

POLITICS BARRED IN SEAT RULINGS

Decisions on Contests to Be Judicial Only.

HEARINGS TO START TODAY

Republican National Committee May Hold Open House.

ISSUES ARE NOT VITAL

Lowden and Wood Most Affected but Neither Could Gain Enough to Insure Nomination.

CHICAGO, May 30.—When the republican national committee tomorrow begins making decisions on contesting delegations to the convention, it will, according to announcements by Wm. Hays, chairman, proceed to make "judicial decisions, not political ones."

Contests this year are not surrounded with the importance they took on in the memorable Taft-Roosevelt fight of 1912. Although Major-General Wood and Governor Lowden are most affected by the decisions, neither would gain enough delegates to assure a nomination if all the contests were decided in his favor.

Quick Decisions Hoped For.

The official roll shows 147 seats in contest out of the 384 which compose the convention. Further filings probably will bring the total up to 148. The national committee hopes to dispose of them in four to five days. It is improbable that the bulk of the contests may be disposed of by precedent-setting decisions.

The sessions of the committee probably will be open. Contestants will be represented by attorneys; the public presumably will be represented by the newspaper correspondents and the committee itself will be represented by an attorney.

The contestants delegates themselves will be present at the hearings which will be held in the large room set apart for the purpose in the Coliseum where the convention will be held next week.

Southern Delegations Contested.

The majority of the contests come from the south, involving the claims of white and black delegates. The contest from Georgia, bringing up a direct fight between Wood and Lowden forces, promises to be the most interesting. Fifteen of the 17 seats are in dispute. The first Georgia convention elected a "black and tan" delegation headed by Henry Lincoln Johnson, which was officially listed as unpledged.

Governor Lowden's Campaign Manager Testified at Washington before a senate committee that \$9000 of the Lowden campaign fund had been sent to Lincoln Johnson. Later 15 delegates headed by Roscoe Pickett were elected and were understood to favor General Wood. Frank H. Hitchcock, one of the general's managers, testified to the senate committee that \$10,000 was sent to Pickett. The Georgia contest is expected probably to be the most spectacular.

Negroes in Texas Hot.

Since a contest was filed from Texas there was a hot of negroes from the San Antonio convention and now full sets of delegates are asking to be seated. Both are reported favorable to the candidacy of General Wood. In brief, the number and distribution of contests is as follows:

Alabama 1, Arkansas 1, Florida 3, Georgia 15, Louisiana 12, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 12, Missouri 4, North Carolina 17, Oklahoma 6, South Carolina 11, Tennessee 2, Texas 25, Virginia 15 and the District of Columbia 2.

Less than 50 instructed votes are involved in the contest yesterday-five Wood delegates and nine Lowden delegates are unpledged. The other contestants are unpledged.

Chairman Hays arrived early today, coming on a train which also brought William Cooper Proctor of Cincinnati, described before the investigating committee as the "angel" of the Wood candidacy.

Conference in Held.

Colonel T. Coleman DuPont of Delaware also was a passenger and the three had a long talk. It was said they met accidentally and that their talk was not in the nature of a conference.

Chairman Hays made a flying visit to "Presidential row" and then motored out to the Coliseum to inspect the work on the convention arrangements.

When the chairman started out he planned to pay a visit to the headquarters of every republican presidential candidate represented in Chicago. At only one of them, however, did he find someone to receive him. At Senator Johnson's headquarters he talked with the senator's son.

Later, after a round of inspection, the chairman issued this statement: "It looks here today like the middle of convention week. The interest, the crowds of enthusiastic republicans already arrived, indicate the nationwide party vigor and enthusiasm. 'Everywhere republicans are 'rearin' to go.' The unprecedented confidence in republican success which obtains everywhere is simply the reflection of the realization of the necessity of a republican victory."

JOHNSON FIRST WITH 112 PLEDGED VOTES

WOOD SECOND WITH 111 FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

"Favorite Son" Column Includes 39 Delegates From Ohio for Senator Harding.

CHICAGO, May 30.—The following table shows the standing of the three leading candidates for the republican presidential nomination, the unpledged and favorite son vote and the contests filed.

