

INVESTIGATION OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS EXTENDED

Probe May Continue Beyond November Election If Committees' Plans Mature

THREE WITNESSES UP

Formal Meeting Held to Discuss Ways of Financing Candidates

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Senate committee investigation of pre-convention presidential campaign activities had approached a new phase if not a virtual conclusion tonight, future developments being in doubt pending an election in the senate on Senator Pomeroy's proposal to change radically the scope and purpose of the inquiry and carry it beyond the November election.

Action on the resolution which would bring congressional as well as presidential campaigns within the committee's jurisdiction, was delayed at the request of Senator Lodge. It will come up tomorrow and the committee pending any alteration of its charter powers began winding up the hearing of witnesses already summoned.

The day's sessions were considerably interrupted by senate votes on adjournment, which drew members to the floor. Three witnesses were heard however, two of them throwing additional light on the financing of General Leonard Wood's campaign for the Republican nomination while the third brought additional information as to the activities for Senator Harding and Governor Lowden in Missouri.

From C. H. Duell of New York, formerly connected with the financial arrangements, the committee got the statement that General Wood was present at a discussion at the home of Ambrose E. Monell in New York last fall, where ways and means of financing his campaign were talked over.

A formal meeting attended by Duell, Monell and Robert Cassatt of Philadelphia, had been called, the witness said, and at this meeting Monell proposed that a certain number of men be asked to "underwrite" the Wood campaign expenses to the extent of \$500,000. Cassatt finally declined to enter into the arrangement, Duell said, and his recollection was that General Wood came in after the meeting. Discussion of the financial side of the campaign had continued, he added, but he could not recall anything that General Wood might have said.

Questions by Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, drew from the witness a statement that in view of the general nature of the conversation, General Wood could not have failed to know its purport and the amount being discussed as necessary to raise.

Next W. L. Cole, Republican state chairman in Missouri and delegate at large from that state, appearing at his own request, took the stand. He presented a brief explanation of previous testimony which showed that he had received funds from both the Harding and Lowden interests for work in Missouri.

He entered a denial that he had known that the check for \$500, given him by E. L. Morse, manager of the Lowden campaign outside of St. Louis was from Lowden funds or that it was given him with any understanding it was to be used in the Illinois governor's behalf. He had regarded the money as a personal contribution from Morse, he said, to aid in the Republican fight to fill a vacancy in the third Missouri congressional district which Morse, had insisted that Cole conduct.

As to \$1,250 which the witness said he had received from Harry M. Daugherty, manager for Senator Harding, Cole declared it was given him to use in trying to make the senator the second choice of the Missouri delegation and after he had told Daugherty that he believed Missouri was "sewed up" for Lowden.

The other witness as to Wood financing was W. B. Burt of Chicago, who described himself as "assistant and confidential man" for Monell, identified as connected with the International Nickel company. Burt brought with him contribution receipts of the Wood national fund and also "requests for funds" covering disbursements. His testimony, he insisted, could add nothing to matter already furnished to the committee but he left some of the accounts with the committee for study.

Grant County Has No More Market Road Money Coming

In an opinion yesterday for the state highway commission, Attorney General Brown held that Grant county has no grounds for protest at the manner in which the commission distributed among the counties the surplus of the state market road fund. The apportionment was made last March.

A. D. Leedy, district attorney for Grant county, set forth the argument that his county was entitled to a larger proportionate share of the surplus for the reason that it had levied a larger market road tax proportionately than certain other counties.

"There is no provision in the statute," says the opinion, "that any county, after availing itself of the benefits of the state appropriation by making the county levy in an amount equal to that to be received from the state can provide for and require a further distribution of said state fund to such county by increasing the amount of such county levy."

"THE DANCIN' FOOL"

JOHNSON FIRM AGAINST LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Senators to Demand Unequivocal Plank in Republican Platform

MAKES HEATED SPEECH

"Party Will Protect American Independence As It Did in 1860"

CHICAGO, June 3.—Senator Johnson of California marked his arrival on the Republican convention battleground here today with a prompt, emphatic declaration that he would demand an unequivocal plank in the Republican platform against the league of nations.

Met by a crowd of several thousand and enthusiastic, Senator Johnson announced his intention to center his platform fight on the league question. He spoke from the hotel balcony of his headquarters to a large crowd and also defined his position in formal statements to the press. Tonight he was hoarse from speech-making but ready to launch into conferences with convention leaders tomorrow.

"My paramount purpose," said Senator Johnson, "is to have the Republican party fearlessly and frankly take its stand on the all-important question of the league of nations and against the present covenant. I want the Republican party in 1920 to be the party for the protection of American independence, just as in 1860 it was the party for the protection and independence of human freedom."

"The plank on the league which I wish to have adopted should be one so clear and explicit that it will require neither explanation nor interpretation."

Senator Johnson said he had not decided whether he would lead his league fight from the convention floor, but said he was prepared for that course if there should be any dodging on the issue.

"There is a disposition in some quarters to eliminate from the Republican party just common folks," said he. "This must not be tolerated. The Republican party must not be de-humanized. I deny the right or the power, or the authority of any newspaper or self-constituted leaders to read out of the party those in whom Lincoln's spirit ever abided, the plain people of the land."

Long Standing Treaty To Get Final Action

WASHINGTON, June 3.—Recommendation that the long-pending treaty with Columbia, growing out of the partitioning of Panama be reported back to the senate for final action were made to the foreign relations committee today by the subcommittee appointed to draft an amendment designed to protect American oil and mining interests from the operation of the presidential decree, regarded by some senators as confiscatory.

The subcommittee of which Senator Fall, Republican, New Mexico, is chairman, said an amendment was unnecessary because the supreme court of Columbia had declared invalid not only the presidential decree but legislation along similar lines which had been presented in the Colombian congress. It called attention to the fact that this decree was similar to that issued in Mexico, against which the United States has protested, but expressed full confidence that the people and government were sincere in their expressions of desire to protect American rights and interests within the republic.

The subcommittee's report was approved by the full committee late today and the treaty will be placed on the senate calendar probably tomorrow. Senators said there was little probability of its being acted upon until the next session of the senate in December.

PLATFORM OF CHURCH ADOPTED

Measures Set Forth by Members of Federal Council

CLEVELAND, June 3.—A labor platform was favored by the church and community convention of the federal council of churches of Christ of America, which closed here today. The platform calls for recognition by the united churches of—

Fraternal conferences of labor leaders and employers under Christian auspices.

Community free speech forums.

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Dallas and Independence Citizens Ask Governor to Compel Compliance

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