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DEMOCRATS CONVENE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Display of Wilson's Picture
Starts a Half Hour
Demonstration.

San Francisco.—The Democratic national convention was called to order Monday by J. Bruce Kremer of Butte, Mont., vice-chairman of the Democratic national committee.

An innovation in the opening of the convention was the silencing of the great gathering by a bugle call, instead of the usual pounding with the gavel. A detachment of marines in front of the platform raised the national colors and presented arms, while the band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Perched high inside the organ in a special gallery a military band played away the time. As the noon hour and the opening time approached the color guard of marines appeared on the platform. A six-foot sergeant with the gleaming folds of a regimental flag in his hand, made a vivid spot of color on the platform. At his side stood the armed non-commissioned officers of the color guard and with them two marine buglers.

Buglers Sound "Attention."

When Vice-Chairman Kremer of the national committee gave the signal, a bugler sounded "Attention." The sharp staccato call rang out over the upper conversation. The first notes of "The Star Spangled Banner" rang out from the band and the organ together, and as delegates, alternates and spectators and attendants stood in tribute, a monster flag dropped from the ceiling to form a wall of color behind the platform. It obscured the view of the band gallery and organ left, but as it fell the booming tones of the organ rose from behind it, joining with majestic thunder in the national anthem. From floor and galleries delegates and spectators joined in the mighty tones.

Picture Causes Demonstration.

Then came the touch that set off the convention with a wild shout of exaltation. The great flag was gathered slowly upward in its slings and as it rose it uncovered a flag-draped and illuminated portrait of President Wilson placed high against the great pipes of the organ. For a moment there was a breathless pause. Then came the tumult.

It was a half hour before the outburst evoked by a sudden display of the president's portrait could be stilled. Again and again as his name was mentioned the cheers broke out anew to culminate in the shout of approval that adopted and sent to the White House a striking testimony of his party's faith and pride in the man who has led it for seven troublous years.

Right Rev. P. L. Ryan, vicar general of the diocese of San Francisco, offered the opening prayer and Chairman Kremer introduced Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee as temporary chairman.

Cummings Endorses Wilson.

The keynote speech of Chairman Cummings, was a complete, unqualified endorsement of everything which has been accomplished under President Wilson's seven years in the White House.

The league of nations covenant was championed as the "Monroe doctrine of the world" by Mr. Cummings.

Of the peace treaty's defeat in the senate, he said: "No blacker crime against civilization has ever soiled the pages of our history."

He characterized the Republican platform as "reactionary and provincial," filled with premeditated slanders and vague promises, it will be searched in vain for one constructive suggestion for the reformation of the conditions which it criticizes and deplores, he said.

Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, chairman in accordance with the recommendation of the permanent organization committee was made permanent chairman of the convention.

Train Robber Shot When Leaving Car.

Sacramento, Cal.—A lone robber who boarded the second section of the Southern Pacific Atlantic express by climbing onto the rear of the observation car at Davis, near here, was shot and probably killed by Al Rodell, a passenger, of Cleveland, O., after the robber had shot twice at Conductor Muldowney of Oakland. The robber toppled from the forward platform of the observation car, where he had opened the door to jump off at a crossing.

Walla Walla Shows Decrease.

Washington.—The 1920 population of Walla Walla, Wash., is 15,503, according to the announcement of the census bureau. This is a decrease of 2661, or 15.2 per cent since 1910.

J. BRUCE KREMER



J. Bruce Kremer, vice chairman of the Democratic national committee, who called the Democratic convention to order at San Francisco.

DENY PROPOSAL TO CANCEL ALLIED DEBTS

Washington.—No proposal has been made to the United States by the allies for the cancellation of their debts to this government or suggesting that their payment be made contingent upon the payment to them of reparations by Germany. This was reiterated by treasury officials in commenting on cabled reports indicating that the subject had been under discussion at allied conferences.

Regardless of what the views of administration officials might be, congressional action would be required for any action of this nature.

The secretary of the treasury in deferring the interest payments on certain of the allied debts, is acting within limitations under the loan acts of congress beyond which the administration cannot go, whether it so desires or not.

WOMEN'S HATS NECESSITIES

Milliners Subject to Prosecution for Profiteering, Says Official.

Washington.—Women's hats, plain or adorned, are necessities of life under the meaning of that term as used in the Lever act, Howard Figg, special assistant to the attorney-general, has ruled.

Mr. Figg's ruling was in reply to an inquiry to the National Retail Milliners' association as to whether women's hats come within the range of the act under which the department of justice is authorized to prosecute for profiteering in necessities.

Breadstuffs Exports Increase.

Washington.—Breadstuffs exported in May amounted to \$95,000,000 or an increase of about \$3,000,000 over the same month last year. Exports of meat and dairy products, valued at \$51,000,000, showed a decrease of \$42,000,000 from May, 1919. It was announced by the department of commerce.

