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HUNDREDS REPORTED DEAD IN STORM SWEEP SECTION KLAN PLANK IS DEFEATED AT THE CONVENTION EARLY THIS MORNING

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SUBMITS ITS PLATFORM TO DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

In Beginning the Committee Pays Profound Homage to the Memory of Woodrow Wilson. Text in Full Was Read at Convention Yesterday with Exception of Klan and League of Nation's Issues.

New York, June 28. (AP)—The text of the platform submitted to the Democratic National Convention by its resolutions committee, follows:

Democratic National Platform
We, the representatives of the Democratic party, in national convention assembled, pay our profound homage to the memory of Woodrow Wilson. Our hearts are filled with gratitude that American democracy should have produced this man whose spirit and influence will live on thru the ages; and that it was our privilege to have cooperated with him in the advancement of ideals of government which will serve as an example and inspiration for this and future generations. We affirm our faith in those ideals and pledge ourselves to take up the standard which he bore, and to strive for the full triumph of the principles of democracy to which he dedicated his life.

Democratic Principles
The Democratic party believes in equal rights to all and special privilege to none. The republican party held that special privileges are essential to national prosperity. It believes that national prosperity must originate with the special interests, and seep down through the channels of trade to the less favored industries, to the wage earners and small salaried employes. It has accordingly enthroned privilege and nurtured selfishness. The republican party is concerned chiefly with material things; the Democratic party is concerned chiefly with human rights. The masses, burdened by discriminating laws and unjust administration, are demanding relief. The favored special interests, represented by the republican party, contented with their unjust privileges, are demanding that no change be made. The democratic party stands for remedial legislation and progress. The republican party stands still.

Comparison of Parties
We urge the American people to compare the record of eight unsullied years of democratic administration with that of the republican administration. In the former there was no corruption. Party pledges were faithfully filed, and a democratic congress enacted an extraordinary number of constructive and remedial laws. The economic life of the nation was quickened. Tariff taxes were reduced. A federal trade commission was created. A federal farm loan system was established. Child labor legislation was enacted. A good roads bill was passed. Eight hour laws were adopted. A secretary of labor was given a seat in the cabinet of the president. The Clayton amendment to the Sherman anti-trust act was passed, freeing American labor and taking it from the category of commodities. By the Smith-Lever bill improvement of agricultural conditions was effected. A corrupt practice act was adopted. A well considered warehouse act was passed. Federal employment bureaus were created, farm loan banks were organized, and the federal reserve system was established. Privileges were uprooted. A corrupt lobby was driven from a national capitol. A higher sense of individual and national duty was aroused. America enjoyed an unprecedented period of social and material progress.

During the time which intervened between the inauguration of a democratic administration on March 4, 1913, and our entrance into the world war, we placed upon the statute books of our country, more effective, constructive and remedial legislation than the republican party had placed there in a generation.

During the great struggle which followed we had a leadership that carried America to greater heights of honor and power and glory than she had ever known before in her entire history.

Transition from this period of democratic exalted leadership to the sordid record of the last three and a half years make the nation ashamed. It marks the contrast between a high conception of public service and an avid purpose to distribute spoils.

government been so tainted by corruption, and never has an administration so utterly failed. The nation has been appalled by the revelations of political depravity which have characterized the conduct of public affairs. We arraign the republican party for attempting to limit inquiry into official delinquencies and to impede, if not to frustrate, the investigations which in the beginning the republican party and its leaders assented to, but which later they regarded with dismay. These investigations sent the former secretary of the interior to Three Rivers in disgrace and dishonor.

These investigations revealed the incapacity and indifference to public obligations of the secretary of the interior, compelling him, by force of public opinion, to quit the cabinet. These investigations confirmed the general impression as to the inefficiency of the attorney general by exposing an official situation and personal contacts which shocked the conscience of the nation and compelled his dismissal from the cabinet. These investigations disclosed the appalling conditions of the Veterans' Bureau, with its fraud upon the government and its cruel neglect of the sick and disabled soldiers of the world war. These investigations revealed the criminal and fraudulent nature of the oil leases, which caused the congress, despite the indifference of the executive, to direct recovery of the public domain and the prosecution of the criminal.

Such are the exigencies of partisan politics that republican leaders are teaching the strange doctrine that public censure should be directed against those who expose crime, rather than against criminals who have committed the offenses. If only three cabinet officers out of ten are disgraced, the country is asked to marvel at how many are free from taint. Long boastful that it was the only party "fit to govern," the republican party has proven its inability to govern even itself. It is at war with itself. As an agency of government it has ceased to function. This nation can not afford to entrust its welfare to a political organization that cannot master itself, or to an executive whose policies have been rejected by his own party. To retain in power an administration of this character would inevitably result in four years more of continued disorder, internal dissension and governmental inefficiency.

