

SOCIALISTS PLAN TO NAME CONVICT AS THEIR NOMINEE

Eugene Debs, Now Serving Prison Sentence, Scheduled As Candidate

CONVENTIONS EXPECTS TO NAME HIM FOR PRESIDENT

After Singing Favorite Airs, National Convention Unveils Picture of Leader, Who Is Now Behind Prison Walls For Violating The Espionage Laws

New York, May 8.—Eugene V. Debs, now serving ten years in the Atlanta penitentiary for violation of the wartime espionage laws, will be formally launched here tomorrow into the 1920 National political campaign as a candidate for the fifth time for the Socialist presidential nomination.

Leaders of the party at the convention were sponsors for this statement, adding that Morris Hillquit probably would announce Debs as "our own candidate," in his second convention speech at a "keynote" nature, to be delivered at a Socialist mass meeting in Madison Square Garden.

Tomorrow's meeting is regarded as the "most important ever held" by the Socialist party of America, according to executive committee men. The utterances there, they said tonight, "will in large measure lay the lines for the coming campaign."

Free Press; Free Assemblage. Hillquit, Seymour Steadman, of Chicago; Victor Berger, unseated United States representative from Wisconsin, and Oscar Ameringer, of Oklahoma City are scheduled to pronounce party views of leading political topics. These are expected to include amnesty for political prisoners, the government's attitude toward strikers, free speech, free press and free assemblage, taxation, socialization of basic industries, Attorney General Palmer's "campaign of repression," deportations, war profits and profiteering, the League of Nations, independence of Ireland and self-determination for small nations.

Today the convention cheered Hillquit's arraignment of the administration at Washington as a betrayer of radical principles. President Wilson was said to have campaigned for prior to the 1916 election, at which time, Hillquit declared, Socialist voters elected him.

In the "first keynote" address of the session Hillquit, as chairman of the convention for the day, predicted that the Socialist party ticket would roll up more than 2,000,000 votes in November and probably triple its membership before the year ends.

Unveiling Portrait of Debs. The convention opened with the singing of the "Internationale," "The Marseillaise," and the "Hymn of Free Russia." The unveiling of a life size portrait of Debs, framed in black, brought an ovation, and the chairman was instructed by unanimous vote to telegraph him the convention's "love and pride" for him.

Prime Minister Theodore, of Queensland, Australia, addressed the convention briefly, and William Z. Foster, leader of the steel strike, also took the platform on the convention's invitation. Both were cheered, and Foster received an ovation when he appealed for a solidarity of labor forces throughout the country.

"When we have the next big strike," he said, "I want to see the steel workers, the mine workers, the railroad men, every trade in it."

Routine occupied most of the convention time today. Adoption of rules and selection of committees consumed the entire afternoon. The convention went on record in favor of the six hour work day for labor when it voted to confine its sessions hereafter from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Night sessions will be held next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday it was announced.

Burlison Asks For Money. Washington, D. C., May 8.—Congress was asked today by Postmaster General Burlison to appropriate \$5,000,000 to cover a deficit in railroad transportation of mail during the last four months of this fiscal year. He explained that the deficit resulted from increased rates fixed by the interstate commerce commission last December.

ELECTED DEACONS

At a conference of the members of the First Baptist church held Friday night Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, and Mr. George Marsh were elected deacons.

ORDER AMERICAN MARINES FOR DUTY AT KEY WEST.

Washington, May 8.—A force of approximately 1,200 marines was today ordered to proceed on the transport Henderson from League Island to Key West, Fla., to be held for possible service in Mexico.

Johnson Charges Hoover Forces Spent Much Money

Republican Senator Says Campaign of Former Food Administrator In Southern California "Worst Saturnalia of Political Extravagance That Was Ever Exposed."

Washington, May 8.—Senator Johnson, of California, today made public a telegram from Meyer Lissner, of Los Angeles, one of his campaign managers, to Herbert Hoover, charging that Mr. Hoover's campaign in opposition to Senator Johnson in the California Republican Presidential primary, was "the worst saturnalia of political extravagance that was ever exposed or conducted in Southern California."

