

## GLYNN ENDORSES PRIMARY PLAN

Expresses Himself in Favor of Law Eliminating Nominations By State Conventions.

## REPUBLICANS GATHER; PARTY CONFERENCE

Expected That There Will Be Compromise Between the Conservative and Radical Elements.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Governor Glynn of New York talked with several administration officials today about the political situation in his state. After a conference with Secretary Bryan and a call upon Justice Hughes and Assistant Secretary Roosevelt he went to the White House and conferred with Secretary Tumulty on primary reform.

Owing to the president's illness, the governor did not see him, but Secretary Tumulty arranged an engagement for later. Governor Glynn did not discuss his visit, but it was learned at the White House that he had expressed himself in favor of a primary law that would eliminate state conventions so far as nominations were concerned and would retain conventions merely for ratification of the verdict of the primary and the drafting of party platforms.

His plan would include the elimination of party emblems or what is known as the Massachusetts ballot. It is understood that an alternative plan to have the party platforms submitted at the primaries also is being considered by Governor Glynn.

**Important Factor.**  
The issue of direct presidential primaries, brought into public discussion by President Wilson's message, promises to be an important factor in deliberations of the republican national committee here. Many believe congress may provide primaries that will do away with the need of any nominating conventions before the next presidential election.

The decision of the law committee of the republican national committee, just made public, leaves but one important change in republican rules to be made by a national convention. That relates to the basis of representation. While republican leaders still believed today that the national committee will call a convention for March or April, some thought the direct primary plan might influence some committee members against it.

It was pointed out that if a direct primary bill was passed before the 1916 elections the need for a change of republican representation would disappear.

Senator Jones, a member of the law committee, returned to Washington today and said plans were going forward for a national convention.

"I am in favor of some form of a direct primary," he said. "One plan which appears to be sound would provide for direct primaries in the states with national conventions in which delegates would sit in proportion to the vote in the states. Each state would apportion its delegates according to the strength of the respective party candidates and the national convention would make the final choice."

**Republican Conference.**  
New York, Dec. 5.—The conference to shape the republican policy at the approaching session of the New York state legislature brought to New York city today practically all the men who will control the party's destiny between now and next election.

There was no formal program and suggestions were invited from all the elements represented. The result expected was a compromise between the radicals and the conservatives and a legislative plan that would satisfy most of the progressives.

While the last state election returned the republicans to power in the assembly, it also sent to the lower house enough progressives and independents to exert considerable influence. Efforts are being made to harmonize the regular party men with these progressives and independents, many of whom were elected with republican endorsement.

## PRESIDENT HAS SPELL OF GRIPPE, DR. SAYS

Washington, Dec. 5.—President Wilson has gripe. His cold is in his nose and throat and his physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, U. S. N., has ordered the president to remain in bed again today. Engagements were cancelled and the president will be confined to his room tomorrow and possibly Sunday. No engagements were made for earlier than Monday.

Secretary Tumulty said today that while the president had a little fever, his illness was yielding to treatment and he would be out again in a few days.

## TEAMSTERS SHOOT STRIKE BREAKERS

Wagon of Transfer Company in Indianapolis is Attacked—One Man Will Probably Die—Police Reserves Called Out to Dispose of Crowd.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Two strike-breakers were shot, one probably fatally, when a crowd of striking teamsters and sympathizers attacked a wagon of the Coburn Transfer company in west Washington street today. Jacob Sonnenfeld of Chicago was shot through the neck and his injuries are believed to be fatal. George C. Williams of Cincinnati was wounded in the leg.

The wagon was traveling west in Washington street when a large crowd swooped around it, hurling bricks and other missiles. It was said several persons in the crowd flourished revolvers and when the strike-breakers began whipping their horses into a gallop a number of shots were fired from the crowd.

The strikers followed the wagon until it reached a fire station. The police reserves were called and after battering a few of the leaders with their clubs dispersed the crowd. Several arrests were made.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Whether the Central Labor Union of Indianapolis will call a general strike in sympathy with the teamsters union, now out, will be decided tonight, according to a statement made today by President Beatty, of the Central Labor Union. It originally was intended to take final action regarding the calling

of the general walkout last night but union leaders hoping for a peaceful settlement, it was said, deferred action until tonight.

John B. Dinmore, representing the department of labor and the citizens volunteer committee, yesterday heard the union's side of the controversy but the employers refuse to have anything to do with the meeting.

Late last night Mr. Dinmore and the labor leaders were in conference, and at the close of the meeting the conciliator said that he had listened to the union men's recital of grievances and today would attempt to hold a conference with the employers. He hoped, Mr. Dinmore said, to bring about a conference between the strikers and the employers.

