

COMPROMISE IS SUGGESTED

Resolution Proposes That Republican Party Problems Be Submitted To States.

TWO PLANS PROPOSED FOR REORGANIZATION

Hadley Not Averse to Referendum to States—Borah Fights For Direct Reappointment.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Two proposals for reorganization of the republican party and to find a basis upon which discordant elements can unite confronted the republican national committee today.

Foremost was a proposal for a special national convention to readjust the system of delegate representation. The other was that no convention be called but that the national committee fix a plan of reappointment for ratification by republican state conventions.

A resolution for a special convention was prepared by a special committee which also formed another resolution in accordance with a compromise suggestion by Charles B. Warren of Michigan, chairman of the law committee, proposing that after the national committee fixes a basis of delegate reappointment the plan be ratified by two-thirds of the states which cast republican pluralities for president in 1908.

On the special committee drafting the resolution were Committeemen Warren of Michigan, Borah of Idaho, Hadley of Missouri, who holds also a proxy from Louisiana; Smeot of Utah and Howell of Nebraska. They went into session early today to report later to the entire committee.

Former Governor Hadley of Missouri, a member of the special committee appointed last year by the Chicago conference of progressive republicans to make overtures for party reorganization, was not averse to the compromise plan.

Mr. Hadley said he favored a national convention, but falling to get that he would hope for submission of the party problems to a referendum of the states. Senator Borah declared early today that he intended to fight for final disposition of the reappointment plan by the national committee without reference to the state conventions. The law committee decided recently that the national committee could not do that solely on its own authority.

Still Another Plan.
Another plan for a basis of representation was brought to the attention of the national committee today by Robert M. Marsh of the New York Young Republican club. It proposes that each state shall have four delegates at large, that there shall be one delegate from each congressional district where the republican vote is more than 20 and not more than 40 per cent of the total vote; that there shall be two delegates from each congressional district where the republican vote is more than 40 per cent and that each state having congressmen at large shall elect one delegate for each of such congressmen.

The percentage would be based on the election of 1908 and the territories could each have two delegates. The plan also proposes that the national committee should make up the temporary roll of each national convention but should be bound by a certificate from the secretary of state of any state, provided that the national convention should be the final judge of the elections and qualifications of its members. His plan would provide 521 delegates instead of 1978.

TELEPHONE EVIDENCE AT TRIAL OF HOBBS
Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 15.—Accused jointly with Lieutenant Governor Hildebrand of having received and solicited bribes, G. A. Hobbs, a state senator, went on trial here today. It was expected some time would be required to obtain a jury.

Governor Earl Brewer, it was said, would be one of the important prosecution witnesses. Evidence said to have been obtained by use of telephone devices will be introduced with the testimony. It was reported that the devices had been employed in hotels in two Mississippi cities for several weeks.

Hobbs and Hildebrand are to have separate trials.

STRONGEST EARTHQUAKE IN YEARS EXPERIENCED IN JAPAN
Tokyo, Dec. 15.—The strongest earthquake in several years occurred here yesterday and was felt over an extensive area. Houses in Tokyo and Yokohama were violently rocked and the people were greatly alarmed. So far as can be learned there were no casualties and the damage was confined to windows and brickwork.

FIVE PEOPLE DEAD IN INCENDIARY FIRE

Salvation Army Home at Cincinnati Is Burned—A Score Are Injured, Some in Serious Condition—Circus Rider Charged With Crime.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 15.—Five are dead and a score were injured when fire believed to be of incendiary origin destroyed the Salvation Army home for men here early today.

Many of the injured were overcome by smoke while others suffered burns in making their way out of the fire-swept building. Several of the injured are in a serious condition.

The dead: Arthur Sandell of Bangor, Me., bookkeeper and clerk for the home; T. Shoddell, believed to work in this city. Three unidentified. There were 150 beds in the building of which 45 were occupied by the employees of the Salvation Army. Every one of the employees escaped and are accounted for.

Almost all of the other beds were occupied by transient lodgers and unfortunately who make their homes in the buildings of this class.

A charge of incendiarism was placed against a man who gave the name of Frank Meyers. He claimed to be a circus rider and said he last lived in Arizona. The property loss is estimated at \$55,000.