A vote for Coolidge is a vote for chaos!

Issues
The dominant issues of the campaign are created by existing conditions. Dishonesty, discrimination, extravagance and inefficiency exist in government. The burdens of taxation have become unbearable. Distress and bankruptcy in agriculture, the basic industry of our country is afflicting the happiness and prosperity of the whole people. The high cost of living is causing hardship and unrest. The slowing down of industry is adding to the general distress. The tariff, the destruction of our foreign markets, and the high cost of transportation are taking the profit out of agriculture, mining and other raw material industries. Large standing armies and the cost of preparing for war still cast their burdens upon humanity. These conditions the existing republican administration has proven itself unwilling or unable to redress.

The democratic party pledges itself to the following program:
Honest Government
We pledge the democratic party to drive from public places all who make barter of our national honor, its resources or the administration of its law; to punish those guilty of offense.

To put none but honest in public offices; to practice economy in the expenditure of public money; to reverence and respect the rights of all under the constitution.

To condemn and destroy government by the spy and the blackmailer, as by this republican administration was both encouraged and practiced.

Tariff and Taxation
The Fordney-McCumber tariff act is the most unjust, unscientific, and

dishonest tariff tax measure ever enacted in our history. It is class legislation, which defrauds all the people for the benefit of a few; it heavily increases the cost of living, penalizes agriculture, corrupts the government, fosters paternalism and in the long run does not benefit the very interests for which it was enacted.

We denounce the republican tariff laws which are written in great part in aid of monopolies and thus prevent that reasonable exchange of commodities which would enable foreign countries to buy our surplus agricultural and manufactured products with resultant benefit to the toilers and producers of America. Trade interchange, on the basis of reciprocal advantages to the countries participating is a time-honored doctrine of democratic faith. We declare our party's position to be in favor of a tax on commodities entering the customs houses that will promote effective competition, protect against monopoly and at the same time produce a fair revenue to support the government.

The greatest contributing factor in the increase and unbalancing of prices is unscientific taxation. After having increased taxation and the cost of living by two billion dollars, under the Fordney-McCumber tariff, all that the republican party could suggest in the way of relief was a cut of three hundred million dollars in direct taxes, and that was to be given principally to those with the largest incomes. Although there was no evidence of a lack of capital for investment to meet the present requirements of all legitimate industrial enterprises and although the farmers and general consumers were bearing the brunt of tariff favors already granted to special interests, the administration was unable to devise any plan except one to grant further aid to the few. Fortunately this plan of the administration and, under democratic leadership aided by progressive republicans, a more equitable one was adopted, which reduces direct taxes by about four hundred and fifty million dollars.

The issue between the president and the democratic party is not one of tax reduction or of the conservation of capital. It is an issue of a relative burden of taxation and of the distribution of capital as affected by the taxation of income. The president still stands on the so-called Mellon plan, which his party has just refused to endorse or mention in its platform.

The income tax was intended as a tax upon wealth. It was not intended to take from the poor any of the necessities of life. We hold that the fairest tax with which to raise revenues for the federal government is the income tax. We favor a graduated tax upon incomes, so adjusted as to lay the burdens of government upon the tax payers in proportion to the benefits they enjoy and their ability to pay. We oppose the so-called nuisance taxes, sales taxes and all other forms of taxation that unfairly shift to the consumer the burden of taxation. We refer to the democratic revenue measure passed by the last congress as distinguished from the Mellon tax plan as an illustration of the policy of the democratic party. We first made a flat reduction of twenty-five per cent upon the tax of all incomes payable this year, and then we so changed the proposed Mellon plan as to eliminate taxes upon the poor, reduced them upon moderate incomes, and in a lesser degree upon the income of multi-millionaires. We hold that all taxes are unnecessarily high, and pledge ourselves to further reductions.

We denounce the Mellon plan as a device to relieve multimillionaires at the expense of other taxpayers and we accept the issue of taxation tendered by President Coolidge.

Agriculture
During the four years of republican government, the economic condition of the American farmer has changed from comfort to bankruptcy, with all its attendant miseries. The chief causes for this are:

(a) The republican party policy of isolation in international affairs has prevented Europe from getting back (Continued On Page Two)

WARRANTS ISSUED ON SIX PATIENTS HAVING WHISKEY

Federal Agent Spent Week in Hospital as Patient and Makes Discovery.

