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SIGNS POINT TO BRYAN AS PROBABLE HEAD OF PROHIBITION TICKET

Delegates Want Bryan Yet They Are Afraid of Him - Party Holds Jubilation Parties Over Downfall John Barleycorn.

(By the Associated Press.)
LINCOLN, Neb., July 21.—The prohibition party opened its 13th annual convention here today prepared to give over much of the three days of day and night sessions to jubilation over the downfall of John Barleycorn. To this end several celebrations have been arranged and a dozen or more orators have prepared speeches felicitating the party on its fight against liquor and condemning the republican and democratic conventions for lack of definite action on the question.

The opening session, however, found the delegates apparently facing the peculiar situation of being almost unanimously in favor of William Jennings Bryan as their nominee, and yet being divided as to whether the convention should name the Nebraskan as its leader in the fall election.

Mr. Bryan's friends here, who claim to be speaking for him, firmly reiterate previous statements that he will not accept the nomination, will not run on any ticket and feels that the party should name any candidates, confining its activities instead to local campaigns.

Groups of delegates played to try to have Bryan nominated unanimously, regardless of his own views, but there is a definite movement to prevent it on the ground that he should not be placed in an embarrassing position, although the delegates working against his nomination declare they personally favor it if he will accept. Nominations are not scheduled until Friday.

The convention was called to order by Virgil G. Hinshaw, national committee chairman, and the usual prayers and singing followed. Aaron S. Watkins, of Germantown, O., was made temporary chairman and delivered the keynote address. Committees on credentials, organization, rules and resolutions were appointed and at the afternoon session it was planned to hear their reports.

WATKINS DELIVERS KEY-NOTE SPEECH.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 21.—"We are still on the map and our mission is not ended," Aaron S. Watkins, keynote speaker at the Prohibition Party's thirteenth presidential year convention, told the delegates at its opening session here this morning. "We must place in the field a ticket of real presidential size and make a campaign that will win the respect of all thinking men and women."

Mr. Watkins said that the prohibition question was not settled and would not be "until the machinery of government is attached and the lawbreakers surrender unconditionally."

"The experiment of even partially enforced prohibition," he said, "has been so eminently satisfactory and the demonstrations of moral and industrial improvements so convincing that millions of halts between two opinions have been convinced beyond the shadow of a doubt."

Mr. Watkins ran on the Prohibition ticket in 1908 and 1912 as the candidate for the vice-presidency. He is professor of English in a school at Germantown, Ohio.

The prohibition keynote speaker emphasized the interest of the Prohibition Party in other questions confronting the country. He declared that "the whole country desires the league of nations, and that it would finally be adopted, but he characterized President Wilson's course in handling it as having "too much flavor of autocracy" and said his plan could not be adopted "without radical revision."

DANGER OF RAILROAD STRIKE DISSIPATED

(By the Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 21.—Danger of an immediate strike of railway workers of the country apparently had dissipated when the 2,000 representatives of the 16 railway crafts resumed their conference here this morning to consider the \$900,000,000 wage increase granted by the railway labor board in its decision handed down yesterday.

In addition there appeared to be less dissatisfaction over the amount of the award on the part of the union men.

Yesterday's group conference extended far into the night without any decision as to acceptance or rejection of the award having been reached. At the close of last night's conference, however, W. G. Lee, of Cleveland, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, emphasized that no immediate strike was in prospect.

"There will be no illegal, outlaw, rebel, sporadic or immediate railroad strike," Mr. Lee said. "Whether the railway wage award is accepted or rejected, the union action will be concerted and deliberate."

When the grand council met today four courses of action were under consideration:

- An acceptance of the award under a "protest" — a registration of their dissatisfaction over the terms as compared with the original demands;
- Acceptance of the award with a proviso that preparations for new wage demands be immediately started; these demands to be filed with the railway labor board as soon as practicable after September 1, the date the roads emerge finally from government control;
- Tentative rejection of the award and a recommitment of the strike issue to a referendum of the rank and file;
- Flat rejection of the demands and an exercise of the extraordinary plenary powers resting in the grand council to ward a strike.

