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## DEMOCRATS TO CONTEND OVER VOTING RULES

### Clash Between Opposing Forces Sure to Come Over Substitution of a Majority for Two Thirds

### McADOO FORCES FAVOR AND SMITH'S OPPOSE

### Test of Strength to Come Over Chairman of Resolution Committee

NEW YORK, June 16.—The pre-convention tide of democratic party leaders was in full swing toward New York today. With it came definite indications that the first big political battle at Madison Square Garden a week from tomorrow would be over the question whether two thirds or majority rule should prevail.

McAdoo leaders made no secret of their intention to attempt to force adoption of the majority rule. They declared that if they could muster enough votes to impose their will, on this question they would have enough delegates to nominate McAdoo for the presidency on the first ballot or soon thereafter.

Governor Smith and his campaign managers are known to be opposed to majority rule and are optimistic of their chances of defeating any attempt of the McAdoo men to inaugurate it.

Prospects of an initial test of strength on this question has elevated to a position of first importance the chairmanship of the rules committee causing it temporarily to outrank the chairmanship of the committee on resolutions and platform, which heretofore has been the chief topic of speculation, next to the prospects of the two leading candidates, McAdoo and Smith.

Reports are that Homer T. Cummings of Connecticut, was slated to head the latter committee were met today with assertions by those closest to him that he was not a candidate for the post, and that Carter Glass of Virginia would get it. In the meantime the committee on arrangements for the convention headed by Cordell Hull, chairman of the national democratic committee was in continuous session throughout the day, visiting delegations' hotel quarters, making last minute changes in the seating arrangements and clearing desks generally in preparation for the arrival of delegations.

It was announced that the delegations from Indiana and Illinois led by Taggart and Brennan, respectively would begin arriving tomorrow. McAdoo was scheduled to assume charge of his campaign headquarters on Wednesday; John W. Davis, Carter Glass, Senator Oscar Underwood and a half dozen others whose candidacies have taken definite form, are expected to establish headquarters at various hotels before the week end.

William Jennings Bryan, coming as a delegate from Florida, and his brother, Charles, Governor of Nebraska and potential candidate for the presidency, have quarters reserved for Thursday. Failure of the whole subcommittee on seating to arrive today caused Isadore Dockweiler of California, chairman, to postpone until tomorrow the final allotment of platform places.

Each of the two candidates for the presidential nomination already established here continued to make predictions.

McAdoo headquarters' latest claim to an easy majority of delegates was expressed, in various shadings that delegations instructed for McAdoo, pledged to him or friendly to him reached a total of 557 votes.

Governor Smith was at his headquarters all day. He said he did not know how good his chances were.

## OLINGER, SIMERAL ARE RE-ELECTED ON EDUCATION BOARD

Casting the heaviest vote in the history of the city at a school election Salem voters yesterday re-elected Dr. H. H. Olinger and L. J. Simeral as directors for two-year terms. Frank E. Neer, candidate for director, was defeated by 94 votes. The final count was Olinger, 850; Simeral, 816 and Neer, 720.

A total of 1287 ballots was cast, against 636 at the election last year and a little more than 900 ballots in 1922.

Lateness in reaching the polls kept many from casting votes, and it was estimated by the election board that had the polls remained open until 8 o'clock the total vote would have reached around 1500. For nearly an hour before the polls closed at 7 o'clock there were as many as 50 persons in line waiting to vote. The count was not completed until nearly 11 o'clock last night.

### SILVERTON ELECTS

SILVERTON, Ore., June 16.—In the annual school election here today E. J. Geer, a contractor, and C. K. Loe, a farmer, were elected members of the Silvertown school board, Dr. C. W. Keene, present chairman of the board was defeated.

The electors defeated by three votes a special tax of \$10,000 for the purpose of building additions to school buildings.

## MISS NORMAND LIVENS TRIAL

### Movie Comedienne Gives 'Wise Crack' Answers When Put on Stand

LOS ANGELES, June 16.—A series of answers termed "wise cracks" in movie slang, that brought repeated guffaws from a scattered group of spectators and stern glances from the court, enlivened what at first gave promise of being merely a dull session of legal procedure at the opening in superior court here today of the trial of Horace A. Greer, chauffeur, charged with the attempted murder of Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil operator.

