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PROHIBITION WILL CAST SHADOW OVER CONVENTION FLOOR

Storm is Gathering as Time Draws Near for the Clans To Gather QUESTION OVERSHADOWS ALL OTHER ISSUES NOW Possibility That Administration Will Take Stand Advocating Beer Plank

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—Rumblings of democratic discord over the prohibition issue became today more ominous today as delegates and party chiefs arrived in increasing numbers for the national convention.

Hope that the gathering storm might spend itself behind the closed doors of the platform committee virtually was abandoned by the leaders, and they prepared to face an outbreak of disastrous debate on the floor of the convention itself.

Such a development, it was agreed everywhere, would hold many dramatic possibilities, including further complication of the uncertain outlook as to the presidential nominees.

Already the overshadowing issue in pre-convention conferences, the question of a platform declaration against the present "bone dry" law, almost took the whole stage for itself today as the delegates heard of Postmaster General Burleson's announcement for a modification of the Volstead Act.

Burleson Takes Stand. Others among the party leaders refused to take that view, but no one would assume to know with any degree of certainty how far the sentiment of the president might be in accord with those of Mr. Burleson.

The letter which announced his stand was written at San Antonio, Texas, and will not reach San Francisco until late in the week.

What everyone does know, however, is that both sides of the controversy are strengthening their lines and bringing up their heaviest artillery for the final fight.

Confidently entwined with the prohibition question is the problem of selecting a nominee in accord with the platform as finally agreed upon, and among many delegates the feeling that the two decisions must be settled virtually at one stroke.

Leaders of the bone dry forces were confident today they would command a good majority in the platform committee, where they had only one member and could keep out of committee report any declaration for a change in the present law.

BIG FIRE DAMAGE IS REPORTED IN BALTIMORE

(By Associated Press) BALTIMORE, Md., June 23.—Starting within several blocks of the downtown section of the city, a fire which wiped out Baltimore's business district, flames early this morning partially wrecked the seven-story building at 37 Hopkins Place and quickly spread to four other structures.

MADDOO TO BE NAMED IN SPITE OF HIMSELF

(By Associated Press) KANSAS CITY, June 23.—In a telegram sent from Pueblo, Col., from the train bearing the Missouri delegation to the democratic national convention, Burris A. Jenkins, Kansas City clergyman and publisher, announced he had definitely decided to endorse the democratic national convention for the presidential nomination.

Flour Prices Drop.

(By Associated Press) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 23.—A lower wheat market the first few days this week was responsible for a decline of 20 to 30 cents a barrel in the price of flour today.

CARUSO'S HOME, WHERE HALF MILLION IN GEMS WERE STOLEN; SINGER'S WIFE AND HER SISTER



Although the authorities have found no trace of the half million dollars' worth of gems stolen from the home of Enrico Caruso, premier operatic star, at East Hampton, L. I., they have intimated they were on the point of making an arrest. It is the belief of the police working on the case that it was an "inside job."

JOINT DEBATE ARRANGED BETWEEN GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES; TAKES PLACE IN RALEIGH MONDAY NIGHT

Morrison and Gardner to Discuss Issues From Same Platform Before An Audience That Will Embrace People From Every Section of The State—Reservations Already Being Made.

(By MAX D. ABERNETHY) RALEIGH, June 23.—Details of the joint debate between O. Max Gardner and Cameron Morrison, candidates for the democratic nomination for governor, were agreed upon at 10:30 o'clock last night by state campaign managers.

Both managers have received telegrams advising against holding the debate, the senders fearing that in doing so the democratic party would be hurt.

Contrary to the belief of about everybody the debate is going to be carried out without any casualties. There will be very little "mud slinging," say those close to the management, although the several thousands who will look on will not be disappointed.

As a drawing card Raleigh has not had such in years. Hotel reservations have already started coming in from all sections.

DISASTROUS FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE AT CHAPEL HILL

(By Associated Press) CHAPEL HILL, June 23.—Fire early this morning which threatened to wipe out the entire business section of Chapel Hill destroyed five stores and caused an estimated loss of thirty five thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

TAMMANY LEADER UNDER INDICTMENT FOR INTIMIDATION

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, June 23.—Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, was one of the six men secretly indicted yesterday by the extraordinary grand jury which has been investigating alleged attempts of Mr. Murphy to intimidate Louis N. Hartog, a manufacturer, into returning one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars which he invested with Hertog's company during the war.

