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...S. G. DAWES ...D. P. NOMINEE

...Be Running Mate for ...lidge, Convention Decides Last Night.

...DEN FIRST CHOICE

...ed to Accept Nomination and Brigadier General ...as Elected on the Third Ballot.

(...ciated Press Leased Wire.)

...ETTA, Ohio, June 13. — ...and without oratorial flour...adier-General Dawes, in his ...blic address since he was ...ed by the republicans as ...e-presidential candidate told ... his friends and neighbors ...at "I have gratefully ac... this nomination, resolved ...atever it entails, I will do ...

(...iated Press Leased Wire.)

...ELAND, June 13. — The ... to elect President Cool...uccceed himself and Charles ... of Illinois to be vice-pre...ot formally under way to... organization of the repub...ional committee.

...epublican national conven...h started with almost de... calm, worked up steadily ...the three days of its ses... a roaring, precedent-set...ar last night and ended ...es that soothed the hearts ...imers.

...O. Lowden of Illinois had ...inated by an overwhelming ... had declined. That had ...ppened before in the par...ty, nor was it in accord... the convention manager's ...hen, after a recess to con... the last time Mr. Lowden's ...y reiterated declaration, ... and maria" general from ... was swept into the nomi... That too, had not been ... by leaders.

...ation of Coolidge was ac...ed at the morning session ...orous enthusiasm, only the ...n and North Dakota fol... of Senator La Follette dis... Everybody knew what was ... happen, and it did. Then ... business of selecting the ...idential candidate. Nobody ...hat was going to happen, ...ome thought they did.

...ss was taken after the nom... of President Coolidge to give ...ers another opportunity to ...ther on a vice-presidential ... When the afternoon ses...an however, sentiment was ...r crystallization and the ...lot carried 15 names, only ... which had been placed ... in nomination.

... delegates gathered for the ... sessions, handbills, post...s and other campaigning ... appeared. The floor soon ...ered, still puzzled leaders ... heads together, delega...ucused, individuals and ...ere urged, beseeched, ar...h.

...eard that Judge William S. ... of Iowa, was the favored ... Others heard the same ...out Senator Charles Curtis ...s. But while the nomina...re being placed before the ...n, the name of former ... Lowden, presented in spite ...rotestations, aroused the ...monstration.

... first ballot, Mr. Lowden ... 222 votes, Judge Kenyon ...eral Dawes 149, and Re...tive Theodore E. Burton ...

...dministration leaders made ... nominate Representative ...n the second ballot. Wil... Butler, campaign manager ...ident Coolidge was openly ... for him.

...de, however swept over...ly toward Lowden on the ...llot, and soon, in the midst ...confusion, delegation after ...n was striving for recogni...hange votes cast for others ... column. The final count ... 779 votes, Representative ...0; Kenyon 74, and Dawes ...

... Frank B. Willis of Ohio ...st the Lowden nomination ... unanimous. The only dis... from the Wisconsin sec... more confusion followed. ...an Mondell, managed to ... order and read an undated ...pared in advance by Mr. ...r presentation in event he ...inated. It was addressed ...nvention, expressed appre... the honor and declined ...ation.

...m by Senator Willis to lay ...table was lost. Represent...tin B. Madden of Illinois ... date of the letter. Chair...dell thereupon read an As...sociated Press despatch sent from Oregon, Illinois, Mr. Lowden's home, as "the most recent and authentic information," in his possession confirming the formers governor's statement.

Great disorder ensued, while the leaders tried to decide what to do. Charles B. Warren of Detroit, chairman of the resolutions committee, eventually managed to enable chairman Mondell to get a formal and final declaration from Mr. Lowden. This was done, Mr. Lowden's reply being presented to the chairman through the Associated Press and also by commercial telegraph.

While the delegates gathered for the last session to receive the Lowden reply and elect a candidate, the caucusing and maneuvering was issued on the floor. The drift was sufficiently toward General Dawes to cause convention managers to put in telephone calls for him at Marieta, Ohio, where he was visiting his sister. They wanted to make sure he would accept if nominated.

Mr. Butler, meanwhile, told Senator Reed of Pennsylvania:

"It can't be Dawes; it must be Hoover."

Senator Reed replied:

"It can't be done; it must be Dawes."

The convention was called to order shortly before 10 o'clock, Mr. Lowden's decision was accepted and the third ballot began.

Mr. Hoover's name appeared in the voting when Alabama, the first state on the list cast its ballots for him. The Dawes sweep was over-against 234½ for the commerce secretary.

Governor Cox of Massachusetts and Senator James E. Watson of Indiana moved that the general's nomination be made unanimous and again only the La Follette supporters dissented.

