

NO CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE HAS YET BEEN SELECTED

Dark Horse May Be Chosen as Result of Conferences Today Between the Party Leaders and Wm. Davis.

NUMBER OF PERSONS BEING CONSIDERED

Mr. Davis Wants to Settle Matter Before Friday.—Notification at Clarksburg August 1st.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 15.—Choice of a chairman for the National Democratic Committee has become so difficult that John W. Davis, the party's Presidential nominee, today called in four of the party's foremost leaders to help him pick a man for the post.

Many names were given lengthy consideration, Mr. Davis reported later but no choice had been made, he said, thus lending credence to persistent rumors that when the chairmanship is filled, probably by Friday, the new occupant will be a dark horse whose name has not yet publicly appeared among the long list of aspirants.

Wants to Settle Matter Before Friday.—New York, July 15.—The selection of a dark horse as chairman of the Democratic national committee may be the outcome today of conferences between party leaders and John W. Davis, the Democratic nominee for President.

Mr. Davis at the home of Frank L. Polk, indicated that he desired to settle the chairman ship problem before Friday. It also appeared probable that neither Mr. Polk, Clem Shaver, of Fairmont, W. Va., nor others mentioned for the position would be chosen.

"I am considering a number of persons," Mr. Davis said, "I have not offered the chairmanship to anybody yet."

Another object of the conferences will be to obtain information of conditions in various sections of the country, information which Mr. Davis expects to use in preparing his nomination speech during a 10-day visit at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, in Maine, beginning next Friday.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN TO SOON GET UNDERWAY

President Coolidge is to Be Formally Notified in August.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, July 15.—The Republican national campaign will get underway August 14th when President Coolidge will be notified formally of his nomination as the party's Presidential candidate, and will accept in an address to be broadcast throughout the country by radio.

The notification ceremony will be held in the Continental Memorial Hall at night, to facilitate the broadcasting of the President's address. Frank W. Mondell, permanent chairman of the Cleveland convention, will make the notification address, and Republican governors, members of Congress, and leaders, have been invited to attend. About 2,000 persons will be able to witness the ceremony.

To Abolish the 50 Per Cent. Pullman Surcharge in Virginia.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., July 15.—An order directing the removal of the 50 per cent. Pullman and parlor car surcharge in intrastate travel will be entered soon by the Virginia Corporation Commission, Chairman William F. Rhea announced today.

Meeting of Farmers in Statesville.

(By the Associated Press.) Statesville, July 15.—A meeting of the farmers of Iredell county, who are interested in the production of Jersey cattle, will be held in the pasture of Hugh Cowles on the Sallabury road on August 7th, according to an announcement made public here today by County Agent E. W. Garber.

To Release de Valera.

(By the Associated Press.) Dublin, July 15.—The release of Eamon de Valera, Austin Stack, and other political leaders now in prison, has been decided upon by the Free State government.

TERRIBLE FOREST FIRES ON THE PACIFIC COAST

Fifty-Five Persons Missing and Are Believed to Have Perished.

(By the Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., July 15.—Fifty-two persons are unaccounted for, and believed to have perished within the past 24 hours in the forest fires which are sweeping all sections of the Pacific coast.

They are: W. O. Dillon and family of six, together with six loggers caught by fire on Trapper Creek, Idaho.

A party of thirty-five persons including some children, trapped by fire at Wheeler's Mill, Wash.

Four men caught by fire in the Salmon Valley, British Columbia.

Escaped the Flames. Spokane, Wash., July 15.—Mine workers, homesteaders, and others reported trapped by forest fires in eastern Washington and northern Idaho, and whose fate was uncertain last night, have escaped the flames, according to reports received here today.

Thirty-five persons, including eleven children, who were trapped at Wheeler's Mill, six miles west of Blue Slide, in Washington, have escaped the fire, according to two reports from Blue Slide.

