

JOHNSON MEETING IS STARTING BELL IN POLITICAL RACE

When Joseph Scott, spellbinder from Los Angeles, mounts the rostrum at the Masonic temple tonight at 8 o'clock to tell the waiting multitude of the qualifications and the merit possessed by Senator Hiram Johnson as a presidential possibility, he will ring the starting bell for Oregon's heat in the presidential race.

From then on until May 21, when Mr. and Mrs. Vox Populi are scheduled to still the clamor of the candidates and change it into carols of jubilation or grunts of dismay as the case may be, it is expected that there will be something doing every minute in the big camps, where conspiring managers strive to build strong stones to the White House for their chiefs.

Word has come to the Hoover Republican club, for instance, that Ralph C. Ely, who is also from Los Angeles, will bear down on the Oregon county early Monday morning, striking permitting to spend three days in telling the population "Who's Hoover."

HE'S HOOVER, STRONG Ely was food administrator for the state of New Mexico during the late unpleasantness, and is an ardent and, it is reported, an eloquent, advocate of Herbert Hoover for president. Just where he will address the people, and how many times during his three days in the state has not been definitely determined, but there will be one, or more, talks in Portland, with the remaining time spent in other sections of the state.

It has already been announced that Senator Pollock will be in Oregon for a two weeks campaign tour. He will arrive here immediately after the Republican state convention is held at Bellingham, April 24, and will stick with the job of gathering Oregon votes en masse after the Oregon county. He has already accepted an invitation to address the Portland Press club on May 5, at noon, and his state manager is now scouting over the state arranging the other times and the places where he will spread his gospel.

WOOD FORCES IN AIR The headquarters of General Wood are a little up in the air, oratorically speaking, for they have not been informed just where the state convention is to be held. The general expects to advance his office in this sector, or, if that fails, to the Oregon county. Walker tells that Judge William Gillman of Seattle will come into the state soon after the close of the Bellingham convention to make a series of addresses in General Wood's behalf, but the exact dates have not been fixed. Also, it has been promised by the national headquarters that both Theodore Roosevelt Jr. and General Wood will come to the state for a swing through its borders, but since the promise of several weeks ago no further word has been received.

Then, too, Senator Johnson, in propria persona, is scheduled to come bubbling up from the Golden Gate after the California primaries have been held on May 4, to campaign in the Oregon campaign from border to border of the commonwealth.

MORE ORATORS COMING It is to be expected, also, as the days go on and the campaign draws to a close, that yet more orators will make their appearance from all corners to vie one with the other in the big hunt after the elusive preferential and presidential vote of Oregon.

The London headquarters alone holds out no promise of oratory to be spilled into the ears of the public in the interest of the candidacy of the Illinois governor. No word has been received, the London managers say, to indicate that Lowden oratory is to be imported.

But one thing the public can bank on, without hope of successful disappointment: that old Oregon is in for a noisy time of it during the next few weeks. Once the heavy artillery of the presidential bombardment begins its strafing, and the state candidates tumble their six pounders, when the

would-be county commissioners, the sheriff, the district attorneys and all the army clear down to the constables, begin to shoot, it will make some sympathy, you can tell the world.

ONLY THIRD OF DELEGATES TO CONVENTIONS SELECTED By Harold D. Jacobs. New York, April 10.—(U. P.)—Twenty-two of the 48 states have selected their delegates to the Republican national convention already held representing 823 of the 884 delegates who will be at the national convention. Of these 95 are instructed and 248 uninstructed. Nineteen are contested. Added to these are 120 instructed delegates from the Philippine Islands. To carry the Republican nomination a candidate must have at least 493 delegates.

In 13 Democratic primaries and conventions 232 delegates have been selected, of which 73 are pledged and 219 unpledged. There will be 1092 delegates at the national convention and 728 are necessary for a choice.

About one-third of the Republican delegates thus far have been selected and less than one-third of these have been instructed. If this ratio is maintained, the 300 delegates will go to the convention definitely pledged to any candidate.

