



MERGER OF SMALL PARTIES IS NEARER

Proposal Goes to Two Conventions Today.

JOINT TICKET IS ADVOCATED

Committee of 48 and Labor Party Favor Plan.

PLATFORM IS NEXT STEP

Both Democrats and Republicans Declared Controlled by Financial Pirates.

CHICAGO, July 11.—Amalgamation of the committee of 48 and labor party of the United States with a common platform and common presidential ticket will be recommended to the two conventions tomorrow, it was decided tonight by their conference committees.

The conferees adopted three resolutions recommending combining of the two groups, and then took up discussion of a name for the new party.

J. A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the committee of 48, and Toecan Bennett of Connecticut, chairman of the labor party conferees, issued the following statement:

"The conference committees of the committee of 48 and of the labor party of the United States, sitting in joint session tonight, unanimously adopted three resolutions.

Common Platform Sought.

"The first was a recommendation for the amalgamation of the two groups; the second recommended that the political president committee of the committee of 48 and the constitution committee of the labor party appoint sub-committees of five each to confer as to the machinery of the amalgamation and the third was a recommendation that the platform committees of both groups appoint sub-committees of five each to confer as to a common platform.

"All of these recommendations will be submitted by the conferees to their respective conventions tomorrow for final action."

The conferees of the committee of 48 and the labor party adjourned late tonight without having reached an agreement for a name for the third party.

Labor Convention Held.

The labor party opened its second national convention here today with the committee of 48 and the single-tax convention in recess over Sunday, attending in force.

John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, and keynote speaker, brought the convention to its highest enthusiasm with a plea for the union of the workers of the working people of the United States would get together and do a job such as the workers of Russia have done."

Delegates stamped and whistled and three cheers for soviet Russia were given.

Fitzpatrick declared there was nothing to prevent the "hand and brain workers taking the government out of the hands of, not Americans, but international financial pirates," and advised all the minority groups to unite on one ticket.

Throughout the discussion on combining the two parties, a trend of optimism among the delegates.

COX PROMISES "REAL DIRT FARMER" JOB IF CABINET PLAN TOLD NEIGHBORS BY NOMINEE.

Democratic Standard-Bearer Visited by Delegation at His Home at Travis End.

DAYTON, O., July 11.—A real dirt farmer will be the next secretary of agriculture, if the democratic party is successful at the November election, according to a statement made today by Governor Cox, democratic presidential nominee. This was made to a delegation of the governor's neighbor farmers who called at his home at Travis End.

T. Ansberry, ex-representative of Washington, arrived this morning from San Francisco, and gave the presidential nominee first hand details of the convention. He is the governor that will credit for his victory goes to E. H. Moore of Youngstown, his pre-convention manager.

Mr. Ansberry asserted to newspaper reporters that the contest at San Francisco was between McKedoo, Palmer, and Cox, and not between the administration and Cox.

PRINCE HENRY IS HAZED

Ex-Kaiser's Brother Forced to Run Gauntlet by Laborers.

BERLIN, July 11.—A story of the ill treatment of the former German emperor's brother, Prince Henry of Prussia, by field laborers is told by the Post Pruessische Zeitung.

According to the informant, 60 men led by a private in a Hussars uniform invaded Prince Henry's Schleswig-Holstein country seat on the pretext of searching for hidden arms. The invaders found no arms. Then the leader said to the Prince:

"Come, Henry," whereupon Prince Henry was made to run the gauntlet. "The Kaiser's brother," he was called. "Lie down, Henry," amid jeers and insults from his captors.

700 RUSS FAIL TO ESCAPE

War Prisoners Overpower Sentries, Flee; Caught, Interned Anew.

ANTWERP, July 11.—A force of 700 Russian prisoners of war, who had been interned near Turnhout, 25 miles northeast of this city, escaped from the internment camp last night and marched upon Antwerp. A regiment of cavalry sent in pursuit surrounded the Hussars and interned them anew in one of the Antwerp forts.

The prisoners were to be released on Saturday for return home. They were informed, however, that owing to Great Britain and the soviet government failing to agree with regard to exchange of nationals they would have to remain. Incensed, the prisoners overpowered the sentries.

LUMBER CAMPS RESUME

Booth-Kelly Mill and Wood Crews Go Back to Work.