One hundred and fifty refugees from the destruction, Highland Surgeon, and Nabob mines of the Coeur d'Alene district of northern Idaho, arrived in Kellogg today. They brought confirmation of the destruction by fire of the surface workings of the Nabob mines and said the property of the other two mines was seriously threatened.

This fire, which is on Pine Creek, is burning on a 12 mile front.

SPEAKER DENOUNCES DOCTRINE OF PACIFISM

Gen. Harbord Says It is the Doctrine of "Only Deluded Men and Women."

(By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., July 15.—The doctrine of pacifism were denounced by General J. G. Harbord, former chief of staff of the American Expeditionary Force, in an address today to the annual convention of the National Rainbow Veterans Association.

"Only deluded men and women," he declared, are taking part in spreading such doctrines, adding that women pacifists are "either hopeless old maids or childless married women."

Greetings were read at this morning's session from General Gouraud under whom the Rainbow Division fought in France, and who is honorary president of the veterans' association.

A committee was appointed to draw appropriate cablegrams to be sent to General Pershing who is now in Paris and General Gouraud in connection with the anniversary of the battle of Champagne, and the celebration by the French of Bastille Day.

Columbia, S. C., July 15.—The Rainbow Division veterans associated entered into the second day of their sixth reunion today. Addresses of distinguished visitors were in prospect when the morning session opened. General J. G. Harbord was the principal speaker.

Following the session, the veterans were to form in front of the state house for a parade in which the Confederate Veterans also were to participate. At the end of the parade they were to be guests of the Columbia chapter of the Association at a barbecue.

GET \$1,000,000 WORTH OF CONTRABAND DRUGS

Customs Agents Made Night Raid on the Limer 'Dulio.—Nine Prisoners Taken.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 15.—One hundred customs agents remained aboard the Italian-American liner Dulio early today continuing their search for contraband drugs when, after a night raid which netted the Federal narcotic agents \$1,000,000 worth of contraband and nine prisoners, it was reported that a similar amount of narcotics remained hidden on the vessel.

Capt. Francesco Schisano, of the Dulio, seven of his chief officers, and the ship's lumber Grata Irtura, who, according to the raiders, confessed smuggling, were taken into custody. The captain and his fellow officers protested that they knew nothing of the narcotics when they were awakened at the height of the raid and escorted to police headquarters.

THE COTTON MARKET

Prices Were Higher Today, July Selling Up to 30.48.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 15.—The cotton market was higher in today's early trading owing to continued firmness of July and belief that recent sellers had been discounting mid-July condition figures more than was likely to be realized.

The opening was somewhat irregular, first prices being 22 points lower to one point higher in response to relatively easy Liverpool cables, but the market soon firmed up on renewed covering by July shorts, reported need of rain in central and northern Texas, and continued complaint of excessive moisture in some eastern belt sections. July sold up to 30.48 and October to 25.25 or 20 to 23 points net higher.

The opening prices were: July 30.06; Oct. 25.25; Dec. 24.50; Jan. 24.35; March 24.62.

Captured in Bathroom of a Private Home.

High Point, N. C., July 15.—Gurney Byrly, who escaped from the Guilford County chancery recently where he was serving a sentence for robbing a local garage, was captured in the bathroom of a private residence in Thomasville yesterday and brought here and placed in the city jail. Later he was carried to Greensboro and placed in the charge of Sheriff D. B. Sanford.

According to the Thomasville officers, he was suspected of being an outlaw when he was first seen and they watched him until they saw him enter the home of a woman who called the police. When Byrly was taken in charge, the officers say that he went into a rage and that he had to be bound hand and foot before they could bring him to a place of safe keeping.

Chinese Province Destroyed by Flood.

Peking, China, July 15 (By the Associated Press).—Kalgan, province of Chihli, the largest commercial center north of Peking, has been destroyed in part by a flood along the Yangho River, according to word received here. The damage is unofficially estimated at \$1,000,000.