It is believed several other bodies are in the ruins.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 15.—Fire declared to be of incendiary origin last night in the Salvation Army's home for men caused the known death of two and many others were reported missing. The exact loss of life will not be ascertained until the building is searched some time today.

Arthur Sandell, Bangor, Me., manager of the home, was identified as one of the victims. T. Shoddell, residence unknown, was the other of the two forms resting in the morgue today.

Eight of the victims removed to the city hospital were declared to be in a serious condition.

The property loss was estimated at \$100,000.

DECISION IMPORTANT TO SAFE DEPOSIT CO.'S
Power of States to Hold Companies Responsible For Inheritance Tax, Issue.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The power of the states to hold safe deposit companies responsible for the inheritance tax on possessions stored away in the boxes of patrons was before the Supreme court for consideration today.

It is said the decision may affect every safe deposit company in the country but only those in Illinois are directly concerned in the case.

The National Safe Deposit company of Chicago, through its attorney, has taken the position that the clause in the Illinois inheritance tax law, prohibiting safe deposit companies from delivering to the representatives of the deceased patron the contents of boxes without retaining a sufficient amount to pay the tax is unconstitutional. It is said the law impairs the obligation of contract between the company and its depositors because at no time may the company acquire itself of the contents of the boxes.

Attorney General Lacey of Illinois on the other hand, contends that the state has a right to be advised at the time of the death of a resident as to the extent of his property, otherwise it would be deprived in many cases of its interest in the estate.

PROGRESSIVES MEET TO CONSIDER PLANS
Keynote Sounded by Robins Who Declares Against Party Amalgamation.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Representative members of the progressive party from nearly every county in Illinois gathered here today to confer on the party's plans for the future, with particular reference to the elections of next year.

Before the meeting adjourns it is planned to select a candidate for the United States senate and to perfect plans for complete tickets in every county and in every senatorial and congressional district next year.

NEGRO ADMITS KILLING WOMAN

George Hart Confesses to the Murder of Mrs. Irby and Also Implicates Two Suspects.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 15.—George Hart, one of the negroes charged with the murder of Mrs. Jefferson Irby at Wrens, Ga., Sunday afternoon, confessed here this morning to Deputy Sheriff Plunkett. He implicates the other two negroes under arrest. Both of the others deny their guilt.

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Negro's Story.
George Hart says that he and his brother and Robert Paschal were drunk on the skimmings of boiling cane juice where syrup was being made. The skimmings are placed in a different vessel, being taken from the top of the boiling can juice, and after fermentation, makes an intoxicating drink. He says that they went by the Irby home about 4 p. m. Sunday and that Robert Paschal went inside and attacked Mrs. Irby, that she struggled with him to the front door where he cut her throat and then dragged her by her hair to the woodpile where they crushed her skull with an axe and then assaulted her. The five-year old daughter of Mrs. Irby saw the negroes cut her mother's throat. The negroes then left the vicinity. No mention was made in George Hart's confession of any 50-cent debt that Mr. Irby owed them.

PRISONERS REMOVED LYNCHING FEARED
Hart Tells Revolting Story of Crime—Says That They Were Drunk On Cane Juice.

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NATIONAL TROTTER ASSOCIATION MEETS
Chicago, Dec. 15.—Only the horse winning the race would be accredited with a record, should a rule which will be considered by the joint rules committee of the American and National Trotting association at its meeting here today be adopted. Under present rules every horse winning a heat or making a dead heat for first place is given a record corresponding with the time made in the heat.

Under the proposed new rule, time made by other heat winners would constitute a "breeder's record." The intention of the rule would be to discourage the checking of horses whose drivers do not think them capable of winning a race and to do not want them to be recorded.

Another rule which will be proposed would give a free-legged pacer three seconds allowance over a hopped pacer.

MEET TO CONSIDER STATEWIDE STRIKE
Denver, Col., Dec. 15.—Nearly 500 delegates from 250 local unions throughout Colorado met here today to consider calling a statewide strike in sympathy with the United Mine Workers of America now on strike in the Colorado coal fields.

It was explained by leaders, however, that it was not certain a statewide strike would be called at this time because they declared the leadership of the federation and the United Mine Workers "do not want to impose undue hardships on the people of the state unless it becomes absolutely necessary."