Slightly more than one-quarter of the Democratic delegates have been chosen and about one-quarter of these are pledged. Providing the same ratio obtains for the states yet to act, the instructed delegates will total 300. Republican delegates will be selected this month as follows:

April 13, Illinois primary; April 14, Tennessee convention; April 20, Nebraska primary; April 22, Iowa convention; April 23, Montana primary; April 24, Nevada convention; April 27, New Jersey and Ohio primaries and Idaho and Washington conventions; April 28, Arkansas convention.

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AYER CASTS HOROSCOPE IN FAVOR OF HOOVER BOOM W. B. Ayer, delegate of the Hoover Republican club of Oregon to the national convention, has wired the local Hoover headquarters that an enthusiastic and profitable conference was held at which the local executive committee of the organization of the Hoover campaign were presented and adopted:

"Twenty-five states were represented at the meeting held yesterday for the purpose of extending the scope of the Hoover National Republican club and perfecting its organization." Mr. Ayer wires, "All states are to be represented at the executive committee and the selection of the personnel is to be on the recommendation of the officers of the state clubs. The purpose of the national, state and county clubs is to create a party of extending the Hoover sentiment throughout the United States, in order that the Republican convention may be impressed with the fact that he, more than any other man in the party, represents the policy that are in the minds of the great majority of the American people which can be best expressed as the middle ground between extreme radicalism and extreme reaction. A deep conviction was shown at the meeting that the national convention will ultimately turn to Hoover as the most available candidate."

PORTLAND WOMAN SEKS SEAT IN BIG CONVENTION Salem, April 10.—Alice M. McNaught of Portland Friday filed with the secretary of state's office her nominating petition as a candidate for delegate from the third congressional district to the Democratic national convention, under a slogan which declares "for Democracy, which is the honest sentiment of the masses."

Other candidates filing Friday were: W. S. Levens, Baker, Democrat, for district attorney for Baker county; Philip Hammond, Oregon City, Republican, for state representative from Clackamas county; Jay Upton, Prineville, Republican, for state senator from seventeenth senatorial district; D. C. Herbin, Portland, Republican, for state representative from Multnomah county; T. S. McKinney, Lakeview, Republican, for district attorney for Lake county.

WOOD FOR PRESIDENT CLUB ORGANIZED AT FOREST GROVE Forest Grove, April 10.—A Wood-for-President club has been organized here and members are now being lined up. The first booming of guns will begin

next Wednesday evening, when Dow Walker and other orators will speak in the Knights of Pythias hall. The local organization is known as the Western Washington county branch of the Leonard E. Wood league.

Officers are: W. J. R. Beach, captain; Dr. Quentin Tucker, chairman; A. E. Scott of the New Times, secretary; John A. Thornburg, president of the Forest Grove National Bank, vice president, and County Treasurer E. B. Sappington, treasurer.

Johnson Leaves for Nebraska New York, April 10.—(U. P.)—Senator Hiram Johnson left today for Omaha, where he will open his Nebraska campaign for the Republican presidential nomination Monday night. Major General Leonard Wood will end his Illinois tour with a speech in Chicago tonight and will speak Monday in Pittsfield, Mass.

Travis Enters Contest Eugene, April 10.—Lee M. Travis, Eugene attorney, has announced his candidacy as a delegate from the First congressional district to the Democratic national convention. He said he is not a candidate for a third term for President Wilson, though he heartily indorses the administration.

FRANCE DEMANDS RUHR GUARANTEE Great Britain's reply to the French note on occupation of the Rhine cities. "The life of the treaty swings in the balance," officials declared. They admitted that the close allied alliance of war times has diminished visibly.

The British threat to withdraw from the council of ambassadors if France persisted in following the policy of Marshal Foch in "going it alone" in enforcement of a French interpretation of the treaty was received with bitterness in many quarters. The foreign office characterized discord at this time as "particularly unfortunate."