Chairman Mondell then was selected to head the committee to notify President Coolidge formally of his nomination, Representative Burton was made chairman to call on General Dawes and motions were adopted and the convention was ended. Both Mr. Lowden and Dawes were among those known to be satisfactory to President Coolidge as a running mate, and Butler in a statement issued after adjournment said he was well pleased.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MARIETTA, Ohio, June 13. — Flooded with congratulatory telegrams from all parts of the country and surrounded by his family and by the friends of his boyhood, Brigadier-General Charles G. Dawes, nominated republican vice-presidential candidate last night is planning to leave Marietta this afternoon for his home in Chicago, where preliminary plans for his participation will be made.

The nominee was enjoying a quiet reunion in the old Dawes homestead here with other members of his family, when word of the new honor came to him.

The first word of the nomination came over the radio through which the family circle were listening to the convention proceedings. As the landslide of votes started in his direction on the third ballot, the general pulled a little harder on the famous inverted pipe which played such a prominent part in the recent proceedings of the allied reparations committee but vouchsafed no hell and marias.

When the voice of the announcer officially declared his nomination his only comment was:

"Well, I declare!"

The general held a short informal reception with Marietta friends after the nomination, but denied himself to interviewers and refused to talk politics.

CLEVELAND, June 13.—Most of the 2,000 delegates and alternates who attended the republican national convention were on their way home today or were ready to start after a needed and welcome full quota of sleep.

With hundreds of visitors who came to Cleveland to see the big show, they began pouring out of the city within an hour after the convention ended on special and regular trains and in automobiles. The first special train leaving departed before midnight for New York and other points in the east.

Flag-draped buildings cleaning crews in the huge auditorium, rapidly thinning crowds in hotels, the

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...ATS GETTING READY

(...ciated Press Leased Wire.)

NE... June 13.—Governor Sm... ...aded the pre-convention ...ux of democratic leaders for the democratic national convention. He arrived last night. Today he plans to confer with Franklin Roosevelt, chairman of the convention for his nomination for the presidency.

James D. Brennan, will arrive Monday. It is expected that William Gibbs McAdoo will arrive next Monday. His campaign manager, David L. Rockwell, who has been in Cleveland as an observer of the republican convention is on the way here.

Cordell Hull, national democratic chairman arrived yesterday and took charge of the national headquarters.

DARING BANDITS LOOT MAIL TRAIN

Four Autoloads of Robbers Halt Express and Mail Train Last Night.

WAS A BOLD ROBBERY

Amount Taken First Estimated at Between One and Two Million Dollars But Probably Less.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 13.—Liberty bonds valued at $150,000 which were consigned to the federal reserve bank here, were a part of the loot stolen by bandits during the robbery of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train near Chicago Thursday night it was revealed here today.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

CHICAGO, June 13.—Authorities of several counties were watching all roads today for traces of four automobile loads of train robbers who robbed a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul express and mail train last night, carrying away a fortune in registered mail. Postal and bank officials, however, said the amount would be much less than early estimates which had ranged from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000.

Although the holdup was one of the most daring in railroad history, and was executed with precision and by a large band, the exact number of which has not been ascertained, A. E. Germer, chief post office inspector here, declared the loss would not exceed $100,000 in his opinion. Federal reserve bank officials said all shipments of currency and securities from the federal reserve bank of Chicago aggregated $75,000.

The train, en route from Chicago to St. Paul was stopped at Roundout, Ill., 32 miles north of Chicago. The train carrying eight mail coaches and two express cars, left Chicago at 9 o'clock last night.

Fifty minutes later the bandits took possession of it. In 55 minutes more they gathered between 40 and 45 pouches of registered mail and sped away into the darkness. Only one man was shot. He was a member of the robber gang, mistaken by one of his fellows for a member of the train crew.

Although the train carried more than 70 mail clerks and guards, all armed, only those in three coaches were compelled to face the guns of the robbers. These coaches carried the registered and first class mail.

The robbers forced their way into the cars by breaking the coach windows and throwing bombs filled with chlorine gas. The clerks and guards, nearly overcome by the deadly fumes were forced to open the doors and allow the robbers to enter.

MILWAUKEE, June 13—Sheriff's deputies and police, on motorcycles and in automobiles are patrolling all roads leading from Milwaukee in an effort to intercept the men who held up train number 57 on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad last night at Roundout Illinois. Engineer Steven Waite, in telling of the holdup, said, he overheard one man say to fireman E. J. Dibble, "We're going to get the soldier's bonus. We want that money and we're going to get it tonight and not wait 20 years."

