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# REPUBLICANS NAME DAWES

## 48 NAVY MEN KILLED ON SHIP

### WARSHIP SCENE OF DISASTER AT DRILL

Forty-Five Men and Three Officers Lose Lives When Big Shell Explodes Prematurely in Turret—Catastrophe Occurs on Training Grounds Off San Pedro.

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 12. (By Associated Press.)—Two premature explosions killed three officers and 45 men of the battleship Mississippi today and injured scores of others, and the menace of death still hounded the crippled dreadnaught tonight as she left her dead and injured behind and headed out to sea to protect harbor life and property and shipping from the peril of a third and imminently expected blast.

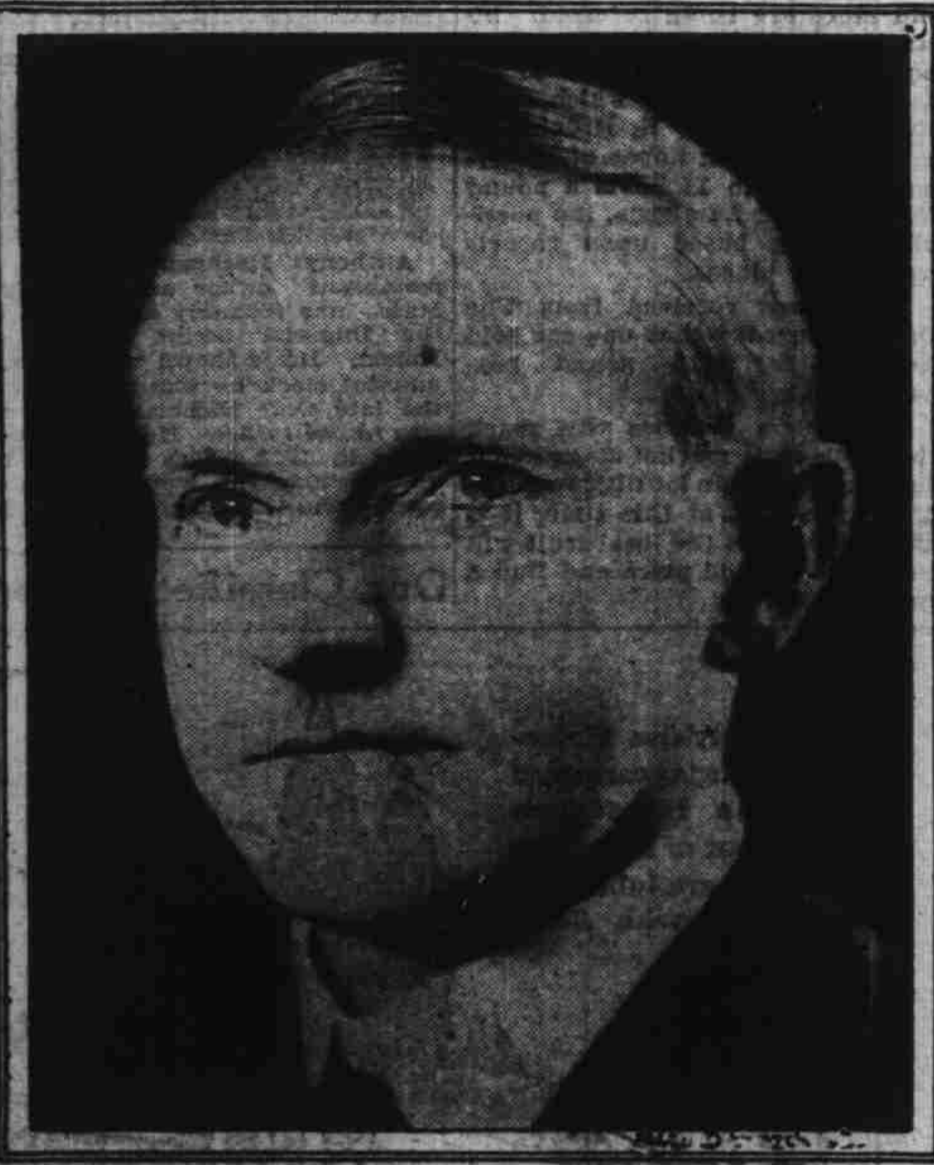
The first explosion occurred at 1 p. m., while the Mississippi was engaged in target practice off San Clemente island, 45 miles from here, spreading death among the 88 men in No. 2 turret. Officers said the premature blast might have been due to a sailor giving the signal for the electric flash igniting the charge in one of the turret's 14-inch rifles before the breech was properly closed or it may have resulted from a "flareback" caused when a fresh charge was being loaded into the breech.

