

NEW YORK MAY HOLD KEY TO DEADLOCK

Power Largest Among Unpledged Forces.

COMPROMISE TALK IS HEARD

Uninstructed Delegates, if United, Could Control.

JUSTICE HUGHES FAVORITE

Chance of Inheriting Roosevelt Following Adds Strength to Jurist's Chances—Cummins Is Also Mentioned.

BY HARRY J. BROWN.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—It begins to look as though the State of New York, with 90 uninstructed delegates at the Chicago convention, may ultimately be in a position to name the Republican nominee for President this year.

Leaders' Claims Extravagant.

While President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt are both laying claim to enough delegates to nominate them, respectively, on the first ballot, these claims are extravagant, and it is a fact that neither of the leading candidates has a sure and safe majority, unless such majority is secured through the work of the National Committee in passing upon contests just before the convention meets.

According to the view of an open-minded Republican politician in Washington, (and there are a few of this type now), a determination of contests strictly on their merits will leave both President Taft and Colonel Roosevelt without a majority of the delegates and pretty evenly matched as to strength.

New York Prefers Outsider.

There is a general impression among politicians in Washington that the New York delegation will not be enthusiastic for either Taft or Roosevelt, but would prefer the nomination of a third candidate, preferably a New York man, which, of course, means Hughes. But circumstances as they develop will have to determine whether there will be any chance of nominating Hughes or some other compromise candidate, or whether the choice will have to be between Taft and Roosevelt.

There is considerable talk of a compromise candidate, based usually upon the fear that the nomination of either Taft or Roosevelt would certainly keep the Republican party split and bring about the election of the Democratic candidate next fall.

It is said that this talk of compromise is heard most today among those who are sensibly Taft supporters. Two months

MISS DARES DEATH BUT ASCENDS PEAK

PHILADELPHIAN AND PARTY REACH BLACKBURN'S SUMMIT.

Braving Avalanche and Storm, Mountain Climbers Make First Trip 16,140-Foot High.

CORDOVA, Alaska, May 25.—Miss Dora Keen, of Philadelphia, and her party of six men attained the summit of Mount Blackburn, 16,140 feet, last Sunday morning. They arrived at Kennecott on the Copper River Railroad today, all well. This is the first ascent of the great Copper River peak.

Miss Keen, with instruments and tents, sailed from Seattle, April 10, for Cordova, and upon her arrival at Kennecott, her chief of staff, John E. Barrett, superintendent of the Blackburn mine, was ready with his men and two teams of dogs. The adventurous men and their brave leader encountered many avalanches and storms that compelled them to remain under shelter for days at a time.

On May 7 three of the party returned to Kennecott for fuel, alcohol and provisions, supplies having become exhausted.

Miss Keen applied to climb Mount Blackburn last week, but was obliged to turn back after she had discovered what she believed to be a feasible route to the summit. The route was followed successfully by the expedition which returned today.

MILWAUKEE WILL BUILD

Contract to Be Awarded for 140-Mile Feeder Near Lewistown.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—(Special.)—Contracts for the construction of 140 miles of standard-gauge railroad into the heart of the best wheat producing district of Montana will be let during the coming week by the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound Railway. The new road, which will penetrate territory heretofore controlled by the Great Northern, will cost upwards of \$6,000,000 and will be completed in time to handle the 1912 wheat crop of the famous Judith Basin country and the valleys north of Lewistown, Mont.

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The new line will leave the Milwaukee system at Lewistown and will end at Great Falls, Mont., on the Billings cutoff of the Great Northern Railway. The Great Northern's line leaves the main line at Shelby and runs southeast through Great Falls to Billings on the main line of the Northern Pacific. Great cattle ranges have been cut up into wheat farms during the last three years and authorities declare that Montana will, within a few years, become the largest producer of hard wheat in the Northwest.

STRANGER ROBS SHERIFF

County Officer "Touched" for Watch and Chain.