WAUKEGAN, Ill., June 13. — A man giving the name of Charles Allen, who recently came here from Janesville, Wis., was held by the police today for questioning, in connection with the robbery of a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul mail train last night.

MILWAUKEE, June 13.—Engineer Waite said the first inkling he had that anything was wrong was when he felt someone slide into the seat behind him. "Someone climbed into the seat and something hard was prodded into my back," he said. "I turned to look into the face of a hard shelled fellow who ordered me to stop the train. Fireman Dibble was covered also and there was nothing left to do but comply." Waite said he brought the train to a stop and obeyed the orders given him by the robber who was covering him.

E. J. Dibble, the fireman, said he was inclined to fight until he heard shots fired. "When those first shots sounded, I must have moved my hands a bit higher for the robber who was behind me said "That's the boy, hold 'em nice and high." Dibble said the robbers took the engine crew to a point in front of one of their automobiles and guarded them there after cutting the air hose so that the brakes

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UMPQUA POST DRUM CORPS WINS PRIZE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, June 13.—The state convention of the Oregon department of the American Legion held business sessions today. Tonight the annual promenade of Le Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux will be held and state officers will be elected.

The drum corps from the Roseburg post of the American Legion won first prize, a silver cup in competition with other posts of the state. Eugene drum corps won second place and La Grande third. Roseburg scored 45 points, Eugene 42 and La Grande 40. The judges were Captain Hayes, Vancouver, B. C., Charles Starr and Rudolph Shutze.

Commander Stewart wired to The News-Review early this morning announcing the victory by the Umpqua American Legion drum corps and the word was soon passed around to those interested. Several telegrams were sent to the Roseburg Legion men congratulating them and one message signed by 30 prominent citizens was wired. Plans are under way for a homecoming reception for the drum corps.

The Associated Press office in Portland wired to The News-Review this morning that the Roseburg delegation had just passed by The Telegram building wearing their blue smocks and tams and blowing bugles and beating drums.

SLAYER OF GIRL IS HANGED TODAY

George Whitefield, Who Killed Ten Year Old Girl Pays Death Penalty.

LEAVES A STATEMENT

Holds No Resentment Toward Anyone—Walks to Scaffold With an Unfaltering Step.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WALLA WALLA, June 13.—With resentment against none and with steady, unfaltering nerve, George Edward Whitfield, 20 years of age, convicted murderer of Anna Nosko, 10 years old, Battleground school girl, went to his doom on the gallows at the state prison this morning at 4:38 o'clock, just as dawn was breaking in the east. He was pronounced dead at 4:44.

Whitefield was accompanied to the scaffold by the Rev. Father Steven Buckley, his spiritual adviser, who has been with him constantly for the past few weeks. Just before the noose was slipped around the doomed man's neck he was asked if there was anything he wished to say, and replied that he had no statement to make. He had previously written out a statement for the newspaperz.

During the earlier part of last night, Whitefield slept considerably and at 1 o'clock this morning he went to sleep again arousing at 3:30 o'clock. At 4:15 o'clock he asked for breakfast, and ate an egg, toast and coffee.

He walked to the gallows and mounted the steps with a steady and firm step. Only the two attending physicians and members of the official hanging party witnessed the execution.

Whitefield left the following statement with Father Buckley for publication:

"As I go to meet my God, in whose mercy and goodness I trust, I wish to express the following feelings in my heart. I firmly trust that the good God will forgive me my sins. I forgive all who have injured me and I hope that all whom I have injured will pardon me. There is no bitterness in my heart toward a single one of my fellow beings. I absolve from blame all who took part in my trial because I feel that they did what they thought was right.

"I am very grateful to my attorney, Mr. Lane, who has stood by me through all my troubles and to all others who have befriended me, and also to all the officers of this prison for they all treated me very kindly. I wish no one ill luck, but to the contrary, I wish one and all

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FORTY EIGHT DIE IN NAVY DISASTER

Lives Snuffed Out When Gun Flares Back on Dreadnaught Mississippi.

HAVING TARGET DRILL

Is the Fleet's Greatest Peace-Time Disaster—Not Known How Fatal Explosion Occurred.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN PEDRO, June 13. — U. S. S. Mississippi, self wounded giant of the Pacific fleet, in one of whose forward gun turrets, 48 men died in an explosion yesterday, today lies anchored outside the harbor breakwater.

Trained by their calling to face death, unexpected and sudden, her officers and men are removing the traces of the terrific blast of T. N. T. that swept their comrades into eternity.

Naval traditions, of the kind that cluster about the names of Faragut, DeCatur, John Paul Jones and other American sea fighters of the past, courage devotion to duty and modesty, flared brilliatly in the midst of yesterday's smoke and carnage.