The entente needs to undergo a thorough housecleaning, officials said. It needs to formulate a positive policy toward Germany, they declared. France favored a new series of allied discussions to review relations with Germany and evolve a definite program to be followed in union.

FRANCE, the foreign office indicated, will reply to the British communication asserting that she kept the allies thoroughly informed as to her intentions and was forced to act in occupying the Rhine cities to assure her own safety.

The French reply will reiterate France's regret that the allies did not see fit to participate in the occupation, and will renew France's desire for cooperation, it was said.

AMBASSADORS CONFER WITH GEORGE ON GERMAN CRISIS By Earle C. Reeve. London, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—Another ambassadorial conference on the German situation was held at Premier Lloyd George's official residence in Downing street this morning. The French, Italian and Japanese ambassadors attended.

Premier Lloyd George departed immediately afterward for San Remo, Italy, to attend a meeting of the supreme council of the peace conference, which will open April 21.

The French reply to the British note of Thursday, which is now in the hands of the foreign office, is said to be pacific, but contains no suggestion for modifying the French military measures that were taken on the Rhine.

The French reply is understood to express the belief that the allies will accept the French attitude as to the necessity for military action. The communication emphatically reaffirms that the "breach of the treaty by Germany" warranted military action.

COMMUNISTS ASK ARREST OF EBERT AND CABINET Berlin, April 9.—(I. N. S.)—(Night)—The communists today adopted a resolution demanding the arrest of President Ebert and the cabinet on the charge of high treason because they asked the French permission to send German government troops into the Ruhr district.

A faction of the communists voted for a general strike, but the independents opposed, saying that the time is not ripe.

Japan Backs France By Newton C. Parke. Paris, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—Japan will support the French ultimatum on the Rhine and the occupation of the German neutral zone by French troops, the Journal stated today.

REPUBLICANS WIN IN GERMAN PEACE CONTEST IN HOUSE

By Winder R. Harris. Washington, April 9.—The Republicans of the house, with only two defections and the aid of 22 Democrats, one independent and one prohibitionist, tonight passed the Forster resolution declaring the war with Germany to be at an end. The vote was 242 to 150, two members voting present.

The Democrats clung together for their last stand on a motion to commit, which was lost, 171 to 222. The recommit motion proposed the adoption of a substitute for the peace resolution which, without reference to the question of ratification, would have been effective on the date the substitute became effective all of the war statutes which under their own terms cease to be operative with the declaration of peace.

THREE DEMOCRATS DESERT Only three Democrats deserted their leaders on the recommit motion, while the same two Republicans who voted against passage of the resolution joined with the Democrats in supporting the motion.

The resolution now goes to the senate, where the Democratic leaders have announced they will favor ratification of the peace resolution. In the event of its ultimate passage by the senate, the Democrats have been advised President Wilson will veto the resolution.

On the basis of the number of representatives present and voting Friday, Chairman Porter of the foreign affairs committee estimated the Republicans would need approximately 23 additional votes to override the veto. The Democrats assert that this will be impossible.

KITCHIN IS STRICKEN The joy of victory was lessened for the Republicans by a sudden affliction by Representative Kitchin of North Carolina, former Democratic leader and one of the most popular members of the house. Kitchin had just concluded a vigorous speech against the resolution and was on the way to his office when he was stricken with paralysis.

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ONLY TRAINS MOVING FOR PASSENGERS (Continued from Page One) made this morning to move the remaining cars of perishable goods awaiting in the local yards for their destination. Little success attended this effort, however.

The 24 men at work in this district are heading their efforts to keep passenger trains moving on the local lines remaining at work centered their efforts at the Union station, terminus for the Southern Pacific, O. W. R. & N., Great Northern and Northern Pacific trains.

At the North Bank station all switchmen were out and passenger train movement was being handled by special men. Officials were surprised this morning when only a handful of switchmen appeared for duty at the district office. Men on this turn were considered the most loyal switchmen employed by the railroads.