ELLensburg, Wash., May 25.—A stranger, walked into the office of Sheriff German, of Kittitas County, today, talked for a minute with the sheriff and four deputies who were in the room and departed with the sheriff's watch and chain. The theft was unnoticed by the officers for some hours.

Airmen Threaten Strike

German Aviators Demand Minimum Wage of \$75 Monthly.

BERLIN, May 25.—The German professional airmen have unanimously decided to strike tomorrow if the demands of the German Aviators Union for a minimum wage of \$75 monthly, which was presented today to the aeroplane construction companies, are not granted today before noon. Tomorrow is the principal day of the aviation week, and a strike of the airmen will cause its failure.

It is said the wages of some of the professional aviators are as low as \$27.50 a month.

OUTCOME MAY REST WITH COMMITTEE

Taft-Roosevelt Footing Nearly Equal.

MANY POSSIBILITIES ARE SEEN

Seasoned Politicians Admit Inability to Forecast.

STAMPEDE IS POSSIBLE

Much Will Depend on Outcome in New Jersey—New York Herald Canvass Shows Situation to Be Nebulous.

HOPE FOR BILL WANES

Bourne's Parcel Post Measure Said to Have Little Chance.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 25.—A Washington dispatch printed in the New York Tribune today declares that Senator Bourne's parcel post bill probably will not become a law this session. According to this dispatch, Bourne has been threatening to hold up the postoffice appropriation bill for three weeks or more and then attach the parcel post bill as a rider, in the hope of forcing its adoption in this way. It being apparent that it cannot pass as a separate measure. The dispatch adds: "When Senator Bourne suggested that his committee would not report the postoffice bill for three weeks, the intimation was made politely that if it were not reported before that time it might be taken out of his hands. Hence the prospect of the Bourne parcel post bill for becoming a law at this session of Congress is dim and becomes dimmer each hot day."

LOS ANGELES FIRM COMES

Riverside-Portland Cement Company Files Incorporation Articles.

SALEM, Or., May 25.—(Special.)—Richard W. Montague, of Portland, today filed with the Secretary of State incorporation articles for the Riverside-Portland Cement Company. The company is capitalized at \$2,500,000. The Riverside-Portland Cement Company is a local business concern, incorporated under the laws of California, and the articles of incorporation are filed with the Secretary of State here to permit them to do business directly in the state, according to the explanation of Attorney Montague last night. The company has opened offices in the Railway Exchange building.

STEEPLEJACK FALLS FAR

William Dawley May Have Painted His Last Smokestack.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 25.—William Dawley, aged 55, a steeplejack widely known on the Pacific Coast, fell 75 feet today while painting the steel smokestack of a rendering plant on Harbor Island and was probably fatally injured. He was picked up unconscious, with some bones broken, and at the city hospital it is said he is unlikely to survive.

Belgian Airman Falls.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., May 25.—Victor de Youckheere, a Belgian aviator, one of the few who have crossed the English Channel in a monoplane, fell while making a trial flight here today and was caught under the wreckage of his machine. He escaped with bad cuts about the head and a severe shaking-up. The machine is a wreck.

BOMB AND BULLETS SOCIALIST THREAT

VIOLENCE PREDICTED IF ETOR IS CONVICTED.

Friends of Lawrence Strike Apostle Send Letters in Defense of Murder Charge.

LAWRENCE, Mass., May 25.—Socialist leaders here, who are trying to collect a fund for the defense of Joseph Etor, "the apostle of the Lawrence strike," declare that the conviction of Etor on the present charge of murder and rioting will precipitate a complete change in the programme and methods of Socialists throughout the United States.

Etor and his fellow-leader, Arturo Giovannini, stand in jeopardy of their lives on the murder charges. A circular letter now being sent out by friends of Etor says that the conviction of Etor would be a great calamity to those who advocate pacific labor methods. "It will therefore be bombs and bullets in truth," says the letter. "It has been a most difficult matter to hold the workers from striking here the last month, as a protest against the imprisonment of their leaders, but we have dreaded the public animosity if such a strike should occur."

