

ISSUE DRAWN IN 9 STATES THIS WEEK

Interest Centering on Illinois Primary.

COLONEL'S STAKE IS HEAVY

Continuance as Factor May Depend on Outcome.

TAFT FORCES CONFIDENT

President Sure to Win Some, and Perhaps Will Have All in Nebraska—New England Certain—Michigan in Doubt.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(Special.)—State conventions and statewide primaries to elect delegates to the Republican National convention will be held in nine states next week. In the list are some of the most important states in the Union, with respect to the manner in which the Republican contest for the Presidential nomination has taken shape. Here is the schedule:

- April 6—Louisiana state convention.
April 8—Illinois primaries.
April 9—New York state convention.
April 10—Maine state convention.
April 10—Vermont state convention.
April 10—Kentucky state convention.
April 11—Michigan state convention.
April 13—Pennsylvania primaries.
April 13—Nebraska primaries.

Republicans Hold Chief Interest. In the states where the primaries are held under legislative acts, delegates also will be elected to the Democratic National convention. At present, however, interest even on the Democratic side is centered largely on the terrific war for the place that is being waged on the Republican side, with its fiercest series of battles about to be fought.

Many district conventions, in addition to statewide events, are scheduled for various parts of the country, and a total of 226 delegates to Chicago will be chosen during the week.

It is conceded that a continuance of the Roosevelt movement as a militant force in the preliminary struggle for the Presidency depends largely on the results effected between Tuesday and the following Saturday. The eyes of all politicians in Washington are turned particularly on Illinois, which will send to the Republican National convention 58 delegates, the third greatest number of any of the states. The Roosevelt forces have effected a better organization in Illinois than the Taft forces. The organization in behalf of President Taft was not begun until some time after the opposition had taken the field.

Roosevelt Claims Extravagant. Claims that generally would be regarded as extravagant are being made by the Roosevelt leaders with respect to Illinois. They concede only two delegates to Taft. The Taft forces here, on the other hand, declare that such claims are being exploited merely to stir up enthusiasm for the ex-President and argue that the whole general situation in Illinois is so complicated by the factional troubles that have prevailed the past few years as to render it impossible to make definite calculations.

A partial effect to any reverse the Taft forces may meet with in Illinois—and the tremendous strengthening of Taft lines in case the President carries that state—will be the instructions which now seem probable in connection with the New York State convention. Maine and Vermont seem to be safely in control of the Taft forces, despite

MAN, 83, EX-WIFE, 20, QUARREL FOR CHILD

WOMAN, NOW WEDDED TO ANOTHER, WINS SMALL SON.

Aged Father's Lawyer Says Former Spouse and Her Mother Won't Give Back His Money.

Leroy Landers, aged 83, and his divorced wife, now Mrs. Mary Landers Stokes, who was 15 years old when he married her in Seattle in 1907, appeared in Juvenile Court yesterday afternoon as parties to a contest over the possession of their son, not yet five years old. The woman was successful. She presented a certified copy of her divorce decree, obtained in Seattle, in which it was specified that she was to have the custody of the child.

The old man was represented in the contest by Attorney J. "Hat" Hitchings, who told the court that the divorced wife and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Franklin, a former Seattle lodging-house keeper, had secured \$1,000 of his client's money and had refused to give it up.

It developed that the old man took the child away from Seattle nearly two years ago and put it in the care of his daughter, Mrs. Monroe Barrett, who lives at 7039 Fortleth avenue, Southeast, Portland. He declared that Mrs. Franklin had thrust the child upon him and denied that he had been guilty of kidnapping.

NO LOOPHOLE LEFT OPEN

Canadians Say They're Weaving Case Against Robber Suspect.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., April 6.—The desire of the Canadian authorities to withhold from the defense any loophole in the way of knowing the probable evidence which will be laid against them should they be brought here for trial, is given as the cause for the delay in extraditing the alleged robbers of the branch here of the Bank of Montreal. The case of Dean, now held in Los Angeles in connection with the robbery, which has been delayed, owing to an unauthorized stenographer acting as court reporter, probably will be decided about the middle of next week.

According to a local attorney who has followed the case, it is a difficult matter to extradite a man from the United States if he has the necessary cash to secure a criminal lawyer to fight from recent dispatches it is plain that both the alleged robbers have employed the best attorneys. In connection with this robbery, there is still a strong impression in this city among men following the case closely, that Chinamen were connected with the robbery exclusively.

HORSE IS BRIGHT YELLOW

Animal Sprayed With Fruit Tree Medicine Startles Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—A bright yellow horse attracted as much attention on the streets of the city today as a freak in a circus would. The yellow animal had been driven to the city by a man who has been spraying his trees with a mixture that turns anything it touches a beautiful glowing yellow and, as the hair of the horse was absorbent, it took on an odd color when the spray struck it.

