



DEMOCRATS' PLEA IS RATIFIED

Party in Washington Is Solidly for League.

SPOKANE CONVENTION ENDS

Prohibition and Woman Suffrage Indorsed.

DELEGATES ARE ELECTED

A. R. Titlow of Tacoma Again Nominated as National Committeeman; Electors Also Chosen.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 18.—With the state party organization victorious in every show of strength throughout the two days' sessions, the democratic state convention adjourned late this afternoon after having re-elected A. R. Titlow of Tacoma national committeeman, elected Mrs. Elizabeth D. Christian of Spokane national committee-woman, and chosen eight delegates-at-large and four from each of the five congressional districts in the state to the national convention at San Francisco.

CONFEREES IN DEADLOCK

Reorganization Plan of National Guard Causes Disagreement.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Inability to agree on the reorganization plan of the national guard today caused a deadlock between senate and house conferees that led to an appeal to the house for instructions. A wrangle in the house, however, delayed action until tomorrow.

W. D. FENTON IS VERY ILL

Pneumonia Following Operation.

William D. Fenton, prominent Portland lawyer, is seriously ill of pneumonia, which he contracted Monday. Condition has been considered grave, but tonight it was reported at his home, where he is confined, that he was considerably improved.

PAY FOR MULES ORDERED

Railroad Company Is Held Liable as Terminal Carrier.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 18.—The United States district court for eastern Washington was reversed by the United States circuit court of appeals today in the suit of J. B. McGinn against the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, which the lower court had set aside a jury verdict in McGinn's favor for \$1370 for the death of 11 mules in transit. The district court's action was on account of a stipulation by both sides that the court might determine the sufficiency of the evidence notwithstanding a possible verdict in McGinn's favor.

FIVE MORE CITIES GROW

FRAMINGHAM, Mass., With 29.6 Per Cent Has Largest Increase.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Census reports made public today were: Framingham, Mass., 16,796; increase 237, or 2.8 per cent. Woburn, Mass., 14,565; increase of 127, or 3.2 per cent. Newbury, Mass., 15,009; increase 760, or 4.4 per cent. Scranton, Pa., 117,183; increase 7961, or 6.1 per cent. Norwichtown, Conn., 29,686; increase 1465, or 6.2 per cent. Norwich City, Conn., 22,304; increase 1327, or 5.9 per cent.

TAFT REACHES HELENA

Sergeant Reports to ex-President for Duty as Orderly.

HELENA, Mont., May 18.—Professor William H. Taft is here in the course of his tour of the northwest, in which he is speaking on the league of nations. He arrived here this morning. A sergeant from the local recruiting office immediately reported to him and immediately assigned by the war department.

U. S. OIL DEPLETION IS FEARED BY SENATE

20-YEAR RESERVE SEEN WITH CONTROL BEING LOST.

Mexico Held "Balance of Power" and French Demands More Than 10 Times Supply.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Interest of the United States in the race for the oil supply of the world as embodied in the report of the state department submitted by President Wilson to the senate yesterday has arisen from the alarming depletion of oil reserves in the United States.

HAYS IS HECKLED BY REEVED WOMEN

Party Has Done All It Can Do Honorably Is Retort.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A bevy of woman suffrage workers, fresh from their unavailing labors to obtain ratification of the suffrage amendment by the Delaware legislature, persistently heckled Will H. Hays, republican national chairman, when he made a speech today at a meeting of republican women of the District of Columbia.

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WILSON APPOINTS PAYNE

Secretary of Interior Is Named Director for Railroads.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President Wilson today appointed John Barton Payne, secretary of the interior, as director-general of the railroad administration to succeed Walker D. Hines, whose resignation became effective May 15.

MORE GASOLINE DUE SOON

Allowance for Pleasure Cars, However, Is Restricted.

SALEM, Or., May 18.—(Special.)—In a letter received at the executive offices today, J. E. Baley, district sales manager for the Standard Oil company, with headquarters in Portland, informed Governor Olcott that, based on the present supply and demand, his company would soon be able to furnish gasoline for the industrial trade, but that owners of pleasure automobiles would have to content with approximately 80 per cent of their former consumption. Mr. Baley said a cargo of gasoline was due to arrive in Portland May 25, and that soon thereafter the product would be distributed among dealers in all sections of the state.

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PLAN FOR COUNT IS MADE

Republican Ballots First Except in Precincts 10, 20, 30, Etc.

County Clerk Beveridge yesterday announced a plan by which the public will be able at the earliest possible moment to get an indication of the results in next Friday's election. The republican nominating ballots will be counted first in all precincts excepting those ending in naught. In precincts 10, 20, 30 and so forth the state ballots will be counted first and the republican ballots.

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