IOWA SENATOR IS FORMALLY IN RACE

Cummins Submits Candidacy for President to Republicans of His State.

ISSUE MADE COMPLICATED

Anti-Taft Forces Now Divided Into Three Factions — La Follette Manager Says Fight Will Continue as Before.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Senator Cummins, of Iowa, in a formal statement today, submitted his candidacy for the nomination for President on the Republican ticket to the voters of his home state. He says that if the voters of Iowa regard him as "a fit man to be presented to the National convention as a candidate," he will appreciate and accept their confidence.

The announcement, although not wholly unexpected, was the dominant topic in political circles in Washington today. It had been known that Senator Cummins was consulting with his advisers and with the members of the Iowa delegation in Congress and that he would reach a conclusion soon.

The effect on the Iowa situation is the subject of much speculation. For one thing, it makes three factions in the field in opposition to President Taft. It is assumed for the present, in view of a statement by his campaign manager here today, that La Follette will continue the fight to capture the Iowa delegation. The other faction consists of men who will support Roosevelt, whether or not the Colonel is an avowed candidate.

Formal Announcement Made.

Senator Cummins' statement, issued today, was as follows:

"So much has been published in the newspapers, so much written and said to me concerning the Presidential matter, that I feel it to be my duty to make to the Republicans of Iowa a plain statement on the subject.

"Immediately on my return from the last session of Congress I gave out through the press my opinion with respect to the Presidency. That opinion remains unaltered.

"The situation, however, has materially changed, and it now seems probable that more than two candidates for the nomination will be seriously considered by the National Convention.

"Under these conditions, if the Republicans of Iowa believe I am a fit man to be presented to the National Convention as a candidate for the Presidential nomination, and desire to so present me, I will appreciate and accept their confidence as a most gratifying evidence of their continued faith in my purpose to serve, as best I can, the general welfare of the people."

La Follette Fight to Go On.

At the "Progressive" Republican campaign headquarters here the declaration was made today by W. L. Houser, in charge, that the fight for La Follette would continue as if there were no other "Progressive" Republican candidates on the horizon; that it was "Mr. La Follette first, last and all the time."

In regard to the report from Denver that a concerted movement was on foot to hold a pre-convention meeting and decide on one "Progressive" candidate, Houser said he knew nothing of any such move. He could not see that any conference of the sort was likely.

Senator La Follette's only comment when shown the Cummins statement was:

"I have nothing to say."

Senator Cummins called together all the Republican members of the Iowa delegation in Congress who were in the city and read to them the statement announcing his candidacy, which they approved. Senator Kenyon, Cummins' colleague in the Senate, has not returned from Chicago.

The Iowa delegation re-elected Representative Woods as member of the Republican Congressional campaign committee.

BANKER ACCUSED IN SUIT

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session of Devlin as receiver and afterwards transferred by him to the German-American at face value. The purpose of these transactions, it is asserted, was to squeeze out the stockholders in the German-American with a view of finally depreciating and wholly destroying the value of their stock therein.

In executing this programme, it is charged that the further purpose was accomplished of voiding and violating the agreement of the defendants as officers of the German-American Bank by which they were to liquidate all claims against the Oregon Savings & Trust within the two years following the consolidation of the two banks.

Plaintiff further alleges that the assets of the two banking institutions at the time of the consolidation were about $250,000 less than the aggregate of the liabilities of the two organizations. Had the affairs of the consolidation been properly administered, complainant declares all claims could have been adjusted within the prescribed time and a profit remain to the stockholders of the German-American.

Unauthorized Act Charged.

Under the alleged conspiracy of the defendants it is alleged that the claims against the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank were not only bought up at a big discount, but the assets of the same institution were disposed of by Devlin, Reed and Willis "at ridiculously low values," the allegation being made that some of the sales of property belonging to the defunct bank were made without order of court or other authority.

In support of his charge that Devlin, Reed and Willis conspired to loot the German-American, the plaintiff points to a number of transactions, which he contends sustained the allegation that the trio deliberately dissipated the assets of the Oregon Trust. In this connection he refers to the employment of Reed as president of the German-American at a monthly salary of about $500; the loan of $15,000 to the corporation handling the Rose City tract of land in which Reed was largely interested at the time; sacrifice for a small sum of the bank's equity of between $20,000 and $25,000 in the Auto Pullman Company property; sale for $40,000 of the Board of Trade building to immediate friends of the defendants, when the property and its lease were worth at least $150,000.

Other Irregularities Charged.

