

DEMOCRATS TO OPEN PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT ON SATURDAY, AUG. 5

Official Notification Will Be Made at Whitehouse; Plan to Keep Offensive.

BIG CONFERENCE IS HELD

Cabinet Members and Party's Leading Orators to Make Speeches; Pierce Fight Looked Forward To.

Washington, July 15.—(U. P.)—Democratic war lords got together here today and formulated plans for opening President Wilson's battle for reelection. Initial shelling will begin, it is understood, on Saturday, August 5. The scene of the first action will be on the lawn of the summer White house, where the president will be officially notified of his renomination. The details will be announced probably Monday by Field Marshal Vance McCormick at New York.

McCormick hurried to Washington today after a look at his lines in the middle west, and then went back to New York at 6:15 this evening to get everything ready.

The Democrats are looking forward to a fierce fight. They say they are going to try to take and keep the offensive. Hughes' speech of acceptance is said to give the president his firing range.

Besides the finance and publicity departments there will be a full fledged speaker's department in Chicago and another on the Pacific coast, the place to be selected later.

Plans have been completed for each of the cabinet members to make speeches and the party's leading orators have volunteered for service.

Among these, it is said, will be a number of progressives.

Portland Amateur Press Club Formed

Francis Brodie Is Made President—Victor Pedroni Head of United Amateur Press Association.

Victor Pedroni of Baltimore, Md., was elected, late Saturday afternoon, president of the United Amateur Press Association of America.

The twenty-first annual convention of that organization, which was in session Friday and Saturday at the Hotel Cornwell, elected other officers for the ensuing year, as follows: President, Miss Elsie Giddow, Montreal, Canada; second vice president, T. G. Mauritzen, Chicago, Ill.; secretary, Levi Moore, New Site, Mass.; treasurer, S. P. Rowell, Seattle, official editor, J. M. Moseley, Westfield, Mass.; laureate, Edward W. Deery, Seattle, historian; L. R. Morris, Indianapolis, Ind., western manuscript manager; Edgar A. Baldwin, Birmingham, Ohio; John O. Keefe, Miami, Fla.; directors, Eugene Smith, Portland, Ore., president of the Central Labor Council, and Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor.

The association, composed largely of non-professional writers, has members in every state of the Union, and in several of the Canadian provinces, besides local branches in many cities. Its members work along literary lines as a hobby or diversion rather than for profit.

During the convention the local members organized a local branch, the Portland Amateur Press Club.

The temporary officers of the local club are: Francis W. Brodie, president; Ethel M. Phelps, secretary; and Gilbert T. Benson, literary director. The next meeting of the club will be held on Friday at the home of Mrs. Helen F. Griffin.

Russians Repulsed Claim the Germans

Berlin, July 15.—(U. P.)—On all sectors of the eastern front Russian attacks have been repulsed and at one point the Slav line has been pushed back, said official statements from the Austrian and German war offices this afternoon, dealing with the Russian offensive.

The German war office reported the capture of 1500 Russian prisoners by troops under Prince Leopold of Baden, and the recapture of part of the positions lost by the Germans July 3.

Snake Hunting Popular

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RUPILS GIVE CLEVER PROGRAM OF FOLK DANCES, DRILLS



WASHINGTON PARK IS SCENE OF A MERRY AFFAIR BY JUVENILES

Number of Schools Represented on Program of an Interesting Character.

Washington park was on Wednesday the scene of a delightful program of folk dances, drills, races and apparatus stunts given by the pupils of Ladd, Shattuck, Couch and Ainsworth schools, the affair being given under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher associations of those schools with Mrs. A. Mattingly, chairman of the day.

The exercises were opened with remarks by R. L. Sabin, who commended the women on their excellent work and paid a fine tribute to the flag and to the American spirit of patriotism.

Photograph music was furnished for the folk dances and the opening number was the Danish dance of greeting given by 40 pupils. Next came the Ace of Diamonds. A flag drill given by 16 girls dressed in white and carrying American flags brought forth great applause. Other dances given were the ox dance, the Tautou dance and the seven jumps dance. The dances were given under the direction of Miss Louise Bailey and John C. Hatz, playground directors of Washington park.