Deciding that he had been challenged by John F. Lucey, president of the Hoover Club, to make good on charges that the Hoover campaign was backed by "an immense cash fund," Mr. Lissner said: "I immediately accepted his challenge, demonstrating with facts and figures that the day after election at your headquarters was like pay-day at an immense industrial plant, jammed all day by a horde of hired workers, clamoring for their pay. I showed that within one hour over six hundred such had been paid in amounts ranging from four dollars to forty dollars and fifty cents, that toward evening there were still one hundred twenty-three persons in line waiting for pay, and they were still being paid off the next morning; that this item involved in itself an expenditure of at least twenty thousand dollars, while the Johnson organization had hired no paid workers at all for election day."

"I challenged your organization to state exactly how many hired workers they had and the amount of their payroll. I stated that about another twenty thousand dollars had been consumed by you in sending literature by mail with two-cent stamps to every one of the three hundred thousand voters in Los Angeles county; that you had several hundred men and women employed in headquarters for and women in various capacities with a pay-roll running up into tens of thousands, and I challenged your management to tell how many were so employed and how much was involved."

"I showed that they paid about twenty-five hundred dollars for advertising in one newspaper in Los Angeles alone in which the Johnson organization expended one hundred and sixty-eight dollars. "I challenged them to tell how many automobiles they hired at twenty-five dollars per day on election day, and finally, generally I accepted their challenge to submit the records of the Johnson campaign in Los Angeles county along with theirs to a public audit, and asserted that if they had the courage of their bluff, the record would show on your behalf in Los Angeles county the worst saturnalia of political extravagance that was ever exposed or conducted in Southern California. In the same statement, I gave in full the receipts and expenditures of the Johnson organization up to the day of the election. I asserted and challenged your people to deny that their expenditures in Los Angeles county amounted to many times our own."

"It may interest you to know that neither your Mr. Lucey nor any one else connected with your Los Angeles organization has peeped about campaign expenses since my challenge was published. I trust this statement is sufficiently convincing, so that you will not again be led into the error of asserting that you had either an amateur organization or an inexpensive one in this State."

HOOPER ANSWERS JOHNSON CHARGE

California Senator Simply Emits Smoke Screen On League, He Declares

New York, May 8.—Herbert Hoover tonight issued the following statement in response to Senator Johnson's statement today answering his query in regard to the Senator's stand on the League of Nations covenant.

"Senator Johnson has not answered my questions. Instead he has emitted a smoke screen of personal abuse and quotations which he attributed to me. As a matter of fact, these questions have come from someone else. I have never made or approved any of them. Perhaps the Senator will correct this misimpression. The Senator apparently does not wish to say 'Yes' or 'No' as to whether the 'English league,' as he calls it is the covenant with the League reservations. Does the Senator wish to leave an imputation on the patriotism of the majority of the Republican Senate or myself?"

"The League is not, however, a matter of trivial personalities. It is an issue upon which there hangs the moral and economic well being of the whole world, from which the United States, even if we would, cannot be separated. "The Senator asks the American people to make him President. He states that he 'has consistently opposed the pact as presented with the reservations attached,' that he 'would welcome any real attempt to promote peace,' and that 'he has never opposed a league to prevent war and reduce armaments.' Will the Senator change his expression to 'I have never opposed a league' to 'I will support a league for this purpose,' and will he state what the construction of that league is to be, and where it will differ from the league with the reservations as agreed to by the majority of the Senate?"

"The Presidency is an office of constructive leadership. The affairs of the nation cannot be conducted by destructive criticism without alternative proposals. The voters have a right to

SUFFRAGE FIGHT WILL OPEN IN LOUISIANA NOW

Leaders of Both Sides Among Women In Baton Rouge For Legislature

Baton Rouge, La., May 8.—Woman suffrage headquarters were established here today, leaders having moved from New Orleans to direct the final skirmishes preceding the action in the Legislature which will decide whether or not Louisiana will be the thirty sixth state to ratify the federal woman suffrage amendment.

Mrs. Lydia W. Holmes, state ratification committee chairman, arrived from New Orleans late today with only a suit case. She declared she was confident the General Assembly would ratify the amendment Monday. "I won't need a trunk," she said.

Mrs. James S. Pinckard of Montouquary, Ala., president of the Southern Women's League for the rejection of the Susan B. Anthony amendment, and Miss Charlotte Rowe, of New York, field secretary of the National Association opposed to suffrage, also were arrivals. They represent a league which has state divisions in Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee, Florida, Mississippi, Georgia and the Carolinas.

