

HUGHES' SECRETARY MAINTAINS SILENCE

Request to Repudiate Hitchcock Ignored.

PLEA MADE BY LONG DISTANCE

Republicans in Other Camps Baffled by Situation.

FRIENDS OF T. R. ACTIVE

Business Men of Illinois Start Move to Swing Delegation of That State to Burton—Marion Club Boosts Fairbanks.

CHICAGO, May 30.—(Special.)—According to the Chicago Tribune, Justice Hughes was besought today to repudiate Frank H. Hitchcock—If the ex-Postmaster-General is really acting for the Justice—or to disavow Hitchcock as being in position to appear in any capacity as representing Justice Hughes in the pre-nomination negotiations in Chicago.

The appeal to Washington was made over the long-distance telephone from the Congress Hotel. The name of the man at the Chicago end of the wire is not disclosed. It might have been Chairman Charles D. Hill.

Reply is Non-Committal. Washington's answer came from Justice Hughes' private secretary. It was to this effect:

"Justice Hughes cannot be disturbed by the matter at this time."

This non-committal reply baffled the Republicans who are trying to nominate a President and who have been getting madder every minute since the arrival Monday of Mr. Hitchcock, signalled by statements and interviews that tended to indicate that he is the recognized spokesman for the Hughes boom.

Friends of Hughes and men opposed to his nomination are equally angered at the tactics of Mr. Hitchcock, according to the evidence easily available along candidates' row. To quote a delegate-at-large, who is strongly for Hughes, "Hitchcock has spilled the beans."

Some Politicians See Crisis. Astute politicians are agreed that the precise situation that has been feared by the on-the-square Hughes men has arrived and that the crisis in the affairs of the Hughes boom is near at hand.

If Justice Hughes permits Mr. Hitchcock to remain as the governor-general of the Hughes movement, these experts figure, he is as good as an announced candidate and will have to come across with a statement of his position just as expected of any other candidate.

If the Justice does take cognizance of Mr. Hitchcock's statements and does repudiate him, the men who are playing the big game realize that he will have discredited Hitchcock and stands to lose the bunch of delegates, Southern and otherwise, that Mr. Hitchcock has pocketed supposedly for Hughes. Mr. Hitchcock was not perturbed by the disturbance or by the reports that went flying through headquarters row.

"The whole truth is," Mr. Hitchcock said, "that nobody can learn anything from the pre-convention crowd here now. The press agents are doing the talking, naturally for their employers. Justice Hughes will be nominated."

Roosevelt Forces Organized. Completion of an organization of business men in every state in the Union pledged to use their influence to induce delegates to the Republican National Convention to vote for Theodore Roosevelt as the party's nominee was announced today by Herbert L. Satterlee, acting manager of the Chicago Roosevelt headquarters.

J. Ogden Armour is head of the Roosevelt business men's organization in Illinois. The organization of the entire country by states was begun in New York eight days ago and is purely a volunteer movement, Mr. Satterlee explained.

It is expected the business men will render effective aid in Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and other states which have "favorite son" candidates for President in influencing delegates to support Roosevelt as a second choice in the convention.

Managers of the Hughes, Roosevelt, Cummins, Fairbanks, Weeks and Root campaigns have turned their attention to the contests over delegates which will be heard by the Republican National Committee beginning June 1.

There are 40 contests involving the seats of 82 delegates and the managers for the different candidates will closely watch the progress of the fights, especially those in the Southern States.

Woman Delegate Arrives. Mrs. Frank S. Lusk, of Missoula, Mont., elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention at a direct primary, arrived here today. She is instructed to vote for Senator Cummins.

Missionary work among Illinois delegates was started today on behalf of ex-Senator Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio.

The first move was the issuance from Burton headquarters of a number of statements of prominent Illinoisans, none of them delegates, boosting the Ohio favorite's son.

An official permit for the Marion Club of Indianapolis to march and burn red fire on any street in the city (Concluded on Page 7, Column 1.)

WOMAN OFFICIAL IS ASSAILED BY STAFF

CHARGES MADE AGAINST MRS. J. C. PRESTON, OF WASHINGTON

Two Resign From Educational Department, Declaring Head Incompetent and Abusive.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 30.—(Special.)—Insurgents against the administration of Josephine C. Preston, State Superintendent of Education, declared themselves today when Mary A. Bryan, deputy, and Lucile McKinney, stenographer, handed in their resignations. Both give as their reasons inability conscientiously to support Mrs. Preston for re-election.

