

ILLINOIS CALLED FRIENDLY TO WOOD

Delegation May Favor General as Second Choice.

DEMOCRATS FOR PALMER

Roger Sullivan Reported as Liking Attorney-General, According to Carter Field's View.

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(Political Correspondent New York Tribune. Published by Arrangement.) CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Illinois seems to be about the least doubtful state in the union. At the republican national convention, beyond the shadow of a doubt, she will cast her 54 votes for her favorite son, Governor Frank O. Lowden. At the San Francisco convention, unless there is some remarkable and unexpected change in the situation, her 54 delegates will vote for Attorney-General A. Mitchell Palmer. And her 27 electoral votes, unless there is a political landslide between now and November, will be cast for whoever the republicans nominate.

Illinois seems to be intensely proud of Governor Lowden. Politicians and business men of both parties alike sing his praises. The Democrats, apparently, can advance no reason why the republicans should not nominate him, except that the republicans would thereby be passing up an opportunity to capture some doubtful state by nominating its favorite son, whereas "anybody can carry Illinois on the Republican ticket." This last statement was made to me by one of the most prominent Democrats in the state.

Democrats Like Lowden. With a wonderfully enthusiastic organization covering Illinois, the Lowden people are reaching out into the surrounding states, particularly Michigan, Iowa and South Dakota. They are keeping hands off in Wisconsin, due to the La Follette situation, and in North Dakota, due to the non-partisan league situation. The Lowden women are organized under Mrs. Fletcher Dohy, who has in charge of their activities in the national fight.

Perhaps the best illustration of how the democrats in Illinois feel toward Governor Lowden is the fact that the democratic state convention in 1918 adopted a plank in its platform praising Lowden for his record as a war governor. The significance of this is enhanced by the fact that the plank was sponsored by Roger C. Sullivan, whose domination of the democratic party in Illinois is unquestioned. One of Mr. Sullivan's bitterest opponents in the party, however, in a confidential conversation today indorsed that plank in the democratic platform and praised Governor Lowden without stint.

In view of the strength of General Wood in other states with former Roosevelt men, the Lowden people point with pride to the fact that such men as Harold L. Ickes of Chicago, who was chairman of the progressive convention; Frank H. Funk, progressive candidate for governor in 1912; Senator Medill McCormick and George H. Porter of Chicago, close personal friends of President Roosevelt, are doing all they can for Lowden.

There is admittedly a great deal of Wood sentiment in the state, and the Wood people are confident the delegation will have at least liberal sprinkling of men who will jump to Wood if it should develop that Lowden cannot be nominated. This may or may not be true, but it is very obvious that Wood has not inherited the Roosevelt following in Illinois to anything like the extent that he has in some other states, such as Ohio.

Lowden to Win Primarily. Illinois has a preferential primary on May 10. It is not definitely settled yet whether General Wood will be entered. That will probably be determined by events in the meantime. However, the primary is not binding in its effect on the delegates. The state convention instructs its delegates from the districts, who are elected by the people and the convention also selects the "big four." There is no doubt whatever that the Lowden people will be in full control, nor, for that matter, that Lowden will win the primary if any other candidate enters to contest it with him.

The Wood people here are very optimistic, despite their being surrounded by favorite son enthusiasm. They point to the fact that six western governors have already come out for Wood: Burquist, Minnesota; Norbeck, South Dakota; Allen, Kansas; Shoup, Colorado; Campbell, Arizona; and Larrazola, New Mexico. They are very much cheered, also, with regard to the Iowa situation, a report having come in that Governor Hare of that state is for Wood. The Lowden people are very confident that Governor Harding is for their man.

James J. McGraw, national committeeman from Oklahoma, will arrive in a few days to take charge of Wood headquarters here, with Fred Stanley, national committeeman from Kansas, as his lieutenant.

The hotels here give the impression that the convention might be next week instead of on June 8. The Lowden people have suites at both the Congress and Auditorium, the Wood people have nearly one whole side of a corridor at the Congress. Coolidge headquarters will be opened in a few days, and both national committees have headquarters.