W. L. Widenhouse Seriously Ill.

A telegram received here Monday afternoon about 3 o'clock from the Pinehurst Sanatorium authorities stated that the condition of W. L. Widenhouse is serious. Mr. Widenhouse is suffering from stomach trouble. Mrs. Widenhouse and children left at once for his bedside.

THE DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE ARRIVES HOME



THE EXTRA SESSION CALL WILL GO OUT THIS WEEK

Governor Morrison Has Just Returned From New York.—Plans State Campaign.

Raleigh, July 14.—Back from the democratic national convention where he helped work into the party platform a proposal to extend the merchant marine to coastwise traffic, Governor Morrison today turned enthusiastically to plans for getting across his program for water commerce development in North Carolina.

The formal call for the special session of the legislature will be issued Wednesday or Thursday and it is the solemn agreement to submit the proposition to the voters in the general election the governor will go out on a state-wide campaign to seek popular approval.

"The campaign I made for the gubernatorial nomination will be tantamount in comparison to the fight I propose to make before the people for the development of our water commerce," he remarked.

Announcement was made some weeks ago that the special session will convene August 7, and the call to be issued this week will be merely a formality. That must come, however, 20 days in advance of the opening day, August 7 will be 20 days from Thursday.

With Our Advertisers.

Install Aerolux porch shades. See H. B. Wilkinson's new ad. today.

Overstuffed living room suite at Bell and Harris Furniture Co. for \$85.00 and up. Choice of tapestry, velour or mohair.

Get protection on your motor trip. John K. Patterson & Co. sell it.

The Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. is offering wonderful values in watches, jewelry and silverware.

Now is the time to buy sugar. Piggy Wiggly has it.

The Edna is one of Ivey's mid-summer numbers and the price is only \$7.45.

You can save money if you will buy that piano, player or phonograph now. See new ad. of Kidd-Frix Co.

Read what the Kelvinator is and does in the new ad. today of J. Y. Pharr & Bro.

"Decoy" Women Are Used by Run Runners of Northwest.

(By the Associated Press.) Vancouver, B. C., July 15.—The use of "decoy" women is an innovation among run runners in Puget Sound and British Columbia waters.

Recently a large yacht came into English Bay, near here. It was observed that women were seated in luxurious wicker chairs on deck. The vessel dropped anchor, the awning canvas was run back on a roller and the women disappeared.

Only the pilot house was visible. Liquor then was loaded on the yacht and as it cleared, the canvas, wicker chairs and women reappeared.

Later, according to fishermen at Everett, Wash., the ship tried to land liquor there. But a suspicious craft appeared and a quick getaway was decided on. The vessel speeded toward Vancouver. In the excitement one of the women on deck fell overboard. Fishermen rescued her and found she was a dummy.

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BUS OWNERS WILL URGE REGULATION

Form an Association and Elect Officers At Greensboro Meeting.

Greensboro, July 14.—The North Carolina bus owners' association in convention here today made plans to try to get the General Assembly to pass a law regulating operation of buses, elected officers and directors and selected Wrightsville Beach as the next meeting place.

The association will hold its convention on the second Monday of July, 1925.

L. F. Bernard, of Greensboro, was chosen president of the organization. The three vice-presidents are: A. G. Bales, Goldsboro; Harvey Hester, Asheville, and J. M. Wright, Gastonia.

L. E. Scott, of Greensboro, was made secretary-treasurer.

Six directors were chosen: M. E. Hart, Raleigh; T. C. Candler, North Wilkesboro; W. A. Everett, Oxford; E. M. Holt, Greensboro; Guy Carpenter, Gastonia; S. T. Gresham, Fayetteville.

The chief points of the bill which the association will ask the General Assembly to pass the following are: Provide for granting certificates by State Corporation Commission without discrimination to all operators of motor buses now operating in good faith.

The commission be empowered to refuse a certificate to any further applicant if it is shown he intended to parallel another bus operator's route.

