TICKET NAMED TO ATTEMPT DEFEAT OF LEGION 'RING'

By Earl R. Goodwin

Astoria, July 31.—Thoroughly disgusted with what they believe are "steam roller" tactics by the administration of the state department of the American Legion in its efforts to choose its own successors, a group of prominent legionaires, representing posts from every section of the state, met Friday night in the Weinhard hotel here and unanimously selected comrades for the various offices to be filled.

William S. Gilbert, for many years chaplain of the Third Oregon infantry, a veteran of two wars and one of the most popular men in Oregon, was unanimously named as the "harmony" candidate for department commander.

Paramount at the meetings was the desire to name a man who successfully could effect a fusion of the disconcerting influences that are working in the state organization. A candidate for adjutant has as yet not been selected, but those who are behind the movement are determined to secure a running mate for Major Gilbert, who is equally as acceptable to the state at large.

A rumor has it that Jesse R. Hinman of Astoria is the likely candidate for the office, but other candidates are considered, and the definite selection is not to be announced until time for the nomination on the floor of the convention Saturday.

Some of the Legionnaires who were instrumental in calling the emergency meeting Friday night, and who are largely responsible for the resulting decisions are Harry L. Kuck of Pendleton, W. Carlton Smith of Salem, Fred E. Kiddle of La Grande, Ralph Cowgill of Medford, Earl Blackaby of Ontario and Eugene S. Shea of Albany.

GEARY WOULD WITHDRAW

Strength was added to the prospects of the "harmony" candidate when Arthur M. Geary of Portland post No. 1, who has been mentioned as one of the prominent candidates for commander, declared Friday night that he would withdraw from the race and would nominate Major Gilbert for the highest honor obtainable at the hands of the state convention.

"Factionalism and politics are gnawing at the very vitals of the American Legion in Oregon, and it seems that some radical step must be taken to save the organization from dry rot, if not total extinction," said Harry L. Kuck, editor and publisher of the Pendleton Tribune, who is one of the prime movers in the effort to secure election of Major Gilbert as state commander.

MEMBERSHIP DECREASES

"Membership in the Portland post has dropped from 6000 to a mere 2600 during the past few months, as a result of the internal quibbling and sectionalism within the post, and here in Astoria we find the same influences at work," continued Kuck.

"No sooner had the delegates from outside posts boarded the special in Portland than they were approached to line up with the leaders in the administration during the past year, and to help elect Goodall of Portland state commander.

"We, who came to Astoria from the four corners of the state, with only the best interests of the legion at heart, became unified in our desire to lift the state organization once and for all from the realm of politics and ambitious office seekers. We were sorely perplexed to find a way, in face of the carefully planned campaign for the election of Goodell and the determined opposition of 10 of the 13 Portland delegates to his candidacy.

GILBERT IS CHOSEN

"Finally we decided that our only salvation was to do some 'inside' work ourselves, and center upon a man who is big enough, strong enough, capable enough to override the handicap of a tottering regime.

"We chose William S. Gilbert, and we are confident that his election Saturday is assured. Major Gilbert is a man of sterling worth, of recognized capabilities, and although not a candidate for the honor is too big a man not to answer the urgent call of his comrades in their hour of need."

Sentiment among delegates from the Willamette valley and Eastern Oregon is practically cemented along the convictions as expressed by Kuck. Before the convention convened Goodell's election to the chief office of the department was practically assured; now his defeat is everywhere predicted.

MAY BE UNANIMOUS

It is even rumored that Major Gilbert will be the unanimous choice of the convention.

It was entirely without Major Gilbert's knowledge that his nomination for state commander was conceived, and he no doubt will be as surprised to learn of the movement in his behalf as will many of his friends, both in the American Legion and out of it, because of the fact that he never has aspired to any position of honor in the organization, but always has placed his services and the welfare of the legion before all else.

Friday afternoon's session was a torrid one, but Saturday's gatherings are expected to surpass even the wildest expectations.

Defeat of an amendment to the constitution, providing for the appointment of state adjutant, instead of by election, as heretofore, clearly shows that the administration's power is waning. The vote was a close one, so close, in fact, that but one ballot separated the two. The count was 82 for election and 81 for appointment. The Portland post delegation voted 10 for election and 13 for the "harmony" ticket.