Paducah, Ky., June 28. (AP)—Warrants for arrest on charges of possessing liquor were issued today for six patients in the Federal Government's Rehabilitation hospital at Dawson Springs. A deputy United States marshal left Paducah immediately afterward to serve them.

The warrants were issued after a Federal agent spent a week in the hospital, during which time he attempted to locate the source of a liquor traffic which has troubled doctors at the institution for several months. Patients frequently became intoxicated, it is charged, and hospital authorities said night nurses had complained of conditions existing when they came on duty in the evening.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, June 28. (AP)—Spot cotton steady. Cotton futures closed weakly. July 29.05; Oct. 24.95; Dec. 24.26; Jan. 24.05; March 24.21.

STORM SWEEPS MIDDLE WESTERN STATES; MORE THAN 3 HUNDRED DEAD

State Theater at Loraine Collapsed Killing Over Two Hundred People; Probably Fifteen Hundred People Dead in Total Area.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 28.—Three hundred are dead and at least 1,500 are injured in Loraine, alone as the result of today's tornado according to reports reaching Col. D. H. Pond director of the Red Cross civilian relief.

Col. Pond announced he had arranged for tents for 1,000 people to be shipped from Camp Perry.

The storm carried telephone and telegraph wires down, isolating Sanduskie, Loraine, and other points in the northern part of the state, and making confirmation of reports impossible early this evening.

A streak in South Loraine also is reported to be undermined, from a Sanduskie the report that car ferry had blown over. Interurban service between here and Loraine, Sanduskie and interior points is at a standstill.

The first report received here from staff correspondent of the Plain Dealer who motored back to the first available telephone east of Loraine was to the effect that 200 were killed in the State Theater collapse at Loraine, and that more than 40 others are dead in other parts of the city.

Reports from various other sources place the dead as high as 500. Eighty dead having been taken from the State Theater in Loraine. The chief of police of Elyrie, reported at 9:30 tonight.

Estimates of 300 dead and 1,500 injured are not exaggerated. The entire fire and police department, and ambulance equipment has been sent to Loraine.

The only way to reach Loraine from Cleveland is through Elyrie, and the roads are jammed with refugees headed away from Loraine, and relief parties who are on their way there.

About 50 members of the 112th Engineer Corps of Ohio National Guards were rushed to Loraine in taxicabs on the receipt of Gov. Donohy orders. They were in charge of Col. Ralph R. White.

A nickel plate train is ready to take the remainder as soon as they have been mobilized.

SECRETARIES TO MEET HERE IN JANUARY

The commercial secretaries, of the Chambers of Commerce of the state, now in session at Morehead City, accepted the invitation of the Goldsboro secretary to meet in this city in January, according to a telegram received from Walter C. Denmark, local secretary.

The secretaries were in convention at Morehead City Friday and Saturday and Mr. Denmark stated that it was his intent to extend an invitation to the body to have their next meeting in Goldsboro, and he expressed an opinion that they would accept, as they were always glad of an opportunity of coming to our city.

The message from Secretary Denmark follows:

"We have received mid-winter meeting State commercial secretaries, for Goldsboro, to be held in January."
(signed)
"W. C. DENMARK."

FOUR MEN BURNED

Seattle, June 28. (AP)—Four men were severely burned today when bullets from the coast guard cutter Arcata, seeking rum smugglers, pierced the gasoline tank of their motor boat in Mutiny Bay, 18 miles north of here. Three of the four men were wounded by bullets.

GOVERNOR MORRISON SPEAKS BEFORE THE CONVENTION ON KLAN



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN
Governor Morrison, who acted as the peacekeeper at the National Democratic Convention yesterday, to prevent a possible party split when the Ku Klux Klan issue arose.

Convention in Session Until Early This Morning Wrangles Over Klan Plank Until it is Finally Completed.

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., June 28.—The Democratic platform will not single out the Ku Klux Klan by name. It will not contain a Wilsonian plank on the League of Nations. These two decisions came early Sunday morning after a ten hour continuous session in which some of the most disorderly scenes in convention history were enacted.

Convention Adjourns
The convention adjourned early today (Sunday) until 9:30 Monday morning.

Still Wrangling

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., June 28.—(AP)—At 1:30 this morning eastern daylight saving time, the Democratic national convention still was in a wrangle over the roll call on the Ku Klux Klan plank.

The result appeared to be close, and a series of challenges of the voters on the various delegations kept the convention hall in an uproar, which at times got entirely beyond the control of convention officials.