**Gives Up Hope.**  
Denver, Col., Dec. 5.—Secretary of Labor W. B. Wilson has abandoned hope of bringing about a voluntary settlement of the strike in the southern Colorado coal fields and announced today that he would return to Washington.

Delegates from the Colorado State Federation of Labor have been sent among all of the affiliated trades unions to campaign for the state-wide strike which may be called in Colorado, after the convention of union delegates here December 16.

## Thieves Keeping Busy; Many Reported Robberies

Reports that robberies have been committed in all sections of the city during the last few days continue to pour in at police headquarters. It seems that the large majority of the robberies reported come from people who claim to have lost clothing of different kinds. In nearly every instance, it is said, the robbers did their work while the family were in the house, usually at supper time, and nearly always before the people of the house had retired for the night.

Mrs. France of 19 Arlington street reports that someone stole a woman's sweater from a hallway in the front part of her house last night.

Richard E. Kilber of 56 Woodfin street says that an overcoat was stolen from his home last night. The coat was hanging in the hall leading from the front door and was seen

soon after dark, but later missed.

E. E. L. Nash of 59 Spruce street reports the loss of a large overcoat from his home and can give no clue as to how it was taken.

Payton Durham of 52 Davidson street says that he lost a suit of clothes last night and turned in the name of the person he thought got the suit. The police are now looking for this man.

As a rule the people losing things from their homes can give the police no information whatever, and while the members of the force are investigating the reports that have been turned in there is very little, if anything, for them to work on. All the pawnshops in the city and second-hand clothing stores have been notified by the police to be on the lookout for the stolen goods.

## BUNCOMBE DOCKETS ARE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION

Judge Carter Has Disposed of Many Old Cases; While Sitting Here.

There will be no more Superior court in Buncombe county until January 5, when a term of criminal court will convene for two weeks. Following this will come a three weeks term of civil court on January 19. Then, on February 9, another term of civil court will convene for a session of three weeks, making in all eight weeks of Superior court.

It is thought that Judge M. H. Justice will preside at the terms of court, although this is not known for sure. It is possible that Governor Craig might send some other judge here, as Judge Justice was only recently appointed chairman of the rate commission.

Who ever is sent here to try the cases will find the dockets of the civil and criminal courts in good condition. Since Judge Frank Carter has been presiding at the terms of court here for the past few months wonderful strides have been made in clearing the dockets of the old cases that have been running, some of them, for years; and it is now possible for a civil suit to be tried in Buncombe county in a shorter time, after the filing of the suit, than perhaps ever before.

The criminal docket has been cleaned to such an extent that during the last session many cases were heard in Police court one morning, and after appeal, given a trial in Superior court during the afternoon. Court officials here say that this has not been possible since they can remember, and some of them have been connected with Buncombe county courts for years.

## CONDITION OF THOMAS REGARDED AS SERIOUS

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 5.—The condition of John W. Thomas, Jr., president of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, is regarded as serious today though there had been some slight improvement this morning as compared with last night.

Mr. Thomas first had pleurisy, from which pleural pneumonia developed. He now has hyperstatic congestion of the lungs, his physician states.

## POLICE INQUIRY IS UNDER WAY

Investigation of Alleged Leak in the Police Department Is Begun by a Committee.

## JUDGE CARTER NOT AMONG THOSE CALLED

Session is Behind Closed—Several Witnesses Are Examined and More Summoned.

Behind closed doors the inquiry brought about by the assertion of Judge Frank Carter, during the course of the whiskey investigation, that a "leak" in the police department was probably responsible for the escape of a defendant was begun at City hall this morning. Only officials conducting the inquiry, attorneys and witnesses were present; representatives of the press and the public being excluded. Judge Thomas A. Jones was present as attorney for the city, in the absence of City Attorney Bernard.

## DRIVEN TO TREES BY HIGH WATERS

Many Refugees Marooned—Second High Wave in South Waco.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—Hundreds of persons, driven from their homes by high water, were reported to have taken refuge in trees in the bottom lands about Hearne, center of the Texas flood district today. Many more refugees were marooned in cotton gin houses awaiting rescue.

The flood's death toll today was set at 26, but this number may be slightly increased because bodies have been reported floating in the swift muddy current at several points.

Hundreds of head of livestock have been drowned and scores of homes carried away since rivers and creeks began overflowing their banks after terrific rainfall last Tuesday.

Despite last night's downpour at several points, conditions in north Texas improved.

In south Waco last night scores of persons who had returned to their homes after Wednesday's high water receded, again were driven out by a second tide caused by a heavy rain.

Many flood victims were being taken into the town of Cplvert, a few miles above Hearne today. Men who were directing the rescue work said they had seen bodies floating in the swollen Brazos river. A few towns are asking for tents for the refugees.