As the stricken ship reached the goal of its race for surgical assistance—the hospital ship Relief, just outside the breakwater here—a second blast rocked the vessel. The charge in the demolished turret's second 14 inch rifle exploded, hurling the steel projectile out to sea and narrowly missing the stern of the passenger liner Yale, which was leaving the harbor for San Diego. Had the turret, which was revolving at the time the first explosion occurred, remained in the same position until the second blast, the projectile would have crashed into the center of the City of San Pedro. Fortunately the turret had swung around so that its guns pointed directly out to sea.

Ship Puts to Sea

When two mine sweepers failed in an attempt to unload the third of the three rifles, containing an as yet unexploded discharge, the battleship put out to sea again, its dead and injured having been removed; so that in the event the last gun should burst forth its load of steel there would be less danger of the projectile striking other ships or structures ashore. The official list of dead in the

### CALVIN COOLIDGE



President of the United States, who was nominated at Cleveland national convention yesterday by almost unanimous vote.

### MISSISSIPPI IS A CRACK VESSEL

Unfortunate Dreadnaught Is Considered Newest and Best Battleship

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 12. —The USS Mississippi is one of the crack ships of the United States battle fleet. The vessel was launched in 1917 and from the first was both a prize winner and popular with the men in the service.

She carries 12 14-inch guns, 12 5-inch, eight 3-inch and four 6-inch guns. The dreadnaught is 624 feet in length, 97 1/2 feet in beam and has a displacement of 32,000 tons. For gunnery performances the Mississippi has been in the front rank of the navy, her crews holding many trophies for their marksmanship. It was the Mississippi that sunk the battleship Iowa in experimental firing in the Caribbean sea.

Early in her career in Pacific waters she established a speed record by traveling from Cape Flattery to Bolinas bay a distance of 682 miles, at an average speed of 19 knots an hour. She is one of the few oil burners of the Pacific fleet.

### SCHOOL BONDS SOLD BY BOARD

Issue of \$220,000 Is Taken By Freeman, Smith & Camp of Portland

With nine bidders competing, the offer of Freeman, Smith & Camp of Portland of \$100,696 bearing a premium of \$1531.20 for 10 year bonds running serially for \$220,000 worth of school district No. 24 bonds was accepted last night by the school board. The board originally advertised \$225,000 worth of bonds for sale, but by economizing on the new J. L. Parrish Junior High school, the additional \$5000 was saved and will be applied upon the south Salem building.

With one or two exceptions, the bidders were eastern firms with representatives in Portland.

### COOLIDGE IS RE-NOMINATED WITHOUT STIR

Proceeding to Accomplish Naming of Presidential Candidate Amounts to Mere Ratification

WIS. AND N. D. FURNISH THE ONLY OPPOSITION

Same Unanimity Not Given Dawes as Campaign Running Mate

CONVENTION HALL, Cleveland, Ohio, June 12. (By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge was nominated today by the republican national convention in a proceeding about which was actually a ratification meeting.

Only dissenting votes from Wisconsin and North Dakota prevented the president's nomination by acclamation and making it unanimous.

Nominated by his personal friend, Dr. Marion Lefoy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, the president received solid blocks of votes from all the states on the final roll call except from those mentioned.

CONVENTION HALL, Cleveland, June 12. (By Associated Press.)—Coolidge and Dawes is the republican ticket for 1924.

