

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE ANSWERED

Governor Johnson in Scathing Terms Denounces Action of Republican National Committee for Action in Turning Down Primaries.

"UNFAIR, UNJUST, AND PARTISAN EXTRA BODY"

Contracts Recent Action in California With That of the National Committee.

CAPITOL, SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 15.—In a statement which reviews in scathing terms the refusal of the republican national committee to allow a presidential primary and which may result in the exclusion from the national convention of delegates, elected by the people, Governor Hiram W. Johnson today declared that the progressives of California will stand on the principle that "in the selection of a president, as in all matters the people should rule."

He quoted a previous statement to the effect that the reactionaries alone had anything material to gain by the adoption of a presidential primary law at this time, since the progressives are in a position now to send a solid La Follette delegation to the nominating convention. These facts he contrasted with the action of the national committee in Washington last Tuesday.

Committee Was Controlled. "The committee," Governor Johnson said, "is in control of reactionaries. It formulated a call for a national convention that is ambiguous and unintelligible. The design of this call seems to be either to ignore laws that are in force in progressive states providing for presidential primaries or to render the way easy for ignoring the law in the future."

Senator Borah asked the national committee to adopt a provision that delegates might be chosen by direct vote of republican electors, and the reactionary national committee, representing Mr. Taft, overwhelmingly defeated Mr. Borah's motion. We find the progressives of California yielding every advantage while the reactionaries in the national committee refuse every demand in the hope of future temporary success.

Action Without Effect. "The call issued by the national committee apparently conflicts with the laws that have been duly passed in some of the states of the union and may be at variance with the law contemplated in the state of California, but that an unfair, unjust and partisan extra judicial body may render nugatory a duly enacted law of any state, cannot for one instant be conceded or tolerated."

"The gentleman who sat in a room in Washington Tuesday last preparing a call by which they themselves hope to nominate a president, without without the intervention or assistance of the electorate of the country forgot one controlling factor—they forgot the people."

Petty Politics Day Past. "The time has gone by, certainly in California and I believe in most of the states of the union, when petty politics can deny the great mass of the electorate a voice in government and hope for ultimate success, and it is just thing that makes impossible Mr. Taft the candidate of this system."

"In October last, while I had under consideration the question of a presidential preference primary, I wrote to Senator La Follette advising him that we were foregoing a political certainty because of principle."

"I received from him a letter, which I quote in part: La Follette Writes. 'If you omit the presidential preference law from the subjects to be considered by the legislature at the extra session which you are about to convene, you will practically control the selection of the delegates to the national convention in 1912 and they will all be progressives.'"

"It would be a great thing to have California leading the roll call for the progressives in the next convention. If you pass a presidential preference primary law the standpatners may carry San Francisco and some adjoining territory on the expedi-

AMERICAN ENSIGN KILLED BY FILIPINO OUTLAW. CAPTURED AND HIS HEAD BROUGHT BACK IN A BOX



HEAD OF THE OUTLAW MUNDAY IN PURSUIT OF WHOM ENSIGN HOVEY WAS KILLED

Details of a fierce engagement between Americans and a band led by Munday, an outlaw, have just been received from the Philippine Islands. Ensign Charles E. Hovey, U. S. N., with a company of privates, was sent out to capture Munday, who had been causing the authorities considerable trouble. Fighting at close range followed his discovery by the Americans, and Ensign Hovey, who led the attack, was killed by the outlaw, who escaped. Two days later some friendly Moros pursued Munday and killing him, brought his head back in a box.

EUGENE FORGER ARRESTED HERE; IS TAKEN NORTH

Ormsby Meehling, Insurance Agent, Leaves for Eugene Accompanied by Sheriff—Forged Doctor's Name to a Note Given for Loan.

Sheriff Harry Brown of Lane county left for Eugene on Friday morning's local having in custody Ormsby Meehling, a former insurance agent of Eugene, arrested in this city for forgery.

Meehling is charged with forging the name of Dr. Rebban, of Springfield, to a note given to Dr. D. A. Paine, as security for a sum of money loaned to Meehling by the doctor. This was sometime ago. The forgery was not discovered until a few days ago, when this note, together with several others given by the man to Dr. Paine, became due. When an effort was made to collect the note it was found that Dr. Rebban's name had been forged and a warrant was sworn out for Meehling's arrest.

Meehling is a man with a family and lived at Eugene for some time previous to coming to Medford. He was agent of the Mutual Life Insurance company while at Eugene and appeared to be honest and trustworthy. Recently he has written several letters to Dr. Paine in regard to the debt he owned him and promised to pay it at once, but it never came. Only a few days ago he wrote that the money was in the hands of Judge Crowell, of this city, but in answer to a telegraphic inquiry, the judge declared that he had no money of Meehling's.

