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ROOSEVELT ABSENT WHEN BULL MOOSERS CONVENT

COMMITTEE IS URGED TO TAKE UP BIG ISSUES

"AVOID PURELY PARTISAN MATTERS" IS ADVICE GIVEN COMMITTEE

NATIONAL BULL MOOSE COMMITTEE IN SESSION

Chicago, Denver and Cleveland Among Bidders for National Convention Which Will Likely Be Held One Day Week After the Democratic Gathering—Crisis Is Cited.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 11.—Preliminary steps in outlining the progressive campaign for 1916 on national issues, were taken today when the national committee of the progressive party met here.

Roosevelt Sends Advice. Asking Bullmoose committeemen to drop purely partisan considerations, Colonel Roosevelt wired a plea for preparedness. He declared the country faces a great crisis; that the nation has fallen far short of her duties in the past ten months. Didn't mention himself as a presidential candidate.

State, not national issues, were the basis for the fight last election, progressives cited. The progressive party was founded on national issues and its strength is there, party leaders asserted.

Many Towns Sid. Chicago, Denver and Cleveland were bidders for the Bull Moose National Convention in June. Predictions were that the convention will be held June 21, one week after the Democratic National convention at St. Louis.

Forty-seven national committeemen were to attend the meeting today. A task for the committeemen was to decide how many delegates from each state would be seated at the national convention, based upon the ratio of Roosevelt's vote in each state in 1912.

A difference between the committee meeting today and the impromptu conference that led to the bolt of the T. R. faction from the Republican party four years ago, was the absence of Roosevelt himself. Victor L. Murdock of Kansas, George W. Perkins of New York and Gov. Johnson of California, were mentioned today as presidential possibilities from the Bull Moose standpoint. A full ticket probably will be put in the national race in every state if possible.

It was predicted that President Wilson's preparedness policy will not be attacked by the Progressives, but that they probably will adopt a similar policy as one of their platform blanks.

Principals in Mohr Murder Case.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Mohr, wife of the murdered physician, whose trial began here yesterday, was Miss Elizabeth Tiffany Blair, formerly of Taunton, Mass. When Dr. Mohr first met her she was employed as a sales girl in a Providence department store. She was 19 and the doctor was 35 when they were introduced 11 years ago. Mrs. Mohr is tall and of medium weight with black hair and eyes. She is said to have a very emotional nature.

Closely connected with the principals in the tragedy are two other women, Miss Emily G. Burger, who was seriously wounded at the time of the murder, and Miss Florence Ormsby, who succeeded Miss Burger as Dr. Mohr's secretary. Miss Burger is 28, tall and good looking. Her father was a master brewer and now conducts a saloon in Huntington avenue. She worked at his office in Stewart street until last March when, she has stated, she was compelled to leave her position because of Dr. Mohr's attentions. Five days before the shooting she went to work for the doctor as his housekeeper at "Montpelier," his Newport villa, while his regular housekeeper was on a vacation.

Miss Ormsby, who is one of the state's star witnesses, is 19 and was born in Danbury, Conn. She will tell of alleged threats, oral and written, made against the doctor by his wife; and also of alleged threats to kill Miss Burger or disfigure her features with vitriol. Miss Ormsby was allowed to read and write confidential letters for the murdered physician and says she is familiar with all the threatening notes Mrs. Mohr is said to have sent her husband.

PORTLAND "DRY" FINDS VISITOR

LA GRANDE MAN NOTES FACTS AND FANCIES.

Varied Drinks but Lack "Kick" and "Pep" La Grande From Grill-room Dancing.

Portland, Jan. 9.—Yes, Portland is dry. No alcohol for chafing dishes in the grills is used. Bar rooms have been turned into eating houses, selling only such drinks as Sam-O, Red Hot, Solita, Golden Nectar and a few others. There are some who would not offend their beards by drinking at a camp meeting.

How does it affect things? At this time the answer is a guess for the time is short since the New Year revelry. But to hazard a guess, I would say the grill—the festive grill where the Bohemian spirit once prevailed—is like the American Indian—passing away.

For instance Saturday night in the Oregon grill I sat at a table from seven o'clock in the evening until 10 o'clock, just to see for myself how things looked. The cabaret girls sang as well as they could, the orchestra bore down on the strings and music was voluminous—and people just munched their food as they probably should do.

The best looking girl on the stage singing her latest song could not get enough applause to echo around one of the brick posts in the grill. Apparently, and very apparently the singing was out of place, the orchestra was like an extra piece of furniture in a parlor that the woman of the house never knows exactly where to put it. People were there to eat, not to go-goo-eye their neighbors at the table, not to hail with applause some pretty, petite girl who, had graduated from a cabaret school and knew a few graceful steps.

