

LEAGUE OF NATIONS ISSUE ROCK ON WHICH PLATFORM SPLITS AFTER MUCH EFFORT

Wood, Johnson, Lowden, or Who? - Is Riddle Confronting Republican Convention With League of Nations Thrust to Front.

(By The Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, June 10.—The third day of the republican national convention opened with the party machinery, for the moment at least, doubly deadlocked.

There had emerged from endless negotiating behind the scenes no agreement either as to a presidential candidate or an even a tentative draft of vital planks in the platform on which the party will stand.

Overnight, the league of nations issue had been swept suddenly upward to a position of overshadowing importance, almost of menace, in party councils. It was the rock on which the special harmonizing sub-committee on platform split after hours of fruitless labor toward a compromise.

Meanwhile, the convention itself must mark time. No real progress could be made with its work and another early adjournment seemed likely today.

When the mass of the more than 1,000 foot sore delegates arose to resume the endless round of candidates' camps and other headquarters that fills the days for them pending the final struggle of balloting, the air about them was tense with whispers of impending events.

A few hours ago it was the anti-league forces against which a cry of prospective insurrection was raised. Yesterday the pro-leaguers, the "reservationists," were openly charged by their opponents with having brought discord into the council of platform makers.

And underneath this dispute on issues still lay the unsolved riddle of the candidates—Wood, Johnson, Lowden, or—who?

The first sharp turn to the treaty question negotiations by the select sub-committee of the resolutions committee came yesterday when former Senator W. Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, joining the ranks of those favoring qualified acceptance of the league covenant, served notice on conferees that such a course must be followed or backed by senators who took that position in Washington, the fight would be carried to the floor of the convention.

This was turning the enemy's guns upon him with a vengeance. Theretofore, apprehension had prevailed among those leaders struggling for party harmony that it would be the "irreconcilables" who would stir to action the uncertain waters of an "unbossed" convention if their views against the league were not met in the platform.

For a moment the irreconcilable forces in the select committee, dominated by Senators Borah and McCormick, seemed taken aback. They sprang to arms then in full force and from that time until after one o'clock this morning the battle waged furiously behind the locked doors of the hotel bedroom where the committeemen in shirt sleeves and worn by the long strain searched every avenue for possible escape from an open break.

Echoes from the contest spread swiftly to even the most outlying posts of the convention encampment. Toward the end, before the select committee gave up the task and decided to carry the league issue with several other important points back to the full committee on resolutions the struggle overflowed the bedroom battlefield. A hasty conference in the corridor outside was held after midnight with Senator Smoot, of Utah, a committee member, laying before his colleagues, Senators Borah and McCormick, a draft plank he had prepared. Its nature was not disclosed; but Senator McCormick repudiated it with evidences of excitement. His shout of "no, no, no," was audible through the hallway as the conference was broken off by his return to the committee room.

Senator Borah said he saw at that time no prospect of an early agreement. He and Senator McCormick left the meeting expecting to return and Senator Borah said he had been opposing a proposal that the struggle continue all night. His prediction was confirmed and his views sustained a moment later, when the committee adjourned.

From that meeting Senator Smoot carried the problem to another veterans of

the historic struggle in the senate, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, chairman of the convention. Senator Borah also saw Senator Lodge, but it was not indicated that any new proposal had resulted which was more promising of a peaceful solution than those that had been offered in the committee.

What course the resolution committee would follow remained undisclosed when it met. Whether further deliberations by the subcommittee would be urged or a solution attempted with the full committee membership of more than fifty sharing in the debate was not clear. In any case, it was evident that further attempts to patch up the impending break would be made with more delay in reporting to the convention involved.

The convention program also was not known in advance. Under rules it has adopted it has been suggested that the naming of a candidate might be proceeded with, leaving platform issues to be settled as "unfinished business" later. In any case, the convention is to listen to many speeches of nomination and it appeared possible these would be delivered during the day to get them out of the way and clear the stage for balloting or for the treaty issue fight if there must be one in the convention forum.

FOREIGN RELATIONS PLANK CONSIDERED

CHICAGO, June 10.—When the resolutions sub-committee went into session again this morning with the league of nations plank still threatening a party split, a tentative foreign relations plank was under consideration declaring opposition to the treaty without reservations but favoring ratification with American rights guarded.

