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REPUBLICANS NEAR CAMPAIGN CLIMAX

Taft Delegates Now Number 143

OPPOSITION IS SCATTERING

Number Expected to Pass 250 Mark This Week.

IOWA IS FALLING IN LINE

Four Out of Five Districts Are for President, and Delegation-at-Large Will Follow—Loyalty of Ohio Is Shown.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(Special.)—The Taft Bureau tonight sized up the developments of last week in the political campaign as follows:

"The climax of the Republican anti-convention campaign will soon be reached. Developments of this week leave the opposition to President Taft's renomination scattered and shattered. Results in New York, Indiana, Colorado, Mississippi and elsewhere will make the situation clear. The week just ended brought President Taft's convention strength to 143. This week will see it materially increased and by Saturday he will have passed the 250 mark.

Favorable Outcome Contended.
"Indiana's action, foreshadowed by the primaries, which turn the state convention over to the President's supporters and give him a majority of the districts. New York also has given so many preliminary evidences of her purpose—the New York City Republican Club's unanimous endorsement of the President being the most recent—that a favorable outcome is contended even by the opposition.

"Only eight delegates were elected last week, exclusive of ten in North Dakota, which Senator La Follette easily won at the primaries in a contest with Colonel Roosevelt. Colonel Roosevelt's North Dakota managers are associated with the results, and his participation of Democrats and Socialists in the primaries—a condition which President Taft has warned against in his discussion of primaries not properly safeguarded by law.

Taft Delegates Number 143.
"Of the eight delegates chosen, six were instructed for President Taft, with a contest promised in the case of two, and two are pledged to him. The total strength of the candidates is now recorded as follows: Taft, 143; Roosevelt, 15; La Follette, 16; Cummins, 2.
"Reports from Iowa continue to show the trend of popular favor and approval, county after county falling in line and assuring President Taft of the delegates-at-large, four of the five district conventions thus far held having instructed for him. Reports from Michigan, Missouri, Colorado and West Virginia show one county after another going on record for the President by instructing delegates to state and district conventions. In Michigan, Governor Osborn lost not only his home county but his city and ward as well and Taft delegates from the Tenth and Twelfth districts are now assured. In Missouri, the change for the President has come with sufficient force and conviction to wrest from Governor Hadley the announcement that any ambition he may have had to be the Vice-Presidential candidate of a ticket with another than President Taft as its head has been abandoned.

Home State Is For President.
"Kentucky went on record, through its state central committee, which endorsed the candidacy of President Taft. In Montana, Senator Dwyer and the state committee, by a vote of 27 to 10, on Saturday declared for Mr. Taft's renomination. Two Idaho counties, Kootenai and Clearwater, have chosen Taft delegates to the coming state convention.
"Ohio, the President's state, to which the opposition has been pleased to point as a hot-bed of anti-Taft sentiment, put a quietus on that declaration through the action of its 35 county chairmen. All but thirteen of these at a recent meeting went on record in praise of the Taft Administration and enthusiastic support of his renomination."

TWO BIG DEALS MADE

Purchases in Eugene but Beginning of Expected Marked Activity.

EUGENE, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Ex-Senator H. A. Booth on Saturday purchased a corner lot 54 by 80 feet at Eighth and Olive streets, near the center of the business section of the city for approximately \$125,000. At the same time I. H. Bingham, representing other parties, took an option on a lot across Eighth street and 160 feet to the westward, with a frontage of 22 feet.

Both these properties are on the line of the new double track railway being constructed across the city by the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway, and according to information received, are but forerunners of marked activity on this street in real estate. William McFarland sold the lot to Mr. Booth, and the Knights of Pythias lodge disposed of the lot to Bingham.

ONLY HEALTHY CAN MARRY IN CHURCH

CHICAGO CATHEDRAL TO TURN AWAY AILING TWAINS.

Clerics Loath to Unite Couples Whom They Believe Should Not Propagate Species.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Dean Walter T. Sumner, of the Episcopal Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, preached a sermon today upon the "Sacrament of Marriage," in which he made the following announcement:

"After consultation with Right Rev. C. P. Anderson, bishop of Chicago, and with his approval, Dean Sumner and his co-workers of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, have agreed upon an advanced policy with regard to the administration of marriage in the cathedral.

Beginning with Easter no person will be married in the cathedral unless they present a certificate of health from a reputable physician to the effect that they are normal physically and mentally and have neither an incurable nor a communicable disease. "This step is taken only after months of study of the situation and deliberation as to its advisability. It is believed that this stand will meet with the immediate sympathy of the clergy in the church at large, all of whom have long felt the undesirability of being party to the marriage of persons who, because of their physical condition, should never be allowed to enter into the marriage state and propagate their species."