The grill is going, going and will soon be gone in Portland. To show how effectively the people swatted John Barleycorn and all of his cousins when they voted for prohibition, just read the list of drinks now furnished at the Oregon grill. Here it is:

Pitcher drinks that bring \$1.00 per large pitcher include: Loganberry juice, white grape juice.

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CABINET DINNER TODAY.

Second Appearance of Mrs. Wilson as Hostess Set Tonight.

Washington, Jan. 11.—President and Mrs. Wilson this evening will entertain Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, members of the cabinet and their wives and a number of intimate friends at dinner in the White House. The cabinet dinner is to be the second of the series of social functions of state to be celebrated at the Executive Mansion during the winter.

Dinner will be served at 8 in the state dining room. The guests will be grouped about the great dining table, the President seated in the center, with Mrs. Wilson opposite him.

On the President's right, Mrs. Marshall will sit with Mrs. Lansing on her left. The vice president and Secretary of State Lansing will be on the right and left, respectively of Mrs. Wilson. Other members of the cabinet, seated according to their rank, will be present as follows:

Treasury-Secretary and Mrs. William G. McAdoo; War Secretary and Mrs. Garrison; Attorney General and Mrs. Gregory; Postmaster General and Mrs. Buleson; Navy Secretary and Mrs. Daniels; Interior Secretary and Mrs. Lane; Agriculture Secretary and Mrs. Houston; Commerce Secretary and Mrs. Redfield and Labor Secretary and Mrs. William B. Wilson.

Peculiar Facts About Well Known People.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—Senator Norris of Nebraska frequently begins work at his office by 7:30 and never later than 8. He is a never ending marvel to official Washington, which for the most part, is not given to early business hours.

New Class Forms.

Secretary Clark announces two new classes in the Y. M. C. A. gym beginning tonight. These classes will be especially for young men desiring heavy apparatus work and special instruction in calisthenics and floor drills. A. W. Nelson has consented to take charge of the work. A wrestling match is scheduled for the near future which will prove of much interest. The meeting tonight will be preliminary and final organization takes place next Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

WEDDED LIKE PRESIDENT.



Mrs. Clarence J. McBeavy.

It has just become known that the same time President Wilson and Mrs. Galt were married in Washington, Ensign Clarence J. McBeavy slipped from the battleship Connecticut, which is in dry dock in Philadelphia, and ran off to wed Miss Phyllis Munday, one of Charles B. Dillingham's chorus girls. There was love at first sight two weeks ago when the young woman went aboard the vessel.

CUSICKS LOCATE HERE.

North Powder Family Buys La Grande Property This Week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cusick of North Powder while in the city Saturday of the E. Neilson acre tract and home, negotiated through the Geo. H. Curry Real Estate Agency, the purchase of U avenue, the consideration being \$1900, spot cash. This is one of the attractive homes in the Home Investment Addition, near the Greenwood school. Mr. and Mrs. Cusick expect to move into their new home next week. Mr. and Mrs. Neilson's only reason for selling, was that there was too much ground to take care of. They expect to remain in La Grande.

ELKS WILL GIVE SHOW

A Four-Act Military Drama on Evening of January 26.

The La Grande Lodge of Elks are arranging to present a dramatic entertainment on the evening of January 26. The title of the piece is the "Northern Lights," and it is a military drama in which Custer's Massacre forms the principal scenes and foundation of the play. There are thirty people in the cast and rehearsals are progressing very satisfactorily. The production is to be under the direction of Mr. C. M. Devere.

American "Talks Too Much."

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Germany is investigating alleged hostile statements by American Consul Higgins at Stuttgart, newspapers say.

WORST STORM IN YEARS HITS ENTIRE NORTHWEST

While La Grande's portion in the weather business today was ample sunshine and no wind, it is feeling the drop in temperature which prevails throughout the northwest. The government instruments registered two above zero as the minimum last night and stood at nine above at 10 o'clock this morning. At no time did it get above 25 during the day. Clear, sharp frosts that penetrate and endanger water pipes, is the forecast tonight.

Entire Northwest Shivers.

Portland, Jan. 11.—The entire northwest is gripped in severe cold. Thermometers in Portland hovered around 20 but there is little wind, and the sky is clear. Covered with ice, the steamer Yesamaru arrived from Yokohama after 31 days buffeting heavy seas.

Seattle Schools Close.

Seattle, Jan. 11.—Sharp northwind, blowing at a velocity of 30 to 40 miles an hour and a temperature at 14 above grips Seattle in the severest storm in seven years. On account of cold and lack of water, boilers are cut out of commission in many places and some schools didn't open. The wind wrought damage throughout the northwest. At Bellingham 10 above is reported.

