

## CONVENTION PLAN WINNING SUPPORT

### Advocates Think They Have Majority.

## SOME OPPOSITION DEVELOPS

### Republican Committeemen Are Now Arriving in Washington.

## HILLES TO GIVE DINNER

### Real Issues Expected to Be Settled Before Affair Is Ended. Demand Made That Committee Go on Record.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Leading members of the Republican committee here to attend the committee meeting Tuesday expressed the belief tonight that a special convention of the Republican party probably would be called to reorganize its methods, change the basis of delegate apportionment and to consider the preparation of a new party platform that would unite its broken ranks.

Among nearly a dozen committeemen who arrived today several were of "open mind" as to the convention plan and one or two were outspoken against it. Several conferences were held today, however, and the statements of committee members who have been in communication with a majority of that body indicated that tentative plans have been made looking toward the calling of the convention and that the advocates of the plan believe they have a majority of the committee behind them.

Hilles Not Committed. Chairman Hilles has not yet indicated his own opinion as to the wisdom of a special party gathering. John T. Adams, of Iowa, and F. W. Estabrook, of New Hampshire, declared they had "open minds" on the plan. H. B. Maxson, of Nevada, was openly opposed to the convention, but Charles E. Warren, of Michigan, said he thought a majority of the committee would favor it.

The plan now in contemplation, if the committee decides to summon a convention, is to provide in the call that the various state committees shall control the method of selecting delegates except where there are state primary laws covering the subject. While the formal committee session does not begin until Tuesday morning, the fight over the convention will be inaugurated tomorrow night at a dinner to be given to the committee by Chairman Hilles. This dinner will be attended only by members of the committee and it is expected that the real issues of the convention will be settled before its conclusion. The committee session of Tuesday probably will be held with open doors.

## Some Fear Reopened Wounds.

The prospect of a fight in a convention for the adoption of a platform of party principles has been an important factor in strengthening the opposition of some committeemen who do not favor the project. Senator Cummins, ex-Governor Hadley, of Missouri, and other leaders of the conservative Republican forces have laid plans for a campaign to secure the adoption of a platform of marked progressive character. Several committee members insist that the summoning of a convention would reopen party wounds and would not operate to draw the divergent factions of the party together. "I believe it would be a political mistake to call a convention at this time," said Committeeman Maxson tonight. "I believe the National committee has full power to make any changes necessary in the party rules and I can see only trouble ahead of any special party gathering at this time."

## Committee Can Change Rules.

The law committee, through Chairman Warren, has made public its decision that the National committee may change the party rules without reference to a convention, but that the re-appointment of delegates can be made only by a convention. This decision probably will play an important part in the committee's deliberations and already has brought about a pronounced demand that the committee should register its decision as to the recognition of state primary laws, the term of service of National committee members and the relinquishment of the power held by the National committee to make up the "temporary roll" of the National convention.

Senator Borah, one of the "insurgents" at the stormy sessions of the National committee in Chicago in the summer of 1912, issued a statement to slight demands that the committee go on record as to these proposed changes in rules, whether or not it decided to call a convention.

## Borah Favors Declaration.

"The committee just now is the voice of the party and the members of the party generally expect a positive declaration on these and kindred matters from this body," said Senator Borah. "I hope to see the National committee at its coming meeting, whatever else it may decide to do or not to do with reference to the calling of a National convention, show that the committee itself has some views upon these questions and is not afraid to declare them in unequivocal terms."

"It should declare in favor of proper

## AIR-DRIVEN VEHICLE GAINS HIGH SPEED

### AIRACTO ALSO GOES THROUGH DEEP MUD, CLIMBING HILL.

### Vancouver Invention Ascends 30-Degree Incline Carrying Two Men—Small Engine Used.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—An air-propelled vehicle, a speed of more than 40 miles an hour was made here on Eleventh street today by Byron Fry, in a machine made by himself and Emil Komm.

Power for the flyer was developed from a motorcycle engine of four and one-fifth horsepower. This engine drives a six-foot aeroplano propeller with a five-foot pitch. The engine is mounted behind the blade over two motorcycle wheels and behind the engine, on the body of the car, is the driver's seat. A single wheel behind the seat sustains that end and is used in steering the car.