The plank was framed after all night conferences in which former Senator Murray Crane, of Massachusetts, leading the mild reservation group, participated. It contained in substance the declaration submitted by Senator Crane yesterday and had not been accepted by the irreconcilables.

The tentative draft also condemned President Wilson's Mexican policy, declared no Mexican regime should be recognized until willing and able to give adequate guarantees for protection of American rights and pledged the republican party to "a consistent, firm and effective policy towards Mexico that shall enforce respect for the American flag," and protect American citizens and property.

There was no direct reference to intervention in Mexico, but it was declared that the party should stand for "insistence upon the maintenance of order" in Mexico. The proposal for a mandate over Armenia was condemned and the action of Congress in passing a peace resolution approved.

It was indicated that although references to the league of nations still were in a formative stage the sub-committee probably would accept the tentative draft so far as it related to Mexico, Armenia, and the peace resolution.

As the conference began in a desperate effort to conclude its work and lay a completed platform before the convention at today's session, leaders on both sides of the league of nations row expressed confidence of an agreement but conceded that material obstacles remained.

At the same time the remainder of the full resolutions committee began its consideration of other planks agreed on last night by the sub-committee.

These included an industrial relations declaration from which reference to anti-strike legislation had been omitted, a plank blaming the depreciation of money values for the high cost of living; one opposing government ownership or operation of railroads and one expressing in general terms without mention of a cash bonus, the gratitude and generosity of the party to former service men.

There was also a plank asking for prompt ratification of the women suffrage amendment, but the sub-committee voted against inclusion of any direct reference to prohibition.

The tentative foreign relations plank under consideration in the sub-committee provided in part:

"We approve the action of the republican senate with respect to the proposed treaty of peace with the covenant of the league of nations. We declare our opposition to the treaty and the league of nations as submitted by the president

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3,000 MILES IN CAR TO VISIT GASTONIA AGAIN

Less Adams and Family Drove From Phoenix, Arizona, to Gastonia - Trip Required Seven Weeks - Will Have Longer Drive on Return Trip.

"The only thing I wore out on my Dodge car on a three thousand mile trip from Phoenix, Arizona, to Gastonia, was my speedometer," said Less Adams, who accompanied by his wife, little nine-year-old daughter, Virginia, and Mrs. Cecil Skinner, of Cleveland, Ohio, Less arrived in Gastonia Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock to spend a few weeks in his old home town with his parents, Esquire and Mrs. W. Meek Adams, and his brothers and sisters.

This is Less' second visit to his home since he left Gastonia for Arizona seven years ago. He went West for his health and in the high altitude of that far western State he found it. For many years he has been engaged in the job printing business in Phoenix in conjunction with his brother, Tom. Recently he sold his interest in his brother and decided to take a six-months vacation trip. He expects to continue, however, to make his home in Arizona.

The party left Phoenix on April 17th and in the course of their seven-weeks trip had many and varied experiences. Two weeks was spent in camp at El Paso, Texas, this being the first and longest stop they made on the trip. The next stop was at San Antonio, where three days was spent. It was their original intention to come the extreme Southern route by way of New Orleans but the heavy rains of the winter and early spring had put the roads on that route in such condition that they decided to abandon it. From San Antonio they went to Dallas and thence northeast, intending to leave Texas at Taxarkana.

Perhaps the most novel experience of the trip was the seven-mile drive from Farmville to Greenville, in northern Texas. Rains which had been continuous since last October had put the roads in that section in such condition that they could not be traveled. After spending eight days in Farmville waiting to get a freight car in which to ship the auto to Greenville in, they decided to try a scheme which but few before them had had the nerve to tackle. That was a seven-mile drive over the cross-ties from Farmville to Greenville. This seven mile drive required from 10 o'clock in the morning till 3 o'clock in the afternoon, or five hours. In the course of this trip they drove over three trestles each about twenty-five feet high. Asked if driving over these trestles was not nerve-racking, Less replied that it was the easiest part of the drive, due to the fact that the cross-ties were much closer together than on the remainder of the roadbed.

