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REPUBLICANS PICK HARDING TO PRESIDE

Ohioan to Sound Key-note in June.

COMMITTEE IS UNANIMOUS

"Old Guard" and Progressive Wing Both Are Pleased.

CHOICE IS HELD LOGICAL

Election to Senate Accomplished as Republican With Cordial Support of Progressives of His Own State.

CHICAGO, April 7.—(Special.)—United States Senator Harding, of Ohio, was named today as the temporary chairman of the Republican National convention, which will meet in the Coliseum June 7. He is to be the official "keynote" for 1916. He was selected on the first ballot by unanimous consent when the National committee members making the convention arrangements gathered in the Congress Hotel. His selection is taken to mean that the Old Guard, who controlled the 1912 convention, will continue to be at least an influential factor in 1916. It was Senator Harding who placed Mr. Taft in nomination in 1912, when the Progressive split came about.

Harding Attracts Progressives. Senator Harding is known throughout the country as an orator of ability. He is sufficiently progressive to be wholly acceptable to the men who left the Republican party in 1912. He has been able to rally to his standard the Progressives of his native state—Ohio. Lafayette B. Gleason, of New York, was selected as secretary of the convention, a post he filled four years ago, and William F. Stone, of Maryland, was re-elected sergeant-at-arms. George L. Hart, of Virginia, was named the official reporter of the convention. The minor office selections show that the Old Guard is still in command, it is declared.

Roosevelt Influence Denied. Senator Harding was elected two years ago and is an ex-Lieutenant-Governor of Ohio, in which office he served in 1904 and 1905. He was the Republican nominee for Governor in his state in 1910, being defeated by Judson Harmon. Senator Harding is to be one of the speakers at the Hamilton Club annual dinner tomorrow night at Hotel La Salle.

Did the Roosevelt statement have any bearing on the selection of chairman? Chairman Hillis was asked, during the meeting.

"It did not," was the reply. "The 'mysterious stranger' from Missouri is going to get back in the Republican fold this year. Committee members Niedringhaus, of Missouri, brought this message. He told his colleagues there is no doubt in his mind that Missouri's going Republican. He came here fresh from the Missouri State convention, held yesterday."

Sub-Committee Is Named.

The sub-committee on arrangements is composed of Mr. Hillis, New York, chairman; Fred W. Estabrook, New Hampshire; James P. Goodrich, Indiana; Ralph H. Williams, Oregon; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Alvah H. Martin, Virginia; Thomas P. Niedringhaus, Missouri; Charles R. Warren, Michigan; John T. Adams, Iowa; Fred Stanley, Kansas; E. C. Duncan, North Carolina; George Sheldon, New York. Senator Harding will make his first public speech since his selection at the Hamilton Club dinner Saturday night. Henry B. Rathbone, chairman of the political action committee of the club, said:

"I made a trip East to procure Senator Harding for our keynote spokesman at the Appropriation-day banquet tomorrow night. His speech is looked forward to with great interest. We expect his opening gun to have some 'report.'"

Chairman Hillis Gratified.

Chairman Hillis in discussing the presidential situation expressed gratification at the endorsement at conventions and primaries of such old-line Republicans as Alvah H. Martin, of Virginia; Thomas B. Niedringhaus, of Missouri; and Charles R. Warren, of Virginia, all members of the National Committee of 1912, destined to be important figures in guiding the 1916 convention.

In the field against Senator Harding was the man to open the convention and make the keynote speech. On the keynote speech, leaders are agreed, rests much of the success of the party. It will either be an invitation to the Progressives to join the Republicans in an effort to defeat the Democratic candidate or will tell them to go their way, as they did in 1912.

Position Considered Logical.

It is believed that Senator Harding will be acceptable to the members and leaders of the late Progressive party. He was considered the logical man for the place by the committee because

BONES OF INDIAN WARRIOR'S FOUND

20 SKELETONS, LIKE SPOKES IN WHEEL, UNCOVERED.

Excavation for Building Reveals Battlefield Graveyard on River Bank at Oregon City.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—While excavating for a basement near the river bank, men employed by Frank Busch have uncovered 20 skeletons of Indians in one hole and expect to find at least 50 within a radius of 2 feet.