While general opinion among the representatives had not crystallized, it was reported the locomotive engineers and shopmen had expressed themselves as favorable to acceptance of the decision.

MUST PROVIDE COAL FOR NORTH-WEST BEFORE OTHER SECTIONS

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Operators of bituminous mines in western Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, must provide a winter stock of coal for the northwest before filling orders for other sections. Acting under new emergency orders issued yesterday by the interstate commerce commission the railroads serving mines in the states named not only will give priority in the movement of coal to the northwest, but will give preference in the supply of cars for such shipments as well. The carriers also were directed to place an embargo on shipments to any other section should such shipments be offered by the operators.

FACES COURT-MARTIAL BECAUSE OF ESCAPE OF SLACKER BERGDOLL

(By the Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 21.—Lieut. Col. John E. Hunt, commander of the Castle William prison at Governors Island, today faced an open trial by court-martial here, charged with responsibility for the escape of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft evader, of Philadelphia. Col. C. C. Cresson, trial judge advocate, presided.

DANIELS AND PAYNE BACK FROM ALASKA

(By the Associated Press.)

SEATTLE, Wash., July 21.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and Secretary of the Interior John Barton Payne due in Seattle Thursday from an inspection trip in Alaska, will leave for Washington Friday night, according to word received here today. At Helena, Mont., the cabinet officers will be guests of United States Senator T. J. Walsh, of Montana, and will later make a trip of Yellowstone National Park.

THINKS GASTONIA SHOULD BEGIN TO PLAN FOR PARKS

Mr. E. B. Brittain Visits Buffalo and Niagara Falls - Finds Admirable Park and Playground System.

"It sure makes one wish Gastonia had more of a start in the way of parks and playgrounds," remarked E. B. Brittain of the Gastonia Insurance and Realty Company Tuesday relative to his recent business and pleasure trip north.

"Buffalo and Niagara Falls both have fine parks. I especially noticed the parks in Buffalo because there is so much space devoted to this purpose and the parks are so fine. The average is large, so large that Buffalo held the Pan-American Exposition on the city's park property. The ground is covered with a splendid sod. They cut the grass short but it does not seem to retard it in any way."

"As a result of these parks Buffalo people certainly got out into the fresh air. The playgrounds were in constant use. Grown people were enjoying the parks as well as the youngsters. There are several baseball fields, various golf courses and other provision for games and healthy amusements."

"Perhaps we cannot do so much just now but at least if Gastonia could only begin planning definitely for the future in this regard it would be worth a lot to our city some day."

THE STATE'S VERSION OF GRAHAM SHOOTING

Concerning the shooting to death of James Ray in Graham by the machine gun company of Graham, Tom Bost presents in the Greensboro News the version of the affair as seen by the State and the military:

Governor Bickett last night on being apprised of the militia's small battle with the Graham mob, asked first why the negroes under accusation had not been brought to Raleigh and this end of the line laid the blame at the door of Graham.

The prisoners were sent to Raleigh this morning on a special train and under guard. The governor's office had asked for them yesterday but to a citizen answered that the town was quiet and the prisoners were needed in getting up the evidence. Governor Bickett thought the prisoners were in Raleigh until he had application for his o. k. to the troops called for in the second message relating to the outbreak.

It is probable, therefore, that there is going to be quite a deal of controversy over the blame for killing the bystander last night and the wounding of two more. Chairman Albright, of the board of commissioners, is said to have called the governor's office and told the governor's secretary that "those soldiers have killed some of our men." The response was a question: "How many soldiers had been hurt or killed?" There were none.

"Glorious" is the reply said to have been sent to Graham.