A pull of more than 20 pounds to the horsepower was generated by the blade. The machine attracted much attention. It pulled a load of 500 pounds through mud that was up to the axles. It also climbed an incline of 30 degrees with two men in the car.

## BILLS CHARGED TO FRIENDS

### Los Angeles Woman Caught After Beating Department Stores.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The police have solved the mystery of "the woman in black" who has been making purchases at the department stores and having them charged to customers. The woman was arrested and identified herself as the wife of James Canterbury, a furniture salesman, with many friends in social circles. With plenty of ready money, she toured the department stores at regular intervals, making heavy purchases, and was associated at a fashionable school, such as Mrs. Leo Youngworth, Mrs. W. B. Maxson, Mrs. Bernard Potter and Mrs. L. O. Crenshaw.

She was caught by accident. The identification was due to a pair of beautiful jet earrings that she wears. Mrs. Canterbury is the daughter of a well-to-do family in Minneapolis and was associated at a fashionable school there. She can give no motive for the thefts. Relatives furnished bail for her.

## ZELIE EMERSON IS JAILED

### American Disturber Held as London Police Rout Suffragettes.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The American suffragette, Miss Zelle Emerson, of Jackson, Mich., was the central figure of a furious scrimmage tonight between the police and suffragettes and their supporters in the Bow district. Miss Emerson and three men were arrested.

## CRETE ANNEXED BY GREECE

### King Constantine Runs Up Hellenic Flag Over Island Fort.

CANEA, Crete, Dec. 14.—Formal annexation of the island of Crete to Greece was carried out today with imposing ceremonies. King Constantine personally ran up the Hellenic flag over the fort. People flocked to the capital from all parts of the island and from Greece and tumultuously greeted the King, the Crown Prince, Premier Venizelos and the ministers.

## "NAVAL HOLIDAY" PLEAS

### Berlin Impressed by Large Majority in Washington.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The large majority by which the "naval holiday" resolution passed the American House of Representatives has attracted favorable comment from peace lovers in Germany. The attitude of the United States on the proposal that international naval construction be discontinued for one year is regarded as one of possibly far-reaching influence.

## WILSON LEAVES HIS BED

### Physician, However, Orders Precautions Against Fresh Cold.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—President Wilson, who has been suffering from a severe cold, was able to be out of bed today, but did not leave the White House and saw no callers. His physician, Dr. Cary T. Grayson, ordered cancelled all engagements, merely as a precaution, to prevent the President from taking cold anew.

## VILLA HOSTILE TO FOREIGN CONSULS

### German Is Threatened With Expulsion.

## DICTATORSHIP IS SET UP

### Rebel Leader Illiterate and Unreasoning, Say Refugees.

## RICH PROPERTY SEIZED

### General Placed in Charge of Big Department Store—Brewery and Other Spanish Interests Confiscated Outright.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 14.—Americans, Germans and Spaniards, who arrived today from Chihuahua, Mex., report that Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, virtually had constituted himself dictator there and that he refused to heed the requests of representatives of foreign governments.

They asserted that the rebel leader had seized \$5,000,000 worth of property belonging to foreigners; had put to death about twenty Mexican civilians, including Sergio Sanchez, a lawyer and former state official, and had commanded the American, German and British consuls to obey rebel orders.

The happenings in Chihuahua since Villa occupied the city on its evacuation by Federal troops, as given by the refugees, who numbered 1000 were: Villa seized a large department store valued at \$1,500,000 and owned by French, German, English and Spanish interests, but chiefly Spanish, and placed in command of the store General Chan, a rebel leader.

He also seized a brewery, a clothing factory and all the grocery and other stores owned by Spaniards, valued at \$2,500,000. He called a meeting of merchants of all nationalities and told them they must pay him sums of money, aggregating several million dollars, to support the revolution. He gave orders that the so-called Constitutional currency money should be accepted as currency.