A slim lad from Spokane, Ensign H. D. Smith, was first to crawl into the shattered gun turret that had become a tomb of the dead and a pocket of deadly gas in an effort to save anyone who might have escaped the explosion.

Today the little ensign will not talk beyond saying:

"I did only what any other man would have done."

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN PEDRO, Calif., June 13. — Friday, the thirteenth, and navy mourns its dead. Forty eight of them; three officers and 45 enlisted men, their lives snuffed out on the dreadnaught Mississippi, the fleet's greatest peace time disaster, a disaster that brought to tragic climax a week of sham battles and target practice.

Aboard the hospital ship relief lay the dead, killed by a premature explosion in the Mississippi's number 2 turret. Aboard the U. S. S. New Mexico, flagship of division four of the battle fleet, members of a naval board of inquiry prepared to open at 10 o'clock this morning.

Aboard the Mississippi, anchored outside the breakwater, officers and men watched the flame-shattered turret where a fourteen inch gun, with an as yet, unexploded charge jammed in its breech, meant that the danger of still another explosion had not yet passed.

It was the flareback from one of these guns that shot death in flames and poisonous gases back into the turret of its open breech.

A second, the breech locked, let loose in the harbor here as the Mississippi steamed home with its dead and injured from the drill grounds, and hurled a steel projectile dangerously near to an outbound passenger liner. Should the third gun's charge explode before it can be removed, however, it is believed that precautions already taken will render the firing harmless.

Just how the fatal explosion occurred was still under-determined, though from witnesses aboard the Mississippi and aboard other vessels near her, a fairly comprehensive picture of the accident was obtained.

The battleships Mississippi, Tennessee, Idaho, and California, the latter towing the target were 45 miles from here, and were engaging in secret gunnery practice.

The firing was under way. It was about 1 o'clock.

In the plotting room of the Mississippi, electric bulbs flashed one by one their signal and each gun was fired and reloaded.

Eight of twelve scheduled salvos had been fired, each rocking the great ship as the guns belched their steel at the target. After the eighth salvo other guns in other turrets reported ready for the next volley, but no flash came from turret number 2, near the bow of the ship.

In the plotting room anxiety grew.

Attempts to communicate with the turret failed. Then came a terse command:

"Flood the magazines!"

It was half an hour before any attempt could be made to enter the doomed turret.

There were eighty odd men there and 48 of them perished.

When the flareback from the first 14-inch gun came—officers say it may have been caused by a premature signal to throw the electric switch setting off the charge or by a still glowing fragment left in the breech, after the previous firing—the only avenues of escape were soon cut off by flames. Four men leaped through hatches to safety. All others in that part of the turret containing the guns suffocated in the atmosphere of flame, gas and poisonous fumes.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SAN PEDRO, June 13. — Heroic efforts to save the lives of the men in the turret number 2, as flames burst out, were made by Lieutenant Thomas E. Sellars, one of the three officers whose lives was snuffed out with the progressive burning of smokeless powder.

When the rescuing parties entered the death chamber they found the

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APPEALS SCHOOL BILL.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, June 13.—Attorney-General Van Winkle is today forwarding to District Attorney Stanley Myers of Multnomah county notice of appeal to the United States supreme court in the anti-private and parochial school bill case, together with bonds, and with his and Governor Pierce's signatures attached to the papers. Both the Hill Military Academy and the Sisters of the Holy Names cases are covered in the notice and bonds.

DEMOCRAT CENTRAL COMMITTEE ELECTS

Glenn V. Wemberly has been reelected by the Democratic Central Committee as county chairman for another term. Mr. Wimberly served in that position very successfully during the past term and was the unanimous choice of the committeemen again this year, in spite of his protest against taking the office. The meeting was held in the City Hall, and the other officers elected were, Mrs. Christina Micelli, secretary; J. E. McClintock, treasurer; J. R. Laswell, of Oakland, state central committeeman, and C. L. Chenoweth, of Oakland, Congressional committeeman.

The meeting of the democratic central committee, was well attended, committeemen being present from a large number of the precincts of the county. The chairman and secretary were authorized to fill in the vacancies and appoint committeemen in precincts where none were elected. This work is now being done.

Although no formal speeches were given, the members of the committee appear to be very enthusiastic over the party's chances for placing candidates in office during the coming general election. The party has practically a full ticket for county offices, and will make a vigorous campaign to put these candidates into office. The county organization will also do its best in fostering the state and national ticket.

ELKS' FLAG DAY PROGRAM SUNDAY

Exercises to Be Given at Court House Yard on the Evening of June 15.