State	John-Lowden	Wood	Gen. Hays	Contests
Alabama	1	1	1	1
Arkansas	1	1	1	1
California	26	12	12	12
Colorado	1	1	1	1
Connecticut	1	1	1	1
Delaware	1	1	1	1
District of Columbia	2	2	2	2
Florida	3	3	3	3
Georgia	15	15	15	15
Idaho	1	1	1	1
Illinois	14	14	14	14
Indiana	10	10	10	10
Iowa	1	1	1	1
Kansas	1	1	1	1
Kentucky	1	1	1	1
Louisiana	12	12	12	12
Maine	1	1	1	1
Massachusetts	6	6	6	6
Michigan	10	10	10	10
Minnesota	2	2	2	2
Mississippi	12	12	12	12
Missouri	4	4	4	4
Montana	1	1	1	1
Nebraska	1	1	1	1
Nevada	1	1	1	1
New Hampshire	1	1	1	1
New Jersey	16	16	16	16
New Mexico	1	1	1	1
New York	86	86	86	86
North Dakota	1	1	1	1
Ohio	39	39	39	39
Oklahoma	1	1	1	1
Oregon	1	1	1	1
Pennsylvania	14	14	14	14
Rhode Island	1	1	1	1
South Carolina	11	11	11	11
South Dakota	1	1	1	1
Tennessee	2	2	2	2
Texas	25	25	25	25
Vermont	1	1	1	1
Washington	14	14	14	14
West Virginia	1	1	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1	1	1
Wyoming	1	1	1	1
District of Columbia	2	2	2	2
Hawaii	1	1	1	1
Philippines	1	1	1	1
Porto Rico	1	1	1	1
Totals	111	112	65	559

Unpledged and favorite son.

The "favorite son" column includes 39 votes in Ohio for Senator Harding; 14 in Washington for Senator Poindexter; 16 in West Virginia for Senator Howard Sutherland; and in the contest column are 17 North Carolina votes instructed for Judge Prichard; 35 votes instructed for General Wood and nine instructed for Governor Lowden.

CHINDA PUT ON COUNCIL

Ambassador to England to Get Privy Post at Tokio.

HONOLULU, May 30.—Viscount Suteki Chinda, who will be relieved in June by Baron Gonsuke Hayashi as Japanese ambassador to England, will become a member of the privy council of the new government at Tokio, the Japanese foreign office announced today, according to special cable dispatches from Tokio to Nippon Jiji, Japanese vernacular newspaper here.

Viscount Chinda was Japanese ambassador to the United States in 1918.

Viscount Kikujiro Ishii, ex-ambassador to the United States, will go to Paris in October to succeed Keishiro Matsui as ambassador to France, the dispatches said.

UNION REPUBLICANS MEET

County Central Committee Is Organized and Officers Elected.

LA GRANDE, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—At a well-attended and enthusiastic meeting here yesterday, the republican county central committee of Union county was organized and officers elected.

J. H. Pearce was made chairman, R. J. Green secretary, C. M. Humphries treasurer, Bruce Dennis state committeeman, J. A. Matot, congressional committeeman. The executive committee will be appointed later. The committee will have power to fill all vacancies on the republican ticket.

SUGAR "ALIBI" IS OFFERED

Cuban President Says High Prices Due, in His Opinion, to Drought.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—President Menocal of Cuba cabled Chairman McNary of the senate sugar investigating committee yesterday that in his opinion high sugar prices were due to drought which reduced the Cuban crop by nearly one-fourth.

"Original estimate of the present crop was about 4,600,000 tons of sugar, but has been reduced to 3,650,000 tons," the message said. "Reduction due to heavy drought during last summer."

PLOT SCENTED IN ROME

Police Ordered to Arrest Dalmatians and Fiumians.

ROME, May 30.—Orders were recently given to the police to arrest Dalmatians and Fiumians residing in Rome, on the receipt of information by the chief of police, which reported the possibility of a plot in which the people might be implicated.

Seventy persons were taken into custody but the ministry of interior ordered their release.

AVIATORS REACH JAPAN

Italians in Osaka, Flying From Rome to Tokio.

OSAKA, May 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Lieutenants Massero and Ferrarri, the Italian aviators flying from Rome to Tokio, arrived here today from Seoul after a stopover at Taihu, which they left this morning. They successfully passed over the Korean straits, which were patrolled by destroyers.

GENERAL DECLINE IN PRICES REMOTE

Cost of Living Declared Outdistancing Wages.

U. S. BOARD WEIGHS UNREST

Sporadic Reductions Laid to "Disturbing Factors."