The troops were up there for business and went there to prevent the lynching. Residents scented no trouble and apparently expected no trouble. It was deemed unwise to undertake the removal of the prisoners earlier and when Major Smith, of the adjutant general's office, gathered the special train last night, he instructed the engineer to roll into Graham at exactly 6 a. m. today. There was to be no 5:58 nor 6:02 arrival. The hour was 6 o'clock sharp.

Metts Praises Fowler.

General Metts was in his office today and he gave high tribute to the handling of the soldiers by Capt. Marion Butler Fowler. The soldiers did all they could to avoid fatal shooting. They let the mob back them from the machine and in retreating it was necessary to take the machine guns with them. The soldiers did not wish to shoot indiscriminately into a crowd, a large percentage of which did not appear to have had murder on its mind.

It is plain that the state department is not going to stand for the suggestion that it became panicky and shot without cause. Had the local officials sent the prisoners down when the state expected them there had been no rush to the jail. The troops were sent up to Graham chiefly to furnish protection until the officers could remove the prisoners. It was amazing circumstances to Governor Bickett that the accused men were allowed to stay in the town of Graham until it had worked itself into a frenzy.

In Raleigh, which is visited daily by cosmopolites, there was very general delight over the conduct of the troops in fighting back and showing the mob that soldier officers will do their duty even if it is disagreeable to civilians. The Person county case has raised a serious doubt as to the guilt of the prisoners and visitors here feel that innocent men might have been lynched last night, though there is said to be strong evidence against one of the prisoners. The military officials are entirely satisfied with the way the soldiers handled the mob.

The prisoners, Dennison Beasley, Arthur Lee and George Troxler, were placed in the death room and they lifted up their

MEETING TO DISCUSS TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL

Steering Committee of County Tubercular Hospital to Meet at Armington Thursday Evening at 7 o'Clock.

Thursday evening at seven o'clock at a dinner at the Armington hotel will be held a meeting of the general committee from the county one man and one lady from each of the six townships in the county, appointed as a steering committee for the proposed tubercular hospital in the county. This committee has been appointed as a result of the massmeeting held at the courthouse some weeks ago. All the members of the committee named below have been notified of their appointment and have signified their willingness to serve.

At the meeting Thursday night at the Armington, a permanent organization will be perfected and a discussion of preliminary plans and methods will be held. It is hoped that at this meeting some tangible results can be secured. Mayor R. G. Cherry has called the meeting by virtue of having been chairman of the massmeeting held some time ago. The county commissioners have been invited to be present and it is thought that they will attend. The list of committees and correspondence incident to the call of the meeting are given herewith.

The following have been appointed on the county steering committee for the tubercular hospital for Gaston county:

Gastonia township: Col. C. B. Armstrong, Gastonia; Mrs. F. L. Smyre, Gastonia.

South Point township: Mr. R. R. Ray, McAdenville; Mrs. W. B. Puett, Belmont.

River Bend township: Rev. Frank Rankin, Mt. Holly; Mrs. J. A. Costner, Mt. Holly.

Dallas township: Prof. J. R. Henson, Dallas; Mrs. C. C. Cornwell, Dallas.

Cherryville township: Major John J. George, Cherryville; Mrs. George Falls, Cherryville.

Crowders Mountain township: Mayor R. C. Kennedy, Bessemer City; Mrs. J. H. Wilkins, Bessemer City.

The following is a copy of the letter sent to each one of the above committees:

There has been a movement launched in Gaston county for the erection of a tubercular hospital which will provide a place for treatment and care of all persons suffering from tuberculosis in Gaston county. At a county mass meeting recently held in the court house in Gastonia it was decided that there should be appointed a steering committee composed of one woman and one man for each township in the county, who should meet at a convenient place and outline plans for the success of the hospital. Two representatives have been appointed from each township, a complete list of whom is enclosed herewith. You are a member of the committee from your township and you have been notified to that effect.