Many persons looking at the horse and ignorant of the fact that such claims are being exploited merely to stir up enthusiasm for the ex-President and argue that the whole general situation in Illinois is so complicated by the factional troubles that have prevailed the past few years as to render it impossible to make definite calculations.

RACE RIOTS ARE FEARED

Extra Police Called to Control American and Italian Riots.

FAYETTEVILLE, W. Va., April 6.—Extra deputies and police were sworn in today by the authorities in the spraying communities of Boomer, Cammeton and Marling because of the imminence of race riots between Americans and Italian miners.

Bitterness is caused primarily by the murder of Washington Bostwick, a bank boss, who was shot by three Italians a few days ago. Governor Glascock has been asked to have militia in readiness to be sent here at a moment's notice. At Boomer nearly every miner is armed with a rifle.

GOVERNMENT WILL AID FLOOD VICTIMS

40,000 Homeless and 10,000 Hungry.

ARMY OFFICERS ON SCENE

Merchants in Stricken District to Be Patronized.

TROOPS MAY BE NEEDED

President Directs Use of Army Supplies. Investigation Is Being Made—Red Cross to Assist in Work.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—With 40,000 persons homeless in the flood-stricken Mississippi Valley and 10,000 others requiring food, the War Department will move rapidly to take care of those in need. Brigadier-General Potts, at Chicago, will have direct charge of the distribution of supplies and tents.

It was said that probably many companies of United States troops eventually would have to be sent to the Mississippi Valley to assist in the distribution and to help preserve order. A Quartermaster Department official of the field call for troops they will be dispatched in small detachments.

Army Officers Sent to Report. The War Department has ordered five officers to the flooded districts to investigate the needs of the people and to report to Washington.

Captain Harry A. Hageman reported today from New Madrid, Mo., he would need supplies for about 1000 persons a day. He was directed to draw ten days' supplies from the St. Louis Army depot. The War Department plans to buy most of the food supplies from merchants in the flooded district. By patronizing them at a time when their ordinary business is paralyzed, the Government feels it will confer a real benefit upon the distressed communities.

CASH MADE AVAILABLE

Commissioner-General Sharpe placed today \$30,000 at the disposal of the officials in the flooded districts.

The red cross officials are in close touch with the War Department in regard to relief work. It is possible the organization soon may take upon itself the entire conduct of the relief work. Director Bicknell will go to the Mississippi Valley.

President Taft sent letters today to Chairman Fitzgerald, of the House appropriations committee, and Senator-elect James, of Kentucky, bearing on relief measures for the Mississippi flood sufferers.

"I do not think it wise to make any appropriations for the purpose of buying food and other supplies until officers reach the ground and give us some idea of the amount needed and the extent of the suffering and destitution," said Mr. Taft in his letter to Fitzgerald.

ARMY SUPPLIES TO BE USED

"Means, before any appropriation is made," he continued, "the Secretary of War will not hesitate to make use of Army supplies for whatever is immediately needed, and I have no doubt that he has near at hand a sufficient amount to relieve such suffering as can be relieved in that way."

Senator James said the President probably would send a special message to Congress later, asking the reimbursement spoken of in his letters. The Wells-Fargo Express Company notified today the Interstate Commerce Commission, in conformity with the law, that it would transport free of

MILLINERY FLOOD SWAMPS CHICAGO

LEVEE BREAKS BEFORE ROAR OF GOWNS AND BONNETS.

Million Spent on State Street Alone for Hats—Gloves, Dresses and Accessories Add to Total.

CHICAGO, April 6.—(Special.)—Easter tide augmented by the arrival of real spring weather burst through its banks today and flooded the entire loop district. The levee broke with a roar that could be heard for miles and the limited area immediately surrounding millinery stores and florists' shops was widened until even remote suburban districts were submerged.

Swirling streams of Spring hats and turbulent rumbling torrents of Easter gowns poured over the flood district. Whirling eddies of lilies, hyacinths, sweet peas and violets at their way through the barriers and swept through the downtown district, carrying everything before them.

The dikes holding back Easter confectionery dainties were torn asunder and added to the menace of the flood situation.

"I should say as a liberal estimate," declared a manager of one of the big department stores, "that more than \$1,000,000 has been expended for Easter hats on State street alone. I make this estimate from figuring on our own sales and guessing at others from that. But the hat is not all at Easter time. There are special Easter gowns, gloves, parasols and all sorts of accessories."

"Formerly Easter meant a new hat, but now it means an entire costume or costumes, with everything to match the hat. This includes about every article of clothing and adornment worn by women."

UNEMPLOYED GROW FEWER

San Francisco Situation Passes Crisis and Is Improving.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—The condition of the unemployed in San Francisco has passed its crisis and is now improving, according to an exhaustive report submitted today to Governor Johnson by State Labor Commissioner McLaughlin.