It is also charged that the defendants in order further to carry out their operations lent the funds of the German-American Bank to their agents with which to acquire the certificates of deposit and other claims against the Oregon Trust at the heavy discount for which they were purchased. Reciting further charges of mismanagement of the affairs of the two banking houses, the complaint makes the further allegations:

An the said plaintiff alleges that had the assets of the said Oregon Trust & Savings Bank and the said German-American Bank been properly conserved and managed, and had they been sold at such amounts of money as could have been received therefor, and had the said defendants, Reed, Willis and Devlin, given the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., credit for the said discounts, which they were in duty bound to do, but which they, with the intent of cheating and defrauding the stockholders of the said German-American Bank, unlawfully appropriated to their own use, all thel iabilities of the said Oregon Trust & Savings Bank could have been and would have been paid in full out of the assets thereof, and there would have remained in the hands of the said German-American Bank and in its possession a sufficient amount of money and property wherewith to pay and discharge all its obligations and the value of the stock of the stockholders thereof would have remained at par; but the said defendants, and each of them, further to carry out and effectuate the object of their conspiracy and pretending that there were insufficient assets in the hands of the German-American Bank wherewith to pay and discharge all of the liabilities of the said Oregon Trust & Savings Bank within the said period of two years, further corruptly and fraudulently agreed individually and as such officers and directors to have the said defendant, P. L. Willis, who was then acting as director, to pay over to the said German-American Bank a sufficient sum of money, which it was pretended at the time belonged to him individually, wherewith to pay and discharge the remaining liabilities of the said Oregon Trust & Savings Bank; and to that end the said P. L. Willis, who was then a director of the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., lent to the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., or pretended to lend to it a large amount of money, the exact amount of which plaintiff does not know and has been unable to ascertain, but alleges the facts to be that in truth and in fact the said money which the said Willis pretended to loan to the said German-American Bank was moneys or sums of money which had been derived by the reckless sale of the assets in its possession.

Illegal Transfer Charged.

That under and pursuant to said pretended agreement, the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., did transfer or pretend to transfer unto the said defendant, P. L. Willis, a portion of the said assets which were then in possessions of the said German-American Bank and the remaining portion thereof to the said defendants, Ashley & Rumelin. That among the assets which were transferred to the German-American Bank of Portland, Or., as aforesaid, was a certain leasehold interest in the property situated on the southeast corner of Sixth and Washington streets in Portland, Or., which had formerly been occupied by the Oregon Trust & Savings Bank; that the said leasehold interest was of the value of more than $100,000, yet the said defendants acting together caused said lease to be sold for the sum of $60,000, which was the total amount received therefor, and the said sum of $60,000 was paid, as plaintiff is informed and believes, to the said defendant, P. L. Willis, to be credited on said pretended loan. The plaintiff further alleges that during the said time Charles E. Rumelin was the son-in-law of the said P. L. Willis, and plaintiff is informed and believed and alleges the fact to be that during all the said time herein mentioned the said defendant, P. L. Willis, owned a large interest in the said firm of Ashley & Rumelin and had a large amount of his own money invested therein; and plaintiff alleges that by reason of the said conspiracy of the said defendants and by reason of their acts, done and performed in pursuance thereof, the stock of the said plaintiff in the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., for which he paid the sum of $10,000 in cash, has been rendered wholly valueless.

Share of Profits Alleged.

Plaintiff further alleges that the said defendants and each of them have shared in the illegal and unlawful profits derived as aforesaid from the management, sale and disposition of the said assets, and that they, the said defendants have together received as profits by reason of said conspiracy and unlawful conduct on their part a sum of money in the aggregate of more than $100,000, which said sum of money of right and in justice belongs to the stockholders of the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., and should be paid.

According to the complaint, the suit by Mr. Finley was brought only after Devlin, Reed and Willis, as officers of the German-American, individually and collectively, refused to institute the proceedings for the benefit of either the bank or its stockholders. For this reason Finley is suing for the benefit of all of the stockholders of the bank.

Accounting Is Demanded.

Mr. Finley not only demands an accounting by the defendants of their dealings and transactions with the Oregon Trust and the German-American, but he asks the court that "they and each of them be required to exhibit unto this court their books and records showing what disposition was made of the said assets, the amount of money received therefor, to whom the same were sold, and what authority, if any, they had for the making of such sales, and that the said defendants and each of them be required to pay to the clerk of this court, for the use and benefit of this plaintiff and other stockholders of the said German-American Bank of Portland, Or., all the said moneys and property wrongfully and unlawfully appropriated by them as aforesaid, and that said plaintiff have judgment against the said defendants for the said sum of $10,000 as damages suffered by reason of the said conduct of the said defendants in rendering his stock valueless and that said plaintiff have such other and further relief as to the court shall seem equitable and just in the premises."

HAWLEY BILLS FAVORED

CONVENIENCE OF SETTLERS TO BE CONSULTED.