The cause of the laughter on the one part is the judicial approach on the other, was Mabel Normand, motion picture comedienne.

Asked during cross examination if there was drinking in Dines' apartment during the New Year's party which ended with the oil operator being shot three times, the actress admitted that there had been.

"What became of the bottles?" asked Attorney S. S. Hahn, leading counsel for Greer.

"I beg your pardon," the actress shot out in quick reply, "there weren't any bottles. There was only one bottle."

Miss Normand was shown a small automatic pistol and was asked if it was her property.

"How should I know? It looks too clean for mine."

"Firecrackers" was the way the comedienne termed the sound of the shots that almost ended the life of the wealthy Denver resident.

## BEND 100 MILES NEARER TO SALEM

### Opening of McKenzie Highway About July 1 Means Easier Travel

Privately owned automobiles will be able to make the trip between Eugene and Bend, via the McKenzie highway after July 1, according to W. W. Chadwick, of the Terminal stage and hotel company, who has returned from a trip over the mountains. Through special arrangements with the contractors, M. A. Reed, of Salem and H. Hickman, of Eugene, will begin operating twice a day stages between the two cities on June 25.

While the mountain road will not shorten the distance between Portland and Bend and Portland and Eugene, it will bring the eastern Oregon city nearly 100 miles closer to Salem. From Salem to Bend, by the new route, the distance is 195 miles. Mr. Chadwick had many small snapshots showing the route, which crosses the lava beds and through big timber and down the beautiful McKenzie

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## 200 DE MOLAYS HERE FOR BIG STATE MEETING

### Large Number of Delegates to Second Annual Conclave of Junior Masons Have Busy Day

### PROMINENT MEN SPEAK AT OPENING SESSION

### Judge Coshow, Dr. W. J. Kerr and Others Tell of Opportunities of Order

Nearly 200 boys registered here Monday for the opening session of the second annual state convocation of the Order of DeMolay, the Junior Masonic order. Headquarters are located on the sixth floor of the Masonic temple building, State and High.

Routine connected with the opening of the convocation, several addresses and exemplification of the degrees, in charge of Chemsoketa Chapter, of Salem, at the armory last night filled out the day for the visitors. After the last address of the day the delegates were taken on a motor trip through the district. Election of officers will be the principal business today and the session will close with a dance at the country club.

Justice O. P. Coshow, of the supreme court, grand master of the Masonic order in Oregon, gave the address of welcome yesterday. Dr. C. S. Freeland, chairman advisory council, of Eugene, made the response. Other addresses given at the morning session were by Dr. W. J. Kerr, member of the grand council and president of OAC, who spoke on the "World Outlook of DeMolay"; Frank S. Land, grand scribe, Kansas City, on "DeMolay's Opportunity"; and Justice George H. Burnett, inspector general, honorary, in Oregon Scottish rite, who spoke on "The Meaning of Citizenship". Luncheon was served at the Masonic temple at noon. Rev. H. D. Chambers, of Salem gave the invocation.

Conferences filled the greater portion of the afternoon, with Judge Alexander G. Cochran, grand master counselor, of St. Louis, making the principal address. Dinner was served at the Episcopal church.

Exemplification of the ritual, initiatory and DeMolay degrees, by Chemsoketa chapter, of Salem, was held at the armory for the evening session. Addresses were given by P. S. Malcolm, overruler grand inspector general in Oregon, of Portland and Judge Cochran.

Call to order will sound at 9 o'clock this morning, with reports on group conferences, reports of chapters and new business occupying the remainder of the morning. Following the business session organization of the state convocation will take place, including the election of officers. Judge Earl C. Bronaugh, past grand master, of Portland, will give the closing address, speaking on "The Primary Obligation of Good Citizenship".

## LOGAN GROWERS MEET WEDNESDAY

### Important Session Called to Solve Problem of Early Ripening

Loganberry growers who have unmarketed berries will meet at the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to consider the situation and formulate plans for saving the unmarketed crop. The meeting is being called by George F. Rodgers, president of the First National bank.

The season this year is said to be nearly two weeks in advance of normal and vines are reported to be drying at the ends. This is held to be an indication that the berries may ripen prematurely and be undersized.