JOHNSON'S CHANGES FOR NOMINATION IMPROVE EACH DAY

Democratic Politicians Have Governor Cox Scheduled As His Running Mate

JOHNSON CHARGES CUT SOME ICE IN CAPITAL

While Republican Leaders Row Over Presidential Nomination, Democratic Campaign Moves Smoothly On; No Great Struggle Indicated For San Francisco Convention

The News and Observer Bureau, 603 District National Bank Bldg., By R. E. POWELL (By Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Aside from Hiram Johnson's assault on Hoover today, Washington's political interest at the close of another week spent itself in appraising the effect at San Francisco of the smooth but sweeping campaign being made by the Democrats for William Gibbs McAdoo and Governor Cox.

Mr. Hoover featured in the day's fighting with a telegram to Senator Capner about price of sugar in which he played the administration for some alleged omissions but Mr. Hoover's telegram to the Kansas Senator would hold a torch for the things the Johnson managers say the Hoover "organization" did in the California primaries.

The general consensus of opinion among the Democrats is that the San Francisco convention will spend a day or two eliminating favorite son candidates and get down to business. When business is reached, they expect to see little short of a ratification meeting. Mr. McAdoo and Mr. Cox are, so far as administration Democrats are concerned, chosen for the two big places on the ticket and the convention will have little to do but endorse.

Expect No Great Break. Not that there isn't going to be anything to make the San Francisco convention lively. "Women suffrage before a convention of Democrats in North Carolina," is the slogan of the day. Governor Edwards, of New Jersey, arises to step on William Jennings Bryan's ears. And Hoke Smith, Charles F. Murphy and the Tammany organization, J. W. Bailey of Texas and the much bewhiskered J. Hamilton Lewis, of Chicago, will all be on hand to make the proceedings immensely lively.

The fact that there is to be no great deadlock at San Francisco over the selection of a candidate is borne out by the failure of any avowed candidate for the nomination to make a showing. Already, 642 delegates have been selected to the convention and only 256 are instructed.

Of those that are instructed, only 74 are pledged to any one candidate and all the dope for the last week eliminates Governor Cox, of Ohio, as a serious contender for the presidential nomination. His own State, however, and Kentucky instructed their respective delegations of forty eight and twenty six for him.

The next best showing in the instructed column is for Herbert Hoover and when he allowed himself to be branded he surrendered any claim to the thirty votes of Michigan which were given him as the result of the Democratic primary early in April.

Several Favorite Sons. Like North Carolina, several states have favorite son candidates "sautering" but Attorney General Palmer and Governor Edwards are the only two doing any real running. The former has been in the race quite a little while and has been able, because of the fight on the "reds" and the campaign to beat down the high cost of living to keep on the front page most of the time. Governor Edwards abandoned his original plan to wait for the lightning to come out of the light and beer cloud at San Francisco and strike him and instead has opened headquarters in New York with the first Wilson campaign, in charge.

Of those less seriously considered are Secretary of Agriculture Meredith, for whom Iowa has instructed. South Dakota, at the primaries in March, expressed a preference for former Ambassador James W. Gerard, of New York, but he is not contending over anything. He is busy making amends with himself for having spoken so highly of Herbert Hoover at the Jackson Day dinner of Democrats.

North Carolina For Simmons. North Carolina's instruction for Simmons is subject, of course, to ratification by the primary on June 5 but since no other candidate has been entered it is certain the primary will return a vote for Simmons large enough to give him the entire set of delegates.

Other officers elected are as follows: Forest Fletcher, Washington and Lee, first vice president; Dr. W. A. Lambert, University of Virginia, second vice president, and H. E. Loyd, of Johns Hopkins, secretary and treasurer.

Registered Mail Disappears. Washington, May 8.—Postoffice department officials today estimated the value of registered mail which disappeared recently in New York at \$23,000. The mail, it was said, disappeared while being transferred from the Grand Central station to a Western shore ferry. Reports to the Department did not indicate the nature of the loss.

Fighting In Italy Reported. Rome, May 8.—According to the newspaper fighting occurred today in the Piedmont district between Socialist workers and Catholics. Gunshots were interspersed fired upon the combatants, killing one and wounding seven.

Rebel Forces Clamor At Gates Of Mexican Capital

Unconfirmed Reports Say Revolutionary Troops Have Already Entered Mexico City; Several Sweeping Victories Claimed By Anti-Carranza Agents On The Border.

El Paso, Texas, May 8.—Revolutionary forces under General Alvaro Obregon, candidate for the presidency of Mexico, were at the gates of Mexico City tonight, according to reports received here.

