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BURELSON DISAPPROVES DRY PLANK

Postmaster General Calls Some of Provisions "Drastic and Absurd"; Should be Repealed by Party

MAY SHOW SENTIMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Platform Fight to be Real Struggle of Democratic Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Postmaster General Burelson's statement today at San Francisco regarding democratic platform issues drew particular attention among party leaders already on the ground for the national convention next week because of its frank declaration for modification of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act.

Mr. Burelson's demand for repeal of "drastic and absurd" provisions of the act expressed in more direct fashion views which some of the party leaders now here had previously voiced privately. Coming from a member of President Wilson's cabinet, the statement was regarded as a possible intimation of the administration's attitude on the prohibition issue before the convention.

Senator Glass of Virginia, who is due here tomorrow, is understood to have been entrusted with a formal expression of President Wilson's views as to the platform. On other occasions, however, the postmaster general has been the direct spokesman of the president on important issues, and demands were inclined to take his expression as to the prohibition plank as more than a statement of his own views.

The preliminary convention discussion here in progress, while wholly informal in character, has shown a striking unanimity of opinion on two points thus far. The first of these is that the platform struggle will be a real fight of the convention; the second that the prohibition plank will be the chief issue of the fight, outweighing the league of nations declaration in interest among delegates.

On the league issue W. J. Bryan is already standing directly opposed to President Wilson's views as to the party attitude. That dates back to the Jackson Day dinner when Mr. Wilson urged that the democrats enter the campaign on the issue of ratification of the league of nations covenant without material reservation. The former secretary of state stood just as strongly for acceptance of the republican senate reservations as a basis for ratification and in order to keep the league covenant out of the campaign.

If Mr. Burelson's statement is to be accepted as representing the president's views on prohibition, delegates said, it was now evident that Bryan and the administration forces were to clash also over that plank in the party platform. Mr. Bryan's views have been fully known to be rigidly against any weakening of the prohibition laws.

There is also, it was said, a third point on which the president and his former secretary of state might lock horns at the convention. It was recalled that when the president asked congress for authority to accept a mandate over Armenia under the league of nations, Mr. Bryan promptly issued a statement in flat opposition to such a program. It has been regarded as possible that the president might seek to have the convention endorse his course as to Armenia, and if so, it was said, the Nebraska leader could be expected to exert his influence against such action.

Pending arrival of Senator Glass, Mr. Burelson and Mr. Bryan, all of whom will reach here this week, the few party leaders and delegates already on the ground have been exchanging only gossip comment and expressions of personal opinion on issues to come up. There have been no conferences as yet and there is still activity among workers for various candidates for the presidential nomination to distract attention from the platform outlook.

Headquarters for John W. Davis of West Virginia were opened today and the first literature in behalf of the claims of candidates was put out by his supporters. Some poster work for Governor Edwards of New Jersey also was done supplementing the work for Attorney General Palmer, but Presidential Row has not as yet become even a shadow of what it will be or of what it was during the republican convention at Chicago.

In any event there is little possibility that candidates' headquarters will take as prominent part in the San Francisco convention as was the case at Chicago.

VESSLS AT CONVENTION.

SAN DIEGO, June 22.—Twelve destroyers of the Pacific fleet, part of the navy vessels going to San Francisco for the democratic convention period, left port today. They will join other vessels of the fleet off San Pedro. The cruiser Birmingham also left today for San Francisco. The destroyers will cruise to Alaska after the convention.

LAVISH ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED FOR MEETING

DEMOCRATS TO RIDE ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO AND SEE CITY

Municipal Bands to Meet Every Train Warships Will be in Bay—Women to Help Fete Visitors

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—Tentative plans for the reception and entertainment of delegates to the democratic national convention were made at the first meeting of the citizens' convention entertainment committee today.

They include free automobiles for the delegates, a ride about San Francisco bay on warships, personal welcome and guides about the city, free street car fare and numerous other diversions.

Municipal bands will meet every railroad train with delegates, according to plans. The national league for women's service will keep open house at its club rooms for the 400 women delegates, while all delegates are to be invited to a grand ball at the municipal auditorium on the night of July 5.

Mayor Rolph was named chairman of the entertainment committee.

WORLD WAR AIDS U. S. COMMERCE

Trade Balance of Seventeen Billion Dollars Gained for Country

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Since the beginning of the world war in 1914 the United States has rolled up a trade balance of approximately seventeen billion dollars against the world, this exceeds by several billions of dollars the total balance in favor of the United States from 1875 to 1914.