EUGENE, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—The two sawmills and all logging camps of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will resume operations tomorrow after a shutdown since July 2, according to an announcement at the office of the company in this city.

The camps and mills were closed down to allow the employees to celebrate Independence day as they pleased and in the meantime repairs have been made to the mills and to the machinery in the logging camps. While some of the loggers remained in the camps above, working most of them came out and scattered to all parts of the state.

WILLOWS IS FIRE SWEEP

Three Blocks Burned With Reported Loss of \$1,000,000.

WILLOWS, Cal., July 11.—Fire which originated from a gas plate left burning in the basement of Hochheimer's department store this afternoon ravaged the business section of WilloWS, causing loss estimated at \$1,000,000.

At 10 o'clock by the hot weather and a strong southwest wind, the fire spread rapidly despite the efforts of the fire department to check its onward rush. Calls for help were sent out to several nearby cities, the departments on Red Bluff, Gerber and Colusa responding.

CRAFT OFFERED GERMAN

British Shipowners Seek Sale of Tonnage Turn-Over.

BERLIN, July 11.—The Roersee Courier's Hamburg correspondent claims to have authority to confirm the report that British ship-owners have offered to sell to German ship-owners or the German government a large part of the tonnage surrendered as compensation for the Scapa flow sinkings.

The Germans declined to accede to the British demand that the ships fly the British flag.

DESCHANEL IN ILL HEALTH

French Consider Steps to Create Office of Vice-President.

PARIS, July 11.—The state of President Deschanel's health has revived talk in the parliamentary lobbies of the necessity of taking measures to meet the possibility of a prolonged inability of the president, through illness, to discharge the duties of his office.

Talk of creating the office of vice-president is being revived.

MAN SHOOT'S FALLS IN CASK TO DEATH

Niagara Cataract Claims Its First Victim.

WIFE, 11 CHILDREN LEFT

Barrel Smashed Like Shell When Dashed on Rocks.

TWO OTHERS SUCCESSFUL

Woman Makes Plunge in 1901 and Man in 1911, Both of Whom Are Still Living.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 11.—(Special.)—Charles George Stephens, 55, of Bristol, England, gambled with death here today and lost. He was killed while plunging over the Horseshoe falls in a barrel. His body has not been recovered. Pieces of the barrel were recovered three hours after the fatal ride over the 125-foot cataract. It had evidently been dashed to pieces on the rocks.

Fearing he would be stopped by the authorities, Stephens preserved the greatest secrecy about his plans. He went from Toronto, Ont., to Hamilton last night, registered at a hotel there under the name of W. J. Landon and continued the trip to Niagara Falls, Ont., by automobile this morning.

Mayor Bids Good Luck.

Despite his precautions, the authorities learned of his plans, and Mayor Stephens was on hand at Snyder's point, three miles above the falls on the Canadian side, to bid him good luck.

Stephens put on a padded suit, made especially for the trip, and climbed into his barrel shortly before 5 o'clock this morning. Motion-picture men were not quite satisfied with the pictures they made and asked him to climb out again so they could get another picture of him entering the barrel.

"Good-bye and good luck!" said the mayor, grasping Stephens' hand. "I hope to see you below the falls in safety shortly."

"I'll be there," last words.

"I'll be there with a smile," replied Stephens, adjusting the mask of his oxygen apparatus to his head. They were his last words, for a moment later the top of the barrel was scrawled down and the black and white striped craft was towed out into the Niagara river.

The barrel was towed more than a mile down stream by a motorboat, another boat with a camera man running alongside to film the beginning of the trip. The barrel started on its trip at 5:30.

The towline was cut opposite the mouth of the Chippewa river and the

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SPRUCE CORPORATION SELLS ROAD, REPORT

\$2,000,000 BELIEVED PAID FOR ALSEA PROPERTY.

Former Pittsburg, Pa., Bankers, Who Head Big Combine, Said to Be Purchasers.

NEWPORT, Or., July 11.—(Special.)—The United States Spruce corporation has sold the Alsea Southern Logging railroad terminating in the Blodgett tract, the tract itself containing about 750,000 feet of timber, mostly spruce, and the government sawmill at Toledo, it was reported here today.