Any new applicant must show that operation by him of a bus line would be for the public convenience and necessity.

License tax to be on a seat-mile basis for passenger buses, on a ton-mile basis for packages and freight carriers.

When certificate is granted, operator of bus will be required to furnish the public service in accordance with dependable schedules.

Operator will be required to furnish liability insurance as a protection to the public.

The bill is modeled on the law in force in Virginia which was praised by speakers at the convention today as excellent, in that it puts the bus business on a stable basis, preventing "cut throat competition" and requiring dependable service.

The aim of the bill is to eliminate the fly by nights and unreliable, in order that the busmen may invest with some certainty, it was explained today.

S. F. Markel, of Virginia, president of the Bus Owners' Association in that state, said that with the good roads in North Carolina the state would see if the bill becomes law, the finest system of bus lines in the United States.

Judge O. L. Shewmake, of the Virginia Corporation Court, was one of the speakers in addition to Markel. Judge Shewmake explaining the Virginia law.

Child Mutilated by Bantam Rooster.

Lancaster, Pa., July 14.—The two-year-old daughter of Frank Chalouffe, of Lancaster, was seriously injured today when attacked by a bantam rooster, perched on the child. The rooster mutilated the child's face with beak and spurs and attacked the grandmother, Mrs. F. F. Kreider, when she used a broom on it. She finally beat it off.

The London School of Medicine for Women, a part of the University of London, is to celebrate its golden jubilee next October. This is the only center of medical training exclusively for women in the British empire, and today its medical students include women from eighteen countries. A thousand graduates of the school are now practicing in various parts of the world.

Mrs. Rose Falls Bres, corporation lawyer of New York, was recently paid a fee of \$2,500 by a Belgian firm for services performed in the United States.

FALL PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Waived Preliminary Hearing When Arraigned Today at El Paso.

El Paso, July 15.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, today pleaded not guilty, waived preliminary hearing, and refused to make any comment when he was arraigned before United States Commissioner A. J. Schmid on charges growing out of indictments returned by a special grand jury in the District of Columbia.

Sinclair Will Ask For a Special Appeal. Washington, July 15.—Harry P. Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome, under indictment for contempt of the senate in refusing to answer questions of the oil committee, will ask the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for a special appeal from a decision of yesterday sustaining his indictment.

George P. Hoover, of counsel for Sinclair, today expressed confidence in a favorable action by the court of appeals on the motion for a special appeal.

GRAIN ELEVATOR COMPANY ORGANIZED

Said to Be the Largest Co-operative Company Ever Organized.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, July 15.—The transaction by which grain growers are to acquire control of all elevators of five of the largest grain elevator companies in the United States was reported as completed today.

Incorporation papers for a national co-operative sales agency to be known as the Grain Marketing Company, were reported to have been filed at Springfield, Ill.

The properties involved are valued at \$25,000,000. The company, it is said, will be the largest co-operative ever organized.

Incorporation Papers Applied For. Springfield, O., July 15.—Incorporation papers for a national co-operative sales agency to be known as the Grain Marketing Company have been applied for, it was announced today by the Secretary of State. They will be issued within a few days.

MILLS STARTING UP WORK ON FULL TIME

Loray Mill Resumes Day and Night Operations.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, July 15.—The Loray branch of the Jencks Spinning Company operating 132,000 spindles, and a number of looms in the manufacture of automobile tire fabric, today resumed full day and night operations. The plant has been operating on a curtailed program for several months.

Lyman Mills Resume Operations. Holyoke, Mass., July 15.—The Lyman Mills, cotton goods manufacturers employing 1,100 hands, today followed the lead of other textile plants near here, and resumed operations after a shutdown.

BODY OF MRS. CHRISTIAN FOUND IN JAMES RIVER

Infant Which She Took When She Left Home Monday Has Not Been Found.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., July 15.—The body of Mrs. John B. Christian, wife of a merchandise broker here, was found in the James River this morning after an all-night search by Richmond and county police.