Sullivan for Palmer. On the Democratic side it is conceded by friends of the other candidates, although thus far no democratic candidate has developed any enthusiastic support here, that Roger Sullivan will take the delegation to San Francisco for A. Mitchell Palmer. Mr. Sullivan has made no secret of his friendship and admiration for the attorney-general. He is said not to be particularly friendly to McAdoo, although he has commented to friends that Palmer and McAdoo have more admirers than any other candidates mentioned so far for the presidency. He is known to be against the nomination of Herbert C. Hoover. So every one here assumes that the Illinois delegation will vote solidly for Palmer until he is nominated or it is conceded that he has no chance for the nomination.

Friends of the attorney general do not think that his injunctions against the coal strikers will hurt him. So every one, despite the large number of coal miners in Illinois. Despite the large foreign population of the state, and particularly of Chicago, they do not think his pressure for sedition bills will hurt him. On the other hand, there are prominent Democrats, but who probably will have little to do with naming the delegates, who think both these things would make it difficult for Palmer to carry any state in the middle western group, ex-

cept that Chicago is the sixth German city in the world is recalled. Ex-Senator James Hamilton Lewis has told friends that he would not be surprised to see the democratic convention pass over Palmer for the reason just stated, pass over McAdoo because of dissatisfaction with him on account of the railroad administration aftermath, which includes dissatisfaction on the part of the brotherhoods because their differential of pay was not maintained as against the other railroad workers; pass over Hoover because of political vulnerability, as to residence, and finally decide on Champ Clark or Governor Cox of Ohio. Clark, he suggested, as possible because they could gather to him all that opposed the president, while admirers of the president could be for him on the ground that he would carry out Mr. Wilson's policies. Governor Cox, in this line of thought, might be selected by the convention because of the supreme necessity of the democrats carrying Ohio.

Some Wilson Talk. Senator Lewis has surprised his friends also by declaring that it may be the logical thing at the time of the convention to renominate President Wilson, especially if there should be continuance of the wars in Europe, or they should grow worse.

However, it may be taken for granted that anything entirely unforeseen occurs, these thoughts will not affect the Illinois delegation to the democratic convention. It will be for Palmer, unless Roger Sullivan sees a great light of some sort in the meantime, and Mr. Sullivan is very seldom dazzled.

It should be recalled that although Sullivan had much to do with the nomination of Wilson in Baltimore in 1912, throwing the Illinois delegation to him at the psychological moment, President Wilson never manifested any gratitude. When the time came to distribute the plums it was Senator Lewis, ex-Mayor Carter Harrison and others, who had spent most of their political lives fighting the big fellow whose recommendations as to federal patronage were heeded at the White House. Then William Jennings Bryan, Wilson's cabinet premier at the time, actually stumped Illinois against Sullivan, when the Illinois boss ran for Senator in 1914. A strong administration senator, Owen of Oklahoma, joined Mr. Bryan in stumping against Sullivan.

Vice-Presidential Outlook. But when Mr. Palmer became a factor in the administration all this was changed. Mr. Sullivan's desires were no longer ruthlessly ignored. Since which time the democratic organization in Cook county has rather come to the conclusion that this man Palmer is one of keen perceptions and altogether of presidential caliber.

A discussion of the vice-presidential boom of ex-Senator Lewis, Harmony among the formerly discredited democratic elements has apparently been achieved and the Cook county organization can use Lewis. The former senator has a tremendous personal following of highly independent voters, especially in Chicago. He carried Cook county by a big majority in between two sweeps of the city of Chicago by Mayor Thompson on the republican ticket. Therefore the democratic organization is anxious that every bit of Lewis strength possible shall be contributed to the local Cook county ticket next fall. Even if Illinois goes republican and the national candidates go down to defeat, the Lewis strength might aid considerably in putting over the Cook county ticket.

Hence it is not at all unlikely that the Illinois delegation at San Francisco, headed and controlled by Roger Sullivan, Lewis' foe of years standing, may do its utmost to get Lewis nominated for vice-president.

