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Republicans Repudiate League of Nations Plank

Delegates Speculate as to Effect of New Treaty Plank Upon Candidates

Chicago, June 10.—News of the agreement of the resolutions committee of the convention on a League of Nations plank started lively speculation whether the chances of any presidential candidate would be aided or injured by the adjustment. The generally expressed first impression was that it would affect none of them except perhaps Senator Johnson. He immediately hailed it as a victory for the principles he had advocated but it was pointed out that it probably would remove the opportunity which many delegates thought he wanted for impassioned debate on the subject on the convention floor.

Lowden, Wood, Butler and Harding headquarters refused to issue any statement at once on the plank. Senator Crane withheld comment, but Ogden Mills of New York who has worked with him, said Mr. Crane was "perfectly satisfied."

Crane Plan Modified. Senator Borah, a leader of the irrecconcilables, said his side had secured omission of many provisions in another text submitted yesterday by Mr. Mills.

It is understood there is no specific mention of the league of nations, but there is inferential reference to it in a denunciation of the course of the president in the conduct of foreign affairs, in which he is blamed for failure to consult the senate. The senate was commended for its course with reference to the general subject without differentiating in regard to the views of different groups of senators.

Johnson Satisfied. The provision makes specific declaration in favor of the support of all American obligations and announces the determination of the court which would devote itself to the promotion of justice among nations without committing the country to entangling alliances. Senator Johnson talked with newspapermen while waiting for details of the reported agreement on a treaty plank. He repeated his statement that as already reported to him the settlement was "a tremendous victory for Americanism, and an overwhelming defeat for internationalism and international bankers."

Banker Control Charged. "You realize that there are certain international bankers here determined not alone to write a platform for the republican party but also to nominate its president," he continued. "They have been whipped on the first object; it is to be hoped they will be defeated on the second."

"I am told that the matter has been settled; that no decision has been made favorable to the league of nations and that the platform will declare for American foreign policies in harmony with those of Washington and Monroe. I understand there is no mention of the league in the plank."

Change in County Officers' Terms Is Proposed in Bill

Initiative petitions proposing a change in the term of county clerks, sheriffs, coroners and surveyors from two to four years was filed with the secretary of state's office here this afternoon by Herbert R. Dewart of Portland and R. J. Greene of La Grande. The petitions contain more than ten thousand signatures or approximately a thousand more than is required to secure for the measure a place on the ballot next November.

Salem High Graduates To Receive Diplomas At Exercises Tonight

One hundred eighteen students, one of the largest classes in the history of the school, will graduate from the local high school Thursday evening. Commencement exercises will be held at 8 o'clock in the armory. J. R. Ackerman, president of the Oregon normal school will deliver the address and W. C. Winslow, chairman of the Salem school board, will present the diplomas. Students who will receive their diplomas this evening are: Wayne George Allen, Kenneth Ashby, Aspinwall, Ruth Ellen Aspinwall, Emily Elizabeth Auld, Rita Mae Austin, Ambria William Bagley, Jean Finley Bailey, Ruth Mabel Barnes, Myrtle Elizabeth Beecroft, Lionel John Bishop, Zola Mae Birdwell, Rouven Brevyns Boise, Beryl Elvira Bond, Hazel Vera Bostrack, Gladys Claire Brown, Opal Louise Brown, Elsie Lamont Bullock, Audrey Wilhelmina Bunch, Earl Towshay Buzzelle, Mildred Rebecca Cass, Ira Bert Carr, Harriet Emily Coburn, Georgia M. Cook, Helen Ruth Corey, Arthur Dorothy Crozer, Kenneth William Culver, Wilbur Maxwell Darby, Fred Lavenport, Harold Day, Lawrence Deacon, Elmer Earle Dierks, Wanda Lodge, Mabel Leora Dotson, Edward Harold Edmundson, Harold Elbert Margaret Emmons, Alma Mae Englehart, Marjorie De Fidler, Carl August Fischer, Flora Elizabeth Fletcher, Winnifred Elizabeth Frazer, Kathryn Louise Gibbard, Mary Gilbert, Amory Tingle Gil, Eugene Luke Gil, John James Griffith, Margaret Marie Griffith, Florence Marie Habely, Mae Hall, Marjorie Virginia

KANSAS GOVERNOR, WHO WILL PLACE NAME OF LEONARD WOOD BEFORE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION FOR NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.



Henry J. Allen

Investigators Exonerate Todd of Blame for Frauds Perpetrated by Byron

Notwithstanding the fact that the timber location contracts made by various Salem people with Carlos L. Byron expired May 27, the timber land has not been delivered, nor has the money been refunded, and there is little prospect of the 138 Salem victims receiving the \$60,000 or \$70,000 advanced or realizing their dreams of becoming timber barons. Byron, the "party of the first part" is serving two sentences at McNeil's island federal penitentiary for using the mails to defraud and sentence is yet to be imposed upon a third conviction, while numerous indictments are pending on various counts. Inasmuch as the Salem operations were not negotiated through the mails, Byron may escape federal prosecution, though it is retained to bring suit to recover the money advanced by certain victims.