The purchasers are believed to be a corporation headed by James and William S. Kuhn of Burlingame, Cal., former Pittsburg, Pa., bankers.

The price paid is not known here, but is believed to be \$2,000,000 as that was the only sum which the United States Spruce corporation has ever been willing to consider. The sales board of the spruce corporation purchased the property from the United States government at 10 cents on the dollar.

Whether the road and mill will be put into operation is unknown. It is generally believed that the purchasers will lease stock in San Francisco and form a large company.

JAPANESE GAIN ENTRY

Border at San Diego Held Inadequately Guarded.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 11.—The wide open border of 180 miles or more from San Diego to eastern Arizona, permitting a steady stream of Japanese to make their way into this country in violation not only of the gentlemen's agreement but also of the laws of the United States, will be the subject of emphatic representations by Governor Stephens to the congressional committee now in California to investigate the immigration question. Among the facts to be presented to the committee are:

The men on the border immigration service are only a handful in number and have repeatedly made reports to Washington of the intolerable conditions of their inability to check the unlawful entry of Japanese and the urgent need for provision for an adequate guarding force.

The federal government has turned a deaf ear to all these appeals and the border is today, more than it ever was, an open invitation to Japanese and all sorts of smuggling.

HEARING TO OPEN TODAY

Congressional Immigration Committee Is in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 11.—The congressional committee on immigration and naturalization, now in California to make a study of the Asiatic immigration situation, will open a hearing here tomorrow.

More than 100 requests for representation at the hearing have been received, Chairman Johnson stated.

"We expect to spend some time in California visiting various parts of the state," Chairman Johnson said, "and before we are through may cognize the investigation in Oregon and Washington. The situation is much more acute than we expected."

SIX-DAY GASOLINE SUPPLY ARRIVES HERE

MOTORISTS BUY UP ALLOTMENT FOR SUNDAY BY NOON.

Oil Company Managers Declare Situation Is More Serious Now Than Ever Before.

The arrival of the tanker Col. E. L. Drake from San Francisco early yesterday morning with 1,250,000 gallons of gasoline brought relief to thousands of Portland motorists. Early in the day the big tank trucks of the Standard Oil company distributed an allotment to their service depots in the city and by 11 o'clock practically all of the stations had a small amount of fuel on hand.

The amount of gasoline used in Oregon monthly supplied by the Standard is 4,000,000 gallons. The tanker brought a sufficient supply to last approximately six days, according to managers of local stations.

At most of the stations yesterday the amount of fuel was extremely limited, although some remained open to supply lubricating oil, air and water to their patrons.

At 90 per cent of the stations the supply was so limited that no more than two gallons would be sold, regardless of the capacity of the tank. Some of the stations would only let motorists have one gallon.

In every instance a rigid inspection of the tanks was made and motorists found having a supply of fuel were refused an additional supply. These orders were issued by company officials, service station managers said.

Those in close touch with the situation said that the coming week would see a greater gasoline scarcity in Oregon than ever before.

"It is not that we don't want to sell it," one service manager stated yesterday. "We just haven't it and can't get it."

Some of the stations of the Shell, Associated and Union companies, which had closed Saturday afternoon service, were open yesterday morning with a small supply. Their managers refused information or denied a knowledge as to when more gasoline could be expected. Many admitted that the situation was more serious now than ever before and there seemed to be no immediate relief in sight.

HARDING AND HAYS DISCUSS CAMPAIGN

Attendance at Church Opens Busy Day.

HARRY M. DAUGHERTY MET

Portions of Speech of Acceptance Discussed.

OWN SERMON RECALLED

Republican Nominee Declares Pastor's Theme Same He Once Used in Same Church.

MARION, O., July 11.—Senator Harding, republican presidential nominee, spent a busy day today, attending church in the morning with Mrs. Harding and later discussing campaign plans with National Chairman Hays and Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus, a member of the executive committee of the republican national committee in charge of the campaign. Mr. Hays later left for New York.

It was understood the senator discussed with the national chairman and Mr. Daugherty portions of his speech of acceptance.

Mr. Hays reached the Harding home before the senator had arisen. While breakfast was being prepared, Mr. Hays visited the administration building next door, until called by the senator.

Church Services Attended.

Joined by Mr. Hays, Senator and Mrs. Harding attended services at the Trinity Baptist church.