Department of commerce figures today show that the trade balance made in favor of the United States in the fiscal year ending in 1914, one month before the war began, was only \$479,000,000. During the first year of the war it was \$1,994,419,560 and in the next year ending June 30, 1916, it was \$2,135,599,375. During the succeeding year the total was \$2,520,693,209.

Meantime the United States had entered the struggle and in the year ending June 30, 1918—the first full fiscal year of America's participation—the balance was only \$2,971,055,973. In the next year ending last June 30, however, it was \$4,136,562,618.

During the first 11 months of this fiscal year the balance was only \$2,788,461,602, but exports were larger in those 11 months than in any other full fiscal year in the nation's history totaling \$7,474,192,549 as against the previous 12 months record of \$7,252,282,686 made during the last fiscal year.

At the same time that America's export trade began to advance by leaps and bounds, the import trade also showed an enormous increase, reaching a new high record of \$4,688,741,474 during the 11 months of the present fiscal year.

CONFERENCE FOR HAGUE TRIBUNAL

Formation of High Court of Nations Would Probably Not Effect Existing Board

THE HAGUE, June 22.—Discussions of the commission of jurists today strengthened the theory that the existing Hague arbitration tribunal will not be abolished if a high court of nations is formed, but on the contrary that the tribunal will not only function, as formerly, but have a considerable part in selecting the high court judges.

The commission took under consideration today the possibility of dovetailing the Root-Phillimore plan with the plan proposed by Baron Des Camps, for which a method was suggested by Mr. Root.

Though the efforts of the jurists working on the draft plan of the court of nations are entirely unaffected by politics, the delegates have been subjected to the usual flood of letters from organizations seeking to force national aspirations into the limelight.

All these letters are cast aside, as the members are firmly determined that their duty is merely to form a court.

The first Hague tribunal since the war will take place in September next, with Mr. Root as chairman of the arbiters. This has to do with a litigation begun before the war, involving Spain, France, Portugal and Italy in the question of responsibility for damage to churches and property in Portugal during the revolution.

Gavel Made by Student To Open Convention

DAVENPORT, Ia., June 22.—National Chairman Homer S. Cummings will use a gavel made by a Davenport high school student in opening the democratic convention in San Francisco next week. The holder of this honor is Russell Calvin Sternsdorff. His father, George J. Sternsdorff, is a delegate from Iowa.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE IS SELECTED

Management of National Campaign Entrusted to Twenty-One Members Led by Chairman Hays

TWO DAY CONFERENCES ENDED BY LEADERS

Harding Tells Suffragettes He Would Recommend Ratification

WASHINGTON, June 22.—Management of the national republican campaign was entrusted today to an executive committee of 21 members headed by Chairman Hays of the party's national committee. Seven women have places on the executive committee.

Announcement of the executive committee together with the composition of two committees to arrange for the notification of Senator Harding, the party's presidential nominee and of Governor Coolidge, vice presidential candidate, ended a two-day conference in which Mr. Harding, Chairman Hays and a special subcommittee participated.

Senator Harding received a group of suffragettes and in reply to their request for a statement of his position on the suffrage question, declared that while he could not with propriety attempt to force any state to hasten action on the federal suffrage amendment, he would recommend ratification, should any state officially seek his opinion.

The suffragists numbering 25 from 21 states, through their spokesman, Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the national woman's party, in presenting their request made veiled threats of throwing their support to a third party unless ratification of the suffrage amendment was completed through action of a Republican state legislature. Miss Paul in a statement tonight said her delegation was "deeply disappointed with Senator Harding's position."

In the appointment of the executive committee the subcommittee diverted from the usual practice of confining membership to the national organization and took in Harry M. Daugherty of Columbus, Ohio, Senator Harding's pre-convention campaign manager. The appointments as announced include only 20 names but Mr. Hays said the additional member of the national committee, would be announced as soon as he could communicate with the prospective appointee.

The full membership of the committee was announced as follows: Will H. Hays, chairman; Mrs. Harriet Taylor, Upton, O., vice chairman; John T. Adams, national committeeman from Iowa; Clarence B. Miller of Minnesota, secretary of the national committee; Fred W. Upham of Illinois, treasurer of the national committee; H. N. Daugherty, Ohio; Mrs. Katherine K. Phillips, Edson, California; Mrs. M. L. Fossen, Minnesota; Jake L. Hamon, national committeeman from Oklahoma; John W. Hart, national committeeman from Idaho; A. T. Hert, national committeeman from Kentucky; Charles D. Hilles, national committeeman from New York; R. B. Howell, national committeeman from Nebraska; Mrs. Jeanette A. Hyde, Utah; Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore, New York; Senator Boies Penrose, national committeeman of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson, New York; Mrs. Christine Bradley South, Kentucky; former Senator John W. Weeks, national committeeman from Massachusetts; and R. E. Williams, national committeeman from Oregon.