## TEACHERS' MEETING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The teachers of Buncombe county will hold the regular monthly meeting at the High school building on Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, December 13, at which time the program in the different departments on the "Outline Course of Study" will be discussed. At this meeting it is expected that definite plans will be announced for the county commencement to be held next spring.

The teachers are requested by the superintendent to study part one and two of "Reading in Public Schools," as these books will be taken up at the meeting. The primary department will pay especial attention to reading, and this subject will be discussed by the teachers in that department. This department will also discuss number work in the "Outline Course of Study." The intermediate department will discuss history and arithmetic as given in the "Outline Course of Study."

The high school department will continue the program of the last meeting, and in addition will consider arithmetic and history.

## McLEAN AND FOWLER HAVE SURRENDERED

New York, Dec. 5.—Arthur A. McLean and Everett Fowler, indicted yesterday for receiving and soliciting, respectively, campaign contributions from corporations, contrary to law, surrendered at the district attorney's office today, preparatory to giving bail.

## KAISER TRANSFERS ZAB' RN GARRISON

Step Taken as a Result of Disorders—Also Orders Acceleration of Court Material—Existence of Crisis in the Government Is Denied.

Donaueschingen, Germany, Dec. 5.—Emperor William this afternoon ordered the transfer of the entire garrison at Zabern, Alsace, owing to the trouble between the soldiers and citizens there. He also directed that the court martial proceedings in connection with the recent rioting be accelerated.

The existence of a government crisis was denied this morning by officials in close touch with the imperial chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg. They declared he had no intention of resigning office in connection with the conflict between the military and civilians in Alsace.

The relinquishment of the post of governor general of Alsace-Lorraine by Count Charles Von Wedel, however,

is considered probable unless his authority is fully restored and protected against the aggressions of the military officials.

The imperial chancellor, the governor general, and Lieutenant General Herthold Von Demmling, the military commander, arrived shortly before noon today at Donaueschingen where the emperor is staying. Count Von Wedel and Lieutenant General Demmling traveled together, although the official relations are strained. The chancellor made the journey on a special train.

Conferences in which all three participated with the emperor were held during the afternoon but the proceedings were kept strictly secret.

## Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Is Interested in the "Spugs"

Washington, Nov. 5.—National helplessness against collective giving and formal exchange of gifts. Some of the latter practices are characterized as forms of "petty graft" and as senseless and stupid.

**Interest in Sale of Stamps.**  
The French Red Cross society is manifesting a keen interest in the sale of Christmas stamps by the American Red Cross. A letter has been received by the French embassy here regarding the methods of the American society which has yearly raised large sums through the sale of the little holiday stickers.

The information requested has been furnished by the embassy and it is understood here that the French society will adopt similar plans this year. The stamps already are sold during the holidays by the societies in Denmark and Norway and the proceeds devote to the cure of tuberculous sufferers.

## REFUGEES CONTINUE TO FLEE ACROSS BORDER

Mexicans Outnumber Foreigners—Good Order Reported at Chihuahua.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Official dispatches continue to report the arrival of refugees from Mexico at Laredo, Tex., in increasing numbers. Mexicans outnumber Americans and other foreigners fleeing the country. Refugees from Tampico are expected at Port Arthur, Tex., Sunday.

The situation in the Acapulco district, where there have been many anti-American demonstrations, is reported worse. The armored cruiser California is at Manzanillo within easy distance.

A belated dispatch from Chihuahua says good order was maintained when the federals evacuated the city and that no inconvenience to Americans is reported. Rail communication between Saltillo and Torreon continues uncertain.

**Americans Quit Monterey.**  
Laredo, Tex., Dec. 5.—Refugees arriving here today said so far as they knew all Americans had left Monterey, Mex. Some of these Americans it was said were in such financial straits they had to be assisted by agents of the American consular service.

## HEARNE LEFT HIS ART TREASURES TO WIDOW

New York, Dec. 5.—George A. Hearne, the millionaire merchant who died recently, did not leave his art treasures to the Metropolitan Museum of Art as had been predicted. In his will, filed for probate, the provision that it be sold on her death.

The value of the estate is not given. It has been estimated at as high as \$30,000,000, but Mr. Hearne's attorneys today characterized this as an exaggeration. The will makes no charitable bequests. Friends of the late merchant point out that he had distributed large sums to charity during his life time. Excepting a few small individual bequests the entire estate goes to the widow and three daughters.

## DEMAND FOR SUFFRAGE OUNRUNS JUSTIFICATION

Mrs. Scott Tells Committee of House Arguing Against Votes For Women.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Mrs. William Forster Scott of New York, chairman of the legislative committee of the Guidon club opposed to woman suffrage, addressed the house rules committee today in argument against a standing committee on suffrage.