Army Flyers Are Forced to Land On Journey to Alaska

Edmonton, Alta., July 31.—(U. P.)—After proceeding 70 miles from Edmonton today, the four army airplanes flying from New York to Nome were forced to return to Edmonton shortly before noon.

Low-hanging, thick clouds made flying unsafe.

Captain Street, in command, announced that the squadron will not attempt to proceed until favorable weather is reported at Jasper, Alberta.

Girls' Pet Alligator Presented to City

Too vicious a pet for her to control any longer, Miss E. Ward, 476 East Forty-sixth street north, has offered an alligator, 18 inches long, to the City park zoo. Park Superintendent C. P. Keyser accepted the offer Saturday morning and the pugnacious reptile will be duly incarcerated in the city's tank Monday morning.

PROMINENT SPECIALISTS HAVE SHOP TALK

Members of the Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological society, whose convention at the Multnomah hotel closed Saturday. From left—Dr. A. J. Ridges, Salt Lake; Dr. Cullen F. Welty, San Francisco; Dr. W. G. Reeder, Chicago; Dr. A. H. Andrews, Chicago; Dr. Fred Stauffer, Salt Lake, and Dr. Wilson Johnston, president, Portland.

JOURNAL AIRPLANE TAKES 900 POUNDS ON TRIP TO COAST

Demonstrating the feasibility of aerial transportation, the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Airplane company's Seagull, in The Journal's seaplane express service, carried a 900-pound load to Astoria and Seaside Friday afternoon.

Besides Pilot Fred DuPuy there were E. J. Jaeger of Portland as a passenger, nearly 400 pounds of newspapers, early afternoon editions of The Journal and a considerable quantity of baggage. The Seagull went equipped with a new C-6 Curtiss motor of 160 horsepower. Victor Vernon, general manager of the company, tested out the motor in the morning before the flight to the beach was started.

ASTORIA FIRST STOP

The plane lifted from the landing basin of Lewis and Clark field at 1:10 p. m., reaching Astoria, after combatting head winds, at 2:30. Here, because the city has as yet provided no adequate landing facilities, the plane was delayed 25 minutes while the papers were being taken off in a rowboat.

Flying over Seaside, Jaeger dropped a wrapped journal, aiming at the front porch of his cottage. While DuPuy is not prepared to say the paper hit Jaeger's front porch, he is certain it hit someone's porch.

The plane flattened out on the Nehalem river at 3:20. DuPuy left again for Portland at 4:15 and reached Lewis and Clark field at 5:30.

Two planes are making the flight to Astoria and Seaside Saturday afternoon. Pilot Victor Vernon, with two passengers in the Seagull, will carry The Journals to Seaside and Pilot Archie Roth, in an F-boat, will make the Astoria delivery. Roth afterwards will fly to Seaside and Vernon will pilot the F-boat back to Portland, the remaining at the beach with the Seagull over Sunday.

E. J. Jaeger will fly back to Portland in one of The Journal's seaplanes next week.

While the Seagull was going toward the beaches, Victor Vernon, piloting an Oriole, one of the big Curtiss land planes, with G. F. Emery as passenger, was flying over Mount Hood, surveying a new trip for persons who have expressed the desire to see the mountain from above.

Leaving Portland at 3:45, the Oriole circled the east side, then headed in a bee line for the mountain, climbing steadily from an altitude of 3000 feet over the municipal field to 12,000 feet when over the mountain. The Bull Run water reserve was traversed at an altitude of 9000 feet.

The mountain was completely circled once at this altitude and a number of photographs were taken. A number of persons want to make the flight over Mount Hood and now that its practicability has been demonstrated some of the trips will be arranged immediately. The mountain flight consumed just 2 hours 20 minutes.

ABERDEEN GETS ITS FIRST AIRPLANE MAIL DELIVERY

Aberdeen, Wash., July 30.—Captain Frank Harding arrived here late yesterday afternoon in a Curtiss seaplane, coming from Portland to Astoria in one hour and 10 minutes, and flying from Astoria to Aberdeen in 40 minutes. Captain Harding delivered Journals that were off the press at 2 p. m. in Aberdeen at 5 p. m., the first time mail or newspapers have been delivered here by air route. Captain Harding will remain here for a week, making daily flights. He will be accompanied back to Portland by A. C. Girard, the photographer, who has been taking snap shots today of the harbor cities.