They had planned to cross the Red River at Texarkana but discovered on reaching Atlanta, Texas, that the Sulphur river, which lay between Atlanta and Texarkana, was up so that it was impracticable to cross at that point. This necessitated a detour by way of Shreveport, La. From Shreveport they went to Hope, Ark., where the White river was crossed, it being necessary to ferry nine miles up the river for a landing place. Memphis was the point selected for crossing the Mississippi, but information that the river was up at that point caused a change in their plans. Crossing by ferry at Helena instead, it was necessary to go upstream five miles before a landing could be found.

Frequently we found it necessary to swipe some fence rails from some farmer in order to make a corduroy road over a mud hole," said Less. "But we always got across somehow."

After a visit of two or three weeks to relatives here Mr. and Mrs. Adams will start on their long homeward journey. They will go from here to Flint, Mich., where Mrs. Adams' relatives live. After a visit there they will go back through the Yellowstone Park. They expect to reach Phoenix about the latter part of October.

HOPE TO RECOVER KIDNAPPED CHILD

NORRISTOWN, Pa., June 10.—Hope of getting into communication with the kidnapers of 13-months-old Blakely Coughlin revived today with the arrival of a second letter from Savannah, Ga.

It was received by George H. Coughlin at his home outside of Norristown in the first mail. The letter is dated June 7. The writing is identical with that of a letter received from Savannah four days ago.

No attempt is made to disguise the handwriting in either letter. The spelling and punctuation indicate the writer has deliberately feigned ignorance.

As in the first letter, no attempt is made to establish the identity of the child. The writer merely says he has Blakely and the baby is well. The letter follows:

"When you are convinced about the right party having your child this I will deal with you if it isn't too late. The child is well at present."

"I can hear your wife sobbing. She has my sympathy. But I am into it now

MR. LEWIS FINDS COTTON FAR BELOW AVERAGE

Gaston County Cotton Grower Finds Highest Stalk of Cotton in His Fields This Year Only 6 1-2 Inches on June 10 as Against 13 Inches in 1919 - Average Height For 23 Years on June 10 Has Been Ten Inches.

Following up a practice established by him 23 years ago, Mr. E. P. Lewis, veteran cotton grower of Gaston county and originator of the Lewis long staple cotton, measured the highest stalk of cotton in his fields this morning June 10th. It was found to be 6 1/2 inches high. On June 10, 1919, the highest stalk measured 13 inches. On June 10, 1897, the year in which Mr. Lewis inaugurated his custom, the highest stalk was 10 inches high. The highest stalk yet measured was 14 inches and the lowest 6 1/4 inches. Mr. Lewis does not remember the years when these extremes were attained, but it will be seen that the 1920 measurement is only one-quarter of an inch above the lowest for the 23 years, while last year's measurement was one inch below the highest for the period. The average for the 23 years has been 10 inches. It will thus be seen from this report of Mr. Lewis that the 1920 cotton crop is far below the average in advancement. This is explained by the fact that the past spring has been unusually wet and that the crop was late in getting planted. In addition, the weather has not been adapted to the rapid growth of cotton. Days and nights have been cool, and it is well known that cotton will not start to grow until the real hot weather conditions prevail. Cotton growers long for the hot nights which are the life of growing cotton.

Mr. Lewis states that the "stand" of cotton generally is fairly good and that the crop will come out wonderfully in the next few weeks if the weather conditions are right. Corn, he says, is doing fairly well, despite the fact that it was late in planting.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS CLINICS FOR GASTON

Dr. Spruill, of State Board of Health, Assisted by Local Physicians, to Give Series of Free Clinics Over the County.

Beginning June 14th and continuing through July 3rd there will be held in Gaston county a series of anti-tuberculosis clinics under the direction of the State Board of Health. Dr. Joseph L. Spruill, of the State Sanatorium and a member of the State Board of Health will be in charge of the work. He will be assisted in this work by local physicians. They will offer to the people of the county an opportunity to receive, free of charge, physical examinations.

Frequent colds, coughs, failure to recover good health after pneumonia, influenza or any other disease that weakens the individual, denotes something wrong. An early diagnosis will often prevent serious illness. These clinics will afford an opportunity for such diagnosis.