TERRORIST TRIALS GO ON

PERSECUTION OF COMMUNISTS IN HUNGARY DENIED.

Count Apponyi Avers Arrests Are Being Made Only for Acts and Not for Opinions.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—The trial of a large number of terrorists will begin Monday. Count Apponyi, head of the Hungarian peace delegation, when asked if there was any persecution of communists, replied: "I have implicit confidence in the judges, who are moving so slowly that there have been only a few executions for murder so far, which is a small number when it is remembered that the communists killed several thousand persons. No body is being arrested for opinions, but for acts."

"Hungary is in a state of self-defense against the red terror, just as America, which is deporting bolsheviks. With semi-bolshevik governments at Vienna and Prague and also agents coming in from Russia all preparing to subvert the peace of Europe, we are bound to be careful."

The correspondent was allowed to visit the prison in which more than 2000 persons are awaiting trial. These include Professor Peter Agoston, ex-minister of foreign affairs. He said freedom had been guaranteed him by the British and Americans last August provided he would return from Vienna and help to overthrow Bela Kun. He did so, but was arrested in November.

Professor Agoston disclaims any complicity in the terrorist movement and representations are being made by the allies in his behalf. His hair turned gray while in prison.

BRITON WARNS PACKERS

Sharp Curtailment of Buying in American Markets Predicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The time has come when America and Great Britain should combine to rid themselves of the food speculator, especially in pork. The British food minister, Graham, chairman of the British food mission to the United States, told the special convention of the Institute of American Meat Packers here today.

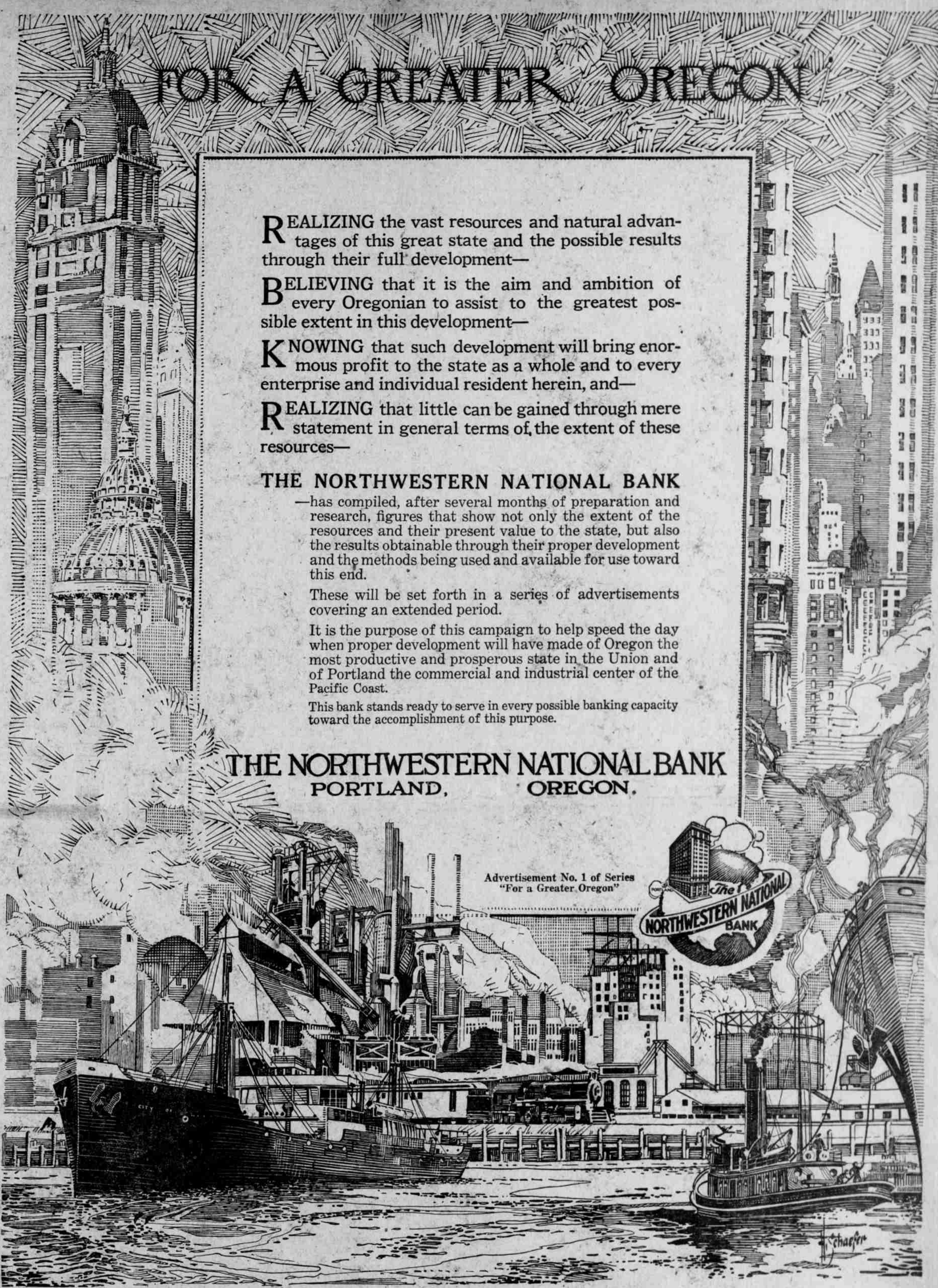
Great Britain was importing from America 8000 to 10,000 tons of food products weekly, but unless some way can be found of correcting the foreign exchange situation, there will be a sharp curtailment of British buying in American markets, he held.