President Coolidge's nomination was accomplished with only a ripple of dissent from Wisconsin and North Dakota but the nomination of his running mate came only after the convention had once chosen Frank O. Lowden of Illinois and been forced by his lieutenant to choose another—Charles G. Dawes, the "Hell and Maria general."

After a short race with Herbert Hoover who came into the balloting after the declaration of Lowden, Dawes galloped off with the nomination. Motions to make it unanimous and by acclamation were disturbed only from the dissenters from Wisconsin and North Dakota.

### Dawes Has an Unusual Record of Efficiency in Variety of Lines

Few men in America won distinction in the variety of endeavors which have occupied General Dawes. Founder and long directing head of one of Chicago's large banking institutions, he also was prominent for his services in the World war, and as a lawyer, author and active figure in the councils of the republican party since the "gold" campaign of 1896. In addition, he won a place as a music composer by virtue of the publication of his "Melody in A Major" which was a "best seller" in phonograph records for a time following the war. When called to testify before a committee of the house of representatives investigating the conduct of the war in February, 1921, he proved a witness extraordinary.

General Dawes attained his greatest fame through his activity in connection with the Dawes commission of experts, appointed by the reparation commission to endeavor to bring about a settlement of the German reparation question suitable to all the countries interested.

### CHICAGO MAIL TRAIN IS HELD UP AND ROBBED

Bandits Board Fast Express Outside City and Take Forty Pouches of Registered Mail

MILLION DOLLAR LOSS ESTIMATED BY BANKS

Robbers Make Away With Loot Under Fire of Armed Guards of Train

CHICAGO, June 12.—One of the bandits who held up the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mail train at Rondout, Ill., 30 miles from Chicago, tonight, was killed by a bullet fired from the gun of one of his band, according to information reaching here tonight.

It was also said that the bandits broke the windows of the coaches and threw formaldehyde inside. The fumes of the acid nearly overcame the clerks and guards inside before they finally surrendered.

CHICAGO, June 12.—Forty pouches of registered mail containing bonds and currency valued at more than a million dollars were stolen by train robbers when they held up a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul mail train near Rondout, Ill., 30 miles north of Chicago, at 10:30 o'clock, Central standard time, tonight.

The train stopped at Buckley road crossing two miles this side of Rondout. Before it came to a stop two of the robbers boarded the engine and covered the engineer and fireman with revolvers.