3 "BOYS" GET \$10,000,000

Henry Phipps, Sr., Turns Pittsburgh Skyscrapers Over to Sons.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 24.—(Special.)—Ten million dollars' worth of Pittsburgh skyscrapers and other property was transferred yesterday afternoon by Henry Phipps, Sr., to his three sons, John F., Henry and Howard Phipps, all of Nassau County, New York. Phipps' representatives have refused to discuss the transfer in detail, but intimated that the father was actuated by the same purposes as was the case when he deeded to his "boys" his holdings in Chicago recently, which were valued at \$2,000,000.

At that time friends said that Phipps desired to be relieved of the worries incident to his vast real estate holdings and was shifting the burden to his sons.

RAYMOND TO CELEBRATE

South Bend Also to Honor Arrival of Electric Road.

RAYMOND, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—The Willapa Harbor Electric Company will formally place the new line between Raymond and South Bend in operation and preparations are now under way by the Raymond Commercial Club to commemorate this important event by a big celebration which will be held on April 6.

ALBANY STUDIES PAVING

Citizens Debate Regarding What Kind to Put Down.

ALBANY, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Albany is now engrossed in a discussion of various kinds of street paving and this question is halting plans for this year's extension of the city's paved street area.

TRAIN USED TO NAB 'BOOZE'

Officer Forces Engineer to Back Cars Two Miles for Him.

LEWISTON, Idaho, March 24.—(Special.)—Deputy United States Marshal Butler, of Winchester, today compelled the engineer on the Craigie Mountain Railway to back his train two miles down Craigie Mountain, reload a quantity of liquor that had been shipped into the reservation and haul it to Winchester.

FARMER IS 80, BRIDE 70

H. Wood and Mrs. Mary Cooper, of Albany, Get License to Wed.

ALBANY, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—Though he is 80 years old, H. Wood, a retired farmer of Albany, secured a marriage license last evening to wed Mrs. Mary Cooper, 70, of this city, who has lived the allotted three score years and 10.

This is Mr. Wood's second marriage and Mrs. Cooper's third matrimonial experience.

DYNAMITE-LADEN ENGINE WAR RAM

Wild Locomotive Deals Death to Federals.

INSURRECTOS DEFEND ACT

Rebel Chief Says Madero Commander Fired Saborash.

LOYAL LEADER IS WOUNDED

General Salas, Who Resigned Ministry of War to Take Field, Hurt in Fierce Fighting That Has Taken Place in 3 Days.

JIMENEZ, Mex., March 24.—The rebels after three days of fighting claim victory today. There are many dead on both sides. General Gonzales Salas, the federal leader and late Mexican Minister of War, is among the wounded. He resigned his portfolio to take the field.

Sixty of the federal dead were accounted for when the insurgents dynamited a light engine with 40 boxes of dynamite and sent it headlong into an oncoming armored train loaded with federal soldiers.

Rebels Capture Guns.

During the fighting around Escalon Friday and Saturday, the rebels captured two rapid fire guns. Last night General Campa fell back to the town of Corralitos, which is a few miles south of this city. Corralitos is built on an eminence and more easily defended than Escalon.

Dynamite Engine Turned Loose.

Campa secured a light engine and an engineer who agreed to accept the hazardous task of starting it after it had been loaded with the explosive. He ran it until a down grade was reached, and then, opening the throttle, jumped for his life. The wild locomotive tore down the track at terrific speed.

The engineer of the armored train saw his danger and stopped but could not escape the on-rushing menace. The latter telescoped the engine and first car of the Federal train and derailed the last two cars. At the same instant the dynamite exploded.

Wounded Declared Burned.

General Campa justified this method by declaring that in yesterday's fighting (Continued on Page 3.)

DRASTIC STRIKE ACTION PLANNED

BRITISH GOVERNMENT HOLDS TROOPS IN READINESS.

Premier's Determination and Fact That Many Are Starving May Bring Early Ending.

LONDON, March 24.—(Special.)—As significant of the intention of the government to use drastic measures in case the striking coal miners refuse to accept the minimum wage bill at tomorrow's conference between them and the mine owners, the Ninety-third Highlanders, who, owing to the strike have been detained for more than a week at Glasgow, have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness to go anywhere at a moment's notice.

It is believed that similar orders will be given to many regiments of the various parts of the kingdom. Whereas the gloomiest view was taken of the prospects of the coal war yesterday, matters are brightening today. The Premier's determination to end the strike, whatever the owners and miners agree upon tomorrow, together with the fact that many families are starving, is having an effect. Even the Welsh miners, who were the stubbornest section, are disheartened at their leaders' failure.

At the Brynkinnalt colliery, North Wales, 300 miners returned to work yesterday and brought to the surface 80 tons. Others are eager to return. It is thought that these mines will be in full working order tomorrow and this is expected to have a far-reaching effect. As the discontent has been growing in the last week where strike pay was stopped or reduced, many more will follow the Brynkinnalt miners' example.