"Each successful suffrage campaign," she said, "has been carried by an appeal to the people to rise against the law and the existing government under the dictates of self-interest. In Los Angeles the suffragists chanted the beat of marching feet as the labor unions and socialist organizations marched bare headed past the prison in which the McNamara's awaited their fate: 'You vote for us and we'll vote for you!'"

Mrs. Scott declared that "the recent attack upon the president for a failure to preclude the suffrage question by giving it his approval in his message is another instance of the demand outrunning its justification." She urged that the federal government have nothing to do with the suffrage question; that it should be left to the states.

Other speakers declared that any advocate made by the government toward suffrage for women would be playing in the hands of the forces of socialism and Mormonism.

## INTERESTING REPORT BY STATE CHEMIST

Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Dr. B. W. Kilgore, state chemist, in his special report for his division to the state board of agriculture, gives an interesting summary of work of analyzing fertilizers, testing concentrated stock feeds, soil work and test farms. The report shows analysis of 1900 samples of fertilizers and altogether there are 2258 specimens of various soils brought in.

The report shows that during the year soil maps were completed of Ashe and Randolph counties. The map of Forsyth is nearing completion and good progress is being made in Wake. On account of climatic conditions all three parties will probably work in Bladen county during the winter and Halifax and Wayne in the early spring. Thereafter the parties will separate again, one finishing Wake and working in Wilson county, another working in Lincoln and Cleveland, and the third in Union county.

## SUFFRAGETTES AVENGE ARREST

Militants of England Carry of Threat of Violence For Action Against Mrs. Pankhurst.

## MANSSION DESTROYED, WINDOWS SMASHED

It is Said Women Plan to do Something Sensational—Mrs. Pankhurst Fasts.

London, Dec. 5.—The threat of the militant suffragettes to resort to violent methods of revenge for the arrest of their leader, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was put into effect this morning with the destruction of the mansion at Wemiss Bay, Scotland, several attempts to destroy letters by pouring acid into mail boxes here and numerous isolated cases of window smashing.

Moreover it was stated the women had a plan to do something sensational within the next 24 hours, and the police everywhere kept a strict watch. In the meantime Mrs. Pankhurst remained in Exeter jail, the authorities not having decided to remove her to Holloway. She has already commenced a "hunger strike."

Passengers on the Majestic on which Mrs. Pankhurst made the voyage across the Atlantic, told today of the indignation of the travelers at being detained for over an hour in Plymouth harbor in order to enable the police to outfit the suffragettes who planned to rescue Mrs. Pankhurst. As one American put it, "all this to arrest one little woman!"

The English press also is inclined to sneer at the elaborate police plans. The Manchester Guardian remarks "there was an absurd disproportion between the actual dangers of disorder or rescue and the plans of the authorities." The Westminster Gazette says, "It is absurd to describe the arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst as a triumph for the police."

**Arson Squad Active.**  
Glasgow, Scotland, Dec. 5.—Fire today destroyed Kelly House, one of the finest mansions at Wemiss Bay, a favorite outlying suburb of Glasgow. The fire was the work of an arson squad of militant suffragettes and was apparently set in revenge for the government's arrest of Mrs. Pankhurst yesterday.

## THE BATTLE OF GUNS AND ARMOR RENEWED

Washington, Dec. 5.—The never-ending battle for supremacy between the gun and the armor of naval vessels has kindled into fresh activity. In his last annual report chief N. C. Twining of the naval ordnance bureau declares that in consequence of the tendency towards increased thickness of armor it has become desirable to increase the penetrative power of armor piercing projectiles.

The bureau has begun experiments on that line after recording its judgment that an armor piercing projectile carrying sufficient explosive to detonate and completely fragment the projectile after penetrating armor is the best for the attack of armored vessels.

Experiments with projectiles of foreign manufacture have been conducted at the proving ground with the result that those of domestic manufacture have given the best results.

## DISCUSS PHASES OF JUDICIAL SETTLEMENT

Washington, Dec. 5.—Various phases of proposals to establish an international court for the settlement of disagreements between nations were discussed at today's session of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

The question as to whether nations as such should be represented in the court or whether judges should be appointed without reference to their nationality was the main topic on which debate was led by Frederic R. Couderc of New York.

Debate on whether in the composition of the court, the population of nations, their commercial importance and their different systems of jurisprudence should be taken into consideration was led by George T. Porter of this city and Denys P. Moyers of Boston.

## TWO FEDERAL DISTRICTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA JUDGE HOLDS

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 5.—Judge H. A. M. Smith, of the South Carolina United States District court, has handed down a decision on a demurrer involving jurisdiction in which he rules that by the code of 1912 there are now in this state two distinct federal districts, the eastern and the western. This decision is of special interest, as if it stands, it will make Senator Tillman's bill for establishing two districts unnecessary, although for creating two sets of officers a new bill would be required.