BASIC CONDITIONS SAME

Both Commercial Paper and Call Money Affected by Wide Revision of Interest Rates.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Despite the recent reductions in prices, little relief from the general reign of high prices is seen by the analysis of May business conditions, made public tonight. The board expressed the view that there has been no change in the underlying conditions responsible for the high cost of living.

Asserting that while "store sales" and a tendency to lower prices bear witness to the presence of "disturbing factors" which suggest the advent of wide alteration in price levels, the board declares it cannot accept the situation as a whole for its face value.

The explanation is added that there has been only a slight increase in production and there is no greater disposition on the part of the general public to economize and invest than had ruled heretofore.

Modification Held Unlikely.

"The changes that have taken place, therefore," the board's analysis says, "cannot be looked upon as indicating a modification of underlying conditions. They may, however, afford a basis for changes in business relationships that may broaden into more far-reaching alteration of the essential price structure."

Business in every section of the country has suffered considerably from the freight jam which has prevented normal movement of products to markets. Effects of the tie-up are noticed in the agricultural districts as much as the industrial areas, and that farmers are not the smallest class which has sought more bank help in the way of credit as a result.

Results of the board's action in the direction of restricted loans already have begun to be evident, according to reports of the various reserve banks.

Interest Rates Revised.

In addition to a general reduction in the value as well as volume of securities traded in the financial centers, there has been a general revision of interest rates affecting both commercial paper and call money. It is stated.

The labor situation during the month has been one of the outstanding elements of "doubt and difficulty" and is one of the largest problems with which the country is expected to have to deal with the rest of the summer. In addition to intense shortage of labor on farms and at other points of primary production, sporadic strikes have occurred in many lines of manufacturing, notably the textile industry, indicating in the year's view, continued unrest.

"Wages apparently have fallen behind the advance in prices and the result is still inflationary."

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1000 LEFT HOMELESS THROUGH FOREST FIRE

ST. QUENTIN, N. B., IS SWEEPED BY FIERCE CONFLAGRATION.

Property Damage Estimated at Between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 Is Done.

ST. JOHN, N. B., May 30.—One half of the residents of St. Quentin, N. B., having a population of approximately 2000, were homeless tonight as the result of a forest fire which swept through the village Saturday.

The property damage is estimated at between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. There was no loss of life reported. The forest fires have been raging on crown lands in Restigouche county the last ten days. Fanned by a strong wind, burning embers were swept into the lumber-mill yards of J. E. McFauld and the first blaze in St. Quentin started there.

The fire quickly spread beyond control and when it had exhausted itself 65 dwellings, three mills, two hotels, the Canadian National Railway station, the Provincial bank and many business places were in ruins.

Relief trains have been dispatched from St. Leonard and Campbellton to bring out the homeless.

Besides the destruction of homes and business property, there was heavy loss in manufactured lumber.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 30.—Fire swept the main street of the village of Londonderry today, destroying 47 buildings, including four churches, a school and a public hall. There was a loss of life. More than 40 families were rendered homeless. The blaze is believed to have been started by sparks from a forest fire at Hardwood hill, nearby. The village fire was still raging tonight, but is under control.

ALLIANCE AGAIN SOUGHT

New Japanese Envoy to Take Up Question With Britain.

TOKYO, May 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—Baron Gonsuke Hayashi, the new Japanese ambassador to Great Britain, will take up negotiations for a renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance as soon as he reaches London, according to the Asahi today.

Articles by Japanese publicists in support of the renewal of the alliance were published daily. They think that modifications will have to be made, but they call particular attention to the bolshevik menace to India as a powerful reason why the British should desire a renewal.

ENVOY ASSUMES DUTIES

Charles R. Crane and Party Arrive at Peking, China.

PEKING, May 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charles R. Crane, the new American minister to China, will assume his post at the legation tomorrow. Mr. Crane arrived in Peking last night, accompanied by Mrs. Crane and his private secretary, as he leaves of absence has been granted to Charles D. Tenney, the counsellor of the legation, but he will remain temporarily. Her daughter was injured. The other occupants of the automobile escaped unhurt.

STREET CARS ARE EGGED

Strike Disturbances Follow Attempt to Operate.

FRESNO, Cal., May 30.—Eggs and tomatoes were thrown at street cars during disturbances today when the traction company attempted to operate cars in spite of the strike. Several arrests were made.

The company operated cars from 10 A. M. until 5 P. M.

BOAT CALLS FOR POLICE

Radio From British Steamer Asks Assistance and Surgeon.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 30.—Wireless calls from the British steamship Tregantle, inside the Chesapeake, received tonight, asked for police assistance and a surgeon.

