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Daniels Is Target For Naval Man

Washington, June 26.—The Daniels row over the navy's conduct of the war revived today with the publication of a letter from Rear Admiral Benton C. Decker, commander of the seventh naval district, Florida, in which he charges that Secretary Daniels in his testimony before the senate investigating committee intentionally and deliberately misrepresented certain acts of Rear Admiral Sims, Pennam and Elske.

The letter, dated June 17, and addressed to Chairman Hale of the committee, was published in the Army and Navy register, a service magazine. Admiral Decker said he also had sent a copy of it to Secretary Daniels.

Decker Once Removed. Admiral Decker formerly was naval attaché at Madrid but was removed during the war. Secretary Daniels has stated that his removal followed representations from Ambassador Willard to the state department that he was encroaching on diplomatic functions in his activities there.

The admiral declared in his letter that "from my personal knowledge of Mr. Daniels' character, I am led to believe that whatever is cited in his statements to the discredit of the officers is so perverted and twisted as to give the actual facts a false meaning."

"It is probable and more likely," Admiral Decker's letter said, "that if these officers had bowed down and had served the gods that Mr. Daniels worshipped they would today have been fattening on the navy as commanders of fleets on active duty or in pleasant jobs in Washington. To me, as to other high officers of the navy, it has come that if we would bow down and do the wishes of Mr. Daniels we would receive the rewards therefor—intimations that come by circuitous routes and underhand, sneaking ways, so that no one can take hold of them."

Charges Spite Work. "My explanation of the incidents set forth by Mr. Daniels is based upon my personal experience with him. This explanation is that Mr. Daniels found these officers would not follow him to the limit of demoralizing and degrading the navy; that, even though they honestly desired the rewards and promotion of their career which all honorable men reasonably desire, they were not willing to sacrifice their character, their manhood and their country. And as a result Mr. Daniels determined to break them by the use of all the power of his high office, by the use of the power of ridicule, sarcasm and half truths, that as a newspaperman he has learned how to use so skillfully, by the use of strength of publicity secured through his newspaper connections, all the weapons which Prussianism used to destroy its enemies, and autocracy has used through the ages to maintain its power."

Defends Other Officers. In all opinion all credit is due to these men that they have fought until the end and upheld the standard of self-righteousness, loyalty to country, self-sacrifice, hard work and gentlemanly conduct, attributes that the ideal navy officer has always revered. "I have no desire in this letter to bring out my personal experiences with Mr. Daniels but he knows of them and he knows, if he knows the difference between right and wrong, that he has been dishonest; that he has been autocratic; that he has abused his power; that he has done all this for unworthy motives."

Burleson Says Texas Delegates To Back McAdoo

San Francisco, June 26.—Postmaster General Burleson, who arrived here during the night, declared that he and the entire Texas delegation would vote for the nomination of William G. McAdoo.

The action of the republican convention in adopting a platform which, he said, concealed its attitude on the leading questions confronting the country would not be repeated in San Francisco. The democratic convention he predicted, would define its position positively and emphatically. He would not forecast its attitude regarding a liberalization of the Volstead act, labor or the Irish question, but said that whatever action might be taken the party would abide by the will of the majority.

Portlander to Head Rotarians

Atlantic City, N. J., June 26.—Ester Snedecor, Portland, Or., was elected president of the International Association of Rotary clubs at its meeting here Friday. He defeated John Dyer, Vincennes, Ind., on the third ballot, 523 votes to 250.

Governor Roberts Favors Passage Of Suffrage Bill

Washington, June 25.—Governor Roberts of Tennessee, in a telegram today to President Wilson said he heartily favored ratification of the suffrage amendment and would include this subject in a call for a special session of the legislature if his legal department advised him that ratification could be made.