These bodies are supposed to be the remains of Indians killed in battle, for in one or two cases arrow heads have been found caught between the bones. The first trace of the bones was found early in the week when the workmen uncovered a skull. It was buried by itself, and Mr. Busch, who has studied the find carefully, believes that it belonged to a chief or leader. To prevent disturbing the bones, the workmen began excavating in another place, and today they found a hole with a radius of about six feet which, Mr. Busch estimates, contains the bones of at least 20 Indians. The skeletons are lying like the spokes of a wheel with the skulls in the center. Over the top of the grave was a thick hard crust of baked clay that was hardened like stone.

FARMERS WIN MILK WAR

Chicago Controversy Ends and Normal Supply Permitted Today.

CHICAGO, April 7.—The Chicago milk war was practically settled today, and within 24 hours it was predicted that the normal supply would be restored to the city, which uses 1,750,000 quarts a day. The result is asserted by the farmers to be a complete victory for them. They demanded an increase from \$1.23 1/2 per hundred pounds to \$1.55, and this apparently is the price they will get. Tonight all of the distributors except one had agreed to pay the higher price.

STORMS HAMPER BRITISH

Force Trying to Relieve Besieged Army Encounters Floods.

LONDON, April 7.—Stormy weather in Mesopotamia has complicated the situation along the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara, where a British relief force is fighting its way to the relief of General Townshend's beleaguered garrison at Kut-el-Amara and recently has made marked progress toward its goal, says a British official statement issued tonight.

A further rise of the Tigris, accentuating the flood conditions, also is reported.

REGISTRATION AGAIN LIGHT

Nine More Days Remain, Before Books Will Be Closed.

Only 735 registrations were recorded at the Courthouse yesterday, the lightest day's record for many weeks. The totals for a week past had all been over the 1000 mark. The total of registrations was brought to 54,088. Nine more days remain in which to register. Total registration by parties is as follows: Republican, 38,867; Democrat, 11,147; Independent, 1553; Prohibitionist, 1032; Socialist, 640; Progressive, 517.

INDIANS HOLD POTLATCH

Public Ceremony of Dividing Member's Estate Is Ancient Custom.

PENDLETON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—The old-time Indians of the Umatilla Reservation held a potlatch yesterday. This is a custom almost extinct and amounts to an administration of the personal effects of a dead Indian. When a member of the tribe dies without heirs it is customary for their friends to gather and divide the personal effects. This is made an occasion for feasting and various ceremonies are conducted, but these are seldom held in modern days.

BRITISH WILL NOT SAVE

Import Figures Show Economy Campaign to Be Failure.

LONDON, April 7.—The economy campaign for righting the balance of trade apparently is not progressing much at present, as the Board of Trade figures for March show that imports increased £10,650,000. Exports increased £7,422,000.

The chief increases in imports are in food and drink, £5,000,000; raw cotton, £2,000,000 and chemicals £1,250,000. The increase in exports is principally in manufactured articles, cotton and textiles showing a gain of £2,000,000.

INDIAN MAID OWNS AUTO

Isabelle Craig, of Umatilla Tribe, Is Cultured.

PENDLETON, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Isabelle Craig, 18-year-old daughter of Joe Craig, prominent Umatilla Indian, yesterday became the first Indian girl in this part of the country to own an automobile.

Miss Craig received a good education in English at the Catholic school on the reservation and is studying music at St. Joseph's Academy, in Pendleton.

GROUND EXCHANGED ALONG VERDUN LINE

Germans Shift Point of Attack.

FRENCH USE HAND GRENADES

Paris Says Long Battle Has Cost Foe 200,000 Men.

DETAILED FIGURES GIVEN

German Reinforcements Said to Have Been Frequent and Heavy. Corps Withdrawn, Reorganized, Suffers Again.

LONDON, April 7.—By a rapid charge in the direction of their attack the Germans today penetrated a first line French trench between Bethincourt and Chantancourt. The French, however, were busy with counter attacks. With hand grenades they retook portions of trenches captured by the Germans between Bethincourt and Hill 265. They also made progress in communicating trenches in the same section. A German attempt to rally out of Haucourt on a semicircle of a mile and a quarter was repulsed.