SIDELIGHT PATTER ON LEGION SESSION

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dentally stepped on one of the stage electric globes and he, along with nine tenths of the other attendants, jumped a foot high at the loud report.

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The hospitality of the Astorians is all that could be asked. Everyone is having a grand time and the weather has been perfect.

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The parade is one of the main features of Saturday afternoon and a big turnout from all posts of the state is expected.

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Captain P. H. Allen, now of Portland but late of the Fifth battalion of Alberta and Saskatchewan, Canada, known as the "Prairies," is the official recorder of the meeting. He told Commander Follett that since he had joined the American Legion he had never been able to do anything for the organization and he wanted to be the "court reporter" of the occasion, and gratis, too. When it is taken into consideration that the lowest bid that had been received for the same duties was in the neighborhood of $375, it means a whole lot. None have been able to talk too fast for the captain to get all that is said, although at times his pen gets hot.

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Governor Ben W. Olcott was given a big hand when he was introduced at the opening of the second annual state convention of the American Legion yesterday morning. Mrs. Olcott and the twins are with the governor, taking in the sights.

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Wilbur Henderson of Portland made a motion to adjourn during one of the few lull moments in the afternoon session but the yells of "No" that greeted the proposal made Henderson refrain from anything like that again.

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H. W. Scott of Astoria invited the members of the session and their friends to be sure and take in the clam dinner at Seaside Sunday. He urged that everyone stop eating from now until the clam bake.

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Big preparations are being made for the Central Door & Lumber company baseball team of Portland which will meet the Astoria Centennials of the Intercity league of the Portland Baseball association at Seaside tomorrow afternoon in a double header.

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The committee appointments as announced by Comamnder Follett were:

Constitution, J. M. Williams, Eugene; Cassius R. Peck, Portland; Edgar Harrison, The Dalles; Robert Dillard, Marshfield; Guy Patton, Elgin.

Committee of aides to disabled soldiers: Jane Doyle, Portland; Chester F. Berning, Antelope; Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, Prineville; L. J. Belleville, McMinnville; Ben F. Dorris, Eugene.

Committee on relief and employment: Leland R. Gilbert, Astoria; Albert S. Nelson, Yamhill; W. W. Gilbert, Albany; Arthur M. Geary, Portland; H. D. W. Pineo, Hood River.

Legislative: John S. Rankin, Newberg; G. A. Codding, Medford; W. W. Woody, Corvallis; M. B. Huntley, Eugene; Harold J. Warner, Pendleton.

Resolutions: Arthur M. Murphy, Portland; Eugene Shea, Albany; A. L. Culander, Independence; Fred S. Kiddle, La Grande; F. A. Fessler, Prineville.

Americanism: Jesse R. Hinman, Astoria; Edward W. Van Horn, Lloyd Harding, Oregon City; Harry Conro, North Bend.

Next meeting place: William A. Russell, St. Helens; Bertram Bates, Roseburg; Lake M. Bechtell, Prineville; C. G. Schneider, Gresham; Arthur Van Fleet, La Grande.

Finance: Mair C. Davis, Marshfield; G. S. Newton, Milton; R. P. Cowgill, Medford; Prescott W. Cookingham, Portland; Perry D. Idleman, Pendleton.

Rules of convention: Earl Blackaby, Ontario; J. A. Buchanan, Astoria; Charles W. Erskine, Bend; Walter B. Gleason, Portland; James Spencer, Ashland.

Credentials: Thomas Sweeney, Portland; Raymond Kerr, Cottage Grove; Fred Westerfield, Klamath Falls; Claud Nyburg, Sherwood; Robbin L. Day, Salem.

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The special train which brought the Portland delegation and many other representatives from up-state posts will make the return, leaving Astoria at 11 o'clock Sunday night.

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Quite a number motored down to attend the meetings here, prominent among them being Dow V. Walker and Arthur A. Murphy.

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Jesse R. Hinman, chairman of the committee in charge of the convention activities in Astoria, is a mighty busy man. He is directing everything and getting by in fine shape. It has been a strenuous week for him.