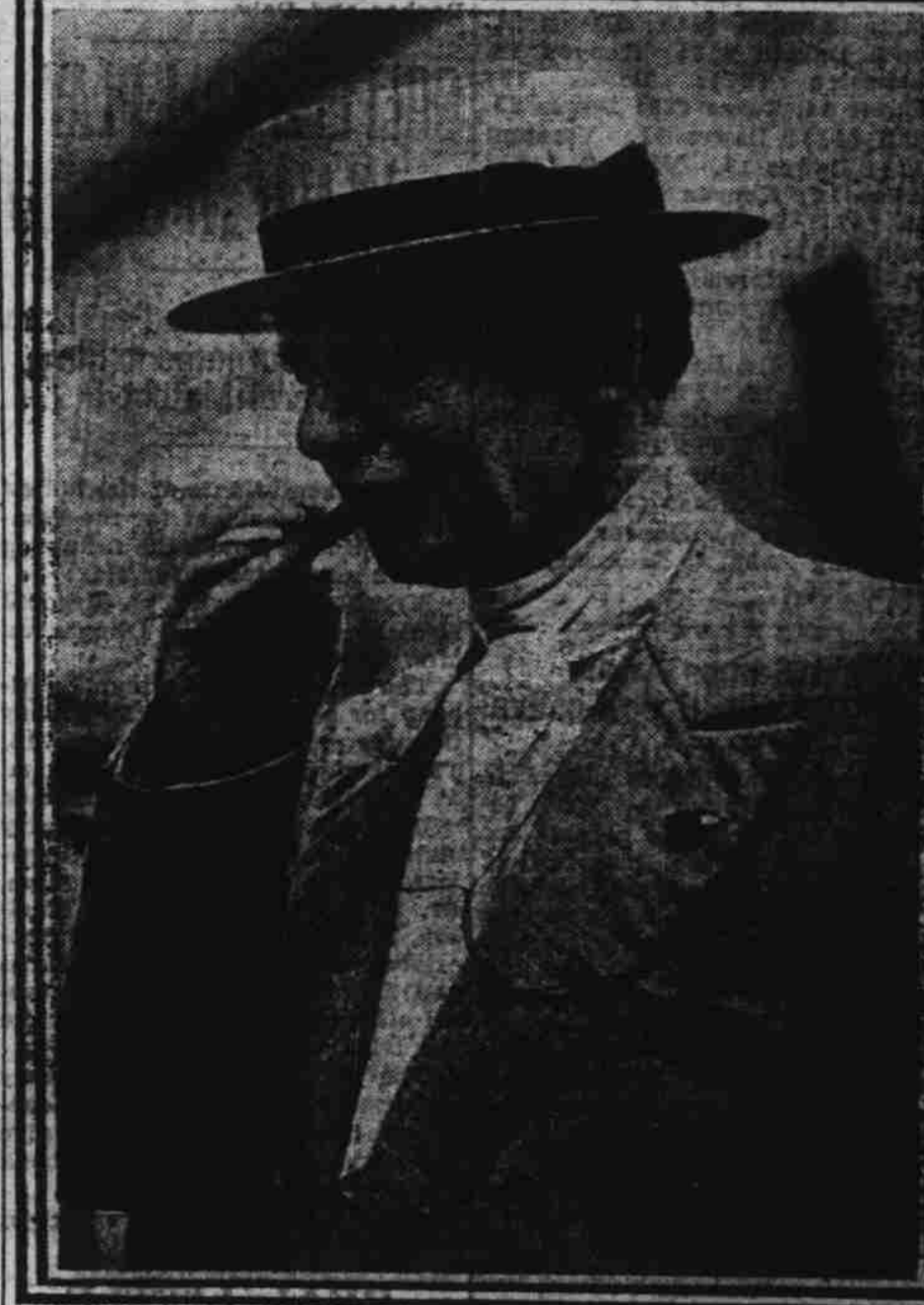
In the meantime the three men who were on the tender uncoupled the locomotive. The robbers in the cab forced the engineer to drive the locomotive to Rondout two miles down the track.

The train was en route from Chicago to St. Paul and its first scheduled stop was Milwaukee.

Three of the robbers rode

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### CHARLES G. DAWES



Chicago banker, known as "Hell Maria," Dawes, who was nominated on third ballot for vice president of the United States.

### LOWDEN DECLINES PARTY NOMINATION

Former Governor Flatly Refuses Unanimous Offer of Vice Presidency

OREGON, Ill., June 12.—(By The Associated Press.)—Former Governor Frank O. Lowden tonight again declined to accept the nomination as vice presidential candidate on the republican ticket after receipt of a telegram from Chairman Mondell urging him to accept the almost unanimous action of the delegates.

CONVENTION HALL, CLEVELAND, June 12. — After having been nominated for the vice presidency by a landslide of votes, Frank O. Lowden again today declined to accept it.

No such situation had ever prevailed in the history of the party.

Mr. Mondell sent the following telegram to Mr. Lowden:

"The republican convention, notwithstanding the fact that the delegates had been informed from the platform by Mr. Oglesby that you did not desire the nomination for vice president and that your declination should be considered final, proceeded to place you in nomination by a majority that was amid the great enthusiasm practically unanimous. Following this action further messages were read announcing that you had been informed of the action taken and declined to accept the nomination. Notwithstanding the receipt of the receipt of these communications a resolution offered by Mr. Warren of Michigan instructing me to communicate with you and urge you to inform the convention through me as its chairman whether your declination must be considered as final and providing that in the meantime the convention stand in recess until 9 o'clock this evening. I am sending you this message in accordance with that resolution and most urgently urge you to reconsider your decision and accept this great honor so generously and enthusiastically conferred upon you. The convention awaits your answer and I most urgently request a favorable reply."