Dr. Spruill is an expert in this line and has had several clinics over the State already with success. In his work here he will be assisted by Dr. W. B. Hunter, county welfare officer, and others. Miss Alice L. Ward, county public health nurse, will be glad to make special appointments for anyone and will try to arrange convenient dates to suit those who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity. Miss Ward will be in the Red Cross rooms at the postoffice Saturday of this week. Her telephone number is 48.

Following is the list of dates for the clinics:

- June 14th, 15th and 16th: Gastonia Red Cross rooms.
June 17th: Gastonia colored hospital.
June 18th: Bessemer City.
June 19th: Belmont.
June 21st: Cherryville.
June 22nd: Mount Holly.
June 23rd: Stanley.
June 24th: Lory Community House.

- June 25th: Mayworth.
June 26th: Lowell.
June 28th: McAdenville.
June 29th: Raulo.
June 30: Gastonia, community house Dunn, Armstrong and Clara Mills.
July 1st: Gastonia, Red Cross rooms, Armington and Parkdale Mills.
July 2nd: Dallas.
July 3rd: Gastonia, colored hospital.

On Friday of this week, afternoon and night, a special anti-tuberculosis film will be shown under the auspices of the State Board of Health at the Gastonian theater here.

and don't intend to be caught at my own game. I don't need the child but I do need the money (the word money is heavily underscored). So this is a warning to be very careful for I am not asleep.

"You will never get your child until I have gotten the money and saved myself."

PYTHIANS CELEBRATE BIG D.O.K.K. CEREMONIAL TODAY

Many Tyros Will Cross Burning Sands - R. S. McCain Elected Grand Chancellor - Greensboro Gets Next Session of Grand Lodge.

D. O. K. K. PROGRAM
9 a. m.—Grand Lodge Session.
12 m.—Dinner.
2 p. m. to 4 p. m.—Registration of D. O. K. K. Candidates.
5 p. m.—D. O. K. K. parade.
6 p. m.—D. O. K. K. banquet.
7 p. m.—D. O. K. K. Ceremonial, Armory Building.

PYTHIAN OFFICERS GUESTS OF THE ROTARY CLUB

With a large number of guests present, including several of the Pythian Grand Lodge officers, Wednesday's meeting of the Gastonia Rotary Club was one of the most largely attended as well as one of the most interesting and enjoyable yet held by the club. Features of the luncheon, which was held at the Lory Cafe-teria, were short addresses by Supreme Vice-Chancellor William Ladew, of New York; Grand Chancellor D. W. Sorrell, of Durham; Grand Vice-Chancellor R. S. McCain, of Henderson; Grand Prelate R. B. Owen, of Charlotte; Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Byron Clark, of Salisbury; Henry W. Wade, head of the insurance department, of Indianapolis, and others. Each of these men expressed himself as highly pleased with the reception received in Gastonia and delighted with the town itself.

J. H. Henderlite was in charge of the program for the day. Will P. Grier gave the guests some interesting facts and figures about Gastonia and Gaston county. Fred M. Allen and J. H. Separk also made short talks along the same line. There were 76 members and guests present.

SOUTH MUST UNITE ON VICE-PRESIDENTIAL REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

(By The Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, June 10.—A mass meeting of southern delegates, staged in a hotel lobby with some 300 attending, was held last night in the interest of demanding recognition of the south on the republican national ticket.

Virginia and North Carolina both have vice presidential candidates in the field and speakers from other southern states advised that they unite on one man or the other and that the southern delegation then all join in support of the man so named. A committee representing all southern delegations was appointed to canvass the situation and report to a second mass meeting tonight.

Among the speakers were Colonel Henry W. Anderson and Representative Slemo, of Virginia, and former Senator Butler, of North Carolina.

WOMEN'S PARTY READY FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

CHICAGO, June 10.—Virtually devoid of hope today that republican leaders here will urge the governors of Vermont and Connecticut to call special legislative sessions to pass on the suffrage amendment, members of the National Women's party prepared today to intensify their picketing attack on the convention. Pickets were sent out with banners calling upon voters to ballot against the republican party until it took more decisive action on equal suffrage.

"The situation looks darker today than it ever has since we came to Chicago," Mrs. Abby Scott Baker declared. "We shall sharpen our attack from now on unless something is done. Our actions may lead to arrests, but we are ready for any emergency for we are tired of waiting."