A Baltimore police boat, with reserves, will start down the harbor early tomorrow. The battleship Pennsylvania, off Annapolis, also picked up calls and offered assistance.

FLOOD SWEEPS TOWN; 20 PERSONS KILLED

TERRACE WITH 15 HOUSES IN LINCOLNSHIRE WASHED OUT.

Englishmen Trapped in Homes Along River Lud—Debris Carried on Waves' Crest.

LOUTH, Lincolnshire, England, May 30.—Twenty lives are known to have been lost here from the sudden overflow of the small river Lud, which was attributed to a cloudburst in the woods near by.

Tonight the flood victims were estimated at 50. One terrace containing 15 houses was swept away, there being only one survivor.

Most of the people were in their homes, taking shelter from the thunder storm, when there came a rush of water three feet deep through the town. In many cases the weight of the water prevented the opening of doors, trapping the occupants. Within a short time the entire ground floors of houses were engulfed by the torrent, which was 200 yards wide.

The water swept on its crest portions of demolished cottages, automobiles, wagons, furniture and uprooted trees. Bridges crumpled before the rushing flood. So sudden was the approach of the waters that a majority of the deaths occurred during the first moments of the flood.

EX-KING OUT OF BOUNDS

Greeks in Rome Hope Allies Will Keep Ex-Ruler in Switzerland.

ROME, May 30.—(Special Cable.)—Considerable interest has been aroused here over the arrival at Salvo Magliore of Constantine, Greece's deposed king. He was accompanied by Adjutant Levidis but was without his wife.

The Greek colony of Rome fear that Constantine's leaving Switzerland, even for a cure at a famous resort, means the beginning of many little trips about Europe. The Greeks, except his adherents, hope the allied powers will send him back to Switzerland immediately after the 21 days' cure has been finished.

AUTO PLUNGES; 2 HURT

Woman Throws Out of Car and Daughter Through Windshield.

AUSTORIA, May 30.—(Special.)—While making a sharp turn on the highway near Warrenton at a late hour last night, an automobile containing F. L. Wilde, Mrs. Wilde, Miss Mable, H. P. Giff and two children, of Portland, plunged into the ditch.

Mrs. Wilde was thrown out and severely bruised. Her daughter was pitched through the windshield and her face and head were badly lacerated. Neither was dangerously injured. The other occupants of the automobile escaped unhurt.

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UNION BAN IS APPROVED

Proposal Bars English Government Employees From Combining.

LONDON, May 30.—The cabinet has approved the government's proposed law which would prohibit government employees with the exception of manual laborers, from forming themselves into trade unions or affiliating with the labor federation.

NATION TO PAUSE IN TRIBUTE TODAY

Garlands of Love to Be Laid Upon Graves.

ALL VETERANS TO TAKE PART

Memorial This Year Takes On Greater Significance.

CEREMONY BEGINS EARLY

Visitations to Cemeteries Will Start at 8:30 A. M.—Parade to Begin at 2:30 P. M.

PROGRAMME FOR MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE.

8:30 A. M. Decoration of graves at different city cemeteries.

9 A. M. Comrades from posts, aided by school children, decorate graves at Lone Fir and other cemeteries.

10:30 A. M. Memorial day programme at Lone Fir. Memorial service for sailors and marines at Stark street dock.

12 noon. Memorial exercises by Spanish war veterans in front of courthouse.

2 P. M. Memorial day parade forms at courthouse.

2:30 P. M. Parade begins; route: west on Main street to Sixth, north on Sixth to Stark; counter-march, south on Stark to Morrison, east on Morrison to Third, south on Third to municipal auditorium.

3:30 P. M. Services at auditorium.

Garlands of love and memory will be laid on the grave today of every veteran of the civil war, in whose remembrance Memorial Day has entwined itself in the national life.

But with the cannon scarce cooled from the great war, and with memory harking back but a few years to the Spanish-American war, Memorial day takes on a new and greater significance—the day when the nation pauses to pay tribute to its soldier dead.

And while the actual observance of the day, and the ceremonies pertaining thereto, will be held today, memorial services, fittingly surrounded by the whispering firs at the Grand Army of the Republic cemetery at Greenwood, were held Sunday afternoon.

Thoughts Flee to France.

And the thoughts of many there fled 6000 miles away to hundreds of isolated spots in France and Flanders, where French women were caring for and decorating graves of those who came from so far asea that liberty might be preserved in France and Belgium.