"Honorable" Salem Club Gets Note Contents Not Known

The "Honorable Commercial club" has received a letter in Spanish, it is from Nicaragua. Whether it is an invitation to start a revolution in Salem or a request for contributions for a graveyard for dead Villans, Manager E. T. McCroskey does not know. With the Spanish speaking office boy on a vacation, the letter is as yet not translated. It is presumed, however, that it asks for information concerning the Willamette valley. The envelope is addressed to "Senor Secretario de la Honorable Camara de Comercio, Salem region, U. S. A." It is from the "Ministerio de Fomento y Carteras Anexas de Managua, Nicaragua."

Frisco Strikers Arrested; Lever Violation Charge

San Francisco, June 26.—Warrants charging 65 striking members of the San Francisco yardmen's association with violation of the Lever food law by alleged participation in the "insurgent strike" last April were served last night at a mass meeting of the men, by a United States marshal.

Indictments charging the men were returned recently by the federal grand jury. The yardmen voted unanimously at the meeting not to return to work until some action has been taken by the labor board on meeting at Chicago.

Seek to Break Strike. Chicago, June 26.—W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, today began work in an effort to bring back into the brotherhood ranks the fifteen thousand workers expelled for taking part in unauthorized strikes during the past year.

"With the promise of a wage scale decision before July 20, retroactive to May 1, there is no reason for further discussion in our ranks," said Mr. Lee. "Already we have taken back fifteen thousand of the thirty thousand men who were expelled."

Lee remained in Chicago while other heads of the Big Four brotherhood returned to their homes. It is reported that the federal railroad board, which has been in executive session here three weeks, has agreed on a tentative average wage increase for the various crafts of 2.2 per cent. Members of the board refused to corroborate this report.

10,000 Elks Will Jam City During Meet on July 23

Ten thousand wild, pleasure seeking, joy hunting Elks—a herd which will by comparison cast into nothingness any former gathering here—are to be in Salem for the order's state convention July 23. It was stated today by J. F. Hutchason.

The week end beginning July 23 is to be the gayest, liveliest, most elaborate, most enjoyable that the city has ever seen, officials in charge declared. In proportion to its size, Salem is to be much more crowded during the Elks convention than was Portland during the Shriners gathering, it is pointed out, and the housing problem is at present a very serious one.

Women in charge of the canvassing of the city for visitors quarters are working tirelessly in an effort to get accommodations for the lodgemen. Mr. Hutchason stated, and Salem at the present time is not coming thru as it should. "Even with the proper, necessary cooperation it will be difficult to provide for all of the visitors, and with owners of homes holding back, the problem is increasingly difficult," he said.

Harding Spending Week-End In Hiding

Washington, June 26.—Senator Harding, republican presidential candidate, left Washington today for an unannounced destination. He plans to be away until Tuesday and it was said at his office that his destination would not be disclosed as the senator would not get a much needed rest. Senator Harding requested that newspaper correspondents make no effort to follow him as it was his wish to spend his time quietly and devote part of it to his speech of acceptance.

Canada Makes Loan To Railway

Ottawa, June 26.—A loan of \$25,000,000 to the Grand Trunk railway system, recently taken over by Canada as a government railway, is provided for in the supplementary estimates of \$68,000,000 presented today in the house of commons. Further items provided for are \$9,000,000 for additional pensions for soldiers; \$1,700,000 for maintenance of a Canadian navy; \$1,977,000 for public works; and \$6,000,000 for increases in salaries of civil servants.

The house today also passed the government railway estimates which were the subject of considerable debate. In order to permit the business men of The Dalles to attend the first day of the Shriners' convention at Portland, Mayor Stademan has declared Tuesday a holiday.

Bryan Holds Position On Committee

San Francisco, June 26.—William J. Bryan was today unanimously selected as Nebraska's representative on the committee on resolutions at a caucus of the Nebraska delegation. Several members of the delegation, representing the Hitchcock faction, did not attend the caucus.

Dry Win First Test

San Francisco, June 26.—Pennsylvania "drys" won a smashing victory in the state convention caucus today defeating efforts to instruct for a "wet" plank by a vote of 60 to 13.