21 Baptist Delegates Injured.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Twenty-one delegates attending the Northern Baptist convention were injured in the collapse of a wooden structure upon which more than 500 persons were standing to have a group photograph taken. None of the injuries is considered serious.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Oats—No. 3 white feed, 69 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$2@83; cracked, \$4@85.
Hay—Willamette valley timothy, \$34 per ton; alfalfa, \$20@31.
Potatoes—Oregon, 8 1/2¢ per pound.
Gems, 9 1/2¢ I. O. B. station.
Butter Fat—55@55c.
Eggs—Ranch, 38¢ per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 20¢ per 26c.
Cattle—Best steers, \$11@11.50; good to choice, \$10@10.50; medium to good, \$9@10.
Hogs—Prime mixed, \$15.25@15.75; medium mixed, \$14.75@15.25; pigs, \$11.75@13.75.
Sheep—Lambs, \$10.50@11; yearling, \$7@8.

Seattle.

Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$47 per ton; alfalfa, \$46.
Potatoes—Yakima Gems, \$210 per ton.
Butter Fat—55@57c.
Eggs—Ranch, 38@43c.
Hogs—Prime, \$15.50@16.10; medium to choice, \$14.50@15.50; pigs, \$12@13.
Poultry—Hens, dressed, heavy, 38c; light, dressed, 30c; live, 23@31c.
Cattle—Best steers, \$11.75@12.25; medium to choice, \$10@11.

WILSON MEN CONTROL AT SAN FRANCISCO

Senator Glass is Selected to
Head the Resolutions
Committee.

San Francisco.—By the unopposed choice of Senator Glass of Virginia as chairman of the resolutions committee to draft the platform of the democratic national convention, and the selection of Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas for permanent chairman of the convention, administration forces demonstrated that they were in complete control of the convention machinery.

The fact that Secretary Colby, an acknowledged administration spokesman, got a place on the sub-committee of nine which will draft the platform, while William J. Bryan did not get a place on the drafting committee, was pointed out as additional evidence that the administration forces were in full control.

Senator Walsh, who was understood to have the backing of Mr. Bryan, had been urged for the chairmanship of the committee on resolutions by a group headed by western delegations. They abandoned the fight when a canvass of the committee revealed a majority against them.

Oregon Decision Overruled.

Administration supporters strengthened their hold on the Democratic national convention through a series of victories in the credentials committee which decided three hotly fought contests.

One of these was the denial of a seat in the convention to Senator James A. Reed of Missouri. The Clark Howell delegates in Georgia pledged to Attorney General Palmer, also were seated. Both actions were in accord with previous decisions of the national committee.

The credentials committee, however, overruled the national committee in the Oregon case, when it seated R. R. Turner and John L. Schuylerman, giving each one-half a vote. Turner, who was selected by the Oregon state committee to fill a vacancy caused by the death of George T. Daldwin, was forced to yield half of his vote to Schuylerman, described as a strong administration supporter. Schuylerman claimed the seat on the ground that he was the next highest man in the primary, having been fifth in the race for the four places.

U. S. POPULATION IS PUT AT 105,000,000

Washington.—The population of continental United States is estimated at 105,000,000 by J. A. Hill, chief statistician for the census bureau. His calculation is based on the combined populations of 1408 cities and towns for which statistics have been announced. The increase over 1910 is placed at about 13,000,000, showing the growth of the country has not kept pace with previous decades. Almost complete cessation of immigration during the war is the chief reason assigned for the falling off in growth. Other suggestions were the two influenza epidemics, return of aliens to their native lands and deaths of soldiers abroad and at home during the war.

The aggregate population of the cities and towns on which the estimate was made is 41,029,354. This is an average gain of 26 per cent, compared with 35 per cent in the previous decade.

URGES WAR ON RATS

Surgeon-General Warns Danger of Buboic Plague.

Washington.—Calling attention to the discovery of bubonic plague in several American and Mexican gulf ports and renewing his warning regarding the introduction of the plague from Mediterranean ports which are known to be infected, Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cummings urged communities throughout the country and especially along the coast, to inaugurate rat extermination campaigns.

"The extermination of rats also is to be desired because of the tremendous economic damage they cause," said General Cummings.

Baker Heads Water Power Board.

Washington.—Secretary Baker was named by President Wilson to be chairman of the board provided for in the water power bill to carry out the provisions of that measure. Secretary Meritt and Payne were named at the same time to be members of the board.

Bryan on Resolutions Committee.

San Francisco.—William Jennings Bryan was named a member of the resolutions committee at the caucus of the Nebraska delegation.

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Ancient Sinal Tablets.

Older by thousands of years than the tablets of Moses, certain inscriptions in sandstone at the Megharah mines, on the Sinal peninsula, have convinced modern investigators that the product

of these ancient workings was not copper, as supposed, but turquoise, an exchange says. The most marvelous product of those mines of antiquity is their inscriptions. The tablets, some of which measure 102 by 68 inches, are carved in relief, with remarkable character on sandstone, whose seemingly perishable nature has withstood the erosions of time since 4850 B. C.—some 3,700 years before Moses' day, and nearly 7,000 years before the twentieth century. Many valuable specimens have been destroyed by vandals prospecting, but those remaining are now in the care of the Cairo museum.