The meeting tomorrow will be to determine to what extent the growers of unmarketed berries can finance the picking of their crops and to see if the fruit can be marketed on a cost plus basis so as to get at least the berries into canneries. The plan, after being decided upon, will be put up to the canneries.

## BATTLESHIP IS PULLED OFF OF SOFT MUD BANK

### West Virginia Hauled Free of Sand Proceeds to Port for Minor Repairs

NORFOLK, Va., June 16.—The battleship West Virginia, which went aground soon after leaving Hampton Roads for Frances today, was pulled off the mud bank, where she had held fast at high water early tonight and proceeded to Lynn Haven roads to anchor for minor repairs.

Mine sweepers and tugs pulled the ship free. Aboard were members of the navy contingent of the American Olympic team, whose departure has now been delayed through the cracking of a condenser head and the losing of a tower when the West Virginia struck in a dredge channel.

## FIRE BONDS ARE SOLD BY CITY

### Hattram, Nelson & Co., of Portland High on Issue of \$16,000

Upon the consideration of bids submitted, the city council last night voted to sell its fire equipment bonds approved by the people at the special election of May 16 to the firm of Hattram, Nelson & Co., of Portland. This firm's bid was 101.52 and accrued interest for the \$16,000 issue.

City Recorder Marten Poulsen was instructed to advertise at once for bids for the aerial ladder and truck equipment, and the bids will be opened at the second meeting of the council in July.

An ordinance bill defining the term "peddler" was tabled.

A petition signed by Dr. C. H. Schenk and others was received asking for the pavement of South Cottage street between Trade and Ferry, and was referred to the committee on streets.

Petition for payment of an alley in block 19 was received from H. Pohle and others.

Resolutions were adopted for the improvement of Tadee street from Cottage to Church and of Lefelle street from Commercial to Fir street.

The street commissioner was instructed to proceed at once with the improvement of South Twenty-first street.

The Salem Central Labor council sent a communication to the council requesting that action be taken for preference to be given local labor on public works. The communication was laid on the table.

By suspension of the rules the council sent to third reading and passed an ordinance bill increasing to \$500 fine and to imprisonment for six months the penalty for violation of the prohibition transportation law. This was in conformity to the act passed by the people at the special election of May 16. Three other amendments to existing ordinances were similarly passed.

An ordinance bill assessing the cost of improving Liberty street from Ferry to Trade was passed. The total was \$4959.32.

## Butler and Slomp at Odds Former's Methods Assailed Coolidge Avoids a Rupture

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Differences among members of the administration group of republican leaders displayed openly during the closing hours of the Cleveland convention, burst out again today and a break only was averted by action of President Coolidge.

An issue was forced by C. Bascom Slomp, secretary to the president, over the methods used at Cleveland by William M. Butler, who was the president's pre-convention campaign manager and who now is republican national chairman. Disagreement over the Butler methods aroused strong feelings on both sides and the matter came to the president today in a threat by Secretary Slomp to resign. The president was compelled to assume the role of peace maker with the result that Mr. Slomp after a conference with Mr. Coolidge issued a statement before leaving for Cincinnati, saying he expected to retain the secretaryship and also participate "in the real management" of the coming campaign.

Mr. Slomp declined to amplify his former statement, but it was learned that after conferences with friends and with others who returned from Cleveland, displeased with Mr. Butler's tactics, he went to the president with the demand that either the active campaign be placed in the hands of a committee or that he be permitted to retire from active participation in the campaign.

Faced by a break in leadership at the start of the campaign Mr. Coolidge is understood to have ascertained Mr. Slomp had planned from the first to lodge active conduct of the campaign in the hands of an advisory committee and that there was no intention of maintaining a one man directorship.

Mr. Slomp also is understood to have been told there would be no future basis for complaints of "dictatorship" and "factiousness" such as have been circulated since the convention ended and declared without basis by the Butler forces.

These assurances were accepted by Mr. Slomp, who, after issuing his statement, left for Cincinnati, where his cousin is ill, to be absent from Washington about 10 days or two weeks.