Meredith Not Candidate

San Francisco, June 26.—Secretary Meredith announced today that he was "not in any sense" a candidate for the democratic nomination for president. He has been among those for whom nomination work was in progress at the convention and plans for presenting his name to the convention had been made. The secretary's formal statement did not say whether these plans had been cancelled.

Joint headquarters for Meredith and Former Ambassador Gerard, also a contender for the nomination, had been opened here.

New York Caucus Adjourns

San Francisco, June 26.—The New York delegation met today but adjourned until tomorrow night without transacting any business. Governor Smith, chairman of the delegation, said that the postponement was due to the non-arrival of a number of delegates from the up-state districts.

At tomorrow night's meeting it is planned to reelect Norman E. Mack as the member of the democratic national committee and to assign W. Bourke Cockran to the committee on resolutions.

Hun Merchants In Occupation Zone Cut Prices

Coblentz, June 26.—German merchants, along the Rhine occupied by the Americans, have decided to reduce prices 20 per cent. This action came after the army had placed 23 stores in the district "off limits" for American soldiers because of profiteering by the proprietors.

Asylum Runaway Fatally Wounds Four of Family

Chicago, June 26.—Nolan B. Robinson, 23 years old, fugitive from an insane hospital at Elgin, Ill., was captured this morning and held on charges of attempting to murder his wife, their five months' old baby and his parents-in-law last night at Wheaton near this city. Robinson stabbed all four with a butcher knife, then crushed their skulls with an iron bar. Robinson, found sitting in a railroad station with his clothes covered with blood, calmly discussed the attempted murders and declared he was crazed by love for his child. Wheaton police reported the injured victims cannot recover.

High Nobles Of Shrine Guests On Sound Today

Tacoma, Wash., June 26.—Ellis Lewis Garretson, new imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine, accompanied by the imperial divan, arrived in Tacoma Friday. There were parades, entertainments and banquets for the officials here yesterday and last night. The imperial divan and several hundred Shriners went on board two special steamers last night and early today departed for a two weeks' trip to Alaska.

Pastors To Lead In Convention's Prayers Named

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Fair Weather Predicted

Washington, June 26.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday: Pacific states: Generally fair and normal temperatures.

Eugene Growing; Census Report Shows Big Gain

Washington, June 26.—Eugene, Ore., 10,593, increase 1854 or 17.6 per cent. Des Moines, Iowa, 126,468, increase 40,100 or 46.4 per cent. Taunton, Mass., 37,137, increase 2878 or 8.4 per cent. Wichita Falls, Texas, 40,079, increase 31,879 or 388.8 per cent. Chelsea, Mass., 43,184, in 1 increase 10,732 or 33.1 per cent.

Few Changes In Medal List Are Made by Board

Washington, June 26.—Except for the addition of new names, virtually no change has been made by the Knight board in the original list of recommendations for award of war service decorations, members of the board said today. The board reconvened six months ago to reconsider its recommendations after the medal awards controversy between Rear Admiral Sims and the naval secretary which resulted in a senate investigation.

The board's second report was submitted to Mr. Daniels just before he left for San Francisco to attend the democratic convention and he has not thoroughly examined it.

Members of the board said that in the new list they had followed their original recommendations with regard to officers whose ships were struck by torpedoes or mines. Of the ten officers in this group, only six—four of whom saved their ships, were recommended for the distinguished service medal on the original list. Secretary Daniels contended that each officer whose ship was struck should receive a distinguished service medal.

Postal Clerks Of Oregon Meet In Salem Today

With representatives from nearly every postoffice in the state in attendance, the annual state convention of mail carriers and postal clerks is being held in Salem today. The business session of the carriers is being held in the fraternal club and that of the clerks takes place in the Forester hall on North Commercial street. Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1 will be elected by both contingents, and a number of important matters concerning the postal work will be discussed.

Business meetings will adjourn at 5 o'clock and delegates will enjoy an automobile sightseeing tour of the city and the country surrounding it. The convention will close with a banquet in Hotel Marion at 7 o'clock. Retiring officers of the Oregon State Association of Mail Carriers are: D. R. Brush of Astoria, president; F. A. Baker of Salem, vice-president; Fred P. Holm of Portland, secretary-treasurer; Forrest G. Driver of Portland, national state vice-president.