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E. J. Eivers, present state adjutant, is up for reelection, but he is to receive some stiff opposition, it is rumored. Hinman is said to be an opponent and a dark horse is likely to make an appearance at the pole Saturday afternoon.

Search for Bodies Of Six Victims of Cigar Factory Fire

Philadelphia, July 31.—(U. P.)—Search was being made for the bodies of six persons believed to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the cigar factory of Sigmund C. Mayer & Co., last night, with a loss of $500,000. The bodies of a girl and a man were recovered shortly after the blaze was checked. Four persons were injured.

The coroner was expected to investigate alleged absence of fire escapes. Heavy wire screens on the windows were reported to have prevented four women on the third floor from making their position known to firemen.

STATE COMMITTEE NAMES HOTCHKISS G. O. P. SECRETARY

Up in the northwest corner of the Imperial hotel, too high up for any prying prowler of the common herd to get a glimpse of the mysterious rites carried on behind the close drawn curtains and tight battened transoms of room 209, Ralph Williams, national committeeman, Tom Tongue, state chairman, and other members of the "committee of 21," which bears no other than generic kinship to the committee of 48—boiled the pot of Republican politics Friday afternoon.

Seeping out through the copper riveted secrecy of that star chamber's close guarded keyhole there have crept some announcements, and some surmises. It was announced, for instance, that Clarence R. Hotchkiss, overseas veteran and first choice of Colonel David M. Dunne for secretary of the Republican state committee, had been elected to that office. It is surmised that the colonel, who was not present, emitted solitary chuckles when the news was telephoned to him over at the Wilcox building, and, vice versa, that Jack Day, chairman of the Multnomah county central committee, who was also not present, swallowed what chorties he might have harbored. What Vernon Parsons of Eugene, E. E. Brodie of Oregon City and Walter L. Tooze Jr. of McMinnville, a member of the inner circle, all of them ambitious to be secretary, all of them absent, may be thinking now, is too painful for surmise.

JONES REELECTED TREASURER

It was announced, also, that Arthur Jones was reelected as keeper of the campaign sack for another term, but how burdensome that receptacle of the coin is now, or how bulging it soon will be, is another surmise.

It was announced, furthermore, that O. C. Leiter, campaign manager for Herbert Hoover in the recent primaries, was elected publicity manager for the coming battle. Whether that official recognition will carry the Hoover vote along with Leiter is another surmise, not an announcement.

It was announced, too, that Sanfield MacDonald, state manager for Hiram Johnson during the days before Wallace McCamant arose like David of old to wallop him between the eyes, was allowed to talk. It is surmised that what Sanfield told the inner guard tinkled the bells of harmony though every tintinnabulation bruised the saddened fibers of his heart.

It was announced still further that there is to be a bureau of speakers, a bureau of publicity and a bureau for the organization of Republican clubs, and it may well be surmised what Charlie Lockwood will think of the last.

STANFIELD HAS SAY

It was announced, finally, that R. N. Stanfield, candidate for United States senator, who had been herded in the lobby like the bell wether of his own wide grazing flocks throughout the feverish afternoon, had been admitted into the oil room to make a few remarks. What he said is surmised. Whether he repeated his prior demand that the $25,000 fund raised in the state for the national campaign be split 25-75 between himself and the national ticket, is surmise. Whether, if he did, the committee told him he could have the 25 per cent, is also surmise. Room 209 is even more discreet than the fabled barber of King Midas.

Finally, taking the public into his confidence, the publicity manager gave it out that the following brethern and sisters of the Sphinx were in attendance on the meeting: R. E. Williams, national committeeman; Thomas H. Tongue, state chairman; Clarence R. Hotchkiss, secretary; Arthur Jones, treasurer; J. W. Cochran, the retiring secretary; C. G. Huntley, W. P. O'Brien, Roy D. Smith, S. S. Smith, J. E. Dunn, S. E. Notson, Mrs. F. O. Northup, Mrs. C. E. Runyon, Mrs. Lee Davenport, Mrs. C. P. Bishop, Mrs. A. M. Dibble, Mrs. Frank L. Chambers and Miss Anna Long.