German Losses Huge.

The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public here today from a semi-official source. "The result of careful neutrality made in the highest quarters in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authenticated permit the giving of precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans and by us on the Verdun front," says the semi-official communication given to the Associated Press.

Two Army Corps Appear Twice.

"During the period from February 21, when the battle began, to April 1, it is known that two army corps, namely, the Third and Eighteenth, have been withdrawn from the front, having lost in the first attacks at least one-third of their force. They have reappeared since and have again suffered like losses."

"The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line. The total effectives of the Eighteenth Corps have in this way lost 17,000 men and the Third Corps has lost 22,000 men."

"Concerning the 121st division, which took possession of North Vaux about March 12, we have precise information. More than one-half of the seventh regiment of its reserves were put out of action by our machine guns in the ineffectual attack against the slopes of the fort. The 50th regiment met similar losses, of which the total reached 50 per cent of the regiment's effectives."

Regiments Suffer Heavily.

"The 19th German Infantry had also

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WHITE TEMPLE NOT TO GET DR. OWEN

BROOKLYNITE DECLINES CALL TO PORTLAND CHURCH.

Pressure Exerted by Congregation in East Defeats Plans to Fill Pastoral Vacancy Here.

NEW YORK, April 7.—(Special.)—Dr. William Russell Owen, pastor of Hanson Place Baptist Church of Brooklyn, today informed members of his congregation that under no circumstances would he accept the call that had been sent him by the First Baptist Church of Portland, Or. He also made known to his friends here that he had sent definite refusal of the Western pastorate to the Portland committee.

Frank E. Hilton, chairman of the pulpit committee of the White Temple, acknowledged yesterday that he had received Dr. Owen's answer, and that he would read it this morning to the other members of the committee. Formal call was sent to Dr. Owen last Thursday, March 30. H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. who went East a few weeks ago, interviewed Dr. Owen in behalf of the Portland church, and was favorably impressed with him.

GUN, SHELLS ARE MAILED

Evangelist in Trouble Sends for Weapon, Involving Postmaster.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 7.—(Special.)—A shotgun and ammunition sent through the mail from Hood River, Or., to Rev. W. S. Nichol, an evangelist, may cause trouble for the Hood River postmaster. Following an attack on the evangelist at Winlock, Monday, he sent to Hood River for the weapon. It was delivered Wednesday to the Winlock postmaster, whose suspicions were aroused and he forced Rev. Mr. Nichol to open it before him.

A fine of \$100, imprisonment for two years, or both, is provided as punishment for sending explosives through the mail. An even heavier penalty is provided for the postmaster who delivers such a package.

MAN ASKS STERILIZATION

Prisoner Makes Proposal to Escape Prison Term.

LOS ANGELES, April 7.—A proposal to submit to a sterilizing operation to save himself from a prison sentence, made by William Bowen, has been approved by Judge Gavin Craig in the Superior Court. It was announced today by Frederic H. Vercoe, public defender, and the operation will be performed next week at the County Hospital. Bowen has spent most of his 23 years in the custody of a court or in detention. He pleaded guilty two months ago to attacking a middle-aged woman. Judge Craig said he would consider probation after the operation.

2879 RECRUITS ACCEPTED

Nearly 12,000 Try to Enlist in United States Army.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The War Department announced today that up to noon last Wednesday 11,846 men had sought enlistment and 2879 had been accepted since recruiting began March 18 for 20,000 additional men authorized by Congress because of the Mexican situation. During the last week's recruiting 629 were accepted.

CARRANZA HAS NOT GIVEN PERMISSION

No Agreement Over Railroad Made.

DENIAL IS MADE INDIGNANTLY

Villa Meanwhile Located on Way to Parral.

TROOPERS' HOPES REVIVE

Chance of Another Brilliant Dash, This Time Reaching Bandit Leader Himself, Eagerly Discussed Along Boundary.