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JOIN NEW UNION At the meeting Friday night the switchmen here said to have agreed unanimously to sever their relations with the Switchmen's Union of North America and organize under the standard of the Yardmen's Association of America, the "outlaw" organization formed at Chicago early this week.

DAY AND DUNNE WIE FOR HONORS

How come that Colonel Dave Dunne's left hand inside pocket, the one over his heart, looks like it concealed a watermelon? And why, incidentally and at the same time, does Jack Day pat the protuberance over the same spot on his own anatomy and grin grimly at Dave? In the foreground but not forgotten language of the long ago there's a reason.

It is a fact, sad but true, that Colonel Dave is after the official scalp of Chairman Jack, and vice versa, and each is concealing his deadly ammunition safely hidden in his inside pocket.

Two years ago, about this time in the dewy spring, Day desired most ardently to be elected chairman of the Republican county central committee. Colonel Dunne, during the same season, harbored a burning ambition to be state committeeman from Multnomah county.

So the two men, the chairman and the committeeman, and it was written into the constitution of the state central committee that each received his wish.

Now, with the presidential election coming on apace and the hungry howl of federal office coming on apace, Day wants to be county chairman worse than ever if that condition of heart and mind be possible at all. Colonel Dunne, on the other hand, by the same token, wants to continue to sit in the inner council of the county central committee from Multnomah county.

Long ago, or it may have been some little time, considering the pace of political developments, Colonel Dunne, so the story runs, asked Chairman Day to renew the compact which had worked to their mutual advantage in the days gone by. Chairman Day said "hoot mon" or words to that effect, and went his way merrily. And that started things.

Now Day sniffs the appetizing incense of a Republican administration in the air and he believes a generous slice of political pie in the shape of the United States marshaling would just about satisfy his growing appetite.

Standing on the chair of the Multnomah county central committee he would be just about ready to commit to lift off the shelf, he thinks. Colonel Dunne would like to go down into some sunny Southern clime and be a minister speaking politically, of course—or something like that. It is the persistent rumor, unverified thought it may be, inside access to the state central committee would put him close to the presidential dreams.

So when Chairman Day was unkind and undiplomatic enough to emit his Scotch ejaculation, it got the Scotch up in the Colonel. Since that time he has been carrying something like that in the precincts of the county personally or by proxy, getting tillulums to run for the lowly but sometimes desirable office of county chairman of the county.

When Chairman Day got up to the activities of the Colonel he started garnering candidates of his own. And there you have it.

Some of the things they have it, each of them, a whole pocketful of candidates all ready to file when the psychological moment for filing strikes the hour.

Colonel Dunne is going to have the county chairmanship himself, he says. Some friend have it, it will prove his friendship in the hour of need. Chairman Day is going to keep it, or know the reason why. It will be feverish times 'til the Day is Dunne.

STRIKE FORCES STEEL MILLS IN PITTSBURG TO CLOSE

Pittsburg, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—One of the greatest industrial tleups in the history of the Pittsburgh district, even greater than that which occurred during the steel and coal strikes, is imminent because of the railroad strike, industrial leaders here declared today.

The iron and steel mills in the Shenango valley began to close this morning, when two plants banked their furnaces. Plants in and around Pittsburg have been experiencing a shortage of fuel for several weeks and only a few days' supply is now on hand.

CALIFORNIA STRIKERS GIVEN UNTIL 4 O'CLOCK TO RETURN San Francisco, April 10.—(U. P.)—Striking yard men on California railroads have been given until 4 o'clock today to return to their work in an ultimatum posted in railroad yards throughout California last night.

Little change in the situation was reported by railroad officials early today. Passenger trains have not moving with little delay although freight traffic is paralyzed.

Officials estimated the number of strikers in California and Oregon as 2600.

LOS ANGELES STRIKERS PAY NO ATTENTION TO ULTIMATUM Los Angeles, April 10.—(U. P.)—Los Angeles striking switchmen will "stand pat" notwithstanding the ultimatum of the four companies that they must return to work by 4 p. m. today or lose their jobs, according to A. N. Miller, head of the local strike committee.