INDIANAPOLIS WOMAN TO HEAD WOMAN'S CLUB

(By Associated Press) DES MOINES, Iowa, June 23.—Mrs. T. G. Winter, of Indianapolis, was chosen president of the General federation of women's clubs at yesterday's convention, it was announced officially at the biennial convention today.

BRYAN DISCUSSES POSSIBILITIES FOR PRESIDENT'S RACE

To Be Available Candidate Must Be For Woman Suffrage and Prohibition McADOO HANDICAPPED BY HIS RELATIONSHIP President Wilson and Herbert Hoover are Both Eliminated By Commoner

(By Associated Press) LINCOLN, Neb., June 23.—Discussing possible Democratic candidates for the presidency, William Jennings Bryan, in an article in his newspaper, "The Commoner," declares that William G. McAdoo is handicapped as a candidate "by his close relationship with the President," while President Wilson, himself, he says, "need not be considered."

McAdoo is Handicapped. Asserting that Mr. McAdoo is also handicapped by his "position on the peace treaty," Mr. Bryan declared Mr. McAdoo is unable to call to his support "those to whom President Wilson's candidacy appealed with special force," and that he would "furnish an easy mark for all of the President's enemies."

Referring to President Wilson, Mr. Bryan says that "while vague hints and suggestions have been thrown out occasionally, no one claiming to speak for the President or near enough to him to be assumed to express his wishes has announced his candidacy."

Herbert Hoover is eliminated from the list of candidates whom Mr. Bryan considers "available," while Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, and Secretary of Agriculture Meredith are described as being "among the few available candidates mentioned."

"SOVIET" RUSSIA MAKES PLANS FOR CANADIAN TRADE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, June 23.—Preliminary to the establishment of trade relations between Soviet-Russia and Canada have been completed, according to an announcement today by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet unrecognized "ambassador" here.

An emissary has just returned from Canada, Martens said, where during the last two weeks soviet representatives were received favorably by manufacturers, bankers and officials of the dominion government.

A contract for five million dollars worth of rolling stock will be signed within a few days, Martens said, adding that his government also hopes to buy agricultural machinery and other equipment.

BALLOTS ARE READY FOR THE RUN-OFF PRIMARY

(By Associated Press) RALEIGH, June 23.—Announcement is made by Chairman Wilson G. Lamb, of the state board of elections, that 400,000 ballots are now being printed for distribution by the latter part of this week, to be used in the run-off primary on July 3.

REPORTS OF REVOLTS IN MEXICO DENIED

(By Associated Press) MEXICO CITY, June 23.—Revolts in various parts of the country were officially denied in a statement issued at the foreign office's information bureau tonight, which said that with the exception of the Villa movement in Chihuahua the country was peaceful.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD GETS WILSON'S MESSAGE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, June 23.—President Wilson sent a message today to the railroad labor board at Chicago urging that it make an immediate award of the wage controversy. The text of the message was not made public at the white house.

MISS KATHLEEN LUCAS TO BE MARRIED TODAY

(By Associated Press) CHARMING Young New Bern Girl To Become the Bride of Well Known Raleigh Business Man This afternoon at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents of South Front street, Miss Kathleen Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lucas, is to become the bride of Joseph Earle Eurberville, a well known young business man of Raleigh.

PLAN TO BAR REED FROM CONVENTION IN SUPPORT OF WILSON

NEGRO NOMINATED TO BE GOVERNOR OF STATE OF ARKANSAS FOREST CITY, Ark., June 23.—J. H. Blount, who is the first negro to be nominated for governor of Arkansas, received his nomination at the hands of a faction of the Republican party in this state.

Blount is about 60 years old, and has made his home in this city for the past 47 years. The nominee was born in Jones county, Georgia, received his elementary training in the schools of Atlanta and higher education in Nashville and Chicago.

Blount is said to be in independent financial circumstances, owning over 600 acres of farm land and to teach merely for the love of the work. He is active in many fraternal orders.

CORPORATIONS ARE READY TO PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE

(By MAX D. ABERNETHY) RALEIGH, June 23.—Petitions from public utilities in North Carolina asking for permission to increase their rates are expected to consume a considerable part of the time of the state corporation commission during the next twelve months.

Already requests have been filed with the commission from the Durham Telephone company and the Durham Traction company, the Piedmont Telephone and Telegraph company, of Gastonia, which operates in the western part of the state, the Fayetteville Gas company and the Fayetteville Telephone company, and the telephone company at Tarboro.

