

MR. HUSTON QUIT
SENATORIAL RACERetirement Declared to Be
in Best Interest of
Party and State.

UNITY OF FACTIONS URGED

Candidate Announces Withdrawal
After Considering Letter From
Prominent Republicans
Urging Such Action.

State Senator S. B. Huston yesterday announced his withdrawal as a candidate for United States Senator on the Republican ticket. Senator Huston bases his action, which he has contemplated for more than a week, on patriotic grounds, supplemented by the hope that it may assist in unifying the party and insure the election from a Republican state of a Republican United States Senator.

Formal announcement of Senator Huston's retirement from the senatorial contest was made by him in response to a letter from S. Benson, Ben Selling, John McCourt, Stanley Jewett and more than 30 other prominent Republicans, who suggested the advisability of his withdrawal as a candidate. These Republicans based their proposal on the grounds of party unity, pointing out that if Senator Huston should decide to withdraw it would leave the field, so far as the Republican nomination was concerned, open to a fair contest between two candidates of apparently equal strength.

The authors of this letter further expressed the belief that the primary campaign would be so conducted by the two remaining candidates that the winner could count on the loyal support of his unsuccessful opponent to the end that the party might unquestionably elect its senatorial nominee in November.

Unity of Factions Urged.

The letter to Senator Huston follows: The men who sign this letter are Republicans who are all your personal friends, and many of them your supporters in your candidacy for the United States Senate. They recognize your eminent fitness for the high place to which you aspire, and they unite in the declaration that your nomination and election would be not only entirely satisfactory to them, but most creditable to the good judgment of the people of Oregon.

If there are any grounds upon which you have not identified yourself with your campaign, it has been either because of prior obligations to others or because a few have had their own reasons for keeping wholly out of the contest, in the expectation of supporting the primary choice. But we are agreed that harmony within the Republican party is most desirable, and we have viewed with satisfaction the serious trend of all old factions toward that result. We would contribute to that end by every proper way, and we address you this letter solely in that spirit and with that laudable purpose. It is our hope that your absolute sympathy with any suggestion or plan which may restore the Republican party to its proper position of influence and power.

Republican Triumph Predicted.

It has seemed to us that the senatorial contest, with three or four Republican candidates in the field and with certain disconcerting developments which it is not necessary to mention in detail, promises to disorganize the scheme of unity which has been so well indicated by party leaders, and we enthusiastically resolved by all Republicans and which means so much of benefit to the future.

We have to suggest that you retire from the senatorial race. We will not disguise from your own opinion that, as matters stand, you are not likely to be nominated, and we do not contemplate your probable defeat with any degree of equanimity. But the larger reason of harmony in the party is what is mainly in our minds. If your withdrawal involves any deliberate sacrifice of a worthy ambition as it does, we are sure that you are capable of making it, in the general party interest. Your retirement will leave the field open for a free and fair contest between two candidates of apparent equal strength, and such a contest may be, and will be, conducted in such manner that the nominee of the primary will have the good will and hearty support of the loser and his friends, and that the party through him may win a deserved triumph in November.

Political Situation Reviewed.

We have one Democrat in the Senate at Washington. We would do all we can to elect the possibility of having two Democrats in the Senate from this Republican state.

We shall hope that your response to our request will be favorable. Whatever your decision, we know that you will be guided by no motive of personal interest, but by the paramount sense of duty to your party and state.

We remain, with assurances of continued personal esteem:

(Signed) S. Benson, Ben Selling, John McCourt, Stanley Jewett, A. L. Mills, Emory O'Connell, E. C. Crawford, L. G. Clark, E. J. Jagger, F. Taylor, Edward Cook, W. H. Pike, Eugene R. Smith, Paul C. Murphy, Henry H. Hays, W. C. Corbett, Frank McCall, Henry H. Reed, W. P. Burrell, C. E. Russell, J. C. Almsworth, W. P. Oide, E. H. Wess, H. E. Bates, G. B. McCord, L. B. Seely, L. N. Fleischer, Paul Metcalf, J. H. Jones, John E. Leach, C. C. Colt, Phil Metcalf, Jr., H. R. Albee and Alma B. Katz.