The authorities were unable to find any trace of Mrs. Christian's infant, who was carried by the mother when she left her home yesterday afternoon.

Japanese Government Bill Passes. Tokyo, July 15 (By the Associated Press).—The government bill revising the Japanese nationality law, and abolishing "dual nationality," was passed today by both houses of the Japanese diet.

ADVERTISING RAISES THE STANDARD OF LIVING

It Makes People Want Things, and They Work to Get the Money to Buy Them.

(By the Associated Press.) London, July 15.—James D. Mooney, vice-president and director of General Motors Corporation in charge of Export Advertising Clubs of the World today that rebuilding of industrial and commercial structures awaited the exchange of the laborer's product.

This leadership must come out of the ranks of such men as are represented here at this convention. The present day is the day of the industrial and commercial leader.

Mr. Mooney asserted advertising must be counted on to play a great part in reconstruction and rehabilitation, because it could be made so important a factor in distribution.

"The world today is standing in great need of having its distribution systems re-created and re-vivified," he said. "The production facilities, although somewhat impaired by the great stresses imposed upon them during the war, stand generally ready; men are eager to work. However, markets are needed for the products; means of facilitating their exchange are needed. The old channels of distribution through which goods flowed prior to the war are gradually being re-established and new channels, made necessary by new political conditions, are being constructed. Advertising can very effectively increase the rate of growth of these national and international distribution systems."

Mr. Mooney characterized the convention as a symbol of co-operation, an expression of the eagerness of the peoples of the world to work together.

"Out of understanding and co-operation between nations, between political and commercial leaders and between capital and labor, will evolve the program of rehabilitation for which people are hungering," he declared.

Economic forces must be allowed free play, he said, natural economic laws must be respected and no impediments should be placed in the way of their working out freely.

"The nation prospers best," he added, "that takes advantage of these laws rather than resists them. Prejudices very often obscure economic imagination and prevent accurate economic appraisal."

Alluding to the development of the motor car in the last 20 years as an important factor in economic and cultural progress, he said it had proved that what it added annually to the wealth of a nation, was greater than its actual cost.

"Advertising has played a corresponding part in raising standards of living," he said. "It makes people want things. When they want things they go to work to get the money to pay for them."

Mr. Mooney urged the delegates to go forth with the ideal of helping to increase the comfort and happiness of millions of families.

"Let us dramatize the worker," he added. "Let us create an atmosphere about him and about the leader-worker that will insure them social advantage. Let us take such interest and such part in governmental and political affairs as will insure economic stability and progress."

REBELS STILL IN FULL COMMAND AT SAO PAULO

The Situation at the Brazilian Port is Said to Be Serious.

(By the Associated Press.) Buenos Aires, July 15 (By the Associated Press).—While the latest official reports received from Rio Janeiro stated that the Federal forces' front at Sao Paulo was holding its position in besieging the Brazilian insurgents, and that even advances on some points, unofficial advice indicate that the rebels not only are still in full command of the city, but are now threatening neighboring metropolises of Santos.

A wireless message from the British ship Andes, which left Santos yesterday, asserted that the situation at the Brazilian port was serious. It was stated that the rebels at that time were but eight miles from the city.

ALBANY IS CHIEF OF TAMMANY; DEMOCRATIC TICKET ENDORSED

Pledges "Undivided and Loyal Support" to Davis and Bryan.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, July 14.—Judge W. O'Ryan, of the court of general sessions, was today elected chief of Tammany Hall as successor to the late Charles F. Murphy.

The executive committee of the organization, which unanimously voted for Judge O'Ryan, also passed a resolution endorsing the Democratic national ticket and pledging its "undivided and loyal support" to the candidates, John W. Davis and Governor Charles W. Bryan, of Nebraska. The committee further expressed its approval of the "progressive and forward looking platform" adopted by the Democratic national convention.

