

HARDING LEADS WOOD

MISSOURI FIGHT

General's Friends Forced to Combat Republican "Big 4."

LOWDEN MEN HOPEFUL

Democrats United Only in Opposition to Wilson—Bryan Is Still a Factor.

BY CARTER FIELD.

(Political Correspondent of the New York Tribune. Published by Arrangement.) St. Louis, Feb. 10.—The 36 votes of Missouri at the republican national convention, which were absolutely "sewed up" for Leonard Wood in December, will probably be divided between Senator Harding of Ohio and Governor Lowden of Illinois on the first ballot. Harding, according to the best information obtainable here, will have a big majority of the delegation, but Lowden will have a few, unless the members should cast their ballots as a unit, in which case the entire 36 will vote for Harding on the first ballot.

There is no room for doubt about the situation here. The republican leaders, who will be in complete control of the state convention and the delegation, this not being a primary state, make no bones about the fact that there has been a switch, nor about why the switch was made.

It happened when John T. King resigned as Wood's campaign manager. King had lined the republican leaders of the state up behind Wood. There was a talk between King and Edward Foristel of St. Louis, at New York in October, when the groundwork was laid. Another talk at Chicago, at which the general was named as the decided Foristel in favor of the Wood boom. He returned to St. Louis, set the wheels in motion and the word went down the line that there was nothing to it but Wood.

Then King resigned and Foristel lost interest. The Wood club, which had been started with Judge Henry Lamm of Sedalia, republican candidate for governor four years ago, as president, languished and the Wood movement died a natural death, so far as most of Missouri is concerned.

Foristel Holds Key.

Incidentally, Foristel holds the key to the Missouri situation. This is admitted by every one here, democrats and republicans alike. The situation is that the St. Louis republican machine, admittedly one of the best equipped pieces of mechanism in American politics, and which usually delivers 25,000 republican majority in the city alone, is dominated by four men, or rather by two pairs of men. One pair is made up of Edward Foristel and Edmund Koehn, the city collector; the other pair of Mayor Henry W. Kiel and John Schmoeller. The two sets have opposed each other at times, but recently a complete fusion was patched up whereby Foristel and Koehn agreed not to oppose Mayor Kiel for re-election this year, and Kiel and Schmoeller agreed to support Foristel and Koehn as a free hand and unlimited support on certain other matters, one of which is the matter of including the delegation to the Chicago convention.

This is not all, by any means, for the influence of all four reaches out into the state. In Kansas City Walter S. Dickey, millionaire pipe and brick manufacturer, candidate of the republicans for the United States senate in 1916 against James A. Reed, is in full sympathy with the St. Louis republicans. He is not committing himself publicly against Wood, but he is known to have switched. He now thinks the people do not want a soldier candidate.

In Kansas City the Star is making the best fight it can for General Wood. The Star dominates that field, from a newspaper standpoint, but it does not always win its political fights, by any means. And the big republicans at that end of the state are inclined to play with the powerful St. Louis crowd, especially when their own leaders, such as Dickey, agree with the St. Louis republicans.

Confidential Explanation Given.

The confidential explanation of the Wood people is that John T. King had promised places in the cabinet two or three times over to line up leaders in the various states, and the general simply could not permit such trafficking to go on. This could be entirely true and not disturb the facts just set forth at all. It would rather strengthen their logic. But there is more to it than any mere fear on the part of the politicians here that they would not get the offices. Most of the big republican leaders in this state are millionaires. Few of them want any offices for themselves. Certainly they want to control the patronage—that is what a political machine lives on—but they also are human in their friendships. They knew and trusted John T. King, and they did not like him at all to desert them. The man who brought them on board the Wood ship had been dropped overboard.

On the democratic side all is bitter

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