Mrs. Bryan has been associated with the department for 15 years, part of the time with her husband, the late R. B. Bryan, formerly State Superintendent. In a statement issued with Mrs. Bryan's resignation she is quoted as saying that Mrs. Preston's administration has been characterized by mismanagement, abuse of women subordinates and extravagance.

According to the insurgent statement issued today, Mrs. Bryan is the 12th assistant to resign under Mrs. Preston, and the last of the office staff of 1912. It is asserted that the entire force now in the department has been appointed within the past year.

Mrs. Preston is understood to have canceled a trip through Eastern Washington for the purpose of returning to Olympia tonight in order to quell the uprising in which women mostly are engaged.

TOTS GO TO ALASKA ALONE

Little Girls Return to Home After Year at Oregon City Schools.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—Virginia Harbottle, aged 9 years, and her sister, Gladys, aged 5 years, left Sunday for White Horse, Yukon Territory, to join their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harbottle. They were accompanied as far as Seattle by their aunt, Mrs. G. F. Askew, but they will make the 1100-mile journey to their home alone. They made their Oregon City a year ago unaccompanied. The two girls have attended the Oregon City schools during the winter and were guests of their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bigger.

RECALL IN DOUGLAS FAILS

County School Supervisors Retained in \$100 Propositions.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—By a majority of more than 100 votes the members of the County Court were defeated in their attempt to recall the School Supervisors now employed in Douglas County.

The result of the vote means that the School Supervisors will retain their positions here for at least another year at a salary of \$100 per month. The recent vote of the School Directors regarding a continuation of the School Supervisor system here was initiated by the County Court.

MURDER EVIDENCE BARRED

Major Crime Testimony Not Allowed at Innes' Trial for Larceny.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 30.—An effort of the prosecution in the trial of Victor Innes, for larceny after trust, to introduce evidence that the defendant and his wife murdered Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis and Beatrice Nelms today when Judge Hill, after arguments by counsel, refused to admit it.

Innes is charged with fraudulently obtaining about \$4000 from Mrs. Nelms. He was acquitted of the murder charge in a Texas court several months ago.

NATIVE SON DIES AT 64

David M. Purkerson Was Pioneer Sheepman of Lane County.

EUGENE, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—David M. Purkerson, a native son of Oregon, aged 64 years, died at his home in Eugene last night following an attack of heart disease. For many years he was a pioneer sheepman, ranging bands on the Long Tom bottoms. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, Mrs. J. W. Clark, of Pendleton, and two sons, Garret and Grover Purkerson, residing in Eugene.

DIPLOMATS NOT TO VISIT

Secretary Grey Says Ambassador Spring-Rice's Work Satisfies.

LONDON, May 30.—On being asked in the House of Commons today whether any diplomatic visit to the United States on behalf of the British government had been determined upon, Foreign Secretary Grey replied in the negative.

"Ambassador Spring-Rice possesses the full confidence of the government," he added.

AUSTRIANS RENEW ATTACK

Italian Positions Bombarded, but Rome Reports Standing Ground.

ROME, via Paris, May 30.—The Austrians have resumed the offensive in the Posina zone and along the Upper Astico in the Southern Tyrol.

They attacked the Italian positions south of the Posina after violent artillery preparation, but according to tonight's official statement from the War Office, were unable to dislodge the defenders.

PACIFICISM IS WAR PERIL, SAYS T. R.

Peace Declared Raging on Mexican Border.

INVASION DECLARED POSSIBLE

This Year Is Declared One of Great Decision.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE URGED

America Would Be at Mercy of Army Half as Big as Force Attacking Dardanelles, Says Colonel at Kansas City.

KNIFE IS THROWN AT COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

KANSAS CITY, May 30.—While Colonel Roosevelt was riding in the Memorial day parade today an open pocket knife was thrown at him, hitting his secretary, John W. McGrath, on the arm. No arrest was made and the incident was regarded as trivial.

Another incident of the day was the arrest in the lobby of the Hotel Muehlbach of a man who said his name was Edward McDaniel and that his home was at Tulsa, Okla. He declared he had business with Colonel Roosevelt, and tried to force his way past the police guard. The police still were holding the man tonight, but no charges had been placed against him.

2 HURLED THROUGH DOOR

Sewer Gas at Sand Point Explodes and Three Are Burned.

SAND POINT, Idaho, May 29.—Three men were burned, two of them seriously, here today in an explosion of sewer gas, caused, it is believed, by a lighted candle.