Grange Is in Session

Oregon City, July 31. — Abernethy grange is meeting Saturday at the grange hall at Parkplace, attending to business of the organization. Dinner was served at noon by the women of the grange.

Auto Is Damaged

Vancouver, Wash., July 31.—A car belonging to E. E. Norelius of 3015 Kauffman was somewhat damaged Friday afternoon when it collided with a car driven by R. Grimshaw of Rockaway, Or. The accident occurred on West Seventh street.

THOUSANDS HONOR COX AT DAYTON IN HOME CELEBRATION

By Robert J. Bender
United News Staff Correspondent.

Dayton, Ohio, July 31.—When it comes to paying homage to a favorite son, time, tide—temperature—stay no man. Hence, despite the fact that it was nearly a hundred in the shade here Friday—and there was comparatively no shade—thousands of people from this city and the whole Miami valley flocked forth to honor "Jimmy" Cox.

A hot time was had by all—probably the hottest by the governor himself. He left home with a large, white handkerchief and he had the handkerchief functioning over his features all of the time as he stood in the reviewing stand. It served as a fan, an eye shade, a means of saluting passing delegations and floats, and, when not otherwise engaged, was devoted to removing an ever-increasing perspiration from the uncovered head and smiling countenance of the Democratic nominee.

SURE JIMMY'S DAY

While the celebration was a strictly honorary, non-partisan affair to all intents and purposes, it obviously was "Jimmy's" day in Dayton. The whole city quit work at noon and shortly thereafter began marching in review before him. But, through miles of marching men and women and a score of floats, that stepped or rolled down the main thoroughfare of the city, attention was fixed by the great throng along the way on the governor's wife. They wanted to know how these two acted in the role of possible White House residents, for it was the first time many had an opportunity of seeing them close up since the Democratic party honored them both.

The governor, in a dark suit, stood throughout the ceremony at the front of his section of the reviewing stand. Slightly behind him and at his side stood Mrs. Cox, dressed in a summer frock of pale yellow and wearing a picture hat of light lavender shade. She ran a close second to the governor in the matter of smiles for the paraders.

THEY APPEAR YOUNG

"How young they both are," was an exclamation frequently heard from the crowd.

Friday's event differs from "acceptance day," August 7, in that the latter will be strictly a party affair. Few of the Democratic leaders were on hand to participate with Cox in the celebration Friday.

The stand was occupied merely by local celebrities. Lengthy political speeches were taboo. It was just an old-fashioned jollification with fireworks, pink lemonade and everything—sort of a cross between a circus day and the parade opening an annual Elks' street fair in any medium sized American city.

From a distance came the regular boom of cannon in salute to the executive. Overhead airplanes whirled their dervishes, mocking the sweltering crowd below.

It was all nice and homey and the governor and Mrs. Cox liked it. They showed it all over their young beaming faces.

BANNERS TELL HOW HEARTS OF PEOPLE BEAT FOR COX

(United News)

Dayton, Ohio, July 30.—Heard and seen in the demonstration given Governor Cox by the Miami valley:

"Jimmy got his start this way," read a sign carried by Cox's newsboys, who, about 300 strong, yelled as they passed the stand, "We want Jimmy."

Another newsboy sign bearing a picture of a donkey proclaimed that "There were no kicks on Jimmy's route."

"Cox a doodle doo" was another, and "Be Cox sure in November," read a third.

One feature of the parade was a printing press in actual operation, running off hundreds of Cox pictures. A sign on the side said: "A printer for the White House."

"Do you remember what we were doing 37 years ago today?" said a tanned farmer who rushed up to Cox. "You and I were out in the field shocking oats," the man, Frank Burke of Middletown, shouted proudly.

As the parade passed there were cries of "Jimmy," "Hello, Boss," "How's the boy," "Go to 'em," and Cox called back to scores of them: "Hello Bill," "Glad to see you, George," and even, "Hi, Tom."

From the top of a big float where the sun had sent the temperature about the 100 mark a loud voice shouted, "Get us back our beer, Jimmy."

DISSENSION AT LEGION MEET IS WIPED OUT

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liam B. Follett, but that is the way things are lined up.

It was a merry assemblage that broke up and everyone expressed satisfaction of the outcome. After the parade, scheduled for 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, few of the delegates will be brought into the confidence of those who have been responsible in bringing about the harmonious atmosphere after the turmoil of the last two days, until nominations are called for.