There is just one chance of the Salem victims receiving back something of their investment—regarded by many as a hundred to one shot. Byron has decided to the committee on recovery, headed by John W. Todd, a copper mining claim in the Okanogan country. This prospect has been partially developed and there is a chance to bond the same. It admits a promising mine, and if the latter proves a marketable property, there will be a profit for the Byron claim. If the claim is bonded and the ensuing development proves it a real mine, there is an excellent chance of recovering the money advanced Byron.

At a meeting of the Rotary club yesterday, a report was made by a committee which investigated the transaction. The committee was headed by E. E. McCroskey, who examined the mine and secured an abstract of the property. The report exonerated Mr. Todd, who proved to have been victimized along with other investors, but who has exerted every effort to recover the money invested with Byron, whom he had introduced to Salem, ignorant of his record, and acting in good faith. The original contracts given by Byron stipulated definite locations of timber claims, which he represented were open to entry, the original entries having been cancelled for fraud. He represented that he had sub-rosa connections with the general land office, whereby the locations he placed would be rushed to patent. His location fee for the first nine claims was \$600 a claim, half down. For the subsequent locations he charged \$1000, half being paid in advance, the balance when patent was issued.

At a meeting of investors held January 27, these contracts which ran a year, were surrendered to Byron, in exchange for a four months' contract expiring May 27. Speedy action was the bait offered to secure exchange, though no definite plan was stipulated, as in the original agreement, merely a promise to furnish information, under which it is hard to see how recovery of money could be secured or damages recovered. These contracts read as follows: "For and in consideration of the sum of \$1000 the receipt of \$500 of which is hereby acknowledged, party of the first part agrees to furnish information that will enable party of the second part to secure from the United States government under the public land laws 100 acres of government timberland in the state of Washington—title to be secured 6 months from (Continued on page eight)

Settlement Acceptable to Everybody Removes Threat of Split; Senate Is Supported in Anti-Treaty Position

Chicago, June 10.—A League of Nations plank declared by leaders to be "acceptable to everybody" was unanimously adopted today by the republican resolutions sub-committee apparently ending all threat of a party split over the league issue.

The plank upholds the senate in refusing to ratify the treaty of Versailles, declares that any future international

Plank Adopted. Chicago, June 10.—The treaty plank was adopted by the resolutions committee with only one vote against it.

peace understanding must square with American traditions and omits the affirmation declaration for a league which had been urged by the mild reservationists.

Root Drafted Plank. Originally drafted weeks ago by Ellihu Root, the plank was revised at an all-night series of conferences and was adopted by the sub-committee after Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican senate leader, had appeared in the committee room and declared if the mild reservation proposal were accepted he would go on the convention floor and fight it.

The plank was said by the sub-committee members to be wholly acceptable to former Senator Crane of Massachusetts, leader for the mild reservation group, and its acceptance removed the only obstacle to speeding to a conclusion the work of the national convention. The completed platform floor late in the afternoon and it was said a night session might be called to begin the hearing of nominating speeches.

Johnson Rejoices. Shortly before noon the work of the sub-committee was completed and members said they thought there would be no barrier to a prompt acceptance of its platform draft by the full resolutions committee.

Senator Johnson declared today that in the contest over the platform section on the league of nations the "first assault of internationalism and international bankers on the republican party had been met and defeated." It had been charged by the Johnson-Borah group that the Crane plank "had its birth in Wall street."

Night Session Likely. There would be a "second assault" by the same forces, Senator Johnson asserted with the object of nominating a candidate, which he "hoped would be met and defeated," but he added, that if the reports on the platform decision reaching him were correct it would not be necessary to take his league fight to the convention floor.

Although the sub-committee also approved today the Mexican and Armenian planks, they decided to spend the day in putting the platform into final shape and to submit it to the full committee at 4 p. m. It also was suggested that the convention might hold a night session to approve the platform and possibly begin work on nominations.

Agreement Sudden. The agreement came as a sudden surprise today as yesterday's crisis when the irrecconcilables made an open threat to leave the party if the plank offered by Senator Crane endorsing the league with reservations were adopted.

Mr. Mills and Senator Smoot (night Senator Borah) just as he was entering the sub-committee room, and the three sat down on a couch outside and put their heads together over the Root proposition. Mr. Mills took the lead in urging the Idaho senator to accept.

At first Senator Borah was obdurate, though he said the principle was acceptable. Pressed for an acceptance, he protested that none was more anxious than he for harmony, reminding his conferees that an agreement would mean as much to him personally as to any man in the convention.

Conference Short. Encouraged, Senator Smoot and Mr. Mills took Senator Borah to a nearby room where they were joined by Senator Lodge and Senator McCormick of Illinois, another irrecconcilable member of the sub-committee. In fifteen minutes the agreement had been reached within the half hour the Root plank had been given unanimous approval by the sub-committee.

It is understood that in touching up the literary polish of the plank, Colonel George Harvey helped the sub-committee members. Senator Lodge also helped.