Fred Helverson, employed at the city's septic tank pump station, was hurled ten feet through a narrow trapdoor in a sheet of flame. Ole Bendixson, although stunned at first and with his clothing on fire, managed to climb a ladder and was lifted out by Helverson. J. K. Ashley, Jr., city engineer, sustained minor injuries and burns by being blown through an open doorway.

Two British Vessels Sunk.

LONDON, May 30.—The British steamer Deogarh has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. The Deogarh was a vessel of 2265 tons and was owned in Newcastle. Last reports of the steamer showed her in the Tyne April 18. Lloyd's also announced tonight that the British steamer Southgirth has been sunk. Twenty-two of her crew were picked up. The Southgirth was a vessel of 2414 tons. She was built in 1891. Her home port was North Shields. Her recent movements are not given in available shipping records.

FOUR KILLED AT DEFENSE PARADE

WOODEN AWNING FALLS ON CROWD ON SIDEWALK.

Score Injured in Crash at Dallas, Tex.—All Are Members of Throng Watching Pageant.

DALLAS, Texas, May 30.—Four persons were killed when a wooden awning collapsed late today in front of a store in the heart of the business district while an immense crowd was witnessing a parade in favor of preparedness. The dead: Albert Cannon, aged 40, Mrs. F. P. Allen, aged 70, A. P. Lott, aged 60, Mildred Butler, aged 12.

A score of others were injured, several of them probably fatally. The crowd watching the parade had surged forward at the approach of a band. Persons standing on the awning, which was suspended by chains over the sidewalk, crowded near the edge and under the increased weight the structure crashed to the ground. At least a ton of bricks and mortar was torn loose from the wall behind.

The parade was one of the most popular demonstrations ever held in the Southwest. More than 25,000 persons were in line.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

Salt Lake Merchant and Son Dead. Car Demonstrator Is Dying.

AMERICAN FORK, Utah, May 30.—Two dead and one fatally injured was the toll taken today in an automobile wreck a mile east of here.

The driver, who, it was alleged, was learning to run the car, lost control and the machine turned turtle on a high embankment, striking a telegraph pole. The dead:

A. E. Rockhill, 37, merchant of Salt Lake, driver, who was killed.

Milton Rockhill, 12, son of Rockhill. Fatally injured.

J. B. Clark, car demonstrator, Salt Lake. Seriously injured.

Mrs. Ophelia Rockhill, wife of the dead man.

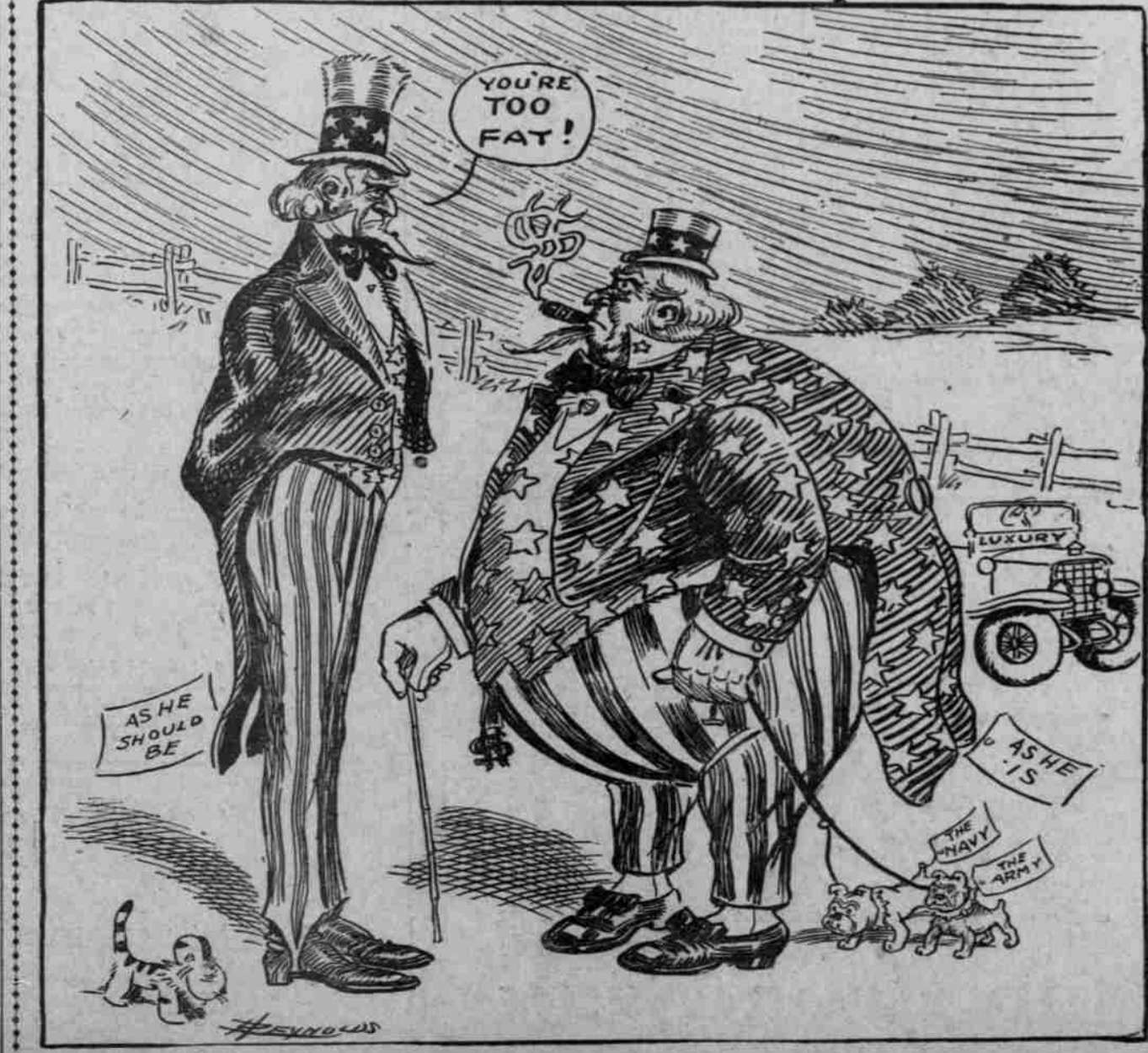
Slaughter Is Repeated.

