the Western North Carolina Fair association is in the city today, and in speaking with a representative of The Gazette-News he was most enthusiastic over the outlook for the fair this fall. He says that during the past week he has been over a large portion of the northern and western parts of the county and has found the people everywhere heartily in sympathy with the efforts being made by the management of the fair to make it the best this year that it has ever been before, and second only to the state fair in Raleigh.

Mr. Weaver stated that in previous years the farmers have neglected to a great extent to begin thinking about the fair early enough in the season, and for this reason have failed to secure from their fields products for exhibit that it is impossible to get later on. Just now, he says, is the time to collect exhibits of oats, wheat, orchard grass, meadow grass and other valuable exhibits, and he has been impressing the fact on all the farmers in the territory which he has visited thus far. They have come to a realization of the fact that they must begin early and the beginning of an early campaign for better exhibits is already showing results.

During the past years of the fair here a great many farmers have been heard to remark while viewing exhibits that if they had known of the quality of a certain product that was being shown they could have entered one much better. That has been a decided weakness, and Mr. Weaver is endeavoring to have every farmer in the section have enough interest in the fair to enter his exhibits, whether he thinks he will win or not. He is likely to win, but if he does not he will receive a great deal of benefit by comparison with a better product.

The fair, Mr. Weaver says, is primarily for the benefit of the farmer, and he proposes this year to make it accomplish the purpose for which it was organized if hard work will do it. All he desires is the co-operation of everybody—farmers and all.

Examining board of nurses here Monday. Fifty Graduate Nurses Are Candidates—Nurses Association Also Meets.

The state board of nurse examiners will begin its 1913 sessions here on Monday morning, May 26, at 9 o'clock at the Langren hotel. There are 50 graduate nurses who will take the examination and these candidates are expected to begin arriving in the city tomorrow. They will make the Langren their headquarters while here. The examinations will last for two days.

Those composing the examining board are: Dr. A. B. Croon, Maxton; Dr. L. W. Neal, Monroe; Miss McNichols, Charlotte; Miss Henderson, Charlotte; and Miss Toomer, Wilmington. North Carolina was the first state in the union to have an examining board for nurses, the legislation requiring such a board having been secured by the State Nurses' association, organized at Raleigh in 1901.

The State Nurses' association will hold its twelfth annual convention here next week, also, and its sessions will begin on Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, when a public meeting will be held in the convention hall at the Langren hotel. A full program of the subsequent meetings has not yet been arranged, but will be announced on Monday.

The association has between 150 and 200 members at present, and it is expected that the attendance here will be large, as Asheville has always been a popular meeting place for the nurses. The first convention was held here in 1902, following the organization in Raleigh the previous year, and since that time Asheville has always occupied a warm place in the hearts of all nurses of the state.

### REMARKABLE SHOOTING

Fixed and Movable Targets Eight Miles from Guns, Hidden by Wooded Hills.

By Associated Press.  
Port Townsend, Wash., May 24.—Announcement was made today of remarkable results of target practice yesterday with the 12-inch mortars at Fort Worden, one of the defenses at the entrance to Puget sound. The mortars were fired for the first time at fixed and movable targets in Discovery bay. Eight miles distant, and hidden from the fort by forest covered hills. The exact score has not been computed, but several shots were marked as hits.

### RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS DEMAND SEGREGATION

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, May 24.—The race question has been put squarely up to Postmaster-General Burleson, in a petition signed by more than eight thousand railway mail clerks, urging the segregation of white and negro employees in the service.

It was presented by Robert A. Prather of Little Rock, Ark. The petitioner asked that the postmaster-general issue an order putting the segregation into effect at once.

### Journal Publishes Dictophone Report of Conversation to Involve Him in Phagan Evidence Plot

### FRANK IS INDICTED AS GIRLS' MURDERER

### Grand Jury Acts Following Statement of Negro that he Wrote Notes Found by Body.

By Associated Press.  
Atlanta, Ga., May 24.—The stir created in local political circles yesterday when it became known that the fight between one of the political elements in the city and the police department had reached the stage where city detectives had resorted to the use of a secret dictophone device, was enhanced today by the publication in the Atlanta Journal of a record which shows that the detectives have employed the device against the mayor of the city, James G. Woodward.

The device had first been used against Thomas B. Felder, a prominent local attorney who had interested himself in the prosecution of the Mary Phagan case. The stenographic report of his conference with G. C. Eubank, secretary to Chief of Detectives N. A. Lanford, purported to show that the attorney was endeavoring to secure papers in the Phagan case which he declared the local police had manufactured and which he believed would be sufficient to "drive Chief of Police Beavers and Lanford from office."

Mayor Woodward, in the record secured with the telephonic device, is quoted as saying that he was looking for evidence against the police department and particularly against Chief Beavers. The mayor is also alleged to have said there were enough votes in the local police board to remove Beavers if the evidence could be secured.

Affidavits containing the reported conversation of Mayor Woodward as secured by the telephonic device show that it was taken at a conference at which the mayor, February, A. S. Colyar, an investigator, and E. O. Miles, wear present. The latter mentioned in a statement issued yesterday by Col. Felder as the man "who might be interested in securing this evidence" against the police department.

After the subject of the "papers" and possible remuneration for them had been broached at the conference the record shows Mayor Woodward said:

"I told Felder that certain parties would be willing to pay the money for him, if he got the evidence that would convict those people, it would be paid and it will be. There is no question about it."

Woodward also is quoted as telling February to "get anything that looks like graft, I don't care who it hits and especially Beavers."

Fears were expressed by February that the men who secured the desired papers might be placed in jail. "We have got lawyers here that will get you out pretty quick and I have the garden power still," the mayor is said to have replied.

Col. Felder today is preparing a lengthy statement in reply to the charges contained in the record secured by the telephonic device and made public yesterday.

Mayor Woodward today declared that he made no statement at the conference which he was not willing to have published.

Leo M. Frank today was indicted by the Fulton county grand jury for the murder of 14 years old Mary Phagan, whose body was found in the factory building of which Frank was superintendent, Sunday morning, April 27. No action was taken by the grand jury in the case of New Lee, negro night watchman at the pen-factory, also held for grand jury consideration.

### MANY DEAD; SCORES HURT; PLATFORM COLLAPSES