## NEW OUTBREAK OF IWW RIOTS IS IN THE AIR

### Mourning for Mississippi Dead Gives Place to Excitement Over Prospect of New Trouble

### EVIDENCES OF TAR AND FEATHER PARTY FOUND

### Naval Patrol Polices San Pedro to Prevent New Clashes With Sailors

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 16.—Mourning for the dead in the Mississippi disaster of last Thursday, tonight gave place in this city to suppressed excitement over the clash Saturday night between a mob and members of the IWW, and speculation as to when and where to expect the next outbreak.

It was freely predicted about the streets that further trouble was in the air, but no one person would stand sponsor for the prophecy.

The usual navy patrols are policing the city, and the harbor police officers are to be seen everywhere.

Reports from Santa Ana that Deputy Sheriff Ed McLellan had found evidences of a "tar and feather party," bearing out the rumor that Saturday's mob had kidnapped and tarred and feathered members of the IWW, seized when the latter's hall was raided, lent fresh impetus to the speculations late today and tonight.

McLellan declared that he had found an empty tar barrel, one partly empty, two tar brushes, parts of four outfits of clothes, a hat with a San Pedro trademark, an IWW membership card from San Pedro, piles of feathers and a turrel trail through the woods to the bed of the Santa Ana river.

There were those, however, who pointed out that this might have been a ruse, carried out as a warning to those who might in the future seek to start IWW activities.

From IWW headquarters came a flat denial that there had been either "thought, word or action" there Saturday night, disparaging the Mississippi dead. Reports that IWW members had spoken shrillingly of the Mississippi victims had inflamed the mob that raided the hall.

The mob that raided the hall consisted of men in civilian clothes and others in sailors' uniforms.

But naval officers declared that despite a careful check they had been unable to locate a single sailor or who had taken part in the riot. They asserted that they had recognized in Saturday's mob men in sailors uniforms whom they knew were not in the navy.

### MAGNUS RENOMINATED

ST. PAUL, June 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Magnus Johnson was renominated for senator on the farmer-labor ticket.

## SEVERE STORM LEAVES DEATH TOLL IN WAKE

### Tornado Takes Life and Destroys Property in South Dakota Cities

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., June 16.—(By The Associated Press.)—South Dakota counted the toll of the worst statewide storm in its history late today and found eight known dead, eleven reported dead from parts of the state where verification was impossible, hundreds of head of stock dead and crops and property valued at upwards of a million dollars injured or demolished. The storm broke late Saturday and continued throughout most of the night over parts of the state.

Hail, lightning, rain and tornadoic gales were the storm's hand maids.

Glad valley, an inland town in Zepher county, was razed as was Forestburg, in the central part of the state.

BRISTOL, Tenn., June 16.—Six bodies of the 12 victims of storms and flood which laid waste to certain sections of Carter, Tenn., have been recovered, it was said by searching parties tonight.

## PRESSURE IS GIVEN BLAME

### Lack of Air to Properly Clean Out Guns Assigned as Cause of Disaster

SAN PEDRO, Cal., June 16.—The finger of evidence pointed still more definitely today at lack of air pressure in the gun mechanism as the cause, or at least one of the causes of the explosion aboard the USS Mississippi Thursday when 48 men were killed, Walter C. Ebel, turret captain of turret No. 2 of the Mississippi corroborated the evidence Saturday of Francis Majeski, pluggman in turret No. 2 where the blast occurred, that the air pressure to clean out the gun barrels between shots and to close the gun breeches was weak.

The result of this, according to gunnery experts, might have been to leave flaming or smoldering particles in the gun barrel which would ignite the new charges of TNT as they were rammed home.

Ebel said: "Just before commencement of firing I noticed 120 pounds of pressure on our indicator, which should have registered 150 pounds. I called the air compressor room and asked for 150 pounds, but after the second salvo it continued to decrease until at the end of the 12th salvo it showed only 110 pounds."

Passing for a moment from the investigation of the cause of the fatal flashback, the court next heard George C. Ogletree, police petty officer who helped to carry the dead from No. 2 turret.

He cleared up all question of what caused the second gun in the turret to let go four hours after the first blast, when the ship had reached this port. A dead man's hand, as the body was carried from the turret, swung against the switch and fired the shot that nearly hit the passenger steamer Yals as she was pulling out of port, Ogletree said.