The response of Senator Huston to the foregoing letter, in which he announced his withdrawal as a senatorial candidate, follows:

PORTLAND, April 26.—Messrs. S. Benson, Ben Selling, John McCourt, Stanley Jewett and others:

Gentlemen—Your letter has reached me in which an appeal is made to abandon my candidacy for the United States Senate at the present time on grounds which must appeal to the good judgment of every loyal Republican in the state. And such an appeal made at a time of great stress in the life of the Nation could but meet with immediate response on my part.

Last January I entered the campaign for the Republican nomination for United States Senator on a broad basis of patriotic service during a time of National and even worldwide emergency. I then felt that my experience and training would be of far greater service to my country in the Senate than in any other position. Even that idea I based my candidacy. For two months I have spent all my time visiting all sections of the state and meeting as many of my fellow citizens as possible.

Friends Advise Withdrawal.

About a week ago it appeared to me that in the interests of a larger citizenship I should cease the expenditure of money and the employment of my time and energy which would require so much physical energy to carry on the work which would end in November.

I have consulted with a number of friends, and they advise me that judgment in the matter is good, so I have determined to cease the campaign work and conserve my financial resources and my physical energy for broader use in the National emergency which is before us. I have two sons in the service, one of them on the battle line, the struggle on the western front makes it imperative for me to carry on effective political activity. Several days ago I practically made up my mind to announce abandonment of my political plans, and your letter of April 26 has convinced me that the proper course to pursue is to leave the political contest to other and younger men.

For 30 years I have lived in Oregon, and all the time of friendship and business and politics center in Portland. I have had only one purpose and that is to be of service to the state in any way possible, whether the position be obscure or prominent. I hope that in making this move I am doing the wise thing in the interest of my party and my state.

In my opinion, the war has only begun, and all the resources of the state and the Nation will be called into action before we can expect peace. At my age it is not practicable or desirable that I should go to the front, but I am ready to render and will

render here whatever of personal service or of financial support to the Government may be within my resources. It seems to me that I shall employ both to better advantage in the coming months than I could were I to remain in the political contest for the Senate.

With the kindest appreciation for the help I have had from loyal friends in all sections of the state, I have fully determined to step aside, and perhaps aid in the work of unifying the party and giving a Republican state a Republican Representative in the United States Senate.

TANKS DEAL OUT DEATH

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man prisoners state they never had seen the tanks before, although they had often heard of them. The greatest secrecy appears to have been maintained by the German higher command regarding these engines, so much that the infantry had not been trained to work with them in their initial appearance.

The German tanks sent into the fight at Villers-Bretonneux acted quite independently of the foot soldiers. Their business apparently was to search out the machine-gun nests and engage them. The fact that the crews of two of the tanks abandoned them when they got into trouble would seem to indicate that the personnel is not experienced.

Four German tanks came forward with the second attack at about 9 o'clock. Only one tank occurred between them and the British tanks. That was when the quartet came up against one big British machine and two smaller ones. Both of the latter had been damaged somewhat by the heavy machine gun fire, but the bigger machine forced the enemy to retreat and put one of the number out of action. The crew of this German tank fled as did that of another which afterward got stuck in the mud. Neither tank, however, was completely smashed and the enemy got them away later. Both the damaged British tanks were saved.

From statements made by prisoners, the correspondent is able to give an approximate description of the new tanks. It is about 36 feet long, 12 feet high and 12 feet wide. There is a central turret on top and the turret guns are of about 4 1/2 centimeters. These tanks also carry about six machine guns, which fire from the front, rear and both flanks. The track or caterpillar band upon which the tanks run, is driven around by several pairs of wheels. Armor plate gives the whole machine the appearance of a turtle or an inverted basin. The speed of these tanks across country is said to be very slow. On the highway it is reported to be much faster. One tank used on Wednesday had the same "Caterpillar" painted across the front and another bore the skull and cross bones.

FRENCH TANKMEN ARE BRAVE

Heroic Deeds Performed in Violent Battles Near Hangard.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 25.—Thrilling land battles between fleets of French and British tanks on one side and those of the Germans on the other were recorded for the first time in history Wednesday in the fierce struggles before Amiens.

A lieutenant with one of his men as a runner, mounted one French tank which had been abandoned and after setting it in motion reached Castel. On the way he attacked with the machine gun several large groups of Germans, putting many of them out of action. Eventually they returned safely to the French lines.

Sergeant Mouron, commanding another tank, noticing a German field battery retreating, followed it to attack the gunner. He was within the German line when his motor refused to work. The sergeant dismounted with his crew under a hurricane of rifle fire and detached the machine gun with which he repulsed a large force of Germans who attempted to approach, firing until the last round of cartridges was spent. The tank was wounded, but the sergeant gathered the injured men together and they made their way through thickets to the French position.