ICE GORGES DYNAMITED

Mississippi Valley Flood Danger Increases Momentarily.

OMAHA, Neb., March 24.—Much anxiety is felt over the probability of floods in the Missouri River watershed. Railroads are expecting trouble. Dynamite with which to break up possible ice gorges has been distributed to various places.

There is more snow on the ground than for many years at this season. The river is ice-bound, but the ice is becoming weak and may go out at any time.

POTATO FAMINE FEARED

Already Citizens of Los Angeles Are Foregoing Tubers.

LOS ANGELES, March 24.—(Special.)—Southern California faces a most serious potato famine. It is known that there is less than a month's supply in sight, and the new crop in weeks late. The best tubers are selling for \$2.25, the cheapest at \$2.75 per 100 pounds. There is prospect of 5 cents a pound. Shipments from Oregon, Washington and Idaho are slow coming. People already are resorting to substitutes and may have two months without "spuds" with their steaks and chops.

DECISION UPHOLDS FEDERAL CONTROL

Burden of Justice Is Put on Railroads.

EFFECT IS FAR-REACHING

If State Makes Rate, Outside Cities May Gain Benefit.

ISSUE RAISED IN TEXAS

Interstate Commerce Commission Divided on Principle Laid Down. Minority Calls It Usurpation of Power.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Interstate Commerce Commission, in an opinion made public today, established the far-reaching principle that a railroad must so adjust its rates that justice shall be done between communities, regardless of state lines.

If a railroad makes a low rate upon traffic wholly within a state, even when forced to do so by a state commission, it must accord the same rate to interstate traffic moving under substantially similar conditions.

The principle was laid down by a vote of 4 to 3. The minority held that the powers of Congress were usurped by the majority opinion, and that the remedy for such a situation should be applied through additional legislation.

Issue of Authority Raised.

The case virtually precipitated a conflict between Federal and state authority over the control of interstate traffic. The opinion of the majority, by Commissioner Lane, is a definite assertion of the supremacy of National regulation over the powers exercised by any state. It is the first time this assertion has been made distinctly by the Commission. Chairman Profty and Commissioner Clark and Meyer concurred with Commissioner Lane, and Commissioners Clements, Harlan and McCord dissented.

A proceeding brought by the Louisiana Commission placed in issue the right of interstate carriers to discriminate in favor of state traffic and against interstate traffic.

Texas Rates Involved.

"The gravamen of complaint," the opinion says, "is that the carriers' demand makes rates out of Dallas and other Texas points into Eastern Texas which are much lower than those which they extend into Texas from Shreveport, La. A rate of 60 cents carries first-class traffic to the westward from Dallas, a distance of 160 (Continued on Page 3.)

FANNY CROSBY IS HAPPY AT 92 YEARS

BIRTHDAY FINDS BLIND WRITER OF HYMNS ASTIR.

"Right Thinking" Is Prescribed by Venerable Woman as Panacea for Advance of Years.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 24.—(Special.)—Fanny Crosby, the blind hymn writer, was up bright and early today to greet the ninety-second anniversary of her birth. No schoolgirl rejoicing on her sixteenth birthday was in sayer spirits than Miss Crosby. "Right thinking" is the panacea, Miss Crosby prescribed to her callers today for reaching a happy old age.

The home of her devoted niece, Mrs. Henry D. Booth, with whom Miss Crosby lives, was deluged with beautiful floral remembrances, while many letters and telegrams came to remind Miss Crosby of absent friends. "Right thinking," said Miss Crosby, "that's what keeps people young. You often hear doctors and physical culture faddists say that the mind cannot be healthy without a healthy body. Did you ever stop to think that the reverse may be equally true?"

WEST NOT TO INTERCEDE

Governor Will Not Commute Humphry's Sentence if Convicted.

SALEM, Or., March 24.—(Special.)—That he has never made any statement to the effect that he would not allow the Humphry brothers to hang and that a report in a recent issue of a Portland newspaper to that effect is incorrect, is the contents of a message sent by Governor West today to Sheriff Gallatier, of Benton County, in his message to the Governor said:

LAWYER NICOLL MENACED

Detectives Guard Home Following Threats of Blackmailers.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Detectives today guarded the home of Delaney Nicoll, counsel for Mortimer L. Schiff in the Polke E. Brandt case, and at present engaged as counsel for the defense in the "sugar trust" criminal trial here, and sought for traces of blackmailers who, in a letter to Mr. Nicoll two days ago, demanded instant payment of \$10,000.

Mr. Nicoll was warned that the last call was to come at 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, when, if he had not paid the money, something unpleasant would happen to him.