Three Million In Gold Is Aboard Incoming Vessel

New York, June 26.—A \$3,000,000 cargo of South African gold, consigned to the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and company is aboard the steamer Mauretania, scheduled to dock here today. The metal was purchased in the London open market last week.

July 10, Bargain Day, Biggest of Year, Is Claim

That Bargain Day is to be one of the biggest—and perhaps the biggest—day on Salem's calendar for the year is the promise of those in charge of the fourth annual event which will take place here July 10. It is not to be merely an opportunity to get things cheap, officials point out but there will be lots of other things to interest both Salemites and visitors. Details of the other happenings are mostly kept secret by the committee, and it is understood that they are to be of the nature of a surprise. Some of the events will be announced later (Continued on page four)

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Democrats Plunge Into Task Settling Contests For Seats; Palmer Forces To Fight Displacement by Smith Delegates

Salem's Democratic Delegation On Way To S.F. On Special

According to schedule, two Marion county residents, delegates to the democratic national convention at San Francisco left Saturday morning at 1:30 on a special train bearing Oregon's democratic delegation. Will E. Purdy of Salem and W. H. Downing of Shaw are the delegates and they were joined on the southward exodus by the following Salem residents: P. L. Frazier (alternate), Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Powers and P. J. Koeney. Daniel J. Fry has already departed for San Francisco; while it is reported that F. W. Steusloff may join the Salem representation.

R. R. Turner of Lane county and Mr. Downing of Marion are the two delegates from the first congressional district. Oregon's quota of ten delegates is completed by the due from Multnomah with two from the second district and the four delegates at large.

Chairmanship Of Resolutions Body at Stake

San Francisco, June 26.—Reports of an impending fight on the chairmanship of the resolutions committee of the democratic convention are holding the attention of delegates and onlookers here today.

Senator Glass of Virginia has been generally accepted as slated for the post although there has been strong talk of Senator Walsh of Montana might get the job. Glass arrived two days ago while Senator Walsh came in yesterday.

The Montana senator has the backing of W. J. Bryan, who also arrived yesterday armed and equipped, he attempted, for a knock-down-and-drag-out fight against any attempt to slip a wet or even slightly moist plank into the platform. Senator Walsh has expressed opposition to a prohibition plank.

Mr. Bryan also is credited with ideas of his own as to the league of nations plank, not in accord with the Virginia state platform declaration approved by President Wilson. Owing to these considerations the fight over the resolutions committee chairmanship was generally taken to be a struggle between administration and Bryan forces for control.

Harding Urged To Stump West

New York, June 26.—Chances of clinching a republican victory in the far west in November would be materially strengthened if the republican national committee would send the candidate on a speaking tour of the Pacific coast states, according to Samuel Platt, prominent Nevada republican, who conferred with National Chairman Will H. Hays here today. Mr. Platt told Mr. Hays that public opinion in Nevada, normally a democratic state, had undergone a swing toward republicanism in the last six months. Harding, he said, was well and favorably known throughout the west by reputation only. This good impression of the candidate would be much bolstered, he said, if Harding should stump the country.

In urging a personal campaign in the west, Mr. Platt bore out statements of Elmer Dover of Tacoma, who yesterday told campaign heads that Pacific coast republicans wished Mr. Harding to make the trip.

Turks Ready To Submit Reply To Terms Of Peace

Paris, June 26.—Turkey's peace delegation was ready this morning to submit that country's reply to the terms of the treaty presented by the allied nations. This reply was to have been transmitted June 11 but an extension of time amounting to fifteen days was granted June 7. Dispatches from India indicate considerable unrest among the Moslems of that country regarding the Turkish situation. The viceroy of India has, it is said, received notice from a leader of the Indian nationalists that unless the Turkish peace terms are revised the Hindus will withdraw their support from the British government.