Tacoma Shivers Awfully.

Tacoma, Jan. 11.—Mercury has dropped to 12 above, registering the coldest weather in many years. Fern-

NELL, JUST 12 BROUGHT SANTA THE LAST TIME

DEATH FASTENS GRIP ON MAMA WALKER AND NOW NELLIE IS MAMA.

DESTITUTE HOME IS VISITED BY DEATH

She Who Won Admiration of All Last Christmas, Now Must Accomplish Even Greater Tasks—Must Be Mother to Little Sisters and a Brother and Nurse Papa Besides.

When little Nellie Walker, aged 12, last Christmas week walked six miles through deep snow and biting cold to confer with Santa Claus in the Salvation Army barracks here with the purpose in view of insuring for her papa and mama and little brother and two sisters, isolated by mountain drifts, some token of Yuletide, she little dreamed that her Spartan act be one of the last deeds of her kindness by her best mother.

Nellie's mother is dead.

Shortly after the valiant effort to bring Santa into the desolate and destitute mountain cabin, Nellie's father concluded to move his family to La Grande. No sooner done than he was taken sick and all visible means of sustenance disappeared. The children too took sick and all suffered save mama—she was young and strong, and she kept the wolf from the door with one strong arm while the other fondled her loved ones, cooling the burning fevers and moistening the parched lips. Then her vitality snapped. Last Wednesday it became known the home was in need—that family pride kept charity organizations in ignorance of what was really going on within the barren walls of a scant two-room home on the northside. Some immediate help was forthcoming but then came the distress—the first real distress—mama took sick and in a few short hours was dead.

Home Is Destitute.

The grim Messenger of Death yesterday morning fluttered into a home where larders were empty and pantry bare. When mother's cold and stiffened body was taken in charge by the undertakers, there were a few potatoes in the home; these and nothing else, the heart-broken husband was laboriously preparing a breakfast for the motherless children. In spite of his illness he was taking the necessary steps to hold the motherless and wifeless home together—and he is trying even yet to keep his four little loved ones with him and so is Nell, for she too loves her sisters and brother, and her sick father, as only a girl of her disposition can. She will be a grand "Little Mother."

Help Is Given.

It was yesterday forenoon that the potato breakfast was being served—

FOLEY-HORAN NUPTIALS SET

CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW SOMETIME

Public Reception in the Evening Open to Friends of the Young Couple

A marriage license has been issued from the office of the county clerk to Pat Foley and Miss Mercedes E. Horan, both of La Grande.

The wedding is to take place tomorrow, but no particulars pertaining to the same are obtainable. This is a secret matter which is guarded and will not be given out. It is understood however, that the marriage will be solemnized by Father Driscoll and that it will be held in the Catholic church in which event it will be the first wedding in the new edifice. Wedding Reception Public.

The groom-to-be has verified, however, the statement that there will be a wedding reception in the evening at the residence of Mr. Foley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foley, on Fourth street. To this affair there is an open and unrestricted invitation to everybody. This invitation is to everybody—everybody in La Grande and in all the balance of the world.

DEATH OF ISAAC BAER.

Was Prominent Business Man of Baker for Many Years.

Baker, Jan. 11.—Death came almost without warning at 2:30 yesterday afternoon to Isaac Baer, one of Baker's best known business men. While he had not enjoyed the best of health for the past year, his condition was not regarded as critical. He had suffered several times with a gripe and was apparently getting along nicely, but a complication of his stomach trouble developed, which with a gripe is given as the cause of his death.

Deceased was 60 years of age, and had been in Eastern Oregon since 1875. He was born in Hoback, Germany. When he first came to this city he entered the employ of S. Ottenheimer & Company. Later he went to Peoria, Ill., where he was associated with Durkheimer Brothers and afterwards entered the firm and was in charge of the company's store at Burns. He returned to Baker eventually, where the firm of Ottenheimer-Baer & Co. was organized, the firm afterwards changing to the ownership of Baer & Sommer. When the Baer Mercantile company was organized by S. L. Baer, the deceased became a member of the corporation, which was his last business enterprise.

He was married to Miss Bertha Kahn of Portland, who survives him, and he also leaves three brothers, Samuel L. Baer, the pioneer merchant and banker of this city, Max of Pendleton and Heiman of Louisville, Kentucky.

served without butter, without bread or without the other delicacies that a sick man and little children ought to have. Olive Childers, who has come to be an angel of mercy in many a La Grande home, brought immediate relief, but her resources are overtaxed now—there is clothing to provide, food for tonight's dinner, medicine for the sick father and the funeral expenses of the mother. Although she doesn't know just where it is coming from, she has long since concluded that all needed was a little publicity and La Grande people would do the rest.

Funeral From Barracks.