I am delighted that you have agreed to serve and this is to notify you to be present Thursday evening, July 22, at 7 o'clock, at the Armington Hotel in Gastonia, where a luncheon will be provided, plans discussed and a permanent organization perfected for carrying out the work in this county.

Remember that you are urgently requested to be present Thursday evening, July 22, promptly at 7 o'clock. The meeting will only last a short while and it is necessary that every member of the committee be present.

Yours very truly,
R. G. CHERRY, Mayor.

BERNSTORFF WANTS CLOSER RELATIONS WITH U. S.

(By the Associated Press.)

BERLIN, July 20.—Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, in a new periodical, "Getrue Eckhart," urges that "all our efforts should be directed toward making our business relations with the United States the closest possible."

He declares that Germany must expect nothing from America politically, "as the Americans are tired from a humanitarian standpoint." This, he says, is explainable by the fact that the "war proved a disappointment for the United States."

After explaining the necessity for the Germans to work hard at reconstruction, as they could only pay their debts by labor, the former ambassador foreshadows the possibility that American capital and German labor may work together in Russia.

WILL EXPEDITE SHIPMENTS WESTERN GRAIN CROP

(By the Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Movement of 25,000 additional box cars from eastern and southeastern roads to western lines to assist in handling the new grain crop was ordered today by the commission on car service of the Association of Railway Executives. The movement will begin July 25 and continue for 30 days.

This order is in line with directions issued by the interstate commerce commission and a renewal of orders in effect for the thirty-day period ending July 24.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN IS LAUNCHED UNDER NEW CHAIRMAN GEORGE WHITE

"Fair Weather and Strong Democratic Tides" Mark Launching Campaign Craft - Working on Campaign Details.

HARDING'S SPEECH WILL BRING LEAGUE ISSUE SQUARELY TO FRONT

(By the Associated Press.)

MARION, O., July 21.—Senator Harding's speech of acceptance, to be delivered here tomorrow, is expected by his close associates to give prominence to the foreign policy of President Wilson and the league of nations in such a way as to advance the campaign toward a squarely joined issue between the two political parties.

Those who know the mind of the presidential nominee declared their confidence today that he would make a declaration squaring with the party platform and the party record and bringing successfully the republican difference of opinion which threatened a split at Chicago.

The exact form of the declaration was not revealed, but it was said authoritatively that it would follow the trend of the senator's recent statements on the subject and would be particularly militant in its opposition to the Wilson policies, to which the republican nominee regards the democratic party and candidates as pledged unreservedly.

In addition to declaring unthinkable the acceptance of the league as the president fashioned it, however, the senator is expected to express in direct terms his belief that America should not remain isolated and to take the position that the war's sacrifices will prove in vain unless there is established a new order with added security to peace and civilization.

It is a subject for speculation how far he will detail this position, or to what extent he will clothe with practical suggestions the declaration of the Chicago platform for an international peace tribunal.

It is regarded as unlikely that the nominee will enter into a detailed discussion of the league covenant or will speak objectively of reservations or interpretations. He is expected rather to hold his utterances to the broad principles involved, linking his argument to a plea for American rather than world ideals.

He is believed certain to couple with this a declaration that the failure of the United States to accept Mr. Wilson's league will not be construed abroad as an evasion of duty, but will be interpreted as arising from devotion to the integrity of the nation.

PROHIBITIONISTS ARE GATHERED TO SELECT BURIAL LOT FOR JOHN BARLEY CORN—HINSHAW

(By the Associated Press.)

LINCOLN, Neb., July 21.—Calling the thirteenth quadrennial convention of the Prohibition Party to order here this morning, Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the Prohibition national committee, told the delegates they had come together to "select a burial lot for John Barleycorn." The other political parties, he said, "out of respect to John's relatives have voted that he shall lie in state for another four years to be viewed by the American people."