Nearly six industrial fatalities occur in the United States daily on an average. Will J. French, chairman of the California industrial accident commission, told the packers.

Extra Tax for Teachers Voted Down

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—A special election was held in Goldendale, Saturday, January 31, for the purpose of levying a 3 mill tax in order to increase teachers' salaries and to meet other school expenses. The vote cast was 153 against the tax and 120 for it. The teachers asked for a \$180 bonus to be paid at the close of the school term.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The war department's attitude toward the sale of former German passenger liners used as transports during and after the war is that they should be operated under the American flag, and that their purchasers should agree to re-deliver them to the government in the event of a national emergency.

This was explained to the senate commerce committee by Brigadier-General Hines, chief of the army transport service, who said the army had millions of dollars worth of equipment in storage for use in refitting them as transports should the need arise.

General Hines told the committee that 12 of the 19 liners taken over by the war department had been returned to the board and that the others would be released as rapidly as the new army transports now building at Hog Island could be delivered.

Urging legislation to permit the transportation of commercial freight and passengers on army transports when space is available, and American commercial vessels are not available, General Hines said that the "soviet ark" Buford, which carried 249 radical aliens to Helsing, Finland, last month, had been offered a return cargo of wood pulp in that country. Although the material was badly needed in this country, she was unable to accept it because of lack of statutory authorization. General Hines added that a great deal of business would develop in the Pacific and on the Panama canal route if transports were allowed to handle it.

Presidents Gutierrez Inaugurated.

SAL SALVADOR, Republic of Salvador, Feb. 3.—General Rafael Lopez Gutierrez, who was elected president of the republic of Honduras in October last, was inaugurated yesterday.

Seminary Debate Team Formed.

MOUNT ANGEL COLLEGE, Mount Angel, Or., Feb. 3.—(Special.)—Herman B. Haeb of Tillamook, Or. Alois Jentges of Boise, Idaho and James Foley of St. Johns, Newfoundland,

will compose the Seminary team in the debate against the college department composed of Leslie Smith of St. Paul, Or., Francis Meyer of Baker and Dewey Campbell of Eugene, Or. After a spirited t

four of these students will be chosen to represent the college in public debating. Rev. P. Thomas, president of the college, is trying to arrange future debates with institutions of the surrounding country.

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