Today's assaults were but the repetition of the slaughter that has gone on at Verdun since February 21. Even the ground of today's battle has been fought over incessantly for three months. The lines stand scarcely 1000 yards from where they stood then. They have been purchased at a cost of thousands of lives per foot, as one might purchase a Fifth-avenue frontage in New York, except that they come cheaper in lives than in dollars.

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TWINS!



MORE DEFENSES OF VERDUN GIVE WAY

Teutons Gain on Widest Front Yet Covered.

HILL 304 BELIEVED DOOMED

Observers Forecast Fall of Salient and Le Mort Homme.

SLAUGHTER IS REPEATED

German Loss Now Put at 400,000 and People, Suspecting Part of Truth, Declared to Be Feared by Military Powers.

LONDON, May 30.—(Special.)—More French defenses at Verdun gave way before German battering today. Advancing over the widest front yet covered west of the Meuse, the huge war machine of the Crown Prince settled down in fresh positions to renew the grinding process.

Paris admitted today the abandoning of Bethincourt-Cumieres road, which the Germans have been seeking to break since early in April. The War Office conceded losses in the Caurettes wood south of Cumieres and on the slopes of Le Mort Homme.

Censorship Stops Reports. Since then the curtain of censorship has been dropped on the operations at Verdun. The night communique is almost the briefest since the beginning of the attack. It gives no details, but confines itself to the terse statement that the "bombardment has been very violent in the region of Le Mort Homme and Cumieres."

Observers here believe this step is preparatory to the announcement of news which they have been expecting for some time—the evacuation of Le Mort Homme and Hill 304 by General Nivelle. It has always been a part of the French plan to sacrifice these positions after the Germans had bought them sufficiently dear.

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TILL TAYLOR IS TO BE KING JOY

PENDLETON PICKS PRESIDENT OF ROUNDUP FOR HONOR.

Cowboy Costume Will Be Worn by Sovereign When He Leads Pageant at Rose Festival.

PENDLETON, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—Till Taylor, Sheriff of Umatilla County, president of the Roundup and one of the most popular men in Eastern Oregon, has been selected as King of Joy of the Portland Rose Festival and the Columbia River Highway.

As King he will rule with Queen Muriel over the destinies of the Portland show and the ceremonies attending the dedication of the Columbia River Highway. Because of his position as head of the Roundup, his carriage on horseback and his wide friendship throughout the state, Pendleton was a unit in his choice of Mr. Taylor for the honor.

As King he will ride on horseback at the head of the Pendleton float in the civic, military and fraternal parade in cowboy costume.

Draft Engine Is Whirled Against Telephone Pole and Wrecked.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 30.—(Special.)—The Shasta Limited train of the O.-W. R. & N. Company narrowly escaped a wreck when N. Ricker drove a big traction engine down onto the double track railroad crossing in the north end of the city and had failed to notice that a train was in sight. The Shasta Limited tore out the whole front end of the tractor, landing it head end against a nearby telegraph pole.