Proved That He Wasn't Dead.

(By the Associated Press.) High Point, N. C., July 15.—Though he was supposed to have been dead for more than five hours, Henry Brown, 23, of Winston-Salem, walked into police headquarters here last night and told Chief W. L. Blackwelder that he was looking for his wife who had been missing for several days.

Mrs. Mary Brown, the man's mother, had received a telegram early in the evening telling her that Brown had been killed in an automobile accident and she requested that his body be sent to Winston-Salem. The search had been started for Brown's dead body, when he presented his own body in the living to the police station.

London is patrolled by 21,000 policemen.

AMERICAN FLIERS TO HOP OFF FOR LONDON TOMORROW

Tired and Weary of Their 18,000 Mile Journey, They Are Taking a Breathing Spell Today in Paris.

HAVE BEEN IN AIR 260 HOURS

Dropped Flowers on Tomb of Unknown Soldiers.—Overcome by Enthusiastic Reception Received in Paris.

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, July 15.—Tired and weary of their 18,000-mile battle against the aid, the U. S. Army round the world fliers today took a breathing spell in Paris and planned for a hop off for London early in the morning.

The pilots of the three planes and their assistants landed here yesterday afternoon. They made the hop from Vienna to Paris without difficulty, and after circling the city and dropping flowers on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, they were almost overcome by the enthusiasm of their reception when they landed.

Since leaving Los Angeles the aviators have been in the air 260 hours.

From London the fliers will travel by way of the Orkney Islands, Iceland and Greenland, Labrador and Quebec, thence back to the home land.

The American fliers for the moment, have displaced the Olympic heroes in the "public eye." The newspapers are full of their exploits and their impressions, while their photographs are on almost every front page.

BRANDED PASTOR ABLE TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL

Memory Gone, Hair Turned White, Minister is Ordered to Take Rest.

Battle Creek, Mich., July 14.—Well enough to leave the hospital, but still unable to tell how three K's were branded on his back, Rev. Owen Van Loon went back to his home at Berkeley, Mich., today.

He was accompanied by his wife and a friend of the family, who drove him back in an automobile.

After a rest in his home, and among his friends, the pastor will win his way back to health more rapidly, physicians believe. They hope he may also summon back memories of the 11 days he was missing and remember the unknown assailants who branded the letters on his back.

His wife holds to the theory that the Rev. Mr. Van Loon was drugged by a stranger who gave him a lift by automobile from his home in Berkeley to Royal Oak. Other men then joined the lone minister, the wife believes, took the minister to a secluded place where they branded his back with a red-hot iron.

Torture Cost Memory. The drugging and torture, according to Dr. A. L. Kingsley, who is attending Van Loon, is probably responsible for his loss of memory and failure to recall even the slightest details of his experience.

The Rev. Mr. Van Loon disappeared June 30. All the car in Royal Oak, he was given a ride by a stranger from Berkeley to Royal Oak, and that after getting something to drink in a drug store he went to a bank to cash a check.

The handwriting on the check showed that the pastor was in a state of nervous excitement, which might have been due to drugs. But the minister himself cannot clear up even that mystery.

Waterproof in the Ocean. (By the Associated Press.) Southampton, July 15.—A waterspout, one of the phenomena of the large bodies of water was seen on Buzzards Bay, a few miles from here, according to reports brought here by mariners from the river yesterday. There was nothing unusual about atmospheric conditions at the time, the mariners say, and they concluded that it had come in from the ocean which is just a shore distance past the bay.

The movement of the waterspout caused it to break soon after it was seen, it was said causing several thousand tons of water to fall into the bay and river as though it was coming from the sky.

Twelve hundred dollars in cash and bank books showing deposits of more than \$26,000 were found on a cripple who had been arrested in Reading, Calif., for begging.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; warmer in central and west portions.

