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## J. H. MERRIMON MAY MARSHAL STRENGTH

### Candidate Expected to Fight to Regain Delegation

### RELEASE SATURDAY SURPRISE TO HIM

### Moore Delegation Unbroken; End Of Deadlock Is Not in Sight

Waynesville, June 1.—Well authenticated reports of Judge James H. Merrimon's extreme dissatisfaction with conditions here Saturday night, when his delegation was released and largely went to the Reynolds column, furnished the most absorbing topic of speculation hereon the eve of the reassembling of the tenth district democratic congressional convention, deadlocked in the effort to select a candidate. The result of Judge Merrimon's attitude is expected to be reflected in the balloting here this afternoon. He is said to be hopeful that he can rally a considerable measure of the strength which went to the Reynolds standard on the late balloting Saturday night. The convention reassembles with the Moore delegation apparently steadfast in the determination to give unwavering support to their candidate. Whether their resolution will endure much longer, however, is a question. An effort will also be made this afternoon to have a num-

ber of fractional votes eliminated, thus cutting down the number which will be required for nomination. Under a ruling of the chair these have been voted according to original instructions. As before stated, however, the most interesting situation is as to the development of Judge Merrimon's attitude. Judge Merrimon arrived here today smarting under what he considers a proceeding which in effect utilized his strength to further the interests of Mr. Reynolds. He was not on the ground Saturday, and the release was a complete surprise to him. When seen this morning S. F. Chapman, Judge Merrimon's floor leader, explained that Judge Merrimon was still in the running and that the Merrimon delegates would be found voting for him again this afternoon after their temporary defection. Any forecast of convention results this afternoon is, of course, little better than guesswork. Reynolds men still insist on the probability of the early nomination of their favorite. Experienced observers, however, think it likely that the Reynolds tide created Saturday night, when the desperate effort to secure a nomination failed and that an ebb is probable this afternoon. The delegations are badly frayed by their arduous experience, the Reynolds men, who have been most vociferous, particularly showing the bad effect on their vocal chords. The ranks of both are being recruited, however, and there is not a sign of a break among the original Gulgudger and Reynolds forces. Among the spectators in the galleries are Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Wood, mother and sister of the candidate.

## BAVARIA AND YPIRANGA HAVE ARRANGED BONDS

### Fined Over Million Pesos in Connection With Discharging Cargoes.

Washington, June 1.—Brigadier-General Funston has reported to the war department, that the agent for the steamers Bavaria and Ypiranga, had arranged bonds for them in order that they might be cleared from Vera Cruz. Concerning the fines, which totalled more than 1,000,000 pesos, Secretary Garrison today issued the statement: "Customs and port officials fined the Hamburg-American liner Bavaria 110,000 pesos for having discharged a large portion of her cargo consigned to Vera Cruz, at another port, before reporting at Vera Cruz and showing her manifest to the port authorities. A similar fine has been imposed on the Ypiranga amounting to \$94,910 pesos for failure to correct invoices accordingly and discharging her cargo at a port other than that to which it was consigned. "General Funston states that the officers in question had no option under the Mexican law and had to assess the fines in the sums named. No appeal has been taken on behalf of the vessels and the presumption is that if any further proceedings are to be had representations will be made to our state department."

## QUEVADO AND FORCES ARRESTED AT EL PASO

### Said to Be Heading New Revolt in Chihuahua—Goes to Fort Wingate.

Washington, June 1.—Brigadier-General Bliss, reported to the war department today, the arrest of Quevado and his followers at El Paso, yesterday. It is understood Quevado was heading a new revolt in Chihuahua, N. M., with other Mexican refugees. The Brazilian minister in Mexico City informed the state department today that Gregorio Alcariz, servant of Captain Rush, of the battleship Florida, who went through the Mexican lines, now is in prison in Mexico City. The minister is seeking his release. At the instance of the Brazilian minister, the Huerta government is investigating a report that William Sims, an American, was executed at Salina Cruz, May 16.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS ON WOMAN'S WORK

New Castle, Pa., June 1.—Among the important matters before the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church, when it reassembled today after an adjournment Saturday were the report of the committee on woman's work and the report of the work of theological seminaries, and the report of the foreign mission. It was said that an escort would be made to have the general assembly pass a resolution preventing the members of the general assembly from holding membership in social clubs where intoxicating liquors are sold.

## WILSON STILL IS OPTIMISTIC

### President Reiterates Conviction That Present Unsatisfactory Business Is Not General.

### POINTS TO EXCESS OF EXPORTS OVER IMPORTS

### He Believes Prosperity Would Come With Jump if Business Men Believed It Was Coming.

Washington, June 1.—President Wilson again today expressed his conviction that any present unsatisfactory condition in business was not general and was less felt in the United States than any other part of the world.