An unconfirmed report received at revolutionary headquarters today said troops, under General Benjamin Hill, had already entered the Capital. Several sweeping victories were claimed by anti-Carranza agents on the border. The state of Durango was reported to have seceded and to have joined the revolution. General Cesario Castro, who had been operating in that region, has sent a part of his forces to Piedras Negras, opposite Eagle Pass, Texas, upon learning that the Carranza garrison there had fled.

President Carranza is reported to have ordered the abandonment of the northern states of Mexico, and the concentration in Mexico City of "the few loyal forces there."

Torreon and Coahuila, with Zacatecas and Aguas Calientes, capitals of the states bearing the same names, and Saltillo, capital of Coahuila, were also claimed today by the revolutionists. Rail and wire communication between these places and Chihuahua City had been restored by the insurgents, it was reported. From Torreon to Aguas Calientes only wire communication was available.

The claim to Torreon, which has frequently been reported captured by the revolutionists, was based today on a report received here from General Eugenio Martinez, commander of the Chihuahua City garrison, saying that a train had arrived at Conchos, about 40 miles northwest of Torreon, with the information that all towns along the railroad between Conchos and Torreon, including the latter, had fallen into the hands of the rebels.

Luis Cabrera, minister of finance in the Carranza cabinet, has arrived in Piedras Negras, according to advices received by T. Beltran, commercial agent for the revolutionary government at El Paso.

Senator Beltran also announced that the federal troops at Columbia, Nuevo Leon, revolted yesterday. Eight thousand regular troops and 9,000 "defensas sociales," or home guards, are operating for the revolutionists in Chihuahua, according to Luis Montes de Oca, Mexico City business man, who returned today from Chihuahua City on a special mission from General Adolfo de la Huerta, provisional commander of the "defensas sociales," and candidate for governor of the state.

BAPTISTS MEET IN NATION'S CAPITAL

Seventy-fifth Annual Session of Southern Convention Meets Wednesday

Washington, May 8.—All records for the attendance at the Southern Baptist Convention promise to be broken at the seventy-fifth annual session which opens here Wednesday. The local entertainment committee already has made definite assignment to quarters for more than seven thousand and requests for accommodations are still pouring in.

In addition to marking the diamond jubilee anniversary of the convention, this year's session has been designated a victory convention in commemoration of the success of the denomination in raising more than \$60,000,000 for the enlargement of its missionary, educational and benevolent work on ten foreign missions. Final figures on the amount of money subscribed for the enlargement program, as well as the amount of cash paid in, will be presented to the convention. Indications are that cash contributions for the last year will be double those reported to any previous convention. There has also been an unprecedented number of young men and women who have dedicated their lives to the ministry, missionary work and other special forms of Christian service, while the number of additions to the churches will be shown as unusually large.

Holding high interest among the special reports to be presented will be that from the commission designated by the foreign mission board to make a survey of the needs of the war-stricken countries of Europe and the Near East with a view to determining the opportunity and responsibility of Southern Baptists in the economic, social and religious reconstruction of those sections. It is expected that a large fund from the sum allocated to foreign missions from the 75,000,000 campaign will be applied to reconstruction work in Europe.

A concerted Southwide program for the four years that remain of the campaign period will be formulated and the enlargement of many phases of the general work of the convention is expected. Inasmuch as the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, and the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans are crowded to capacity, and yet are unable to meet the demands for trained workers, it is practically assured that the establishment of another seminary will be considered with Richmond and Atlanta being suggested as sites for such an institution.

The women's missionary union, an auxiliary of the convention, will begin its thirty-second annual session Thursday and Friday. At other times the women will attend the session of the general convention, where they enjoy equal suffrage with the men.

SEVEN MEN KILLED WHEN GELATINE HOUSE EXPLODES

Emporium, Pa., May 8.—Seven men were instantly killed as a result of an explosion which occurred in the gelatine mix house of the Actna Explosives company at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The exact cause of the accident is not known as all the workmen in the interior and vicinity of the gelatine plant were victims.

The bodies of six of the victims were blown to pieces, identification being possible in the case of Patrick Burke alone. Burke was driving a car containing supplies from the store room and just reached the door of the mix house when the contents of his car exploded and the mix house went up with it, the detonation shaking the country for three miles around.