Veteran Liner Captain Making Final Voyage

New York, June 26.—Captain William Finch, senior captain of the White Star line fleet and for 46 years a seaman, took the steamer Baltic out for Liverpool today on his last voyage as "skipper." He will be retired on pension when he reaches Liverpool. Captain Finch received the Order of the British Empire from King George for his services as a ship commander during the war and it was his ship that took General Pershing and his staff to France in 1917.

Auditorium, San Francisco, June 26.—The democratic national committee plunged directly into the Georgia contest when it met today. Each faction was on the ground early holding whispered conferences and making last minute plans for the battle. Clark Howell, leading the Palmer group, and former Senator T. W. Hardwick, head of the opposition forces, were conspicuous by their activity.

As this contest was being heard, friends and opponents of Senator James A. Reed, who claimed a seat as a delegate from the Fifth Missouri district, were also busy lining up their forces. The national committee plans to hear the Reed case after the Georgia contest was decided.

Palmer Delegates Win. Auditorium, San Francisco, June 26.—The democratic national convention voted today to place the Palmer delegates from Georgia on the temporary roll of the national convention.

Although only 28 votes were involved in the Georgia case, the Palmer delegation is composed of 56 men, each with one half vote. The opposition, known as the Holt-Smith-Tom Watson group, brought a delegation of 32, of whom 24 were district delegates with one vote each and eight delegates at large with one half vote each.

On motion of J. Bruce Kremer, Montana, each side was given 30 minutes to present its case. It was agreed that the committee go into executive session to vote on the contests after the public hearing.

H. H. Dean, Gainesville, Ga., opened for the Palmer delegates. He explained there is no state law specifically covering preferential primaries and in such absence the rules of the democratic state executive committee should prevail. He said the executive committee unanimously agreed that the national delegates should be chosen from among the friends of the delegates who received the largest county unit vote. This agreement, he added, was known to all candidates, was widely published, and none of the presidential candidates objected to it before the primary.

Opening for the anti-Palmer group, H. H. Perry, Gainesville, spoke of Clark Howell's long service in the national committee and of the high regard in which he is held by its members. He spoke of Mr. Howell's fairness and said he hoped the committee would not be swayed by personal considerations but would consider the case on its merits.

Mr. Perry argued that the election of the Smith-Watson delegates was regular. They were chosen by the state conventions, which, he claimed, was the parent body. The credentials of the anti-Palmer men, he said, were inaccurate in stating that these delegates had been elected in pursuance of the results of the primary. He pointed out that the credentials of the Smith-Watson men were certified by the chairman of the convention, while the credentials of the opposition delegates were certified by the secretary of the executive committee.

Hardwick Opposes Palmer. Former Senator Hardwick, also opposing the Palmer delegates, declared the state convention was supreme and that the state executive committee had no power to instruct the state conventions what it should or should not do. The state convention, he said, held the same relative position in the state committee as the national convention holds to the national committee.

Senator Hardwick said he always abided by the results of primaries. "Why didn't you abide in this primary?" asked a Georgia delegate. "Because we beat you in that primary," shouted back Senator Hardwick.

He claimed that Palmer received less than one-third of the popular vote in the state, though he had the most county unit votes, and argued that it was against democratic principles for a man receiving less than a third of the total vote to tie the hands of the other two-thirds.

Compared to Poker Game. Albert Howell, Atlanta, closing for the Palmerites, said that the executive committee exercised the functions of the state committee between conventions. He claimed the executive committee was the creation of the convention and its functions were limited to those prescribed by the body creating it. Mr. Howell was applauded when he humorously illustrated the case of a poker game in which one set of players wanted to change the rules of the game after the chips were on the table.

This closed the Georgia case and the committee immediately proceeded to hear the Reed case. Francis W. Weston, United States attorney for the western district of Missouri, presented Senator Reed's case. He said it was his understanding that there was no contest in Missouri but that the only question for solution by the national committee was "not the man or the measure" but rather whether the fifth Missouri district was to be permitted to name not once but twice, a delegate of its own choosing.