One member of the executive committee, Chairman Hays said, remains to be appointed. A. Hyde, former Senator Bradley of Kentucky, also was appointed assistant secretary of the national committee, an office created by the Chicago convention.

Following the announcement of the committee's membership, Senator Harding and Chairman Hays each issued statements, the former praising the organization work already accomplished and the latter declaring that a complete organization of party groups had been brought about in the appointment of the committee.

"The conferences have been most successful," says Mr. Hays in his statement. "The great party of the union is most certainly an unit. The executive committee and the other committees to be appointed will be splendidly representative. Mr. Daugherty and the loyal Republicans who have worked so enthusiastically for Senator Harding and those who

"We are unalterably opposed to the admission of non-assimilable peoples. We approve of the policy of absolute exclusion as rigidly enforced in Canada, Australia and New Zealand against labor from countries with standards of living lower than our own."

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SIXTY SPECIAL TRAINS IN PORTLAND FOR WEEK

SHRINE CONCLAVE OPENS WITH GORGEOUS STREET PARADE

Imperial Council Welcomed by Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker of Portland—Steamer Launched

PORTLAND, Or., June 22.—Welcoming addresses by Ben W. Olcott and Mayor George L. Baker of Portland, and reports marked the imperial session here today of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Tonight an electrical parade through the downtown streets formed the main attraction.

A net gain during the year of 74,725 members of the order was shown by the annual report of E. M. Rowley, imperial recorder.

Applications for charters creating new temples will be considered by the imperial council of the Shrine tomorrow.

Because of the length of today's parade the opening session of the imperial council was delayed. A report that the session would be open to the public created considerable confusion and it took nearly an hour to clean the municipal auditorium of those who had entered without the mystic word. Addresses of welcome to the visiting nobles were delivered by Noble Ben W. Olcott, governor of Oregon; Noble George L. Baker, mayor of Portland, besides several prominent men in Shrinedom, including A. H. Lea, present potentate of Al Kader temple of Portland.

W. Freeland Kendrick, imperial potentate, responded in behalf of the imperial council.

The last of the special Shrine trains—61 fully equipped trains—arrived early today in time for the nobles to have to participate in this morning's procession. About 10 per cent of the Pullman equipment of the country was said to be parked in Portland today. Many of the visitors are living on their trains.

Paganry was outdone in today's parade of Shrine patroles and bands. It was pronounced the most gorgeous and colorful display in the history of the city. The Shrine colors, green and yellow predominated in all patrol uniforms, a touch of white and gold breaking this kaleidoscopic array occasionally. La Lu temple of Philadelphia was carbed completely in white.

A feature of today's entertainment was the launching of the 9600 ton steel steamer Antinous at Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Ellis Lewis Garrison of Tacoma, wife of the deputy imperial potentate, christening the vessel.

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LAST WORDS OF MEXICAN LEADER TOLD

Major Ernesto Herrero Gives Account of Death of Carranza—All Indications Point to Suicide

NO SHOTS FIRED WHERE PARTY ENTERED HUT

Ex-President Informed Men He Was Wounded in Leg and to Save Selves

MEXICO CITY, June 22.—Carranza's last words shortly before his death, the position of his body when found, the nature of the wounds and the three empty cartridges indicated that the president committed suicide, according to Major Ernesto Herrero, upon whose report General Rodolfo Herrero, who is charged with responsibility for the late president's death, bases his oft-repeated statement that Carranza killed himself. Ernesto Herrero made this assertion during an interview with the Associated Press correspondent today. Ernesto and Rodolfo are cousins.

Relating the story of the battle of Tlaxcalantongo in the early morning of May 21, Major Herrero said: "Twenty minutes after the firing stopped my men and I, who had been forced to retire by the fire of Carranza's escort, knocked at the door of the president's hut. When we received no answer we shouted we would fire if the door was not opened."

"We then received a reply assuring us of admittance but we were ordered to have a light to avoid a surprise attack as we entered. This was done and we passed into the hut. Berlanga, minister of the interior in President Carranza's cabinet, advanced toward us and appeared to fear we would harm him. From the direction of the gaze of his two or three companions I learned in what part of the hut Carranza lay. He was lying on his right side with his hand clutching a pistol from which three shots had been fired. His shirt showed powder marks."

"Berlanga said that Carranza had told his companions he was wounded in the leg and that those who could had better save themselves because he was unable to do so. Berlanga expressed belief that Carranza had committed suicide and so declared in a signed statement later. I examined the body but could find no leg wound."