Reference to Secretary of Interior Insures Ultimate Report Recommending Passage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Representative Hawley today appeared before the House committee on irrigation and urged a favorable report on his bill permitting settlers on Government irrigation projects to make their payments to some official of the Reclamation Service on the project, instead of at the local land offices.

Director Newell was present and joined in urging the passage of the bill. The committee decided to refer the bill to the Secretary of the Interior for a report. This assures favorable action, as Secretary Fisher in his annual report recommended this change.

Mr. Hawley also urged favorable action on his bill permitting the Secretary of the Interior to grant an extension of time not exceeding one year to settlers on Government irrigation projects who, because of the failure of crops or other unforeseen difficulties, are unable to meet the quarterly payments as they fall due.

Similar action was taken by the committee as on the other bill. It is expected that both bills will be favorably reported to the House.

Monmouth High 31; Dallas High 10.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Monmouth High School basketball team tonight defeated the Dallas High School team, 31 to 10. R. Burkhead, forward for Monmouth, scored 10 baskets.

BURNS ENGAGED IN LORIMER INQUIRY

Phonographic Confession Is Said to Discredit Witness for Defense.

"JACKPOT" NOT TOUCHED

Evidence Solely Concerns Endeavor to Impeach Testimony, It Is Said — Detective's Fees Found Prohibitive.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Sensational developments about to take place in the Lorimer case will disclose that William J. Burns, the detective who brought the evidence around the McNamara dynamiters, has been at work for at least three months gathering evidence to be presented next week to the committee investigating the election of the Junior Senator from Illinois.

Detective Burns was employed for a month by the Senate committee and later was engaged by the interests fighting to unseat Senator Lorimer. The committee discontinued his services, members said today, because of the almost prohibitive expense.

Witnesses to Be Impeached.

It is reported that the end sought by the anti-Lorimer interests is the impeachment of a certain witness, who gave evidence in Senator Lorimer's defense relating to the alleged statement of C. F. Wiehe, a brother-in-law of Edward Hines, that a "jackpot" fund of $100,000 was used to "put Lorimer over."

In substance Burns is declared to have represented to the committee that he was prepared to offer evidence that one of the witnesses who testified in regard to this incident had confessed that $1500 was paid him to come to Washington. A phonographic method by which Burns obtained the alleged confession is also said to have been laid before the committee.

Detective's Report Submitted.

Burns came to Washington last Tuesday and remained until Wednesday night. His report was communicated to some of the members of the committee and, it is said, later was laid before the committee in executive session.

It is not said that the evidence Burns promised to produce is intended to establish whether there was a $100,000 "jackpot" fund or that Senator Lorimer had knowledge of it. The evidence affects solely the veracity of a witness called by the defense. This new evidence will be laid before the committee after the cross-examination of Snator Lorimer is finished next week. Lorimer will resume the witness chair on Monday afternoon and probably will finish his testimony by Wednesday.

ORCHARD SALES $120,000

Syndicate Disposes of 355 Acres in Medford for $100,000.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Three hundred and sixty-five acres of orchard lands were sold in Medford yesterday for $120,000. J. M. Frink, a resident of Seattle, purchased the old Pardon ranch of 355 acres for $100,000 from a syndicate composed of Dan J. Malarkey, a Portland attorney and State Senator; I. W. Fleschner, of the firm of Fleischner-Mayer, of Portland and San Francisco; Oskar Huber, manager of the Barber Asphalt Company; E. B. Piper, of Portland, and John D. Olwell, of Medford.

The second sale was made to Mrs. A. E. Bingham, of Santa Barbara and Chicago, who purchased ten acres in the old Burrill tract for $20,000. This is the third purchase by Mrs. Bingham in the last two months, making her total investment in the valley $110,000. Since December 7 $572,000 worth of orchard land have been sold here to outside investors.

ICE JAMS GORGE RIVERS

Danger Seen in Missouri River; Ohio Floods Subsiding.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 20.—Apparently all danger from the breaking of the ice gorge in the Ohio River here had passed tonight. The rush of water that dislodged the huge jam caused the river to rise at the rate of almost a foot an hour. The rise tonight is steady, but not so marked as earlier in the day. No damage has been reported from nearby points since that done when the gorge was broken.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 20.—Ice in the Missouri River here is being blasted today. Should the huge mass of ice on the opposite bank break loose the craft moored in the river would be crushed and a jam near the junction of the Missouri and Kaw Rivers might cause a repetition of the serious floods of several years ago.

SALEM BOY IS ARRESTED

Eighteen-Year Old Youth Charged With Attacking Girls.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Boyd Holcomb, 18 years old, was arrested today by Chief of Police Hamilton and Officer Burkhart, on a charge of attacking little girls during the past week and admitted finally that he had accosted the girls but did not admit the crimes.