The reaction started when Lawrence Quigley, went over into the Philippine space, and stirred up a row there by demanding a roll call then he went back into the Massachusetts section of the hall and tried unsuccessfully to challenge the vote of New Hampshire. He had to be ruled out of order repeatedly before he could be quieted.

So tangled did the situation become, that after one roll call had been completed, and a number of challenges made in it, the chair ordered that the result from all the states be recapitulated. As the list was read the recorded votes of several more states was challenged, and the convention was kept in almost continuous disorder.

Governor Morrison's Speech

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., June 28.—(AP)—Governor Morrison speaking before the convention on the Ku Klux Klan question stated:

"Are we without trial, or evidence in a political convention to try, condemn and execute more than a million men, who are professed followers of the Lord? What do we mean by religious liberty? We mean, there shall be no legal test for the office. There shall be no discrimination of any man on account of his religion. But has any party ever placed itself to prevent foolish religious intolerance or bigotry? We cannot do it."
"I love many Jews, and I love many Catholics, and I have appointed both to office and laugh at the Ku Klux Klan since becoming governor of North Carolina. These men who can't get into this order unless they profess to be Christians, have organized this association in which they won't let a Catholic or Jew come. How can we help it? If anybody wants to be so foolish, and isolate themselves, how can we prevent it by the action of a convention. It is a case for the keepers of the Protestant cause in the United States. It is not a matter for government action until they violate the law, and then the police power should act with the swiftness of lightning and the determination of a just God."

"My American brothers, let us deal with this matter in a high, just and wise way as becomes, not the followers of political standards, but the followers of the standards of Thomas Jefferson, and above all of the Lord Jesus Christ."
We believe that when the great Democratic party speaks to the American people in the major resolution, all the people of this country will be in accord with the constitution. It will kill the Ku Klux Klan if we adopt it, and the suggestion of a majority will make a half million K. K. members in the next ten days in my judgment.

Governor Morrison finished by launching a bomb for Senator Wajab. "I would like to see this great Catholic made a candidate for President or Vice-President of the United States," said the governor.

Klan Plank Defeated

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., June 28, 1:15 A. M.—Flash Associated Press. Klan plank defeated.
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POSSE SHOTS AT NEGRO 17 TIMES, FINALLY KILLED

Negro Shot and Severely Wounded His Wife; He Was Surrounded in the Woods by the Posse.

Kinston, June 28.—Surrounded in a woods and hemmed in within the small space of a negro home in the New Branch section of Onslow county, James Littleton, negro, who on June 20th shot and severely wounded his wife of one month, was shot at 17 times and finally killed by a posse of the sheriff of that county, according to word brought here yesterday morning. Littleton shot his wife at the plantation of Walter Tyndall in Jones county and has been a fugitive from justice ever since. It is alleged that the cause of the shooting was because his wife had informed him that she didn't love him any more.

In the shooting scrape that occurred Thursday-morning, when the negro was killed, a relative of Tolson Jarman, who is employed here in the store of H. Stadium, was injured when a bullet struck his knee cap. No other members of the posse were shot. Stories as to the exact place where the shooting took place vary, some accounts stating that the negro took refuge behind a tree. The negro was a native of South Carolina. His wife, brought here after the shooting on June 6th, was thought to be dangerously wounded, but she is getting along nicely now, it is reported.

WANT SITUATION REMEDIED

Tokio, June 28. (AP)—Before the formal opening of the diet this morning representatives of all parties of the lower house met and drew up a resolution requesting that the government take prompt steps to remedy the situation created by the passage of the exclusion act by the American Congress.

BASEBALL RESULTS

- American League**
Cleveland 3; Detroit 9.
Boston 3; New York 4.
Washington 4-4; Philadelphia 1-0.
Chicago 12; St. Louis 13.
- National League**
New York 9; Boston 8;
Pittsburgh 3; Chicago 0.
Cincinnati 5; St. Louis 2.
Philadelphia 1-1; Brooklyn 9-10.
- Virginia League**
Richmond 4; Wilson 2.
Portsmouth 3-3; Petersburg 5-6.
Rocky Mount 1; Norfolk 4.
- Piedmont League**
Durham 5; High Point 4.
Winston-Salem 2-3; Greensboro 1-2.
Danville 8; Raleigh 7.
- South Atlantic League**
Charlotte 14; Spartanburg 1.
Macon 6; Augusta 9.
Asheville 7; Greenville 6.
- Southern League**
Atlanta 9-0; Birmingham 5-1.
Memphis 4; Nashville 5.
Little Rock 4-0; Chattanooga 55-2.
New Orleans 12; Mobile 2.