

WOOD SECOND WHILE JOHNSON AND COOLIDGE ARE THIRD

LEAGUE LEADING ISSUE

Prevailing Opinion Among Chairmen Is That Oil State Does Not Want Versailles Pact.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma is the first choice of the republicans of Oklahoma for the presidential nomination.

Although the delegates to the national convention were not instructed, their 28 votes will be cast for Lowden, according to special reports from Oklahoma.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma is the first choice of the democrats of that state, having received the indorsement of the state convention for the presidential nomination.

While the name of Herbert Hoover was not mentioned by the county chairman in connection with the feeling for him either among the republicans or the democrats, special correspondents in last minute reports said that considerable sentiment had developed among the democrats prior to the time that the former food administrator had declared himself an independent republican.

One of the republican chairmen expressed his idea of Hoover by heavily scoring out the California engineer's name in the list of republican possibilities on the printed ballot and penciling alongside the blank among the word "unthinkable."

Wood's name was crossed out with no comment. Lowden was named as the county's choice, with Johnson second, while the chairman at the same time indicated that his personal favorite was Senator Watson of Indiana.

While Senator Owen was declared to be the choice of the democratic voters by four to one over Bryan in the replies of the republican county chairmen, many of them indicated that the Bryan sentiment is developing rapidly.

The people of this county are strong on "Americanism," wrote one chairman. "While this is a republican county there are a large number of democrats who have renounced their allegiance to their party and say they will vote for any republican nominated."

"Extravagant waste of the people's money, incompetency in every branch of the government, autocratic rule or one-man power as demonstrated by the dismissal of Lansing," these are some of the issues as conceived in the mind of one county as reported by its chairman.

Oklahoma is against military training, as indicated in the reports.

Poll Shows No Very Decided Choice in Southern State.

NEW YORK, April 9.—According to the returns from the republican county chairmen of South Carolina, Mr. General Wood is the first choice for the members of the party there for the presidential nomination.

Of all the first choices received Wood polled 33 per cent, with Hiram W. Johnson, Governor Lowden, Senator Harding and Charles E. Hughes receiving 16 per cent each.

The strength of Wood's position there lies in the fact that he is strong in the "second choice" votes as well as in the "first choice" column he received 33.3 per cent.

There seems to be no clear cut sentiment for any one man for the democratic nomination among the members of that faith in South Carolina, according to reports made by the republican leaders.

A row developed at the state convention, which was held in Columbia, the result of which will be that two contesting delegations, of 11 delegates each, will be sent to Chicago.

For some years Joseph W. Tolbert of Greenwood has been the dominating personality in the republican organization of South Carolina. He has held the position both of national committee chairman and chairman of the state committee.

ILLEGAL STRIKE BREAKS

We believe the railroads will cooperate with us to that end."

Government to Investigate. Important developments were the ordering of an investigation of the strike by the United States and announcement by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, that the brotherhood would oppose any attempt to settle the walk-out by mediation.

Six railroads delivered 172 cars of livestock to packing houses today. This was the largest amount received in any one day this week. The receipts were 2500 cattle, 4000 hogs and 1000 sheep.

About 25,000 men were idle at the stockyards for lack of livestock to slaughter.

A list compiled by the Chicago Association of Commerce showed that

THOUSANDS WALK OUT ON UNAUTHORIZED RAIL STRIKE.

The following conditions were reported in the cities affected by the switchmen's strike:

City Men Out. Portland 80, Chicago 8000, New York and Jersey City 2400, St. Louis 5000, Toledo 4000, Detroit 1500, Los Angeles 1400, Buffalo 440, San Francisco 1000, Pittsburgh 440, Kansas City 440, Gary 300, Syracuse 250, Salt Lake City 200, Saginaw, Mich. 200, Ogden, Utah 150, Decatur, Ill. 107, Pueblo, Colo. 102, Springfield, Ill. 50, Joliet 50, Scranton, Pa. 100, Pocatello, Idaho 100, Fort Wayne, Ind. 45.

One thousand switchmen at Omaha and Council Bluffs voted to support the striking switchmen.

Railroad employees of the valley junction yards of the Rock Island, near Des Moines, voted not to strike.

The thousand employees of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Fort Wayne, Ind., on strike since April 1, returned to work.

12 railroads were receiving dead freight for shipment. Most of the lines still had a ban against perishable shipments. Express was taken by the American Railway Express company for all but 13 states.

Blast Furnaces Are Banked. Nine of 12 blast furnaces at Gary, Ind., have been banked because of lack of raw materials, and 12,000 workers are idle.

All indications were that the crisis of the strike of switchmen in the Chicago yards is definitely past, a statement issued tonight by railroad affected by the walkout said.

Vice-President Whitney of the trainmen's brotherhood announced tonight that a group of switchmen returned to work on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad. Switchmen on the Wabash and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul also returned to work, union heads said.

Switchmen Were Expelled. E. S. Hestey, a switchtender, was expelled from the Chicago Yardmen's association tonight. Officers of the new union said he demanded radical strike methods at a meeting last night.

The strike had become a clear-cut fight between the recognized railroad organizations and the radical element among the rail workers, brotherhood officers said. The brotherhood's assertion that freight traffic in Chicago was 50 per cent of normal was countered by the rebels' assertion that the tieup had become more nearly complete.

The question of wages and hours had become a secondary importance, according to John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, which called the original walkout. "This fight has become one of supremacy between the new and the old unions," Grunau said. "We railroad men are tired of receiving nothing but promises from our leaders. We demand results."

An optimistic statement was issued today by the Western General Managers' association, composed of managers of all roads entering Chicago.

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but of course I knew it then as well as I do now." PROSECUTION IS SUGGESTED

Union Officials Admit Strike Is Beyond Their Control. WASHINGTON, April 9.—Virtually admitting that the strike of trainmen and switchmen over the country had gotten beyond the control of union officials, W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, telegraphed Representative Cooper, republican of Ohio, today asking whether present laws "apply to renegade organizations or those inciting illegal strikes."

Wholesale Arrests Expected. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—Blanket informations against persons responsible for the switchmen's strike in Kansas City, Kan., are being prepared by Richard J. Hopkins, attorney-general for Kansas. The information will be filed under the provisions of the Kansas industrial court law.

Ultimatum Given Strikers. LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 9.—An ultimatum, ordering striking switchmen to return to work by 4 o'clock tomorrow or lose their positions, was issued here today by officials of the Southern Pacific, Salt Lake and Santa Fe railroads.

Suit Involves Onions. THE DALLAS, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Condition of 19 carloads of onions is the point at issue in the suit of the T. Pearson company of San Francisco versus the Wittenberg-King Products company of this city.

Depositions are being taken today by R. T. Yates, court reporter. The onions were received in the fall of 1917 at the dehydrator. The Wittenberg-King plant did not use them, alleging they were spoiled. The onions remained on the tracks until they rotted, when they were taken to the river and dumped. The case will be tried in a San Francisco court.

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