A spatter of rain, skies alternating with sun and clouds and a gusty wind could not chill the hearts of those who gathered at the Grand Army of the Republic plot to listen to the ritualistic services and, in streaming flowers and greens over the graves there, symbolically strewn them in France.

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HIGHLANDERS DEBARK FOR DUTY IN IRELAND

TRAWLER WITH MUNITIONS AND TROOPS SENT TO CORK.

English Warships Declared Being Prepared for Dispatch to Irish Ports.

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, May 30.—The Cameron Highlanders, recently ordered for service in Ireland, disembarked here today and marched through the streets to their huts.

Guns and ammunition were transferred from the steamer to an admiralty trawler which, with a number of troops, proceeded for Cork.

LONDON, May 30.—The National News today said: "The position in Ireland we understand is so grave that a number of warships now are being fitted out in Sheerness for dispatch to Irish ports. The situation is more serious than would appear from published telegrams and startling developments are expected in the next few days."

In the present temper of the Sinn Feiners, it is not unlikely they will make a last effort against the forces of law and order.

WADER KILLED BY PLANK

Charles Thompson, Hoquiam, Victim of Accident at Moclipis.

HOQUIAM, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—Charles Thompson, 35, prominent automobile dealer of Hoquiam, was instantly killed at Moclipis today while wading under the ruins of a hotel destroyed by fire two years ago. While waiting about he raised his hand to wave to a friend and in so doing dislodged a plank which fell, striking him above the heart. He was dead when the friend rescued him. There was no mark on the body.

Mr. Thompson had been prominent in the business life of the Grays Harbor country for several years. He is survived by his widow.

MILLMAN'S HOME BOMBED

Windows Shattered While Daughter Is Entertaining Guests.

WATERBURY, Conn., May 30.—A bomb exploded shortly before midnight in front of the home of John H. Goss, secretary and treasurer of the Scovill Manufacturing company. The veranda was damaged and a number of windows shattered, but no one was injured. A large number of guests of a daughter of Mr. Goss were in the house at the time.

About 3000 employees of the Scovill Manufacturing company have been on strike for some time.

SOVIET MISSION ON WAY

Delegates to Go to China in Hope of Strengthening Trade Relations.

LONDON, May 30.—A soviet mission to China has arrived at Kurt, according to a Moscow wireless message. The mission expects to strengthen trade and diplomatic relations.

LIVING CHEAP IN PRISON

Average Is 28 Cents Daily for Each Inmate of Sing Sing.

OSISING, N. Y., May 30.—The cost of living in Sing Sing prison is only 28 cents a day for each inmate, according to prison officials. Good food and enough of it is being obtained, it was said.

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L. K. Shephard, Bend, Dies in Suttle's Lake.

PAIR PLUNGE IN IGY WATER

Norval Springer and Harry Brewer Rescued.

DISABLED CRAFT SWAMPED

Victim Attempts to Save Self by Swimming; Widow and Infant Daughter Survive.

BEND, Or., May 30.—(Special.)—L. K. Shephard, prominent merchant of Bend, was drowned in Suttle's lake and Norval Springer and Harry Brewer were rescued late yesterday after an hour and a half in the icy waters of the lake, where they clung to a capsized boat. Mr. Shephard's body was brought to Bend today. He is survived by his widow and an infant daughter.

Accompanied by Norval Springer of this city, Shephard set out by auto yesterday morning for Square Lake. From Suttle lake the trip had to be made by boat and on foot and, despite the fact that a high wind was blowing, they started across the lake, taking with them 30-year-old Harry Brewer, who had been left in charge of the Suttle lake resort. Skirting the shore, they had been on the water for about 15 minutes when the detachable motor at the rear of the boat refused to work and one of the oars manned by Springer slipped from the lock and the boat swung broadside to the wind, shipping water so rapidly that the occupants, equipped only with hats for balling, were constantly losing ground.

Shephard Jumps Overboard.

"She's killing," Shephard called, and rising from his seat jumped overboard, and, though hampered by rubber hip boots and a sheepskin coat, struck out strongly for shore, a distance of a little more than 50 yards. When more than half-way to the shore and only 35 feet from a point where he would have found a gravel beach underfoot, he sank.

In jumping overboard Shephard capsize the craft and twice in the next hour and a half Springer's life was saved by young Brewer, the only one of the two who was able to swim. Alternately immersed