FRANCE KEEPS GREECE KEEP NINE ISLANDS
Paris, Dec. 15.—The French foreign office today instructed Jules Cambon, French ambassador in Berlin to inform the German government that France has accepted the British proposal that Greece be allowed to keep nine out of the eleven islands occupied during the Balkan war. The other two—Tenedos and Imbros—are to be returned to Turkey.

Italy, in the opinion of the French government, should return to Turkey the 11 islands occupied during the war in Tripoli.

HERRMANN'S SALE OF TINKER REPUDIATED
Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—Two players—a pitcher and an outfielder, together with \$15,000 in cash, are now asked from the Brooklyn club by the Cincinnati club in exchange for Shortstop Joe Tinker, instead of the straight sale of the player by the Brooklyn club for \$25,000, as had been arranged by President Herrmann and Ebbets.

RADIUM BANK MAY SOON BE REALITY

Announcement That Word "Cure" May Be Applied to Wonderful Movement Gives Stimulus to Movement—Power of Rays Almost "Unbearable."

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15.—Stimulus has been given to the movement for a radium bank by the announcement made last night by Dr. Howard A. Kelly of Johns Hopkins university and Dr. Robert Abbey of New York that the word cure can now be properly applied to the radium form of treatment of cancer.

Physicians today are discussing the statements made by these two physicians that the power of the gamma rays of radium over certain forms of cancer is not only wonderful but almost unbelievable. Dr. Kelly exhibited photographs of patients before and after being cured and told of the cure in 48 hours of a man suffering from malignant cancerous growths on the face and head.

The physicians were careful to state that the cure can at present be applied only to superficial cancer in its early stages. What the mysterious element may accomplish in advanced and internal cases is a matter for further experiment, they said.

The meeting of the college of physicians and surgeons at which the two specialists spoke was attended by many of the physicians and surgeons of Philadelphia.

As a result of the meeting it is expected that the perfected radium bank at which will be on deposit a portion of the much sought after element, will soon be a fact. The patients can be brought from all sections and subjected to the radium rays for the treatment of not only cancer but other diseases in which cancer has been found to be efficacious.

DIRECTS GUDGER TO TAKE PROPERTY
Judge Boyd Directs Receiver to Demand Bankrupt Cherokee Company.

ASKS STATE COURT TO SURRENDER PROPERTY
Whether JJudge Ferguson Will Abrogate Receivership He Ordered is Not Known.

There was another development yesterday in the case of the Cherokee Tanning Extract company, bankrupt, in which there is a clash between the state and federal courts as to jurisdiction. A. A. Fain, permanent receiver for the company appointed by Judge G. S. Ferguson of the Superior court of Cherokee county, and officers of the Bank of Andrews were given a hearing yesterday before Judge James E. Boyd of the United States District court to show cause why they should not turn over all property of the company to Vonno L. Gudger, receiver for the District court, and at the conclusion of this hearing Judge Boyd signed an order commanding them to make immediate transfer of this property to Mr. Gudger.

Mr. Gudger was ordered to make demand of Mr. Fain and the Andrews bank for the property, and was also ordered to place before Judge Ferguson the order signed yesterday by Judge Boyd and ask that he act there on by commanding Mr. Fain and the bank to surrender the property. It is understood that Mr. Gudger has gone to Andrews today to take the proper steps in the matter. There is no intimation as to whether the property will now be turned over to him or whether the superior court will still contend that it has jurisdiction in the matter. In the latter case, it is probable that some very interesting developments will follow.

It will be recalled that the company was declared a bankrupt by Judge Boyd while he was holding court here in November, when Mr. Gudger was named receiver. Previous to that time Judge Ferguson had appointed Mr. Fain as permanent receiver, succeeding J. Q. Barkley, temporary receiver, and when Mr. Gudger presented his credentials his rights as receiver were questioned and he was later served with papers to appear before Judge Ferguson and show cause why he should not be attached for contempt. This hearing is set for January 19, having been continued from time to time, supposedly to await the action of Judge Boyd in the matter.

When the superior court took its stand in the matter, Judge Boyd issued a temporary restraining order against Mr. Fain and the Bank of Andrews, restraining them from disposing of any of the property of the company except on the orders of the District court, and yesterday this order was made permanent.