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SHOWER PLAYS FAVORITES

.18 Inch Rain in 10 Minutes Hits Only Parts of City.

During a shower which lasted for 10 minutes yesterday afternoon .18 of an inch of rain fell, which, Weather Bureau records show, is unusual for this season. The shower "played favorites" and did not cover the entire city. While the gutters were filled to overflowing and pedestrians stood in doorways and under awnings to avoid the downpour in some parts of the city, there was not the slightest trace of rain in North Portland. The total precipitation for the afternoon was .24 of an inch.

FLEET MOBILIZED FOR DASH TO CUBA

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SPEED OF TITANIC ADMITTEDLY HIGH

LATEST TESTIMONY DAMAGING TO OFFICERS.

Chief Fireman of Wrecked Vessel Says That 19 of Boat's 24 Boilers Were Lighted.

NEW YORK, May 25.—New evidence purporting to show that the Titanic was going at full speed, with all but five of her 24 boilers lighted, on the night she met her fate, was given today aboard the White Star liner Olympic by Fred Barrett, former chief fireman of the Titanic, but now of the Olympic, to Senator William Alden Smith, chairman of the investigating committee.

Barrett said that he was in the forward compartment of the ship when she hit the iceberg. The water rushed in about two feet above the floor plates," said the fireman. "I jumped for the next compartment, No. 9, just as the watertight door closed. There were only two in the forward compartment who escaped. The rip was a long one. At the same time the red lights—danger signals—came up. Barrett then explained that the signal had previously shown white, indicating full speed. "How many boilers were lit?" asked Senator Smith. "All but five out of the 24," said the fireman. "I don't know, though, whether they were all connected up or not."

TITLE TO LAND AGITATES

Hawley Urges Settlement With Purchasers at \$2.50 an Acre.

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DARROW'S CASE IS AT CRITICAL STAGE

Much Depends Upon Ruling of Court.

WHOLESALE CHARGES RESISTED

Defense Would Limit Testimony to Single Issue.

LOCKWOOD PUT ON STAND

Talesman Testifies to Conversations With McNamara Defense Alleged Bribery.

CRITICAL POINT IS REACHED

Both sides admitted that a crisis had been reached in the case of the noted lawyer, who, as his chief counsel, Earl Rogers, said early in the preliminary proceedings, "is on trial for his name, reputation and everything he has on earth." A ruling against the admissibility of evidence showing alleged offenses other than the attempted corruption of Lockwood would be a serious setback to the prosecution and an important victory for the defense. With the exclusion of the evidence involved in the question, the state's case would be confined to questions germane only to the Lockwood case, which would hasten the end of the trial by at least a month. Each side appeared confident today that the ruling would be in its favor.

FLOOD OF EVIDENCE FURNISHED

A decision overruling the objection of the defense would let down the bars to the admission of a flood of evidence purporting to connect Darrow with wholesale corruption of jurors and witnesses in the trial of James B. McNamara, as indicated yesterday by District Attorney Fredericks in his opening statement to the jury. The defense began its real fight to clear Darrow when it opposed every step taken by the prosecution, with Court Clerk Monroe on the stand, to prove the pendency of the McNamara case and the legality of Lockwood's status as a prospective juror, when the alleged bribery was attempted. When Monroe resumed the stand this morning, he was cross-examined at length by Attorney Rogers concerning the drawing of Lockwood as a talesman, and the status of the many cases of alleged dynamiting not yet tried.

McManigal Indictment Ready.

Through the Darrow defense the indictments against Ortle E. McManigal, the informer in the McNamara case, were read into the records of the trial. Apparently it was the intention of Rogers to convey to the jury the impression that immunity had been granted to McManigal. Lockwood's summons to the witness stand came a half hour before adjournment. Walking erect and with his Grand Army button displayed on his coat lapel, Lockwood entered the courtroom and took the stand. He

CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ILLUSTRATES SOME EVENTS OF AN EXCEEDINGLY BUSY WEEK.