## SPANIARDS ORDERED TO GO

Villa's expulsion of citizens of Spain, all of whom were progressive merchants, was on pain of death. At first he informed them they must be out of the country in five days, but later after an appeal to Harry Scobell, the British vice-consul, he extended that time to three days. The Spaniards were not allowed to take anything except personal effects and were told never to return. The capture and imprisonment of Luis Terraza, Jr., son of a rich land

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## BRITON HELD FOR RANSOM

### Mexican Outlaws Threaten to Kill English Mining Engineer.

QUADALAJARA, Mex., Dec. 14.—Louis Baird, an English engineer, who is assistant manager of the Espada Mines Company, an American concern, was taken prisoner Saturday by outlaws at the Espada camp, in the Hostipiquillo district, of the State of Jalisco, and is held for a ransom of 2000 pesos.

## CANADA TO EXCLUDE ALL

### Japan Notified of Three Months' Non-Discriminating Decree.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A dispatch from the Times from Tokio says that the Japanese government has been notified that Canada intends to prohibit all immigration to British Columbia for three months.

The correspondent adds that as there will be no discrimination against Orientals Japan cannot object.

## WALLACE OFFICE ROBBED OF \$17,000

### Thieves Vanish With Postoffice Coin.

## MONEY SENT TO BANKS GONE

### Safe Opened Without Damage to Door and Coin Taken.

## NO CLEW IS LEFT BEHIND

### Registered Mail Containing Three \$5000 Packages Sent From Spokane Are Missing When Office Is Opened in Morning.

WALLACE, Idaho, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Without leaving as much as a finger print as a clew, burglars last night robbed the local postoffice of a little more than \$17,000 and have apparently made good their escape. The robbery was committed sometime between 1:30 and 6 o'clock this morning. The registered mail on last night's Spokane train contained three \$5000 registered packages, consigned from the Old National Bank, of Spokane, to the First National Bank, of Mullan. The money was forwarded in order that the local institutions might be able to handle the pay checks of the Morning, Gold Hunter, Snow Storm and other mines of the Mullan district, which pay their employees on the 15th. Besides these registered packages, a remittance had just been received from the Burke postoffice, containing \$555, and the local office had on hand between \$1500 and \$2000, making the aggregate more than \$17,000.

It was necessary that the consignment to the Mullan bank be forwarded on the early morning train and the packages were placed in the safe. The local office closed at 1:30 this morning for the night. At 6 o'clock this morning nothing unusual was noticeable around the office when the postmaster and two clerks arrived. The safe being locked apparently the same as it had been left the night before. Postmaster Presley quickly noted the disappearance of the three registered packages and a hurried investigation followed, revealing the fact that they were missing and robbery had been committed. A thorough search of the office and all doors and windows did not reveal a single clew, as apparently they had not been molested. The safe had been opened without a scratch being made and had been as carefully relocked, the only thing noticeable being that the inner door had not been locked.

## LIME DOESN'T PURIFY VOTE

### Man's 7 Per Cent No Better Than Woman's 5, Says Suffragist.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Senator Helen King Robinson, of Colorado, told those who attended the tea of the Woman's Political Union today that to deprive women of the vote was like putting a cat in a bag. She said it was hard on the cat, but harder on the bag.

## TRAINS COLLIDE IN FOG

### Twelve Persons Injured, One Probably Fatally, on Santa Fe.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 14.—Twelve persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, today when the northbound Santa Fe passenger limited crashed into the rear end of another northbound passenger train 26 miles north of here. The injured included eight passengers and four railway employees.

## LOPEZ TRAPPED IS BELIEF

### Mine Level Thought to Hold Outlaw Sealed With Bulkhead.

BINGHAM, Utah, Dec. 14.—The Andy level at the Utah-Apex mine, in which Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men took refuge on November 27, was bulkheaded off today from the remainder of the mine. It is believed by the Sheriffs that Lopez is in this section of the mine and that tonight he is securely sealed up.

## SEND THE ANNUAL AWAY.

### Every year thousands of Oregonians send their friends in the East. They realize this big publication presents an unequalled opportunity to spread the news of the state's resources and development.

The result of this wide circulation of the Annual has been to attract great numbers of new citizens to Oregon, energetic people who come to share in our prosperity, to till the soil and to found new industries. The Annual carries a special appeal to men who would engage in agricultural pursuits, for it tells of the exceptional openings in dairying, stock raising and other lines of farming.

No one should miss the opportunity to mail a few copies of this edition. The price is 5 cents. Domestic postage is 5 cents; foreign postage, 10 cents.