Ricker was unhurt and the train is said to have gone speeding on its way without hesitating.

ROBINS TRAVEL BY TRAIN

Nest of Young Birds Found on Car Reaching Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 30.—(Special.)—When a boxcar was pulled into this city today for repairs, it was found that a robin had built her nest under the car and had hatched three young. When the car was pushed on the repair track the mother bird flew around, greatly excited, and could not be driven away. The men searched the car and found the nest. They put the nest in a small box, cut a hole in it and mailed it to a post.

The mother bird took possession immediately and is feeding her young numerous times daily.

JOHN MACNEILL GETS LIFE

Sinn Fein President Sentenced to Prison for Part in Revolt.

DUBLIN, via London, May 30.—Professor John MacNeill, president of the Sinn Fein volunteers, who last week was found guilty of complicity in the Irish revolt, has been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The sentence has been confirmed.

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PRESIDENT INSISTS ON FULL ALLEGIANCE

Foreign-Born Warned Not to Defy America.

YOUNG MEN URGED TO TRAIN

Mr. Wilson Says Nation Must Be First at All Costs.

'ACID TEST' TO BE APPLIED

Business Men Told That They Are to Be Asked Whether They Will Permit Employees to Volunteer for Service.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—President Wilson delivered a Memorial day address here today, in which he defined the spirit of America, warned citizens of foreign birth not to let themselves be misled by the purposes of the Nation, called upon young men to perform voluntary military service and defended his recent suggestion for an alliance of nations to preserve peace. He spoke at Arlington National Cemetery before an audience made up largely of Civil War veterans, who applauded him vigorously.

While he declared he had no harshness in his heart for Americans of foreign birth and expected them still to love the sources of their origin, the President said "America must come first in every purpose we entertain and every man must count upon being cast out of our confidence, cast out even of our tolerance, who does not submit to that great ruling principle."

Readiness to Fight Asserted. Speaking of America, made up out of all the peoples of the world, as the champion of the rights of mankind, he said:

"We are not only ready to co-operate, but we are ready to fight against any aggression, whether from within or without. But we must guard ourselves against any sort of aggression which would be unworthy of America. We are ready to fight for our rights when these rights are coincident with the rights of man and humanity."

The President reiterated his suggestion before the League to Enforce Peace last week that the United States was ready to become a partner in any alliance of the nations "which would guarantee public rights against selfish aggression." Of published criticisms reminding him that George Washington warned the Nation against "entangling alliances," he said:

"Disentangling Alliance" Favored. "I shall never myself consent to an entangling alliance, but would gladly consent to a disentangling alliance, an alliance which would disentangle the peoples of the world from those combinations in which they seek their separate and private interests and unite the people of the world to preserve the peace of the world upon a basis of common right and justice."

Universal training and preparedness were possible, Mr. Wilson declared, only if the Nation, in its attitude toward age will volunteer. He said the "acid test" was about to be applied to business men, too, whether they would allow their employees to volunteer. He said the Army reorganization bill now before him bristled with that interrogation point, whether the people of the country were ready to receive the homage of our respect and our honor. They belong to the age which is past, to a period the vital questions of which no longer vex the Nation, to a period of which it may be said that certain things which had been questionable in the affairs of the United States were once for all settled, disposed of, put behind us and in the course of time have almost been forgotten.

Work of Civil War Complete. Following is the text of the speech: "Whenever I seek to interpret the spirit of an occasion like this, I am led to reflection on the uses of memory. We are here today to recall a period of our history which in one sense is so remote that we no longer seem to keep the vital threads of it in our consciousness, and yet is so near that men who played heroic parts in it are still living, are still about us, are still here to receive the homage of our respect and our honor. They belong to the vital questions of which no longer vex the Nation, to a period of which it may be said that certain things which had been questionable in the affairs of the United States were once for all settled, disposed of, put behind us and in the course of time have almost been forgotten.

It was a singularly complete work that was performed by the processes of iron and blood at the time of the Civil War, and it is singular how the settlement has ruled our spirits since it was made. I see in this very audience men who fought in the Confederate ranks. I see them taking part in these exercises in the same spirit of sincere patriotism as the men who fought on this side of the Union, and I reflect how singular and how handsome a thing it is that wounds such as then were opened should be so completely healed, and that the spirit of America should so prevail over the spirit of division.

Internal Crisis Again Seen. "It is the all-prevailing and triumphant spirit of America which, by (Concluded on Page 5, Column 2.)