QUERETARO, Mex., April 7.—The Mexican government has not given the American Government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever, said General Carranza Aguilera, Mexican minister of foreign relations, after a meeting of the Carranza Cabinet today. At the Cabinet meeting General Carranza and his advisers discussed the modifications suggested by the United States in the recent proposals for an agreement for crossing the frontier by the armed forces of the respective governments. The latest proposals of the Washington State Department were received here yesterday, having been sent by Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican minister-designate to the United States.

Permission Denied Vigorously.

General Aguilera denied vigorously stories published in the American press to the effect that the Carranza government had given permission to the United States Army forces to use Mexican railways for transportation of food-stuffs and supplies. "Please rectify these false statements," said General Aguilera to the Associated Press. "The Mexican government has not given the American Government permission to use Mexican railways for any purpose whatever."

EL PASO, Tex., April 7.—Francisco Villa was definitely located at La Boquilla tonight in a code message received here from Torreon, Mex. La Boquilla is 55 miles southeast of Satevo and about an equal distance north of Parral.

Bandit Travels West.

The message said that the bandit had been at Santa Rosalia a couple of days, and from there had turned west to La Boquilla. Santa Rosalia is on the Mexican Central Railroad 80 miles southeast of Chihuahua City. It formerly was one of the most important mining towns in Central Chihuahua. Some millions of American dollars are said to have been invested in the Santa Rosalia mines and smelter, but the place has been practically deserted since Mexico's present troubles began.

From Santa Rosalia a short spur on the Central Railroad runs west to La Boquilla, about 20 miles distant. The latter place is the site of the famous Galiente hot springs, a health resort.

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OREGON LIVES ARE WORTH 130 MILLION

TWO HOME COMPANIES DO BUSINESS OF \$15,230,000.

Insurance Commissioner Discovers Total Loans Are \$11,000,000 and Bond Purchases \$6,500,000.

SALIENT, Or., April 7.—(Special.)—Business transacted by life insurance companies in Oregon last year, as shown by the advance report of State Insurance Commissioner Wells, issued today, amounted to \$138,445,000. Of this remarkable amount of business, \$130,685,000 was insurance on the lives of people in Oregon and the remainder was industrial business. The total number of policies in force in the state in all companies is 67,066 and, in addition to this, there are 55,631 industrial policies. The statement shows that the Oregon Life Insurance Company is fourth and the Columbia Life & Trust Company, the other Oregon company, is seventh in the total amount of business in force in the state. There are 53 companies transacting business in the state.

These two companies carry a total insurance of \$15,230,000. The total number of policies in force in these two companies is 7450, of which 2262 are new policies written last year. The total amount of premiums collected on all outstanding policies is \$143,571. They paid death claims amounting to \$78,485 and returned \$18,899 to policyholders. The life companies lent on real estate in Oregon approximately \$11,000,000, and have purchased more than \$6,500,000 worth of state, school and municipal bonds. Commissioner Wells' report shows that in 1915 there were 12,403 new policies issued, making a total of \$23,190,000 new insurance. New industrial business amounted to \$2,978,000.

BRITISH WIN IN AFRICA

German Force in Mountain Stronghold Taken by Surprise.

LONDON, April 7.—Another success for the British in East Africa is reported by Lieutenant-General Jan C. Smuts, commander of the British expedition operating against the Germans in the following dispatch: "As the result of a movement begun Monday, mounted troops under General Vanderventer successfully surprised a German force with machine guns stationed in a mountain stronghold in the Arusha region. This force was surrounded Tuesday and surrendered Thursday."

MILITIA MAY SEE ALASKA

California Citizen Tars Planning Cruise Aboard Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—The California Naval Militia will cruise to Sitka, Alaska, on the battleship Oregon this summer if the approval of the Navy Department is given, according to an announcement made here today. The cruise was decided on last night at a conference of officers of the Navy and the militia aboard the Oregon.

Alleged Liquor Sellers Arrested.

John Fitzgerald and Harry Bush were arrested at Sixth and Couch streets last night by Lieutenant Harms and Patrolmen Richards and Powell on a warrant charging them with violation of the prohibition law. They are accused of selling a quart of whiskey to C. L. Poage. Poage was arrested yesterday morning for disorderly conduct and is now a witness against Fitzgerald and Bush.