Both tank commanders received the Cross of the Legion of Honor on the battlefield.

A general idea of this resumed German offensive demonstrates that the enemy plan was to thrust at the junction of the French and British arms protecting Amiens with an intention of separating them. During the course of Tuesday night the Germans opened an artillery preparation of extreme intensity, having taken advantage of the respite in the fighting to bring forward many guns. At dawn on Wednesday morning the British started a counter bombardment. Shortly afterward the German infantry unsuccessfully attacked the line north of Villers-Bretonneux.

At the same time the French poured a barrage fire on the Germans advancing toward Hangard-en-Santerre. The fiercest fighting continued throughout Wednesday night and, as the result the enemy captured Villers-Bretonneux, except a few houses in the outskirts. The enemy then got within 500 yards of the eastern limits of Cacy and occupied Hangard Wood, while in Hangard itself they gained the cemetery and even reached the village, but the French would not give up. Simultaneously the Germans made some progress toward Halles. During Wednesday night the British firmly held their positions immediately around Villers-Bretonneux and regained some ground. Large German forces were thrown against Hangard and the village changed hands on several occasions, finally remaining in the possession of the Germans this morning.

20 METROPOLITAN
OPERA SINGERS OUT

German and Austrian Members Dismissed and Sedition Scrutiny Made.

PRIMA DONNA IS ACCUSED

New York Organization, Replying to Damage Suit of Margaret Arndt-Ober, Says She Was Dismissed Because Pro-German.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Twenty members of the Metropolitan Opera Company have been dismissed, after an investigation conducted by the company as to their citizenship, according to a message received here today from General Manager Gatti-Casazza, who is in Boston.

Robert Leonhardt, baritone, is reported as having said he received by telephone notice of his dismissal on the ground that the company "found it impossible to re-engage German or Austrian members for next season."

BOSTON, April 26.—The status of every member of the Metropolitan Opera Company, which is appearing here this week, is being investigated by the board of directors, it became known today.

William J. Guard, speaking for the company, said:

"Services of the personnel of the Metropolitan Opera Company, artist or other employee, concerning whose loyalty to the United States is in question, the company has no doubt exists, will be dispensed with by the management."

NEW YORK, April 26.—Charges that Madame Margaret Arndt-Ober, an opera prima donna, was "pro-German" and that her "attitude and public utterances against this country" were such that the Metropolitan Opera Company was compelled to discharge her because of the demand of "a strong public sentiment" are made in the company's answer to the \$50,000 suit for alleged breach of contract brought against it by the singer some time ago.

Sedition Charges Made.

The defendant's answer, filed today, declares that Madame Arndt-Ober has "her sympathies enlisted on behalf of the German cause" and that she has "at various times openly and outwardly manifested her hostility to the United States of America"; that she has "assailed the policy of its executive officers and impugned their good faith, and in public as well as in private" has shown "disrespect to the Government of the United States and to the cause it represents."

The opera company claims that the singer, born in Germany, has shown an intense hatred of the United States "by her conduct and utterances" and that she has "intentionally and maliciously" attacked upon the President and the Government. "The defendant company says, she was 'known and regarded as a hostile enemy alien.'"

SANTA FE, N. M., April 26.—Dr. John M. Birken, major of the United States Army connected with the Medical Corps at Camp Cody, N. M., held by the federal authorities on a disloyalty charge, was released today from the State Penitentiary here this afternoon on \$5000 bail furnished by friends in Lincoln, Neb.

Birken Once Mailed in Prison.

Birken's trial in the Federal Court here on a charge under the espionage act is set for May 13. A few days ago a band of convicts at the penitentiary tarred and feathered Birken.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Germans interned in this country are not being fed on the fat of the land while Americans are practicing self-denial, says a statement issued tonight by the Food Administration, but are being required to observe all the regulations of the Administration.

No Waste Permitted.

Their consumption of wheat is limited to one and a half pounds a week for each person. They receive other commodities in sufficient quantities to nourish them properly, but without waste.

German military prisoners receive the regular garrison ration of the United States Army, as required by international law, and American prisoners of war held in Germany are supposed to receive the garrison ration of the German army.

Stories which had been circulated to the effect that German prisoners were being lavishly fed were dismissed as German propaganda.

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