CHICAGO, June 10.—As the platform makers resumed their work this morning they described the prospects for an agreement as "pretty bad." The irreconcilables on the league of nations issue continued their threats to leave the party if the platform affirmed it in any way.

NEW YORK, June 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation for the month ending May 31 were 10,947,466 tons, it was announced today. This is an increase of 587,719 tons from the previous month, when the figures were 10,359,747.

Today is D. O. K. K. Day in Gastonia. With the major part of the business affairs of the Grand Lodge already disposed of, Pythians in the city are turning from the serious to lighter vein today. Tonight at 7 o'clock in the Armory building on Airline avenue, the Dokie ceremonial will be held. More than 50 Tyros are awaiting the word to commence their long and weary march across the hot sands of the burning Sahara. Preparations are being made to give them a royal welcome. Visiting Dokies from Charlotte, Salisbury, Hickory, Statesville and other nearby towns are here in full force.

The exercises begin with the registration of candidates from 2 p. m. to 4 p. m., followed by the D. O. K. K. parade at 5 o'clock and banquet at 6 o'clock.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Pythian convention in Gastonia was the auto ride over the city and barbecue given at Armstrong Park Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. Beginning at 5 o'clock the visitors were shown over Gastonia and suburbs, the trip ending at the park where more than 500 people were present to partake of the viands prepared for them. Under the capable direction of Mr. W. E. Todd, assisted by many young ladies of Gastonia, a menu of Brunswick stew, barbecued beef and pork, pickles and coffee was served. Mayor R. G. Chery and Col. C. B. Armstrong delivered brief and appropriate addresses of welcome at the conclusion of the feed. Retiring Grand Chancellor D. W. Sorrell, of Durham, responded in happy vein.

The newly elected officers of the grand lodge are: Grand chancellor, R. S. McCain, of Henderson; grand vice chancellor, E. M. Grier, of Canton; grand prelate, Rev. R. B. Owens, of Charlotte; grand master of exchequer, G. W. Montcastle, of Lexington; grand master at arms, Whitt R. Stone, of Greensboro; grand inner guard, M. W. Woodside, of Charlotte; grand outer guard, H. A. Page, of Clayton.

Greensboro was elected the next place of meeting, which is to convene on the second Tuesday in June, 1921, and this will be the golden jubilee of the order, it being the fiftieth anniversary of Pythianism. The decision to meet at Greensboro was unanimous and the newly elected grandmaster at arms, Whitt R. Stone, of Greensboro, promised the officers one of the greatest events in the history of North Carolina Pythianism.

At the morning and afternoon sessions it was decided to have the Dokies ceremonial on Wednesday, following the convening of the grand lodge on Tuesday. While several recommendations of the grand retiring chancellor were adopted, others failed in the grand lodge.

The effort to establish a permanent headquarters where the grand lodge session would assemble, failed; while the suggestion that a grand keeper of records and seals be elected to give full time to matters in connection with the order was carried.

A good deal of time of the grand lodge sessions was devoted to the reports of the various committees, having in charge vital matters covering the activities of Pythianism in North Carolina since the last session. Constructive suggestions were outlined for the subordinate lodges throughout the state, with a view of increasing interest and membership in the future and the grand lodge's decision to elect and employ a grand keeper of records and seals who will devote his entire time in the interest of the order, was an outstanding feature of today's session. It is felt by the members of the order that this step alone will be instrumental in greatly increasing the membership as well as posting the local Pythian lodges throughout the state in the ritualistic work of the order which is conceded by all members to contain many valuable moral lessons to candidates seeking the rank of knighthood within its folds. The new keeper of records and seals will be expected to visit the various lodges in the state from time to time and in a measure supervise and suggest measures for the promotion of the order.

The Grand Lodge adjourned today at 1 o'clock. W. M. Lyles, of Charlotte, was elected Grand Keeper of Records and Seals, to devote his whole time to the job. The details of the meeting will be published tomorrow.

FLETCHER NOMINATED.
TAMPA, Fla., June 10.—Returns on Tuesday's primary gathered by the Tampa Times covering 639 precincts out of 977 in the state and including all but 10 of the 54 counties give Duncan U. Fletcher for renomination as United States senator, 39,139; Sidney J. Catts, 17,268.