Mr. Wilson reiterated this view in the first conference he has had with the Washington reporters since the Mexican situation came up.

Questions on that and the subject of mediation, however, were not answered. Concerning the business situation the President said that it was his opinion that any unsatisfactory condition centered about the railways, very largely, and that it was reflected in the steel industry and other industries closely allied, which depend especially upon railway development for prosperity. The President referred to a statement by Chairman Gary, of the United Steel corporation that the general outlook in the steel business was good.

"The President believes prosperity would come with a jump if the business men believed it was coming. He does not believe the tariff has anything to do with the depression."

Secretary Redfield's statistics showing excess of exports over imports was cited by the President as proof. Discussing the Clayton trust bill, the President said he did not understand the act as intended to grant labor organizations any privileges they do not now enjoy. It was the purpose of the act, as he understands it, to define the rights of labor organizations more clearly and remove any doubt of their rights which has been created by various court decisions. It is not the understanding of the President that labor organizations are to be given privileges denied other organizations.

## FRENCH CABINET AGAIN TO RESIGN

### Reason Understood to Be Inability to Control Majority of Deputies.

Paris, June 1.—The French cabinet under the premiership of Gaston Doumergue has decided to resign. The resolution was reached at a cabinet council today.

The cabinet will meet tomorrow to draft resolutions explaining its reasons for resigning, which is understood to be the inability to control a majority of the chamber of deputies where some great changes in the numerous groups were brought about by the recent general elections.

Differences also are said to have arisen among members of the cabinet concerning financial matters and there is some divergence of view with regard to the three years military service.

No indication was obtainable today as to the probable personnel of the new cabinet. It is thought the present ministers will continue to hold office until after the meeting of the chamber of deputies and the selection of the parliamentary officers. The chamber meets tomorrow but the credentials of delegates can scarcely be passed on before June 15.

## FURTHER CHANGE IN DATE OF WEDDING

Madrid, June 1.—A further change in the date of the church wedding of Kermit Roosevelt and Miss Belle Willard Wyatt, occurred today. It is to be celebrated June 11, not June 10, as reported Saturday. The civil function will be carried out on June 10.

## BIND SIX EMPLOYEES AND BLOW UP SAFE

Chicago, June 1.—Nine robbers early today bound and gagged six employees of the St. Lawrence Ice Cream company, and after blowing up the safe, escaped with between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

## SUFFRAGETTES BURN ST. MARY'S

### Historic Church on Thames Destroyed With Many Ancient and Precious Treasures.

### SUFFRAGE LITERATURE AND HAMMER FOUND

### Rector Saves Old Register and Few Ornaments—Mansion Also Burned Near Windsor.

Henley, Eng., June 1.—Suffragettes today burned the historic St. Mary's church on the Thames. All that remains is a part of the tower and the scorched walls. Just inside the walls were found a hammer and some suffrage literature with a card "stop prosecuting women". The only property saved was an ancient register and a few ornaments. These were saved by the Rev. Basil S. Hatty, the rector, who rushed through the flames to get them.

The church contained many priceless treasures, including some bells four centuries old, which melted in the flames.

Mansion Burned. Windsor, Eng., June 1.—Fire which the police say was started by suffragettes, today destroyed a mansion near here. The house was formerly the residence of the Duchess of Sutherland.

## NUMBER OF IDLE MINERS REDUCED

### Some of Coal Companies Yield to Contentment of Strikers on Main Issue.

Charleston, W. Va., June 1.—Yielding to the contention of the miners that the operating companies should collect union dues of the United Mine Workers of America, a number of coal companies, operating on Paint creek today signed a working agreement that reduced the number of idle miners to approximately 8,000. At other points in the Kanawah coal field, agreements had not been signed, but the men were at work as usual and formal settlement was expected before the middle of the week. One thousand of the Solvey Collieries company on Paint creek, obeyed the strike order, there being no intimidation today that the company would sign. Work was not suspended at the mines of the Christian Collieries company, although the agreement had not been signed. The men remained at work on assurance of the local management that the directors at a meeting in Lynchburg today, would take action on the union scale.

Belief that the strike would be of short duration prompted miners and operators to view the situation optimistically.

## SEC. REDFIELD WILL SPEAK AT CHAPEL HILL

Washington, June 1.—Secretary Daniels and Mrs. Daniels and Secretary Redfield, will leave tonight for Chapel Hill, N. C., where Secretary Redfield will speak at the commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina of which Mr. Daniels is a trustee, Wednesday.

On Thursday Mr. Redfield will speak before the democratic state convention at Raleigh. Mr. Daniels is uncertain whether he will remain or attend the exercises at Arlington cemetery, which occurs the same day.

## GRIFFITH'S FUNERAL IN OLD NORTH CHURCH

New York, June 1.—The funeral of John L. Griffith, formerly consul to England, who died in England two weeks ago was held today in Old North Church. Representatives of many British social and literary bodies besides many Americans were present.