There is little doubt that Major Gilbert, who is a veteran of two wars, will be the unanimous selection of the body.

EUGENE WINS MEET

Arthur M. Geary of Portland had been announced as one of the leading candidates, but as soon as he heard that the Astoria ex-service man was being considered, he immediately declared himself out of the race and went to the support of the chaplain of the Third Oregon infantry.

Goodell's backers were the best organized among those who contemplated running, for it is said that a systematic campaign had been launched in his behalf. With the Portland man doing valiant service for Major Gilbert one of the big moves for harmony has been accomplished.

Eugene was selected for the 1921 meeting place, winning from Baker by a vote of 82 to 75. W. H. Oxley of Baker extolled that city's pretty girls and brought forth applause with his statement that 1600 recruits has been secured there. Bne Dorris of Eugene told of the virtues of the university, picturing the grassy banks of the Willamette and the committee rooms in the convention hall, which would be well supplied with typewriters.

DOLLAR MARK SCORED

Chief among the committee reports was that of the committee on Americanism, of which J. R. Hinman of Astoria was chairman. The resolution held that, as there was no time for dollar patriotism during the war, there is no time for dollar patriotism during the period of reconstruction. It urged the appointment of a special committee to investigate the activities of radical organizations in the state. Other recommendations were: Education of the foreign-born, suppression of the Japanese menace, the selection of the best method to combat radicalism, a plan to combat the I. W. W. propaganda and the securing of an immigration passport from the nearest American consul by European immigrants.

Continuing, the resolution said: "No foreigner should be admitted to this country who cannot be assimilated or who cannot be taught the principles upon which this government is founded."

ONE LANGUAGE URGED

After urging that the Legion continue its fight for the parallel column for foreign languages newspapers the report added, "There is nothing that tends to keep the alien attached to his native land like the foreign language newspapers." Strong indorsement was given H. J. Langoe, editor of the Northman, for his stand on the foreign language newspaper question. Langoe recently issued his paper printed completely in English.

After much discussion the budget providing for $10,000 for next year's expenses was adopted. Dues will be 75 cents monthly and per member a special assessment of 50 cents was made on each post. The report of the executive committee asked that radical changes be make in the courtsmartial of the United States, that ex-service men be given the preference in granting stat lands and that the congress be urged to adopt th Legion's four-fold plan for aid to ex-service men.

The courtsmartial resolution was offered by Gresham post.

CONSTITUTION IS CHANGED

By a vote of 81 to 82 the convention Friday afternoon voted to amend the new constitution of the organization to provide for the election of the state adjutant along with the state commander.

The decision came only after a sensational fight on the floor of the convention had taken place, in which Clatsop post and Dallas post led, being opposed by Cassius R. Peck and a large portion of the Portland delegation and scattering delegations.

It was known that Clatsop post was to stage a fight over the section and it may have been that reason which prompted Commander Follett to leave Astoria delegates from the resolutions and constitution committees. However as soon as the constitution was reported by Peck, J. A. Buchanan of Astoria voted to strike the resolution providing for the appointment of the adjutant by the commander.

NEW POSTS PLANNED

Erskine of Bend rallied to the aid of the state commander. Boyd of Portland made a motion to make of a position an honorary one, but lost it by an overwhelming vote. Kuck of Pendleton took up the battle for the negative, while Geary attempted to swing the Portland delegation to the affirmative. Tooze of Dallas spoke for the election of the adjutant and a roll call was demanded. The motion to make the Astoria and Dallas posts, with the aid of other posts, is taken here as an indication that a dark horse will be put up for commander to oppose the Portland steam roller, which failed to put over the appointment of the adjutant.

After the main issue had been settled the battle began around the provision in the constitution as reported by Peck to the effect that any 15 ex-service men in the state might apply for a charter whether there was already a post of the legion existing in the same vicinity or not.

Murphy of Portland moved to strike the section and substitute to the effect that the nearest post in the vicinity from which the application came be notified and be given a hearing before the granting of the application. The motion was lost.