"The Democratic platform is silent, the Republican platform is silent," the Prohibition national chairman continued. "Harding owns brewery stock, he is not a prohibitionist at heart. Cox is wet. The future is before us, the campaign is upon us."

"We want to do the wisest thing, the best thing for the prohibition movement and for the country. It was our fervent wish that every political party would this year fall in line with the Constitution of the United States, with the Congress of the United States, with the Supreme Court of the United States, and recognize openly and avowedly the settlement of this question. The other parties have failed. What shall we do?"

Turning to measures other than prohibition which the party had championed, Chairman Hinshaw said, "As we assemble here for the thirteenth time in fifty-one years we do so with a realization that we have had part in more than one battle and for the solution of more than one problem. While we have been a party with an eye single to the solution of one great problem we have at the same time aimed at the solution and reached the solution of many problems.

(By the Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, O., July 21.—The democratic campaign craft was under nearly full sail today with what Governor Cox, the presidential standard bearer, characterized as a new "captain"—George White, the new national committee chairman and campaign manager. Mr. White, a former Ohio congressman and assistant manager of the Cox convention campaign, was elected late yesterday, succeeding Homer S. Cummings, of Connecticut.

"Fair weather and strong democratic tides" were leaders' predictions today as many returned home to organize local campaigns. Expressions of confidence of results when the final flag falls were general.

Governor Cox, Chairman White, Treasurer Wilbur Marsh of Iowa, and other leaders remained over today to map out further organization details including appointment of the special campaign committee authorized by the national body, location of several major headquarters, arrangements for notification ceremonies and finances. Early announcements were planned, including definite dates for the notifications of Governor Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt, his running mate, set tentatively for August 7 and 9, respectively. The interval of time, it was hoped, would enable visitors at Governor Cox's notification at Dayton to reach Mr. Roosevelt's home at Hyde Park, N. Y.

Traveling itineraries of both candidates also are being planned, to begin almost immediately after the notifications. Governor Cox plans to address the Ohio democratic convention August 17, possibly with one of his first important addresses.

Campaign policies also are becoming crystallized as a result of the national committee's meeting and Governor Cox's address in which he charged the republicans with raising a campaign fund "sufficient to stagger the sensibilities of the nation," and demanded continuance of the senate campaign expenditures investigation, promising frequent, detailed democratic statements of financing.

Although democratic leaders appear agreed that the league of nations has a predominant campaign place, they expect Governor Cox and other party orators to press the parallel the governor drew in his address yesterday in which he pictured the republicans and their candidates as the champions of reaction, with the democrats those of progress.

After disposing of organization matters, Governor Cox plans to secure a brief week end rest by returning within a day or two to his home at Dayton, and next week he hopes to begin work in earnest on his speech of acceptance.

before in 1872, which was forty years before the Progressive Party was born and forty years before any other party assumed the same position. We advocated civil service reform the same year and we thus preceded the Democrats by four years and the Republicans by twelve years. We championed the direct election of U. S. Senators in 1872. The Republican Party never championed that issue and Democratic Party not until 1900 or twenty-eight years thereafter.

"We favored two-cent letter postage in 1872 and thus beat every other political party to that proposition by the space of sixteen years. We stood for international arbitration in 1876; the Republican party did not advocate it until 1900 or twenty-eight years thereafter and Progressive Party not until 1912, or twenty-six years thereafter. We opposed lotteries and gambling in 1876; no other political party ever opposed such in platform or in convention.

"We went after the land grabbers and speculators in 1876 and thus beat the Republican party to it by eight years and the Progressive Party by thirty-eight years. We have opposed polygamy since 1876; the Democratic Party never opposed that institution in national platform or convention. We have opposed the white slave traffic since 1876; no other political party ever opposed that institution in either national platform or convention. We have advocated uniform marriage and divorce laws since 1888; no other political party has ever championed that issue in national platform or convention.

"We have stood for income tax since 1896; the Republican Party never favored it until 1912, or sixteen years thereafter.

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