DEPUTIES' FUNERALS HELD

Hundreds of Persons Attend Services at Aberdeen.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—Funerals of Colin McKenzie and A. V. Elmer, alleged victims of John Tornow, took place here this afternoon. The funeral of McKenzie was conducted under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias and that of Elmer under the direction of the Masonic brotherhood. Several hundred persons attended each funeral, when, if he had not paid the money, something unpleasant would happen to him.

GREEK MURDERS PRINCE

Governor of Island of Samos Loses Life in Political Feud.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24.—Andree Kepsass Effendi, Prince Governor of the Island of Samos, was assassinated today by the Knights of the Assassins. The assassin was arrested. The crime was due to a political crusade against the Prince Governor, against whom the enmity of the Hellenic party in the island had been directed since his appointment as ruler by Turkey in 1907.

HYDRO-AEROPLANE UPSETS

American Aviator Hugh Robinson Is at Monte Carlo Meeting.

MONTE CARLO, March 24.—The international hydro-aeroplane meeting began here today. The American, Hugh Robinson, and the French aviator, Paulhan, gave fine exhibitions, rising from and alighting in a rough sea. The machine piloted by the Frenchman, Cunne, was capsized by a big wave, but Cunne was not injured.

KINGLY TOURIST GUARDED

Victor Emmanuel on Way to Venice to Meet Kaiser William.

ROME, March 24.—King Victor Emmanuel left here tonight for Venice, where he is to meet the German Emperor. Extraordinary police precautions were taken all along the route and at the station prior to the King's departure.

LAWRENCE STRIKE IS THING OF PAST

300,000 Textile Workers Get More Pay.

MOVE'S RESULTS HAILED

Consumer Will Bear Cost of Higher Wage Scale.

WOOLENS, COTTONS RISE

Peace Reigns Over New England Industry Except at New Bedford, Where Mill Hands Hold Out for 10 Per Cent Raise.

BOSTON, March 24.—The great Lawrence strike, which brought in its train increased wages for 275,000 textile workers in New England, was officially declared off today at all the mills in Lawrence, having accomplished its purpose, in the opinion of the leaders.

It generally is believed that advances in wages or reduction in hours of paper mill employees, bagging and burlap workers, machinists and operators in other industries, all are traceable to the movement which owed its origin in Lawrence. The number of persons thus to benefit is more than 300,000.

Pieces to Advance.
Advances in the price of woolen and cotton goods which have been made or which are in prospect probably will place upon the ultimate consumer much of the burden of the additional cost to the textile manufacturers. This will aggregate between ten and twelve million dollars in the next year, it is estimated.

Mill agents, in announcing advances in prices, have said frankly that the upward trend is the result of wage advances.

Present Rise Small.

The rise in the price of cotton goods announced up to today is comparatively small—a fraction of a cent a yard in most cases—but selling agents predict that the net advance to the retailer may reach two cents a yard. Some increased prices have been quoted on woolen goods and dealers predict higher prices next season.

New Bedford, where the manufacturer's association within a few days have refused to accede to the demands of their employes for an additional five per cent, has displaced Lawrence as the center of interest in the textile situation.

New Bedford Holds Out.

Unless the mill owners give the increase demanded within a few days, it is feared that a strike of from 25,000 to 29,000 operatives will ensue.

While an increase of five per cent has been offered, the New Bedford operatives are insistent that they receive 10 per cent. Secretary Devolt of the Manufacturers' Association has promised that the mill owners would decide early in the week, whether this should be granted.

The suggestion has been made that an immediate increase of 7½ per cent be given with a promise of an additional 2½ per cent on a given date. This may be the basis of a compromise.

SPRING OUTLOOK GOOD

Bingen, Wash., Reports Great Activity in All Lines of Work.

BINGEN, Wash., March 24.—(Special.)—This town and surrounding country are feeling the impetus of the fine Spring weather, both in labor and business circles. Men are going into the back country every day to clear land and to work in the different logging camps and power plants. Two miles west of here, the S. P. & S. road runs a large gang at work on a steel bridge over the White Salmon River, and, as they are employing principally local labor, the business men receive considerable trade as the result of the work.

The local box factory started operations a week ago, and soon will be running to its full capacity turning out strawberry boxes. The berry crop looks very promising at this time, and growers expect a bumper crop. District Supervisor Ed Sukasorf has a force of men and teams at work grading and improving the principal streets, giving the town a very prosperous appearance. Considerable building has been contracted for, and local dealers are unloading two cars of lumber in the yards today.

STOCKS HIGHEST OF YEAR

Business and Industrial Happenings All Contribute to Rise.

NEW YORK, March 24.—Prices of stocks during the week touched the highest level of the present year. The checks encountered and the rallying power displayed demonstrated that the market was controlled by forces making for the rise. The professional bear element was quick to retreat.

Actual happenings in the field of business and industry confirmed the reports of improvements on which the rise was based.