The principal causes for distress among wage earners, it was found by Commissioner McLaughlin, were the winter sickness in building operations, which affected the residents of the city, and the tardy opening of the lumber and fishing seasons on the coast, which kept in this city migratory laborers who ordinarily find employment at outside points much earlier in the season.

The number of unemployed men in the city is estimated on April 1 to have been 21,000, against 23,000 in January and February.

WRECKED AIRSHIP BOUGHT

Rodgers' Mechanician to Rebuild Biplane and Fly in East.

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 6.—Frank Shaffer, who acted as mechanic for Calbraith P. Rodgers, the transcontinental aviator killed here Wednesday, announced today that he had bought all that remained of Rodgers' biplane and would rebuild the machine and fill the engagements Rodgers had made in the East.

Shaffer paid Mrs. Rodgers \$1000 for what remained of the biplane. Much of it was swept out to sea after Rodgers' fatal crash to the surf. It was announced today that a monument would be erected here in memory of Rodgers' achievements and that the Aero Club of America would have charge of the unveiling ceremonies.

Mrs. Rodgers today filed a petition for the administration of her husband's estate. Rodgers left an estate valued at \$20,000 but left no will.

M'INDOE IS CAUTIONED

Chief of Engineers Urges Care in Broadway Bridge Work.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 6.—Chief of Engineers Hixby said today that instructions have been given to Major McIndoe to supervise the building of the Broadway bridge with special care to see that there is no unreasonable obstruction to navigation during the construction of the bridge.

TEXAN'S APOLOGY IS NOT ACCEPTED

Randall Finds House Members Stirred.

EXPLANATION DOESN'T EXPLAIN

Insinuation by Representative May Lead to Inquiry.

DEBATE BECOMES BITTER

Intimation as to Acceptance of Retaining Fees From Corporations Brings Demand for Names and Proofs.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—One of the most acrimonious debates heard in the House this session was precipitated today when Representative Randall, of Texas, Democrat, explained that he meant no reflection on members when he intimated in his speech of Thursday that a majority of the members of the House were engaged in employment that his anti-corporation retainer fees bill would stop.

Applause greeted the replies of Representatives Edwards and Bartlett, of Georgia; James, of Kentucky; Clayton, of Alabama, Democrat; and Hamilton, of Michigan, Republican, who virtually declined to accept his explanation.

Printed Record Read. Mr. Randall insisted that his language as it appeared in the Record could not be construed either as insulting to members or as questioning their integrity. He referred to the printed record and read the statement that had aroused criticism.

"This is what I said," explained Mr. Randall, "and I submit that nothing in it reflects on any member. I have no doubt that an investigation would show that a majority of the members of this House and of the Congress are engaged in employments today which the passage of that bill would stop. I believe it is true that nine-tenths or perhaps a larger percentage of those employments are absolutely innocent themselves, but the situation is there. There is the connection of the agent with his principal. There is the connection of the attorney with his client."

Proofs and Names Wanted. Mr. Edwards called on Mr. Randall to produce his proofs of any such illegal employment of members and to name both the members and the corporations they served. He was applauded when he resumed his seat.

Representative James said that the Texan's explanation did not explain and declined to accept his contention that his statement had been misinterpreted.

Gardner, of Texas, likewise declined to accept the construction his colleague sought to place upon his words.

Representative Clayton, chairman of the Judiciary committee, before whom the bill was pending, made a vigorous reply to Randall's insinuations and characterized his measure as "ridiculous."

Members' Honesty Defended. "The tales of this House," he said, "and probably an undue regard for the feelings of the gentleman from Texas prevented the committee from making a statement concerning this matter. Let me tell you what is the matter with this House; it is not that members are crooks or dishonest men; but that there are too many cowards. We all were to be found in existing law. An effort by Representative Henry, of Texas, chairman of the committee on rules, to make reply to Randall was defeated by the desire of the House to close the incident. He gave notice, however, that he would discuss it at some future time."

SAN DIEGO ELKS COMING IN STYLE

SPECIAL TRAIN DE LUXE TO BRING 175 NORTH.

Women of Party to Have Private Observation Coach—Men Will Enjoy Club Car.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 6.—(Special.)—San Diego Elks, numbering 175, will go to Portland to the grand reunion in July in a train de luxe. The committee on arrangements today contracted for a special train of Pullmans to leave here over the Santa Fe and to run through to San Francisco over the Southern Pacific coast lines and from there to Portland over the Shasta Route.

Many of the local Elks will be accompanied by their wives and daughters. One whole observation car, the largest ever brought to this section of the coast, will be reserved for the exclusive use of the women of the party. This will be attached to the rear end of the train.

For the Elks proper, a combination club car will be attached to the baggage section.