CROWD IS EXPECTED

Annual Observance of Flag Day Will Be Featured by Out Door Ceremonies —Canaday Speaker.

The annual Flag Day exercises will be held at the Court House yard on Sunday evening, June 15, at 7:30 o'clock. The services are conducted under the auspices of the local Elks lodge which each year sees that the day is observed with proper ceremonies. This year it is expected that the program will be better than any presented recently, and owing to the fact that the event will take place out of doors, it is anticipated that the crowd will be large.

The committee in charge has arranged a good program, and will have the assistance of the Douglas County Concert band in addition to the other numbers to be presented.

The main address is to be made by H. A. Canaday, register of the Roseburg land office. Mr. Canaday is an excellent speaker and his message will be well worth hearing.

The official program for the flag day observance is as follows:

Selection—Douglas County Concert Band.
Introductory Exercises—Exalted Ruler and Officers.
History of the Flag—S. J. Shoemaker.
Selection—Band.
Song—Miss Gertrude Wickham.
Altar Services—Esquire and Officers.
Reading, "A Song For Flag Day—Miss Adeline Stewart.
Song—Miss Gertrude Wickham.
Elks' Tribute to Flag—L. J. Barnes.
Reading, "A Foreigner's Tribute to The Flag,"—Miss Adeline Stewart.
Patriotic Address—Hon. H. A. Canaday.
Affirmation of Pledge to Flag—Elks and Audience.
"Star Spangled Banner"—Band.

Miss Edna Davis left this morning for Salem where she will spend the remainder of the week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Davis.

William Dolan is spending several days in Portland visiting with friends and attending the Rose Festival. Mr. Dolan made the trip by automobile.

LATEST WIRE NEWS

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, June 13.—Phil Jackson of Portland has been appointed by Governor Pierce as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon. He succeeds the late Charles H. Fisher.

NEW YORK, June 13.—Three bandits today bound a Bronx jeweler and his salesmen and then ransacked the store, escaping with merchandise and cash valued at $43,500.

KLAMATH FALLS, June 13.—Eight vents emitting natural gas have suddenly opened in the dry bed of Tule Lake, 30 miles east of here. Tests by J. D. Howard, local geologist, show gas to be of paraffine variety. Flames more than a foot in length burning with intense heat are reported to have been obtained in tests.

The vents, or chimneys ranged in diameter, six to thirty inches and are several feet deep, Howard says.

Between August 5 and 10 last year, water disappeared from eight sections of Tule Lake bed. Howard contends that nature is now disproving some geologists' statements that this area is burnt out by volcanic action.

Three oil companies are now drilling on the same structure running through the lake bed.

KLAMATH FALLS, June 13.—Walter Tanksley, 18, son of G. W. Tanksley, special state prohibition officer, is under arrest here charged with having 20 gallons of liquor in his possession. Roy Tanksley, another son, was recently arrested and pleaded guilty to possession of a still, and was fined $1,000 and sentenced to 100 days in jail. Walter declared to Sheriff Lloyd Low when arrested that he was aiding his father bait a bootlegger. Tanksley, Sr., appeared at the time of the arrest and made the same statement. Tanksley is an appointee of Governor Pierce.

PORTLAND, Jun 3.—Charges by police officers that he had thrown red hot pennies to children yesterday caused Dr. Cyrus P. Johnson, dentist, to be sentenced to ten days in jail and fined $100 by Municipal Judge Stadler today. Johnson explained that it was a "common practice" to watch children jump when the pennies burned their fingers. Police reported two children with badly burned fingers and several others burned less seriously.

HARVARD STADIUM, Cambridge, Mass., June 13.—Charlie Paddock, sensational sprinter and Olympic 100 meter champion, won his first race in the trials of that event today, but was forced to equal the Olympic record of 10 6-0 seconds, but George Hill of Pennsylvania, intercollegiate champion, by inches in a thrilling battle.

Paddock was off like a flash but Hill matched stride with the famous Californian and it was only by the width of his chest that the champion broke the tape first, thus clinching his place in the semi-finals of the Olympic tryouts tomorrow.

"Soapy" Waters, Harvard ace, and intercollegiate half mile champion, hung up a brilliant performance in winning the first heat of the 800-meter trials in 1:53 6-10. Larry Brown of Philadelphia, former Penn star, and Ray Dodge of the Oregon Aggies, captured the other heats.

HARVARD STADIUM, Cambridge, Mass., June 13.—Charley Paddock, California flash and Olympic champion, sustained a running set-back today in the Olympic trials when he finished fourth in a 100 meter semi-final heat won by Jackson school, New York.