General Dawes went to France in August, 1917, as a colonel in

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### RUNNING MATE FOR COOLIDGE SELECTED

Famous "Hell Maria," Former Chicago Banker, Director of Budget and Investigator for Inter-Alleied Debt Commission Gets Second Place on National Ticket

MARIETTA, Ohio, June 12. Brigadier General Charles G. Dawes tonight accepted the nomination for the vice presidency.

CONVENTION HALL, Cleveland, June 12. (By Associated Press.)—Charles G. Dawes of Illinois, the "Hell and Maria general," was nominated for the vice presidency by the republican national convention tonight after it once had nominated Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, and he had refused to accept the place.

In a brief and spectacular fight in which William Butler, President Coolidge's campaign manager, had said to Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, "It must be Hoover," and Senator Reed had replied: "It can't be done, it must be Dawes," the Dawes supporters, after the declination of former Governor Lowden of Illinois, marshaled their forces and put the general across for the nomination.

Earlier in the day, Mr. Butler's forces had passed the word that the administration men desired the nomination of Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, and in the voting which followed the supporters of Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, ran away with the nomination for their man only to have his decline it. The nomination of Dawes came as the climax to one of the most spectacular scenes in republican party history, in which the convention once having nominated a candidate was obliged to undo its work and find another.

At 8:50 o'clock chairman Mondell began rapping for order and the delegates were calling "vote," "vote," "we want to vote!"

Mr. Mondell read the convention the telegram he had received from Mr. Lowden. It was the same as it is given in other dispatches of The Associated Press.

Then the chair recognized Lawrence Y. Sherman of Illinois, in behalf of the Illinois delegates he moved that Lowden's declination be accepted.

The convention adopted the motion with some scattering noise. The clerk then began calling the roll on the third ballot for vice president.

At the end of the roll call, Governor Cox of Massachusetts moved that the nomination of general Dawes be made unanimous. The noes from the Wisconsin side of the house were the only voices in dissent. The unofficial totals were:

Alabama (16); Hoover 14; Dawes 2, Arizona (9); Dawes 5, Arkansas (14); Hoover 14, California (29); Hoover 29, Colorado (15); Dawes 15, Connecticut (17); Dawes 1; Hoover 16, Delaware (5); Coleman Du Pont

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### HIGH SCHOOL TO GRADUATE 204

Diplomas Will Be Presented in Exercises at Tabernacle Tonight

Diplomas will be presented to 204 members of the graduating class of Salem High school at the 18th annual commencement exercises to be held at the tabernacle tonight. This is the largest class in the history of the school. Dr. H. H. Olinger, chairman of the school board, will present the diplomas. The invocation will be given by Dr. J. D. McCormack, with Rev. George Koehler giving the benediction.

Each of the classes will give its history, while Benoit McCroskey, state high school champion orator, will give his oration, "The Constitution." Several musical numbers have been arranged, including vocal and instrumental solos with a selection by the boys' quartette.

### PRESIDENT GLAD DAWES NOMINATED

Congratulatory Message Is Sent From White House; Others Join in Move

WASHINGTON, June 12.—Tonight President Coolidge sent a message of felicitation to Charles G. Dawes, selected as his running mate on the republican national ticket.

"It will be a pleasure," the president said, "to be associated with you in the public service. Best wishes to you and Mrs. Dawes in which Mrs. Coolidge joins."

President Coolidge received notification through the Associated Press that Mr. Dawes had accepted and immediately dictated his message of congratulation. With Mrs. Coolidge, Dr. J. T. Boone, a White House physician, and Ed

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### THE WEATHER

OREGON—Fair Friday; moderate southwesterly winds.

### LOCAL WEATHER

(Thursday) Maximum temperature, 72. Minimum temperature, 61. River, -1 stationary. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, south.