The Elks' special will leave San Diego the morning of July 5. Short stops will be made in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Sacramento.

DECISION LOGGERS' BOON

Court Gives Company Right to Condemn Land for Road.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—A decision which may have considerable bearing upon the operations of logging companies has been handed down by Judge Harris, of Eugene, who presided in a number of Coos County cases in the Circuit Court. The case is that of Andreas Anderson against the Smith-Powers Logging Company and has been in the courts for some time. The logging company built a logging road across Anderson's land and the latter sued the company. The road was built after the land had been condemned and Anderson argued the service corporation and did not have the right of eminent domain. Judge Harris decided the case in favor of the logging company. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

DEMAND TO REBUILD MADE

Settler on Abandoned Railway Line Asks Writ of Mandate.

HELENA, Mont., April 6.—Application for a writ of mandate to compel the Great Northern Railway Company to rebuild its line between Columbia Falls and Jennings was made in the Federal Court today by Knute Tideman, of Lincoln County, in a suit originally begun in the State Courts. Tideman alleged he was induced to take up a homestead near the abandoned station of Atlanta, in 1893, relying upon the representations of the railroad that it would maintain a freight and passenger service. In 1904 the railroad tore up the rails.

ALIENS TO COME TO COAST

German Line to Bring Immigrants Via Canal at Low Rate.

NEW YORK, April 6.—In steamship offices here it is an open secret that two of the big German steamship lines are planning, as soon as the Panama Canal is open, to begin a special service of ships between Europe and California, in which steerage passengers will be carried to the Pacific Coast at the same rates as to New York. The only extra charge would be sufficient to cover the Canal tolls.

WISCONSIN'S ALUMNAE WED

Few Old Maids Found Among Women Graduates of University.

MADISON, Wis., April 6.—That its women graduates seldom become old maids is declared by the University of Wisconsin in the new alumni directory. Of the 1037 women who graduated at Wisconsin between 1867 and 1911, fully 63 or 64 per cent have married. Most of the unmarried are recent graduates who will mate later. The figures show that 45 per cent of the women graduates have married alumni of the same university.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA CLASH OVER PERSIA

Issue 100 Years Old Suddenly Critical.

GERMAN DESIGNS SUSPECTED

Porte Believed to Have Support of Strong Power.

SULTAN ON AGGRESSIVE

Anglo-Russian Commission Finds Against Ottoman Empire, Which Has Expressed Willingness for Arbitration.

LONDON, April 6.—The relations of Russia and Turkey which a few weeks ago caused the circulation of alarming reports, may at any moment reach an acute stage, and again the bone of contention will be Persia.

At the close of the Russo-Japanese war, Turkey moved troops into the Persian province of Azerbaijan, a strip of which has been in dispute for upward of 200 years. Turkey claims this strip; Persia holds it, but the ownership has yet to be decided. The question has been a subject of negotiations, but while these have been going on, Russia asserts that Turkey has been advancing her forces slowly until they have gone even beyond the disputed strip and now command the western part of Azerbaijan from Lake Urumiah to the frontier, and can easily attack the Russian province of Erivan.

Turks Deny Aggression. Turkey denies any aggressive intentions. She has informed the Russian Minister to the porte that she has troops in the disputed territory only as a temporary expedient, waiting the outcome of friendly negotiations, and if necessary a reference to The Hague Tribunal.

An Anglo-Russian Commission, on the other hand, has reported that the Russian contention is correct, and has issued a map showing Turkey has taken possession of about 16,000 square miles of Persian territory.

German Support Suspected. Turkey's firmness in supporting her contention, and in not only placing troops in the disputed strip but moving them forward, has given rise in Russia to a suspicion that some other power is behind the Ottoman government. It is pointed out that the acquisition of territory on the Persian frontier might be accepted as compensation by Turkey for the loss of Tripoli and the power that could bring about this exchange would please Italy.

Germany, which before has tried to secure concessions on Lake Urumiah, is the power suspected.

Russian Threat Is Velled. The movement of Russian and Turkish troops along the frontier has given cause for frequent alarms lately, and Russia's action in taking a leading part in the effort to bring the Turkish-Italian war to an end is said to have been suggested by the fact that in this frontier dispute she can use an argument that will give a weak power, such as Turkey, cause to think before engaging against two strong powers at the same time.

Boys Will Be Buried Today.

ILLWACO, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—The funeral of Victor Slingerland and Phillip Brooks, two of the three little boys who were drowned when a small boat capsized at Ocean Park Thursday, will be held tomorrow and interment will take place in the Ocean Park Cemetery. The body of Lester Young, the third victim of the accident, will be taken to Vancouver, Wash., where it will be buried.

HERE ARE SHOWN SOME RESULTS OF CARTOONIST REYNOLDS' SURVEY OF SOME OF THE PAST WEEK'S EVENTS.