With the close of the service, a reception for the candidate's party lasted nearly 30 minutes. Mr. Hays expressed delight that he had been able to spend Sunday with the senator.

"I can only say that every day more and more I congratulate the party and the country on Senator Harding's nomination," he said.

During this conference with the newspaper correspondents, Senator Harding recalled a time when he had preached a sermon at the Trinity Baptist church. According to the senator a series of services conducted by laymen had been arranged. It finally came his turn to preach. He decided to take as his text the first verse his finger would fall on when he opened the Bible.

Texts Same, Says Senator.

"Strangely enough, it was 'Be ye not offended if I tell you the truth,' the same used by T. H. McAfee this morning," said Senator Harding.

Assurances that he would receive the support of the large negro population in Illinois were today received by Senator Harding in a letter from Colonel R. S. Abbott of Chicago, publisher of a newspaper for negroes. A similar letter was received from John W. Thompson, chairman of the executive committee of the New York State Republican council, a negro voters' organization.

The proposed "front porch" campaign policy was understood to have been discussed at the conference. Mr. Hays was understood to have told the senator that many persons all over the country are urging a modification of the plan and that approximately five hundred requests for the number of arrests being made. Five thousand police reserves were called out as a special guard for the diet.

TOKIO CABINET GETS VOTE

Resolution of Want of Confidence Loses in House, 145 to 283.

TOKIO, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government received a vote of confidence by a large majority in the house of representatives today. The house defeated a resolution of want of confidence in the ministry by 145 votes for the resolution and 283 against it.

The tendency toward freedom of speech and action along liberal lines continued to manifest themselves today. Three big meetings promoting universal suffrage were held. Speeches of a violent character were made and paraders carrying banners subsequently clashed with the police, a number of arrests being made. Five thousand police reserves were called out as a special guard for the diet.

ALLIES TO AID POLES IF POLES STAY HOME

ARMISTICE PROPOSAL SENT TO SOVIET GOVERNMENT.

Defense Against Bolsheviki to Be Assisted if Troops Are Kept Inside Natural Boundaries.

SPA, July 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—If the Poles consent to retire within the natural frontiers of Poland the allies will give them all possible assistance in the event of their being attacked by the bolsheviki. This announcement was made here today.

The allies have sent a proposal to the Russian soviet government for an armistice with Poland on condition that the Poles retire within their natural Polish frontiers and that if the bolsheviki attack the Poles within these frontiers the allies will come to Poland's aid. A conference of representatives of all the countries is proposed.

FORESTER GOES TO HAWAII

Charles J. Kraebel, 10 Years at Wind River, Gets New Position.

Charles J. Kraebel, for 10 years connected with the forest examiner at Wind River station, has left for Hawaii, where he will accept the position as assistant superintendent of forestry for the entire territory. C. S. Judd, former assistant district forestry superintendent in Portland is superintendent of the entire Hawaiian district.

Kraebel is a graduate of the university of Michigan, class of 1912, and made a study of tree and landscape gardening in the east until 1914. Prior to coming to the Wind River station he was assigned to the Blue Mountain region of eastern Oregon. Kraebel served as first lieutenant in the army during the war and was connected with the "Stars and Stripes," official organ of the A. E. F.

CANADA TO PAY ON WHEAT

30 Cents a Bushel to Be Allowed by Board After July 15.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 11.—The Canadian wheat board has decided to make an interim payment of 30 cents per bushel as soon as possible after July 15, against the wheat represented by the registration certificates according to an official announcement made public here today.

While the board will be unable to determine the total value of the certificates before the business is completed, present indications, it says, are that this payment represents approximately 75 per cent.

STEERAGE RATES LIFTED

New York to European Schedule Change Effective Today.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Increases of \$7 to \$25.90 in steerage passage rates on steamships from New York to European ports will become effective tomorrow, it was announced here today by the North Atlantic line, which is composed of large steamship companies.

First and second class passage rates recently were advanced \$15. High labor and fuel costs were given as the reason.

200 RUSSIAN BRIDES LAND

One Family of Eight Is Brought Home by American Soldier.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11.—Two hundred Russian brides of American soldiers arrived here today from Vladivostok with their husbands, on board the army transport Madawaska.

Several women had two or three children. One had a family of eight.

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