WILSON WELL ENOUGH TO SEE HIS CABINET
Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson had so far recovered from his attack of grippe today that he met his cabinet. The session, however, was not held as usual in the executive offices but in the upper apartments of the White House, because Dr. Grayson gave notice to the president if an even temperature, though he thought it probable that his patient would be able to go out of doors tomorrow.

The meeting of these lines was in the study made blessed by the signing of the emancipation proclamation and the meetings of the Lincoln cabinet.

ENRIGHT AND TELFORD HAVE BEEN PARDONED
Clerical Error Saved Telford From Serving Sentence For Conspiracy.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 15.—Maurice Enright, sentenced to life imprisonment in the Joliet penitentiary for the murder of Vincent Altman in Chicago, and Joshua Telford, the former Chicago policeman who escaped serving a penitentiary sentence through a clerical error, were pardoned today by Governor Dunne. The governor acted on the recommendation of the state board of pardons.

Enright was convicted in 1911 of the murder of Altman. The killing grew out of the labor war. He will be released in time to be at home with his family on Christmas day. The board said: "We are of the opinion that Enright is probably innocent, in any event the doubt as to his guilt is more than reasonable."

Telford was convicted in 1905 on a charge of conspiracy to defraud justice and given an indeterminate sentence. A clerk in the criminal court failed to give notice to the sheriff directing a commitment to the penitentiary, and Telford was never called on to serve the sentence.

With sentence hanging over him Telford got employment in a big State street store and in the 16 years since his trial and conviction has risen to a high place of confidence in the establishment.

SPANIARDS TO BE PROTECTED

United States Successfully Intercedes in Their Behalf According to Advice.

REBELS NOT RECOGNIZED SAYS SECRETARY BRYAN
Declares That It Is Customary To Treat With General Who Is in Control Of Zone.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Through representations to General Villa by American Consul Letcher and through messages conveyed by the American consul at Hermosillo to General Carranza, the United States has successfully interceded in behalf of Spaniards who complained of mistreatment when Chihuahua City was occupied by the Mexican rebels.

All advice to the state department today say foreigners generally, with the exception of Spaniards, have been represented, and this government ambassador has undertaken to see that Spanish subjects are included in the protection given to other foreigners.

Inferences that by appealing to General Carranza the United States had recognized the constitutionalists were pronounced false by Secretary Bryan today, who pointed out that the United States had from time to time dealt with the military authorities in control of various sections.

"Where a general is in control or in charge of a zone," said Mr. Bryan, "we make our representations to him as it is obviously useless to make such representations to the Mexico City government which has no way of enforcing its will in that section which it does not control. Also, if a general is reported to be under the control of authority of another, we have tried to look to the latter for assistance in protecting foreigners."

The secretary added that there was nothing unusual in representations to foreigners, that they had been made General Carranza for protection of previously, particularly in the case of Messrs. Wyndham and Dunn, alleged to be held for ransom in Tepic, and that the same course would be the process of dealing with the various military authorities in Mexico.

Reports to the navy department today said the battleship Ohio would be delayed ten days at sea on account of the two cases of smallpox aboard and that the battleship Michigan would remain in Mexican waters until the Ohio relieves her.

RENDERED INSANE BY FEAR OF BLACK HAND
Chicago Merchant Found in Cell With Throat and Wounds Gashed.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15.—Temporarily insane by reason of black hand threats, George Bertl, said to be a merchant of Chicago, was found in a cell at police headquarters here today with gashes in his throat and his wrists cut.

Bertl was arrested in the union station while wandering through the waiting rooms muttering to himself. A policeman believing him to be intoxicated, took him to the police station.

When called for a hearing Bertl was found almost dead from the loss of blood. Papers in his pockets, the police say, disclosed that he had fled from Chicago a week ago to escape the black hand. Police Surgeon D. E. Sable said Bertl would recover.

PRESIDENT THOMAS BARELY IS LIVING
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—At 10 o'clock this morning John Thomas, Jr., president of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad, who is critically ill with pleural pneumonia, barely was living. His physicians hold out little hope for his recovery.

DORA MURFF GETS FOUR YEARS IN MURDER CASE
Crowley, La., Dec. 15.—Dora Murff was sentenced here yesterday to prison for a term of four years for her connection with the killing of J. M. Delbaze, her former sweetheart. Her stepfather, J. M. Davall, found guilty of murder without capital punishment, was sentenced to 99 years in prison.