At Ogden freight traffic is completely tied up. An embargo has been placed on all freight shipments, including perishable and livestock. Passenger trains are running practically on time.

Pocatello Has Freight Embargo Sampa, Idaho, April 10.—(U. P.)—Switchmen in the local yards of the Oregon Short Line joined the outlaw strike this morning. The railroad announced an embargo on all freight entering and leaving Pocatello today.

San Francisco, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—First disorder in the strike was reported today from Sacramento. C. E. Kunsten, manager of the Michigan Manufacturers' association, estimates that every important industry in the state will have to shut down within six days if present conditions continue.

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REORGANIZATION OF NAVY TO BE URGED

Washington, April 10.—(U. P.)—Recommendations for complete reorganization of the navy will be made by the senate sub-committee which has been investigating Rear Admiral Sims' charges, it was decided today.

The subcommittee of the naval committee, which has been conducting the probe, came to this decision by a strict party vote.

"I don't propose to see the subcommittee exceed its authority for the purpose of dusting off a political issue," said Pittman.

"If the subcommittee is sustained by the full committee a sweeping program for enlarging the navy and reorganizing the bureau and officers of the department may be laid before congress.

Republican members of the subcommittee have tried to slow in the present investigation that the service lacked proper battle cruisers, sufficient numbers of destroyers, escort craft and submarines.

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HOOPER WOULD NOT RUN AS DEMOCRAT

New York, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—Herbert Hoover will not accept a nomination as Democratic candidate for president, he declared in a telegram to Chandler M. Wood of Boston. The telegram was in reply to one from Wood asking Hoover if he would accept nomination by the Democratic party despite his candidacy for the Republican nomination.

Southern Pacific railroad who indicated that steps would be taken to protect loyal employees.

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NEW YORK PARALYZED BY RAILROAD STRIKE (Continued from Page One) tension of rail difficulties on both coasts last night was gleefully greeted by strike headquarters. Representatives of the brotherhoods declared that merely a matter of letting the strike fever burn itself out. It had been demonstrated, they said, that nothing was to be gained through the newly formed union. At the same time, they said, were made desperate by big advances in rents and food costs this spring. The claim that difficulty in the yards here was arising based on the fact that several crews, headed by men who made the first strike threats, returned to work. With the strike broken here, brotherhood men said it would die out elsewhere. An unofficial report was circulated that an agreement might be reached today if promises were made that wage increases to be granted later be made retroactive to April 1 and if the Yardmen's association be recognized. Brotherhood officials said there was small chance for the latter. The strike was expected to reach its crisis today, according to railroad officials and brotherhood leaders. By tonight, they said, they expected to be able to definitely announce that the backbone of the strike had been broken. That the organized unions will fight the strike out to a finish without seeing government aid was the statement here today of S. E. Heberling, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America. "Our union has a membership of 66,000 and less than a third of these have gone out," he said. There is to be no compromise between the rebels and the regular organization. The insurgents have to go back to work and then we will consider whether we will take them back in the union. That arrests of radical agitators may result from an investigation now being made by agents for Heberling's union was indicated by him. Heberling said he would make no move to get an injunction to restrain the strikers from quitting their jobs. "The strike is broken and I expect to see the men start coming back before night," he said. "They have reached their limit and are beginning to realize it." Some abatement of the traffic tie-up was reported by railroad executives today. STRIKE IS EFFORT TO SPREAD ONE BIG UNION IDEA, SAYS LEE Cleveland, Ohio, April 10.—(I. N. S.)—That the "rebel" strike had temporarily gone beyond the control of the old leaders was today admitted by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. "However, every effort is being exerted to keep the strike in operation with the available loyal brotherhood men," he said. "I view the strike agitation as an effort to spread the 'one big union' idea," said Lee. "Although I have not yet received the