FEDERAL AID URGED

Chief among the reports of the committees was that on aid for disabled service men. The committee, through its chairman, Jane Doyle of Portland, urged the passage by congress of laws providing for sub-offices of the war risk insurance bureau being established throughout the country, particularly in Oregon, free medical service for ex-service men for one year, the employment by the state organization and the posts of war-risk insurances officers, and the establishment of a state hospital for tubercular and diseased ex-service men. The report of the committee was adopted.

A second committee report adopted was that on employment, which asks the appropriation by the state legislature of a sum of money to establish employment bureaus in Oregon.

The commander announced the appointment of M. B. Huntley of Eugene as sergeant at arms for the convention. He will select four assistants from the delegates.

LEGION TO RECEIVE REPORT URGING PREMIUM REDUCTION

Washington, July 31.—When the American Legion meets in Cleveland in September for its second annual convention it will receive a committee report favoring the reduction of premium rates for government war risk insurance and recommending legislation that will permit the veterans to keep up their "term" insurance indefinitely, instead of merely for the period of five years after the proclamation of peace.

This report is understood to have been completed and the legislation recommended already has been drafted by the Legion's legislative committee, with the advice and approval of senators and representatives on the committees to which the bills will be referred. That the report and the recommendation will be accepted by the Legion in convention is taken for granted.

Hungarians Raid Austrian Border; Mobilize Troops

Vienna, July 31.—(I. N. S.)—News was received here today that 800 Hungarians had crossed the Austrian border near Fuerstenfeld, raiding 4 munitions depot and escaping with 2000 rifles and machine guns. The weapons, together with a large suply of ammunition, were loaded on motor trucks and carried into Hungary. The Hungarian government is reported to be mobilizing all available troops.

Jersey Club in Session

Oregon City, July 31.—Members of the Clackamas County Jersey Cattle club are meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hart near Sandy in all day session. Professor E. B. Fitts of O. A. C., an expert on dariying problems, is a speaker.

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U. S. TO BE LEAGUE MEMBER IN YEAR, PREDICTION MADE

By David Lawrence
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Washington, July 31.—Both the Republican and Democratic candidates for the presidency may talk as they like concerning the League of Nations as an issue in the present campaign but evidences are multiplying that the United States will within a year be a member of "the" League of Nations, as provided for by the treaty of Versailles.

Senator Harding may keep his position ambiguous in order to keep the votes of the Hiram Johnson following, and Governor Cox may talk about reservations in order not to alienate the people who didn't like Wilson's insistence on an unqualified treaty, but the presence of Elihu Root and Dr. James Brown Scott in the meetings now taking place abroad to form a court of international justice is looked upon in Washington by international lawyers and abroad by diplomats and statesmen as the forerunner of Republican policy in the event that Harding is elected.

ACTIONS SIGNIFICANT

Documents which have just come to the writer from official sources abroad describe in great detail the part that Root and Scott are taking in the meetings of the advisory commission of jurists who were appointed by the council of the League of Nations to establish a permanent court of international justice.

"That the United States," says one of these documents, "though not a member of the League of Nations, should have a dominating influence in the formation of the permanent court of international justice, which is to be the cornerstone of the league, is the great anomaly of the meetings being held at The Hague. It is both unexpected and unusual that a nation which has so seriously damaged the idea of the League of Nations should nevertheless see its own viewpoint and experience largely predominant in one of the most vital fields of activity of the league.

INFLUENCE EXERTED

"The reason is not far to seek. It lies in the personality of two men, Elihu Root, former secretary of state, and James Brown Scott, former solicitor of the state department and now head of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace at Washington. To their tact and judgment is due much of the direction which the whole committee is taking, as well as the fact that the court which eventually evolves from the deliberations here will be a court wholly in line with American ideals and experience.

"These two men hold in the minds of European jurists a unique position. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that they do not represent the United States government in any sense, for they have been appointed directly by the council of the League of Nations on the basis of their very high standing among the leading jurists of the world.

ON EQUAL FOOTING

"They are, therefore, on the same footing as the other members of the committee, namely, eminent jurists summoned by an international organization to perfect plans for a world court.