The pall bearers included Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Chauncey M. Depew, Alton B. Parker, and Joseph H. Choate.

Killed by Automobile. Richmond, Va., June 1.—Samuel Long a child, was killed, and Mrs. Ballard Haines and Mrs. Susan Fox were fatally injured when the Haines automobile went over a high embankment near here today. Two others were slightly injured.

## VICTIMS' BODIES BEING CLAIMED

### U. LANE URGES HIS ALASKA PLAN

### Says Creation of Development Board Will Do Away With Red Tape.

Washington, June 1.—Secretary Lane's report to congress in which he strongly urges the creation of a development board to have complete control of all government affairs in Alaska connected with the natural resources and development of that territory, attracted considerable attention at the capitol today. The proposed board would consist of three members appointed by the president, its headquarters would be in Alaska, an dit would do the work now done there by the general land office, the forest service, the road commission, the bureau of mines, the bureau of education and the secretary of the interior, and a part of the work and authority of the bureau of fisheries. A report is now pending in congress along the lines suggested by Secretary Lane, and it is believed that the secretary's recommendation would give impetus to the proposed arrangement.

Secretary Lane's plan would do away with "red tape" in the government of Alaska, he says. He points out that at present, each of a score of government bureaus in Washington have something to do with the government of Alaska, resulting in a vast amount of red tape and circumlocution in the administration of public affairs. The secretary cites instances of delays of several years in the handling of the uncomplicated land and other matters which should have been disposed of.

Preparations was begun here today for the inquiry into the disaster which cost, at present reckoning \$50 lives. The inquiry will be conducted by a joint commission of Canadian and British shipping experts.

Pilo Nault, who piloted the Storstad up the St. Lawrence from Quebec, today said that Captain Anderson told him that he (Anderson) his first officer, and Pilot Lechance, who brought the Storstad from Father Point, to Quebec, were on the bridge at the time of the collision.

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## GOOD WEATHER FOR TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Richmond, Va., June 1.—Perfect weather gives promise of a brilliant June week for the Old Dominion tennis tournament, which was scheduled to open at 2:30 p. m., today and continue through Saturday on the Sandpapered courts of the Virginia Country club.

The winner of the ladies singles were to meet Mrs. Constance Sullivan of Richmond, for the challenge cup. The winner of the men's singles will meet Dr. Nat Thornton, of Atlanta, for the challenge cup.

## WINTERS CASE GOES INTO CIRCUIT COURT

New Castle, Ind., June 1.—Robert H. Abel, a detective, who investigated the disappearance of Katherine Winters, aged nine, on March 10, 1913, today filed an affidavit in the circuit court charging the child's parents, Dr. W. A. Winters and his wife, and W. H. Cooper, a former roomer in the Winters home, with conspiracy to commit a felony.

Similar charges pending before Mayor Watkins, will be dismissed, it is said, and the case turned over to the circuit court.

## ALMOST WIPED OUT

Corinth, Ky., June 1.—Fire almost wiped out this village today, causing a loss estimated at \$75,000. Nineteen buildings in the heart of the business district were burned.

Most of Empress of Ireland Dead Recovered Have Been Identified By The Relatives.

## INVESTIGATION ON ALL SIDES IS PROMISED

### Storstad Captain Denies He Is to Blame or That He Backed Away From The Wreck.

Montreal, Que., June 1.—The sharp point of an anchor, projecting from the twisted bow of the Norwegian collier Storstad may explain why that vessel did such terrible execution when she rammed the Empress of Ireland early last Friday, in the lower St. Lawrence. An examination today of the collier's shattered plates revealed the anchor jammed in a position where it could have ripped through the hull of the Empress like a great can opener. The anchor point and portions of the battered steel surrounding it, bore stains of blood.

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"Captain Anderson is deeply grieved over the tragedy. Several times during the trip to Quebec, I came upon him, crying, with his face buried in his hands. Captain Anderson told me he had been instructed not to talk about the accident."

One of the officers of the Storstad, said today: "A time of the accident I was in my bunk. I was awakened by a shock. I ran to the deck and looked overboard. The Storstad was going full speed astern. The water was filled with struggling men and women shouting for help. Oats were immediately lowered and there was not a man on the Storstad who did not do his utmost to help the people in the water. We took the survivors into the engine room, the warmest place on board. Some of them had been so numbed by the ice, cold water that they leaned up against the cylinders of the engines until their flesh was blistered."

Quebec, June 1.—Identification of the bodies of the victims of the Empress of Ireland wreck, is proceeding more rapidly than was expected. Nearly 100 of the 183 bodies brought here yesterday by the tender Lady Grey have been recognized by sorrowing friends and relatives. Eighteen (Continued on Page Nine).

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