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RELEASED FROM JAIL TO SECURE BURIED FUNDS

DRAFT EVADER ESCAPES WHEN ALLOWED TO SEARCH

Grover C. Bergdoll, Wealthy Convict Hides \$105,000 in Mountains of Maryland According to Testimony

PHILADELPHIA, June 22. Details regarding the \$105,000 in gold obtained by James E. Romig for Grover C. Bergdoll, escaped convicted draft dodger, were given today before the federal grand jury, which is investigating the escape of Bergdoll, by W. Alexander, a paying teller at the United States treasury at Washington.

According to Alexander, Romig exchanged \$45,000 in reserve bank notes for gold on October 22, 1919, and \$60,000 on November 17. It was to procure this coin, which Bergdoll alleged he had hidden in the mountains in Maryland, that he was given permission to leave the barracks at Fort Jay, N. Y., where he was serving a five year sentence for desertion.

NORTHWEST WHEAT GOOD

Prospects in This Country One Hundred Per Cent Say Experts

PORTLAND, Or., June 22.—Wheat crop prospects in the Pacific northwest are virtually 100 per cent according to reports received here from grain producing sections of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

At the present time weather conditions are ideal. Up to the beginning of June the outlook was not so promising, but recent rains have practically made the crop. Harsh hot, drying winds later, there will be a bumper yield in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the three northwestern states.

CHERRIES BEING BIG PRICE.
SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 22.—All records for a car of cherries were broken today when the California Fruit exchange of this city received a telegram announcing that a car shipped from the Newcastle district in Placer county had been sold at auction in Boston for \$315.

THE BARGAIN DAY IDEA IS POPULAR WITH ALL

It Fosters and Continues the Spirit of Good Fellowship Between City and Country, Between the Server and the Served, the Bargain Maker and the Bargain Seeker, and Promotes Cordial Relations Among All Classes.

The great idea of Bargain Day is that on that particular day each business house that has joined for its observance will have some particularly fine goods or of arrive in which its customers and the general public are interested, and that in those lines special concessions will be made on that day which will make it worth while for everybody to be on hand and get some of the good things while they are going.

What each of the business houses expects to do for its clientele on Bargain Day will be concisely outlined by themselves in a few days, as each one will be asked by the Statesman to announce briefly in this Bargain Day space what is proposed to be offered on that day as a special attraction, so that every reader may in advance have the mind directed to each particular individual need.

This system will prove helpful to the public in that it will enable each person to schedule his or her special wants and do the buying without delay or running around with uncertainty in search for them. The system will be also valuable for the stores, as it will permit them to serve double the number of customers that can be handled on an ordinary shopping day.

It is thus seen that the merchants and the newspapers have combined for the pleasure and profit of the customers of both and that all will work in harmony to make that pleasure and profit complete. From now on until July 10, the merchants and other business people will be planning how best to make their patrons happy and the result of that planning is sure to be satisfactory.

There are no better stocks of goods anywhere than those that fill the shelves and warehouses of Salem; there are no merchants in any city more ready to give their customers a square deal than the Salem merchant and none more reliable in their dealings, hence when a Bargain Day is announced there is full confidence that the benefits promised will be forthcoming and it is these considerations that bring out the immense crowds each year since the day was inaugurated.

Following is a list of the persons and firms that have already joined in the Bargain Day movement and from day to day as the time passes, more names will be added.

SHRINERS TO VISIT SALEM HOUR TODAY

Several Thousand Expected in Time to Receive Lunches Presented by Young Women in Willson Park

ROSES REQUESTED FROM LOCAL PEOPLE

Careful Instructions Are Given to Prevent Hitch in Day's Program

Thousands of Shriners from all parts of the United States who are in Portland for the imperial convocation of that order are expected in Salem today with the Willamette valley automobile excursion which has been arranged for their entertainment by Salem and Willamette valley people.

Just how many thousand will come, nobody knows. It may be three thousand or twice that many. But there will be a sufficient number of automobiles for hundreds of local automobile owners are either already in Portland with their cars or will leave at an early hour this morning for the Rose city. The long procession of cars will leave Portland early enough this forenoon to reach Salem around the noon hour.

Official Directions Given.
Plans for the start in Portland have been made carefully to avoid confusion. Each driver has been provided with official directions and there is no chance for a hitch at the start. The line of march to Salem will be over the paved east side Pacific highway. If any car becomes disabled, instructions are that it shall pull out of the line of march and wait for a service car. Several service cars will be along the road prepared to help any driver out of difficulty.

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