To Continue to Work for Bonus. Washington, May 8.—Chairman Fordney, of the House Ways and Means committee today, characterized the report that the pending soldier relief legislation had been practically killed as "wholly unauthoritative" and declared Republican members of the committee had no intention of slackening efforts to prepare a bill next week that would be acceptable to the house.

WANTED ALIENS TO HAVE FAIR TRIAL

MR. POST DECLARES

Assistant Secretary of Labor Denies His Sympathies Are With Radicals

ACTUATED BY SINGLE THOUGHT IN ACTIONS

Tried Faithfully and Sincerely To Determine Whether Accused Are Guilty; Representative Fou, of North Carolina, Thinks He Acted From Sense of Duty

Washington, May 8.—Denying that his sympathies were with radical elements rounded up by the Department of Justice, Assistant Secretary of Labor Post declared today that in handling alien deportation cases he had acted solely in accordance with the evidence.

Mr. Post, in continuing his testimony before the House rules committee as to his conduct in deportation proceedings, said he was actuated always by the single thought of trying to find out whether accused aliens were guilty.

Answering Chairman Campbell's question whether the political convictions of aliens he had freed had appealed to him, Mr. Post said:

"I am utterly out of sympathy with the attitude of the physical force or the philosophical anarchists. For thirty years, I have been fighting that. In the deportation cases, all I have tried to do was to find out whether the alien was guilty or not guilty."

Wanted to Have Fair Trial. In deciding deportation cases, Mr. Post said he had followed a procedure assuring a fair trial with counsel for the accused and a full opportunity to be heard. Representative Fou, Democrat, North Carolina, remarked that Mr. Post's rules operated to make deportation more difficult, but the witness replied that any rule to protect personal liberty involved exercise of safeguards tending toward delay. At this point, Mr. Post, a member of the committee, said that while his views on deportation were different from those of Mr. Post, he believed the latter, in making decisions, was actuated by a sense of duty.

Mr. Post was put through a long cross examination by Chairman Campbell, in which the witness said he formerly was a Republican, but now was a Democrat, that he regarded the constitution of the United States as a sacred document, and that he had no scheme of his own for any attempted reorganization of the government.

Communist's Gash Record. Mr. Campbell sought to have Mr. Post say if "high brow" anarchists were not as dangerous as those advocating out and out violence, but the Assistant Secretary declined to give an "abstract opinion."

Asked why Emma Goldman had addressed him as "our friend," Mr. Post said he probably followed the custom of a constituent writing to a member of Congress, with whose opinions the member did not agree.

Mr. Post charged that the House immigration committee had garbled the record of the release of accused Communists as to make it appear that he had acted improperly.

The Assistant Secretary declared that some newspapers were influenced in their writings regarding deportations by reason of salaries received from sources other than their newspapers.

He told the committee that he "spoke entirely from hearsay," and that his reference was to "publicity men" who "work under the guise of newspaper men."

Mr. Post named Thomas F. Logan, a former Washington correspondent, as one newspaper man who, he said, had received pay from outside sources. Mr. Logan, the witness said, a few years ago received money from meat packers while "getting much more than his legitimate salary from his newspaper."

At the conclusion of his testimony, Chairman Campbell announced the rules committee would meet next week to determine on a future course of action.

Backed Up By Courts. Mr. Post read a court decision holding that alien residents had the right to a fair trial and said that in dealing with the aliens he had tried to apply the principles laid down in the decision. Aliens rounded up by Department of Justice agents, he testified, were examined by those agents after the fashion of "a police inquisition" and were not informed of their rights to counsel and fair trial. This, he added, was in "plain contravention of the court decision."

Mr. Post told the committee that contracts to newspaper reports the immigration authorities had no connection with the detention of Andrea Salcedo, who committed suicide in New York last week. Department of Justice agents, he said, were detaining Salcedo and had the Immigration Bureau records showed that although a warrant for him had been issued in March he had never been in the custody of Immigration officials.

Would Prohibit Sugar Exportation. Washington, May 8.—Exportation of sugar would be prohibited under a bill introduced today by Representative Hudspeth, Democrat, Texas. The bill also would authorize the federal trade commission to investigate the manufacture, distribution and sale of sugar.

Marshal Fock Attends Church. Orleans, France, May 8.—Marshal Fock today sat in the church yards' pew at the Cathedral here during ceremonies held in celebration of the centennial of Joan of Arc, which will take place May 23. Marshal Fock participated in a procession which was held by all organized societies of Orleans after high-mass was said at the Cathedral.

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