## CHURCH FREE LUNCH WILL RIVAL SALOON

### SERMON WILL BE THROWN IN; ALSO SOFT SEATS.

### Cincinnati Preacher Thinks Lessons in Humanity May Be Learned From Liquor Sellers.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—To make the church as attractive to the needy and hungry as the saloon, Rev. A. N. Kelly has inaugurated a scheme of giving away free lunches at his church every evening from 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

Soup, coffee, sandwiches and cakes are served. After the free lunch there is a sermon. Those who have no place for the night will be invited to rest a bit in the soft plush seats. Mr. Kelly, defending the theory and practice of free lunch church, says: "There are some things we can learn from the saloonkeeper. The saloonkeeper knows men. A great many preachers do not."

"Men, especially the down-and-outs, do not go to the saloons just to become sordid. In the saloon they find warmth and cheer and food, all the down-and-out man immediately wants, even if it isn't all he needs. The saloonkeeper is successful because he is human. Churches to succeed should be human, too."

"If I didn't provide free lunch and warmth many of these fellows who are coming to my church would be going to the saloon. To compete with the saloon I serve a better lunch."

## INITIATE FOILS 'FRAT' PLAN

### Left Blindfolded Far From Home, Secreted Coin Buys Lodging.

Having been led blindfolded through the waters of Burnt Bridge Creek, in Clark County, by members of the Alpha Kappa Kappa, to which he was being initiated, Floyd Lawson, of Eugene, Ore., student in the medical college of the University of Oregon, Friday night was taken to a lonely point four miles from Vancouver, Wash., relieved of all the money in his pockets, and left to walk back to Portland.

Lawton, after learning his whereabouts, sat down, pulled off one of his shoes and extracted a \$5 gold piece, with which he paid for a night's lodging at Vancouver. He returned to the Alpha Kappa Kappa house, 773 Johnson street, as fresh as a daisy Saturday morning.

Lawton had put the coin in his shoe heel while preparing to become a member of the fraternity in order to meet possible emergencies.

Four other medical students were initiated into the fraternity in much the same way Friday night.

## FUNDS PRINCIPAL PROBLEM.

### "Oregon has declared for a good roads policy, and the coming year will see an inauguration of work by the state. In view of this a few months' difference in time of commencing work could make no particular difference as far as the taxpayers are concerned. If state road work could be launched at this time it would relieve the labor situation materially and would provide a splendid way of carrying the unemployed through to early spring, when the situation will take care of itself."

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## THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT HE BELIEVED

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## GOVERNOR PLANS TO EMPLOY IDLE

### Emergency Board Will Meet Thursday.

## \$50,000 MAY BE PROVIDED

### Plan Is to Advance Proposed Highway Improvements.

## OBJECT WORK NOT CHARITY

### Executive Says 500 Laborers Can Be Used for Two Months to Advantage, When Situation Will Take Care of Itself.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Governor West tonight called a meeting of the State Emergency Board for next Thursday morning, at which he will suggest that a deficiency of \$50,000 be created to give employment on public roads for the next two months to men now out of work. He figures that the money will provide employment for 500 men at \$2 a day and that the work will be of advantage to the state by hastening improvement of thoroughfares.

The decision to call the meeting was reached by the Governor after C. C. McCulloch, State Senator, Mr. West's representative at the meeting of the unemployed in Portland today, had made his report. Senator McCulloch said that the meeting was orderly and he was convinced that the men actually desired work. The Governor said if the proposed road work is undertaken it would have to be done in the regular way through the State Highway Commission.

Charity Is Condemned. In connection with his decision to call a meeting of the Emergency Board, the Governor said:

"The time has come when prompt action should be taken to relieve the labor situation in this state. At my request Senator McCulloch attended the public meeting held by the unemployed in Portland today. From what he reports, the meeting appears to have been orderly. It was made plain that the men were not seeking soup-house charity, but a chance to work and earn a reasonable wage."

"Our office has been attempting to find employment for some of these men upon farms, but with little or no success. The proposition of clearing land has been suggested, but presents many complications which make it hardly feasible under present circumstances and conditions. Road work therefore appears to me to open up the best avenue through which to handle the situation."

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