It is peculiarly fitting that the remains of the mother should be laid to rest from the Salvation Army barracks where Santa Claus was met a few weeks ago, and where instant relief was found for the needy ones. Ensign Olive Childers will preach the sermon over the dead body, and Salvationists will escort the remains to the grave. But it will not be a pauper's grave—it will be a grave worthy of a trojan woman who gave her very life to keep together a family that was in need and whose pride forbade appeal for assistance.

Miss Childers will look after the family's needs until arrangements are made to give permanent relief.

Fresh Trouble in Greece.

Athens, Jan. 11.—Allied troops outside of a Bulgarian church in Saloniki, have arrested several teutonic sympathizers, suspected of espionage. This is expected to provoke a fresh protest from Greece.

Little News O' the Day.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 11.—Cut glass dishes will take the place of silver cups and blue ribbons for the owners of prize chickens at the State Fanciers' show, which began here tonight.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 11.—How watermelons ought to be prepared for shipment is to be gravely discussed by the State Railroad Commission here today.

Murphysboro, Ill., Jan. 11.—"Pull Illinois from the flames," was the slogan of 600 delegates to the Illinois Firmen's association here today. Resolutions will be adopted calling on Illinois cities to better equip their fire departments.

LABOR WILL ASSIST DRAFT

OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION WITHDRAWN BY LEADER IN COMMONS.

UNANIMOUS PASSAGE OF BILL DUE THIS EVENING

While England is Passing Her Conscription Bill, Pope is Carrying on a Plan to Make Peace by Feeding Belgium Demands in Peace Pact—Rescue Party Nearing Goal.

London, Jan. 11.—The conscription bill is up for a second reading with the understanding the debate will last two days.

J. Anderson, a Laborite, moved in the Commons a rejection of the conscription bill, but amid cheers, Labor Leader Thorne declared Anderson didn't represent views of the Laborites in the Commons. Redmond then announced Irish opposition to conscription has withdrawn.

This announcement made it apparently certain of an overwhelming passage tonight of the conscription bill. The fact Ireland is excluded from operation of the bill won several Irish leaders. Efforts were made to hold a conference tomorrow to have the bill pass as nearly unanimously as possible, to present a united front to the enemies.

Rome, Jan. 11.—Pope Benedict hopes to take the first practical steps this week. Cardinal Mercier of Belgium and Bishop Heylen of Namur, are expected to have an audience with the Pope, to explain Belgium terms of peace. His Holiness is expected to announce a preliminary peace terms, and it is understood he has notified combatants of this.

Recently Cardinal Hartman of Cologne, submitted Germany's terms of evacuation of Belgium. The Pope desired to learn Belgium's views and Germany readily consented to passage of the prelates to Rome.

Members of the Belgian relief committee at London are already here. It is understood the Vatican will solicit their views. The Pope plans to submit the Belgian terms to Germany, hoping to begin a series of compromises.

Trade to Be a Factor.

London, Jan. 11.—England may insert a clause in the final peace terms which will bind Germany's hands in commercial expansion. Commercial experts have suggested insertion of a clause whereby Germany will agree to refrain from export business for a period of years. Business men have approved the war against German trade and finance. The Board of Trade is inquiring into a general boycott agreement among the Allies, they refusing to buy German products after the war.

RESCUE IS BEGUN.

Believers Must Hew Way Through Turks to City of Kutelamara.

London, Jan. 11.—The British expedition of relief for beleaguered Kutelamara is now within seventeen miles of the town, it is reported. Turks, outnumbering them two to one, block the path and surround the town. Since dispatches which told of danger of British as a result of Saturday's fighting, no news of the fate of the garrison has reached here. It is regarded possible a decisive battle has already been fought.

It is reported relief forces under General Aylmer-Campbell are fighting the Turks at a bend in the Togriss river. Weather is impeding British progress. Believers must cut a way through heavy Turkish forces. Kutelamara is in a position to withstand a long siege because it served as a base in the recent Bagdad sally.

OKLAHOMAN LAID TO REST

Cancer of the Stomach Victim Leaves Family in This City.

This afternoon the remains of J. M. Longshore, aged 67, were laid to rest from the Bohnenkamp chapel. Mr. Longshore died yesterday morning after six years of almost constant illness with cancer of the stomach. It was during the last three months or so that he suffered the agonies of the afflicted. He came here from Walter, Oklahoma, about six years ago, having left a farm in the Southern state.

He is survived by his widow and four daughters and one son. All of them live in this city. The daughters are Mrs. Axel Lind, Mrs. Robert Rostoch, Mrs. Jake Rostoch and Grace Longshore. The son is James Longshore.

Rev. Tichner of the Baptist church officiated at the service this afternoon.