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DRUGGISTS DISCUSS ALCOHOL IN COURT

40 Attend at Call of Judge Langguth.

EVILS OF USE ILLUSTRATED

Trial of Three Drunks Is Occasion of Conference.

DEALERS SPLIT ON REMEDY

Opinion Is Divided Over Proposed Ordinance to Denature Ethyl Spirit or to Have Sale Entirely Prohibited.

Three disheveled "drunks," appearing for judgment in Municipal Court yesterday forenoon, were the instruments that brought the druggists of this city into conference with the court to abate the alcohol abuse. Before sentence was pronounced Municipal Judge Langguth passed the word to the pharmacists that their interests were involved, and the meeting resulted. Forty retail pharmacists of Portland, owners or managers of drugstores, and all members of the Portland Retail Druggists' Association, answered the call of their organization and assembled in the Municipal Court room at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Judge Cracks Tension.

In an opening talk Judge Langguth cracked the tension by stating the purpose of the conference. He asked the aid and advice of the pharmacists of Portland in framing an ordinance now being drafted by Deputy City Attorney Stanley Myers. The purpose of the proposed city law will be the abatement of alcohol drinking and removal of opportunity for the perjury of applicants who now procure it for drink.

Alcohol Drunks Traced.

The reduction of drunkenness since the first of the year, Judge Langguth declared, was gratifying to all good citizens. Yet the evil remained to some degree, and bade fair to flourish. Much of it, he believed, had been traced to the sale of alcohol by druggists to irresponsible applicants. He told of specific instances in which the deadly "kick" of the drink had been shown and of the long procession of "alcohol jags" with which the Municipal Court has dealt since he took the bench.

"It appears to be necessary for your own protection, as well as that of the victims," he told the pharmacists to cooperate with us on an ordinance to make alcohol undrinkable by adding something that will make the most dervy thirst refuse it."

Judge Langguth turned to the three prisoners, charged with drunkenness, who listened apathetically from the dock.

"What have you men to say to the druggists?" he demanded of them. "Speak up."

A white-haired man of 60 arose. "All I had to do was to ask the druggist for a quart of alcohol," he said. "I signed the affidavit and he gave it to me. No, sir, he did not read the affidavit to me."

When questioned, he admitted having had a drink before he entered the store. Another of the three stood up, one hand in pocket.

"I find it pretty easy to get," he testified. "Yes, I just got through with a rock-pile sentence. Yesterday another fellow, one I met at the rock-pile, got it for me."

One Not Penitent.

He admitted that he had been refused at the same drugstore, unless he could find someone to identify him. The third was not penitent at all. "Aw, what's the use of telling?" he answered. "They all know how we get it. I don't see any sense in it." The bailiff took them back to cells. Deputy District Attorney Myers announced that he had always been in favor of heavy sentences for drunkenness, with paroles if the offender showed the proper spirit later. Concerning the question whether or no the druggists' ignorance of the character of the applicant for alcohol would constitute a valid defense in court, Mr. Deich read a newspaper extract purporting to be the opinion of the Attorney-General. It was held that ignorance of the applicant's habits on the part of the defendant did not constitute a defense.

"I feel that I am more or less handicapped in handling liquor cases," the Deputy District Attorney pointedly remarked, "when the offender gets off with a 10 or 20-day sentence for drunkenness, after securing the liquor unlawfully. The rights of the majority are endangered by allowing 200 or 300 habitual drunkards to be let off with a valid defense. Most of the Portland druggists, he concluded, were anxious to follow the law closely."

Different View Given.

A different view was taken by Deputy Attorney Stadler, who looked upon the offenders as men who have lost their will-power. He classified the erring ones as "relies of the saloon days and the mooning habit." The assembled druggists were told that if they had been as careful as the law requires and taken a second look at many of the applicants the alcohol would not have been sold. "I think it is time for the druggists to take notice," said Mr. Stadler. "They should be as careful in alcohol sales."

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