"Nevertheless, their position as agents adds significance to their presence, for the statesmen of Europe are only too willing to recognize the highness of spirit and viewpoint which allowed Mr. Root especially, with his well-known political alignments in the United States, to accept an appointment by an organization (the League of Nations) which his own country and even his own political party has expressed such vehement opposition to. Of course, the fact that he has been willing to serve is taken, whether rightly or wrongly, as an indication that this foremost of American statesmen accepts at least the broad lines of the existing League of Nations.

"The committee had not been sitting a week before it was possible to forecast that the court would follow exactly the lines of the supreme court of the United States. This result followed not only from the logic of the situation but also from the presentation of the analogy of America's court by Mr. Root. It is possible that the same results would have been reached without the presence of Mr. Root, but it cannot be doubted that they were greatly expedited."

It is a curious commentary on the situation that only by the failure of the Lodge reservations in the last congress was it possible for Root to go abroad, for one of these reservations forbade any American from accepting any position under the League of Nations without the consent of the senate, and made no provision for recess appointments in the event that the senate was not in session.

Perhaps the most interesting excerpt from documents discussing the meetings now taking place in the council of the league and in subcommittees is the following:

FOUNDATION FIRM

"The League of Nations is building strongly but not at all spectacularly. A wholly new method of international cooperation is going to come out of it. It will not of course, be either the creator of the millenium, as so many of its friends say, nor the creator of a superstate as its enemies feel. Quite on the other hand, it will be a very practical and essential working medium through which the nations can meet regularly on all matters of common interest and draw up a program to be submitted to their respective states for approval or disapproval."

The League of Nations, therefore, is a going concern, flexiable enough in its organization to permit modification of its constitution and by laws so that America can enter it without fear of being outvoted or compelled to go to war at the behest of other nations. And when the present political campaign is over, whether Mr. Harding or Mr. Cox is elected, there are going to be modifications to reassure the American public. American membership in the league looks more likely today with the prominent part Mr. Root is playing in its deliberation than at any time since the controversy between President Wilson and his opponents began to becloud the issue.

COX AND HARDING FACE DIFFICULTIES EARLY IN FIGHT

By Robert J. Bender

Dayton, Ohio, July 31.—One thing certain about the respective campaigns of Governor Cox and Senator Harding has been that Cox was going to run his own show, while Harding was going to let Republican party leaders stage his for him.

And already the difficulties attending each course are beginning to reveal themselves to the respective candidates. Even as Cox is facing delicate diplomacy in centralizing the direction of his political efforts, so is Harding threatened with "too many cooks" in his decentralization aims.

CANDIDATES NERVOUS

Democratic leaders are frankly worried over the impression that has gone abroad that the White House is running Cox and the Cox campaign. Republican leaders are equally disturbed over some differences that have developed among the leaders of the Harding forces as different friends of the senator seek to take things in their own hands.

Will Hays, chairman of the national committee, some of his friends complain, is being virtually ignored in decisions reached by others of the Harding campaign leaders, of course, as the campaign gets under way, all of these difficulties will be ironed out by the respective party nominees.

Cox, according to his friends, has an understanding with President Wilson that at the proper time Cox's leadership of the party will be unequivocally acknowledged at the White House.

DOUBT EPRESSED

They are not a little disturbed, meantime, however, at the effect of the recent Cox-Wilson conference in Washington, which has been construed by some as indicating Cox would follow the president's mandate on issues and campaign procedure.

It is hoped by Cox supporters that the president will personally act to nullify this impression, but so long as he does so, it is certain that Cox will show clearly he is running his own campaign.

His diplomacy will be put to the test, because he must realize that the west will expect him to follow Wilson rather than Tammany Hall [illegible] machine "bosses," while at the [illegible] the east is already criticizing [illegible] for being too pro-Wilson.

WEST IS CENTER

As things stand today, Cox unquestionably will center a big portion of his personal campaigning to western states and Ohio. He will tour the coast from end to end, and will start out just as soon as his campaign managers can arrange an itinerary following his speech of acceptance. Every day's mail is filled with scores of invitations, but up to the present time he says he has accepted absolutely none.

He unquestionably will speak in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle at an early date, however, if the plans of his friends are approved. St. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and points in the Dakotas will hear from him also before the campaign is long under way, it was said.

Brazil has a river from which it is estimated 20,000,000-horse power could be derived, but it is so far from industrial centers its harnessing is not feasible unless some means can be found for using the electricity produced.

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