Mexican Plank Proposed. Chicago, June 10.—When the resolutions sub-committee went into session this morning with the league of nations plank still threatening a party split, a tentative foreign relations plank was under consideration declaring opposition to the treaty without reservations but favoring ratification with American rights safeguarded.

The tentative draft also condemned President Wilson's Mexican policy, declared no Mexican regime should be recognized until willing and able to give adequate guarantees for protection of American rights and pledged the republican party to "a consistent firm and effective policy towards Mexico that shall enforce respect for the American flag, and protect American citizens and property.

Acceptance Expected. It was indicated that although references to the league of nations still were in a formative stage the sub-committee probably would accept the

Plank Leaves United States Free Says Borah. Chicago, June 10.—The compromise plank was described by Senator Borah as establishing these three principles for which the irrecconcilables had contended: Omission of any pledge for ratification. Commendation of the senate for refusing to ratify. A statement that any future league must be in accord with American ideals and with the principle of Washington.

Chairman Watson said in his opinion the treaty plank would not aid nor injure any of the candidates.

The final problem of the sub-committee was that regarding prohibition the question being revived.

The Mexican plank, it was stated, was agreed upon with little difficulty. Members of the sub-committee said it was a strong declaration for protection of American life and property in Mexico, but more moderate than the plank proposed by Senator Fall of New Mexico.

The sub-committee's action today regarding prohibition, members said, was refusal to incorporate the plank proposed by William Allen White, declaring specifically for enforcement of the eighteenth amendment and all laws thereunder. It was said that the committee inserted a general declaration for enforcement of all laws.

Jasper M. Guilford, a pioneer of Lane county, is dead at the age of 73 years. He settled in the Mohawk valley in 1852.

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Little Done At Morning Gathering

Coliseum, Chicago, June 10.—While awaiting the report of the platform committee the republican national convention held a brief session this morning and much to the disappointment of the galleries took a recess until 4 o'clock this afternoon. When the convention assembled the platform committee was engaged in the struggle over the plank on the peace treaty and it looked as if much time might be lost.

There was a consideration of plans to go ahead with nominating speeches while awaiting the platform report but there was objection to that and it was abandoned.

While the convention managers were debating what to do the word came from downtown that the platform sub-committee had agreed on a report and a few minutes later Senator McCormick of Illinois, one of the sub-committee members appeared on the speaker's platform and announced that an unanimous agreement had been reached by the sub-committee which promised union of the party and victory in November.

Mr. McCormick presented a motion for a recess until 4 o'clock but there was a roar of ayes and noes from the delegates and galleries and Chairman Lodge was compelled to call for a standing vote on which he decided that the majority wanted the recess.

Propaganda Bureau Proposal Killed By Federation of Labor

Local Boy Is Best Livestock Judge In O.A.C. Frosh Class

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Or., June 10.—Roland Hoag of Salem is the champion rook stock judge of the college, as a result of the livestock judging contest last week. Roland is an ex-pig club member, club work giving him at least part of his training in the judging of stock. He did not compete in the county and state club contests because, as his father is one of the big livestock breeders of the state.

Roland and his father are in partnership in the raising of pure bred Poland Chinas. He is a member of the Four H club—an organization of the ex-club members who are now attending O. A. C.

Salem Schools To Close Doors At Noon Friday

Only one more day! Thirty-five hundred and sixty-seven children who, for the past nine months have arduously labored through their studies in city schools in Salem, echoed this Thursday with a joy unbounded. For all city schools in Salem will close their doors on Friday noon for the summer vacation.

In the morning the children will return to the schools for their cards and certificates of promotion and this will end the "golden 131 school days" since more until October 4, when the knell of the bells from the towers shall again beckon them from their play and homes to pursue the gospel of education.

The staff of teachers, 117 in all who taught during the term just closing, will remain about intact next term. City Superintendent John W. Todd said Thursday.

Actual studies in city schools ceased with the end of classes Wednesday, Thursday was being devoted to compiling reports preparatory to assigning children when they return Friday morning for their cards.

Lane Road Bond Campaign Cost Backers \$2,000

It cost the Lane county good roads association \$2754.26 to put over the \$2,000,000 road bond issue in Lane county at the special election May 11, according to the financial statement filed with the secretary of state's office here Wednesday by Fred Fish, president of the association.

Palmer Rules Bills Must Be Signed at Once

Washington, June 10.—Attorney General Palmer has made an informal ruling, which has been communicated to President Wilson that the chief executive has ten days after the adjournment of congress in which to sign bills and resolutions.

This rule may change the status of a number of bills which the president killed by a "pocket veto" explaining that he had not had sufficient time in which to consider them. These measures include the water power bill and the resolution repealing most of the special war time legislation.

Under the attorney general's ruling the president would have until midnight tomorrow to sign the water power bill and until midnight June 17 to sign the other measures it was said at the White House.

The owners of land in the Umatilla drainage district have elected three supervisors, in order to get a centralized body that can perfect the drainage system.