

WOOD NOW IN LEAD IN MINNESOTA FIGHT

General's Friends Are Active and Confident.

PALMER ALSO IN FRONT

Lynch Influence Makes Attorney-General Formidable Candidate. Hoover Sentiment Grows.

BY CARTER FIELD.

Political correspondent New York Tribune. Published by Arrangement. ST. PAUL, Jan. 28.—General Wood seems assured at present of the Minnesota delegation to the Chicago convention, or a majority of it. A Mitchell Palmer, attorney-general, seems assured of the democratic delegation to San Francisco. In both parties there are evidences of revolt against the party leaders, who on the republican side are for Wood and on the democratic side for Palmer, but the best opinion seems to be that no matter what happens now the delegations are pretty well lined up.

Herbert C. Hoover is worrying the strong party men of both sides considerably. There was general surprise at the meeting of the Northern Minnesota Editorial association at St. Cloud last Friday over the strength Hoover manifested. Several important country papers virtually have "flipped" to Hoover. For instance, the following appeared a day or two ago the Walker Pilot.

"Up to the present time 'The Pilot' has favored Leonard Wood as republican candidate for president, although this favoritism has never been publicly proclaimed. That was before Herbert Hoover's name was mentioned. If Herbert consents to become a candidate, we're for him. We're heartily weary of school teachers and theorists. Give us a man with brains and ability to use them. Hoover is not from the east nor from the west, but from America. He's the logical candidate."

Democrats for Palmer. There is also evident a strong drift toward Lowden, who probably will be the second choice of the Minnesota delegates. Several important country papers, notably the Dawson Sentinel, edited by Theodore Christensen, and the St. Cloud Journal-Press, have come out in favor of Lowden. The democratic situation in Minnesota can be briefly dismissed. Fred Lynch, the democratic national committee man, has been in the state for some years, and the federal jobs are held by men who will follow him. Mr. Lynch is a warm friend of Mr. Palmer, and Mr. Palmer's confidence in Mr. Lynch was demonstrated while Palmer was alien property custodian in connection with the huge property interests seized by the government to Mr. Lynch.

While there is a fight in the democratic organization against Lynch, it has not crystallized on any other presidential candidate. In addition, R. T. O'Connor, who heads the Tammany hall of St. Paul, with the difference that he wins all the time instead of only part of the time, while opposed generally to Lynch, is very close to Roger C. Sullivan of Illinois and is understood by his friends to be for whomever Sullivan is for. As there is no doubt that the path of Palmer, the path of the attorney-general is made much easier, and he is less apt to suffer by any fight which may be made on Lynch. The Bryan men have been doing a great deal of shouting in the weeks since the Jackson day dinner, but it is generally conceded that there is no practical chance of their landing any delegates. So it is pretty well mailed down for Mr. Palmer.

Wood Well in the Lead. On the republican side, Wood, while undoubtedly well in the lead, and while he probably will have the delegation, is being attacked from many angles by forces which may succeed in cutting down his lead enough to defeat the Wood delegates in a few districts, although, as stated, the chances are the delegation will be sold.

For instance, there is the Non-Partisan league. If it enters republican politics this state, and if it decides to do so, it can deliver three districts—the third, seventh and ninth—beyond any question to any candidate it decides on. As La Follette is very close to the league, and as it is expected he will make a fight for the Wisconsin delegation, it would be a surprise no one here if the league should decide to deliver these six delegates to him. Lowden strength may possibly result in the loss by Wood of the tenth district, which includes Lowden's birthplace, Sunrise. This is really not probable, only one of the threatening possibilities. Lowden's having been born at Sunrise works both ways. It is alleged by Wood men in this district that he has never cared enough for his old home to pay it an occasional visit, and that some of the people up there are a little resentful about this. He left Sunrise and Minnesota when he was 8 years old, so there was practically no opportunity for the best of sort of friendships in that community which are normally of value to a man running for office.

The La Follette danger also is not very great, since, while nobody knows just what A. C. Townley will decide the Non-Partisan league shall do, those normally the best guessers think he will stay out of national politics for the present and confine himself to his efforts to dominate Minnesota as he dominates North Dakota. Four years from now, they figure, if he should prove successful here and in other states where his organization has a strong hold, such as Nebraska and Idaho, the league would prove a power in national politics. Victory now, even in both

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him. A few settlers, naturally, maintain that his obligation did not end until his personal fortune, now said to be several million dollars, and which he still retains, had been exhausted. He doubtless views the matter differently; but, anyway, those democrats who were not consulted about the appointment regard that as one reason why the appointment is "most unfortunate." He feels, of course, that there were several other stockholders in the company who were equally obligated, and that he could not have been expected to shoulder the entire load.

There are several facts in support of his position, but these will not satisfy those who were ignored by Mr. Wilson in making such an unexpected and startling choice.

"What kind of a farmer is Meredith, anyway?" they inquire with grins that denote malice.

"Paper Farmer" Is Assertion. "Just a paper farmer," they assert in answer to their own question, which they follow with another query, "When did he ever get mud on his oxford?"

That depends it is that by reason of his manner in handling some important political appointments recently Mr. Wilson may have communicated to most of his sickle-bay, Dr. Grayson on some day not very remote "that the treaty has been ratified with the Lodge reservations."

Cautious, naturally, for political reasons those who would submit to an interview were still inclined to support the Lodge reservations, as they have been ever since reading the Grey letter. If these reservations are not objected to by Great Britain, the most powerful of our allies, why should we object to driving a better bargain for ourselves was their position.

There was an absence of that fear of the president which heretofore has marked any discussion of the treaty. The obvious reason, as stated frankly by one senator who fought to the last ditch for an unamended treaty, when the pact was last before the senate, is that the president so long confined to his bed chamber by a serious, if not critical illness, cannot be the judge of what is best either for the United States or the world.

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Mento Store Robbed. SOUTH BEND, Wash., Feb. 5.—(Special.)—F. W. Brigham's confectionery store at Menlo was robbed Tuesday night. An auto belonging to Dr. Anderson of this city was stolen earlier in the evening and it is thought the thieves were traveling in that. A poolroom at Iwaco is said also to have been robbed Tuesday night, the thieves getting \$93.

BRITISH FOOD HEAD QUILTS G. H. Roberts Follows Colleague G. N. Barnes in Resigning.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—G. H. Roberts, the British food administrator, has resigned, according to the Daily Sketch.

The newspaper adds that the resignation does not imply disension in the cabinet, but declares it was prompted by the example set by Mr. Roberts' labor colleague, George Nicoll Barnes, minister without portfolio, with whom he joined the cabinet and who resigned last month.

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