An indication of this is seen in the publicity campaign now being waged by the North Carolina Gas association through the daily newspapers, in which is pointed out the increased cost of operation now as compared with 1914.

For the past three months the corporation commission has been trying to obtain the services of a gas expert from the bureau of standards, at Washington, to come to North Carolina and investigate the claims of the petitioning companies.

Members of the commission recognize the increased cost of material, production and output, but at the same time they do not intend to grant an increase without fully going into the claims set forth in every case.

CHANCES FOR AN EXPLOSION

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RAILROAD STRIKERS RETURNING TO WORK

(By Associated Press) PHILADELPHIA, June 23.—Pennsylvania and Reading railroad officials today reported that some of the employees of those lines had walked out were applying for permission to return to work.

MOOSE WILL INVEST IN VICTORY NOTES

(By Associated Press) AURORA, Ill., June 23.—As a means to quiet the rising tide of unrest and the increase in the cost of living the Loyal Order of Moose, in convention at Mooseheart, today adopted a resolution urging the six hundred thousand members of its lodges to invest as much of their funds as possible in liberty loan bonds and victory notes.

SHOOT BEING ARRANGED FOR PRINCE OF WALES

(By Associated Press) SYDNEY, Australia, June 23.—Kangaroo and emu hunting have been arranged for the Prince of Wales while he is in Australia, also duck shooting. The emu is a large bird of the ostrich type and exceedingly swift of foot.

Where Does Bryan Stand

Where W. J. Bryan would stand in a contest of that sort is another question that is occupying the minds of the Nebraskaans. It is not clear yet but is coming; it might be said that he is already casting his shadow over the convention. Mr. Bryan favors ratification of the covenant with the Lodge reservations.

Missouri Foe of League Will Be Turned Down As An Example To Others.

Senator Reed has been re-elected, delegate from the fifth Kansas City district of his home state, following his rejection by the Missouri state democratic convention of June 22, as a representative from that district to San Francisco.

MAY CAUSE BIG ROW

Leaders See Possibility That Irish Delegates May Seek To Complicate Issues. 2-3 RULE STANDS Little Chance of Changing That or the 'Unit Plank—First of Davis Boomers Arrive.

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, June 23.—The democratic convention, which will meet here next week, is prepared, as a result of the present administration at Washington, to elect Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, out of the party.

Senator Reed will not accept in good spirit the certain decision of the national committee, which will undoubtedly be confirmed by the convention committee on credentials, disowning him as a delegate, is taken for granted by the Democratic leaders already on the scene, who are preparing to give the senator the fight of his life and thus provide an auspicious start for the party gathering.

Missouri Democrats Protest. Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, said this afternoon that he had received several letters and telegrams from Missouri Democrats protesting against the seating of Reed in the convention or giving him a voice at any stage of its deliberations.

Cummings said that in his opinion the attitude of Democrats in Reed's state, where he was better known than anywhere else, was indicative of a broad sense of how he was regarded by democrats throughout the country.

The term "assistant republican" has been applied to Senator Reed not infrequently, as a result of his course in the senate regarding not only the peace treaty, but also much legislation arising out of the war.

Although Reed has been twice chosen a delegate to the national convention of the fifth district, he will not come to the convention equipped with necessary credentials from the state convention. When the democrats of the district re-elected Reed and his fellow delegates, they notified the state committee, which had received authority to select the delegates from the state convention, and that body again rejected Reed and certified his alternate in his place.

Reed has not yet filed notice of a contest with the national committee, which will meet here Friday to decide on such matters, but is expected to do so.

The decision of the national committee is regarded as a foregone conclusion, and it is assumed as certain by leaders that the committee on credentials will back up the national committee in any action that it takes.

That should end the matter, in the opinion of most of the leaders, for Reed would thus be barred from getting his case before the convention unless there should be a minority report from the credentials committee or he could find some delegates to make a fight for him.

A minority report from the committee on credentials, however, might prove the spark that would precipitate an outbreak of the anti-administration element in the convention.

The possibility that the Irish question may be dragged into any contest over Reed's seat and give bitterness to the debate is one of the things that figure in the calculations of the leaders. Democratic organizations in large cities, such as Tammany in New York, the Sullivan forces in Chicago and the organization in Boston, contain a large Irish element that will be strongly represented in next week's convention.

The question of abolishing the rule requiring two-thirds vote for nomination (Continued on page five.)