## ANNUAL SESSION OF BOARD HELD

### No Taxpayers Elect to Attend Gathering Last Night—Reports Made

After waiting a quarter of an hour beyond the scheduled hour for even one lone taxpayer to wander into the annual school meeting of district No. 24, the board selected the ex-officio member, George W. Hug, superintendent of schools, to act as chairman of the meeting and proceeded to business.

Receipts during the year, including cash on hand, 10-year bonds and notes at the bank, amounted to \$498,043.94, with outstanding warrants for the new J. L. Parrish junior high school increasing this amount to \$584,526.10. Disbursements, for notes paid, salaries, new buildings, repairs, bonds paid and cash on hand amounting to \$879.38 remained to complete the balance. The bonded indebtedness was \$184,275; notes at the bank, \$98,000, and J. L. Parrish junior high school warrants, \$100,000.

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## ARREST SEVEN SUSPECTED AS MAIL ROBBERS

### Chicago Police Round Up Men Charged With Spectacular Hold Up on Last Thursday Night

### COLLINS AND GERMER DIFFER ON IDENTITY

### Police Chief Certain Men Implicated; Postal Inspector Not Sure

CHICAGO, June 16.—Seven arrests have been made in connection with the holdup last Thursday night of a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul mail train near here by bandits who obtained loot valued at between \$1,000,000 and \$3,000,000 but there was a difference of opinion tonight as to how far the arrests go toward clearing up the mystery.

Morgan A. Collins, chief of police, declared tonight that all those held by the police are believed to have been connected with the robbery. He said charges will be placed against them in the next day or two.

A. E. Germer, chief postal inspector, in charge of the federal investigators, said he was not as sure of the identity of the robbers as the police appeared to be. None of the money or securities stolen has been recovered so far as he knew, Mr. Germer said. He added that no federal warrants have been issued for any of those held.

Both the police and postal inspectors denied there was any friction between them, but postal inspectors had added that the robbery had occurred at Rondout, Ill., outside of Chicago, and outside of Cook county, but the Chicago police have all the prisoners and all the information.

Edwin A. Weiss, assistant United States district attorney, said he was working in the dark and that not one word has been supplied him to implicate any of the men under arrest with the robbery.

The police said they were working in entire accord with the government agents, seven persons in custody are the ones wanted, that they are hunting for three others, and that they hope to recover the missing \$3,000,000 in cash and securities quite soon.

Among those held are James Murray, former political leader here; Walter McComb and his wife; James H. Watson and Miss Mead of Milwaukee; Paul Wade of Tulsa, said to be an aviator, and J. H. Wayne, the man found with five bullet wounds in his body and believed by the police to be the bandit shot during the holdup.

Inspector Germer held a short conference with Chief Collins tonight then left the city, supposedly on a fresh coup. Hearings on writs of habeas corpus to free McComb and his wife were set for Wednesday by Federal Judge William Cliffe today after attempts to win their freedom in the state courts had failed.

## Presbyterian Churches Will Celebrate Fourth

With the local Presbyterian church expecting to have on the road a caravan of 50 cars at 8:30 in the morning of July 4, the Willamette Valley Presbyterian churches will observe the Fourth of July with a picnic in Bryant park at Albany. Churches which will take part in the event are of Eugene, Albany, Salem, Woodburn, Dallas, Independence, Lebanon and Gervais.

The program of the day will open at 10 o'clock. Dinner will be served at noon. The afternoon will be given over to competitive sports. A supervised swim will take place in the river at 4 o'clock. The speakers on the program will be Capt. Charles S. Tator of the World war and Dr. M. L. Bowman of the First Presbyterian church, both of Portland.

### 238 JAPS ASK ENTRANCE

SEATTLE, June 16.—Immigration inspectors, examining 238 Japanese who arrived here today aboard the Admiral Oriental liner President McKinley with passports from Japanese found scores who claimed long years of residence in this country who could not speak a word of English, according to officers of the immigration station.

### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Fair Tuesday except cloudy near the coast; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 81. Minimum temperature, 56. Rainfall, none.

River, —1.2; falling.

Atmosphere, partly cloudy. Wind, south.