Last Tuesday night 3-year-old Emma Wilson was attacked by a cyclist on Sixteenth street. Thursday night Stella Brown, 11 years old, was attacked on Seventeenth street, also by a cyclist.

In the Wilson case the little girl was severely injured, but the Brown girl escaped with a scare. Holcomb lived with his mother, at 1906 Asylum avenue. He says that in both instances he borrowed the bicycle used.

PORTER CHARLTON IS SANE

Wife Murderer Confronted by Long Wait in New Jersey Jail.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Porter Charlton, who murdered his wife, Mrs. Mary Scott Castle Charlton, at Lake Como, Italy, in 1910, is perfectly sane, according to the District Attorney of Hudson County, N. J., and the Jersey City jail officers.

The Supreme Court of the United States is considering the matter of his return to Italy for trial and a decision is not expected before 1913.

NAME OF T. R. USED

"Progressive" Camp in Illinois Threatened With Break.

LA FOLLETTE'S FOES MANY

Discord Arises Between Presidential and State Committees—Colonel May Be Openly Put Forward as Candidate.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Free and unrestricted use of Theodore Roosevelt's name in connection with the Republican nomination for the Presidency is reported to threaten a break in the ranks of the "progressives" in Illinois.

Since the opening of the La Follette Western headquarters in Chicago there have been persistent rumors that all was not harmonious between the managers of the Presidential and state campaigns. Senator Walter Clyde Jones and his advisers did not declare themselves on the Presidency until about the time Senator La Follette visited Illinois recently. Then they came out for the Wisconsin man.

Even that, it is said, did not bring the two campaigns any closer together. Some of Senator Jones' friends charge he did not receive the consideration to which he is entitled from the La Follette committee.

It is alleged the state committee is in debt and that its finances are at a low ebb, while the National committee has plenty of money, which it is using only for the benefit of Senator La Follette.

It is from resentment at the attitude of the Western branch of the La Follette committee, are rumors which are afloat, that Senator Jones and his friends are said to be turning toward Roosevelt as the National leader. This sentiment has been growing, it is reported, among those progressives who are interested in the success of the state candidates, and it is likely to reach a climax at the convention of the next week.

Leaders on both sides of the controversy are bending all energies toward preventing a break, but at each of the headquarters today the information was given out that the state convention probably would be a lively affair and one well worth going to witness.

ROOSEVELT'S NAME RESTORED

Pittsburg Paper Again Urges Candidacy on Editorial Page.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 20.—The Pittsburg Leader, which four months ago, at the request of Theodore Roosevelt, eliminated his name from its editorial page as its candidate for the Presidency, today restored the name with the statement that it advocated his nomination.

At the time Colonel Roosevelt asked the removal of his name he said he would consider it a calamity if his friends made him a candidate. The Leader complied with the request, announcing it would respect Colonel Roosevelt's personal desires.

While no revocation of the request is announced, the Leader declares the name will remain, at least until after the Republican nomination, as the issue is greater than the desires of any individual.

GARY STILL IN FOUNDRIES

Steel Man Keeps Stock, Though He Has Quit Board.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Referring to the affairs of the American Steel Foundries Company, from whose directorate he recently resigned for personal reasons, he declared, Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, said today:

"I have not disposed of any stock and am a holder of a large amount. I have confidence in the company and its management."

From other sources it was learned that criticism before the Stanley Congressional committee and other committees had an influence on Gary's action in retiring from the Allis-Chalmers and Steel Foundries' boards.

WIDOWER REFUSES TO PAY

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$5000 check for me, which I could not cash after she died.

"McCullough never intimated to me that he objected to his wife taking me riding in her automobile. On the contrary, he himself has sent me out riding with her. It was simply a question of keeping her nerves quiet. Her husband seemed to be out of sympathy with her, or, at least, she thought he was, and this was the reason she took so much of my time."

Mrs. McCullough wrote many novels and essays. Her best-known book, perhaps, was "Lavender and Old Lace."

Forest Grove Folk Seek Fortune.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Jan. 20.(Special.)—Since the members of the Wirtz family, who reside in this city, have good evidence that they are descendants of Paul Wertz, who was a field marshal in Holland in the 17th century, and left a large estate that has been constantly increasing in value, they may soon get a share of the vast estate in Holland, valued at millions of dollars. There are six brothers living in Forest Grove, sons of Jacob Wirtz, an old settler of this community. The Wirtz Family Association, consisting of nearly 500 members, formed for the purpose of making the claim to the Paul Wertz estate in Holland, held a three-days' session in Chicago recently. It was announced that a representative of the association would leave for Holland immediately to take charge of the case.

A first-class distributer in the United States Postal Service disposed of 771 pieces of mail in 11 minutes.