Reed's Title Held Clear. He explained under Missouri rules the congressional districts are permitted to select their own national delegates who are passed upon by the state convention. The state convention rejected Reed's selection and referred it back to the fifth district without any qualification or restrictions. The state convention adjourned and subsequent-

ly the fifth district delegates re-elected Senator Reed. Mr. Wilson asserted that Senator Reed's title to a seat in the convention was as clear as that of any other delegate.

Asked in the event Reed was seated, would the senator abide by the actions of the national convention, Mr. Wilson said he has known Reed for thirty years and that his democracy had never been brought into question. This drew applause from different parts of the committee room.

Joseph B. Shannon, the other delegate from the fifth district, supported the claim of Senator Reed.

Contests Early Settled. San Francisco, June 26.—Completion of the temporary roll of the democratic national convention was in sight today when the national committee resumed consideration of credentials with the Georgia contest before it and Senator Reed's efforts to gain a seat on the floor with the Missouri delegation also to be passed upon. Other business occupied the first session of the committee yesterday preventing prompt disposition of these troublesome questions.

Committeemen expressed confidence that the Georgia case would be put through, probably without a vote against seating the delegation lined up for Attorney General Palmer for president. They were not quite so sure of the result on Senator Reed.

Previously it looked certain that he would be denied a seat, having been refused election as delegate at large by the state convention. There were intimations overnight, however, of a disposition among some committee members not to oppose the senator's plan for getting on the convention floor.

Cox Boom Launched. The influx of delegations which began yesterday continued and added hourly to the physical and conversational congestion in hotel lobbies. Out of the din arose what some observers professed to recognize as a spurt of nomination sentiment toward Governor Cox of Ohio.

It sent the army of news writers on the ground scurrying about in search of its source. The best they could make of it was that the coming of several delegations already in the Cox column had added just that many to the Cox talkers with nothing definite to indicate added votes for him later.

The elusive McAdoo boom also put in a new and this time, a public appearance. Bobbing serenely into sight despite Mr. McAdoo's personal efforts to chloroform it some days ago, the movement for nomination of the former secretary of the treasury took the shape of cards appearing in hundreds of delegates' hands and there with the legend "Mac II do."

McAdoo Without Headquarters. As there is no McAdoo headquarters nor agency authorized to stimulate sentiment for him so far as known, the source of the new manifestation of political immortality on the part of his boom was not clear.

Action of the national committee yesterday in adopting a resolution urging the convention to grant equal committee suffrage and membership to women of the party gave the delegates another subject to discuss. Women delegates, of whom there are an unusual number present, were elated. Wives and other feminine relatives of (Continued on page three)

McAdoo Wires His Refusal to Oregon Delegates

Portland, Or., June 26.—"I cannot consent that my name be presented to the convention," William Gibbs McAdoo has telegraphed Dr. C. J. Smith, democratic state chairman. The message came to the state chairman a few hours before the Oregon delegation and a group of democratic enthusiasts left for San Francisco last night.

When the state committee organized last week, O. P. Coshov of Roseburg offered a resolution directing Chairman Smith to telegraph Mr. McAdoo urging him to reconsider his announcement that he is not a candidate. The reply to Chairman Smith thanked him for his message of confidence and esteem and concluded with the statement quoted.

Oregon for McAdoo Anyway. So far as the Oregon delegation is concerned, it will vote for McAdoo, as per the primary instructions. Mr. McAdoo sent word on the eve of the primaries that he did not want his name on the ballot and that he advised an uninstructed delegation. Newton McCoy, who had secured a petition to place McAdoo's name on the ballot, went ahead and filed it; the name appeared on the ballot and the Oregon delegation was, thereby, committed to vote for McAdoo.

Notwithstanding McAdoo's message that he cannot consent to have his name presented to the convention, it is a foregone conclusion that McAdoo's name will be offered at San Francisco. Out of the hundreds of delegates, there are some who will name McAdoo for the nomination without his consent, and the Oregon delegation will vote (Continued on page two)