The race winners were: Backward race, first, Albert Barnum; second, Doxey. Policeman's race, first, Coulter; second, Collins; third, Barum. Three-legged race, first, Barum and Collins; second, Albert and Sproul. The apparatus contests resulted as follows: Horse, first, Albert Barnum; second, Doxey; parallel, first, Scallion; second, Doxey. Single bar, first, Senna; second, Harrison. Traveling rings, first, Collins; second, Wright. Flying rings, first, Mary Deery; second, Camilla Burton.

Government Seeks to End Shark Danger

Secretary of Treasury McAdoo Orders Expert to Confer With New Jersey Coast Authorities.

Washington, July 15.—(U. P.)—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today instructed Commandant General Beahm of the coast guard service immediately to send a representative to confer with coast guard and local authorities along the Jersey and New York coasts, with a view to determining the most feasible method of ending the shark menace.

Too Protest Naming Of Strike Deputies

To protest against appointment of special deputies to serve during the waterfront strike troubles, a meeting will be held at the Central Library Tuesday evening. The speakers will include Dr. C. H. Chapman, W. S. Yrre, Eugene Smith, president of the Central Labor Council, and Otto Hartwig, president of the State Federation of Labor.

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Above—Little girls in racing contest. Below—Typical school lassie.

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Acting Secretary of State Polk Holds German Submarine Not Ship of War.

Washington, July 15.—(U. P.)—Acting Secretary of State Franklin Polk said today:

"In view of the facts of this particular case, I see no reason to declare the Deutschland a ship of war."

The ship is free now to clear whenever Captain Paul Koenig, her commander, desires to depart.

There was intense interest in diplomatic circles over the German submarine's ruling and the decision was cabled to foreign governments.

Several embassies telephoned the department today to obtain official knowledge of the ruling. Great Britain has lodged no additional protest but one is momentarily expected.

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DR. AXFORD BACK IN SAN FRANCISCO TELLS WEIRD TALE OF SEA

Shanghaied, He Says, and Left Adrift at Sea; Bradford Cared for Him.

LOCAL SLEUTH SKEPTICAL

Detective Hawley Says Man Was in Portland Nearly Two Weeks—Eluding Placance Is Thought Motive.

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Two weeks ago Dr. Axford dropped from sight and relatives began a coastwise hunt. They were baffled, in the midst of their search, by a telegram which came to a friend of the missing man, Mrs. A. E. Stone, telling of the finding of Dr. Axford in an open boat.

Axford told his friends here he had been shanghaied on the San Francisco waterfront. He came to in the hold of a ship among a pile of fish nets.

He was taken prisoner to the north. One night a sailor came to him in the hold and warned him not to make any noise. The sailor lifted him up on deck and then lowered him into a small boat. The boat the sailor placed a can of water and loaf of bread. He gave the doctor a pair of oars and told him to row for shore. It was pitch dark.

For a time Dr. Axford rowed and then he lost an oar. He was too weak to cry for help and he simply drifted

until he came ashore. A man named Bradford took care of him until he was able to return home.

Dr. L. E. Axford, the San Francisco physician who has been missing from his home there since June 29, was in Portland from June 30 to July 11 under the name of Dr. William H. Bradford.

That the two men are the same the police express no doubt. William H. Bradford sent messages from Portland to Mrs. A. E. Stone, fiancée of Dr. Axford, stating that the physician had been rescued from the Pacific ocean in an open boat, had undergone suffering and was very weak; that he would be all right and return to San Francisco in a few days.

The sender of these telegrams was traced by Detective H. H. Hawley yesterday.

The residence of William H. Bradford was located in a rooming house on Washington street. The description of Bradford tallied exactly with that of the description from San Francisco of Axford.

The investigation yesterday convinced Detective Hawley that Axford lived in Portland under the name of Bradford, and that his disappearance from San Francisco probably was an attempt to get away from Mrs. Stone.