Meehling's wife was with him when the arrest was made.

An Editor With \$400!

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Police here believe Editor Charles G. Halliday of the Ukiah Times has met with foul play. Thugs are thought to have lured him into a death trap. He had \$400 in his possession.

tion issue, and some of the counties in the southern part of the state on the lemon tariff, and Taft possibly will, without reason, have their support on both issues. It will appear that we are divided. It will come at a time when it may turn the tide.

"But, governor, hard as it would be, there is just one thing that ought to be, and would be harder and, indeed, more harmful for us, and that would be to throw our principles to the dogs whenever an opportunity offers to gain a temporary advantage by so doing. If it would enable us to control the next national convention and the nomination for the presidency we could not afford to do it—and we could not afford to have you do it, even if you were willing."

"Kitty Gordon" Is Dead. NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Oliver A. Rankin, wife of McKee Rankin, and known to the theatre going public of a generation ago as Kitty Gordon, is dead here today, the result of an attack of cerebral hemorrhage, which seized her while she was in a bathtub.

FACTS OBTAINED INCRIMINATING FOUR LEADERS

Wickersham Informed That Grand Jury Has Sufficient Facts to Warrant Indictment of Four California Labor Leaders.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Information was obtained here today that Attorney General Wickersham has been informed from Los Angeles that sufficient facts have been obtained there by the grand jury investigating the dynamite cases to warrant the indictment and immediate arrest of four California labor leaders.

It is said that Special Assistant Attorney General Lawler who is conducting the Los Angeles probe, has communicated the whole facts to the attorney general and is now awaiting instructions from him on the method of procedure.

It is now up to Attorney General Wickersham to direct whether Lawler shall proceed and obtain orders for the arrests from Federal Judge Welshorn in Los Angeles or whether the entire matter will be put up to the authorities in Indianapolis and the arrests be ordered from there.

AGED WOMAN IS VICTIM OF FIRE

"Grandma" Williams of Murphy Meets With a Painful Accident—Stand in Front of Fireplace and Is Badly Burned.

"Grandma" Williams of Murphy, aged grandmother of Al Matthews, met with a serious and painful accident recently. She was standing in front of the fireplace with her back to the fire when her clothing became ignited, presumably by a spark, and was quickly in flames.

She cried out and Mr. Johnson, who was in the kitchen, seized a pail of water and ran to her assistance, dashing the water over her and extinguishing the fire.

Mrs. Williams' body was painfully burned from her waist to her knees.

CONFESSION IN TIMES CASE IS RUMOR TODAY

Prominent San Francisco Labor Leader Is Said to Be Holding Out for Immunity and If He Gets It, He Will Tell All.

OFFICIALS DECLINE TO DISCUSS REPORT

Attorneys Admit That Sensational Developments Are Apt to Break at Any Time.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 15.—Rumors that a prominent San Francisco labor leader is to make a confession of complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building are current this afternoon about the federal building, where the federal grand jury is conducting an investigation into the so-called dynamite conspiracy.

While thereport could not be verified, it was said that this man holding out for immunity in case he involves still more prominent union labor officials in the local dynamiting. Neither Assistant United States Attorney General Oscar Lawler nor District Attorney Fredericks would discuss this phase of the matter, but each admitted that sensational developments were liable to break at any time.

Detective McLaren, a Burns operative, and Lawler were in conference again today for more than two hours but neither would give an inkling of the matters discussed. It was believed, however, that the conference had to do with the transfer of Orville McManigal to Indianapolis, where he is to be a star witness before the federal probe to be conducted there into the alleged dynamite conspiracies.

THINK SLAYER OF CHILD FOUND

Leon Loehard, Confessed Robber, Must Face Charge of Murdering Little Barbara Holzman in a Rooming House at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—Because he attempted to involve Frank Jennings, his ex-employer, in a larceny case, Leon Loehard, confessed robber, serving a sentence at Kelly's Butte, today faces a charge of having murdered little Barbara Holzman in a rooming house in Albina last March. Loehard has been partially identified by Mrs. Bertha Nelson, a landlady.

When Mrs. Nelson first saw Loehard she said she was "pretty sure" but reserved decision until she could see the accused man in the hat and coat the murderer had when he engaged the room.

The evidence includes alleged admissions to other criminals that he killed the child.

At the time of the Holzman murder Jennings was living in Portland and Loehard was doing soliciting work for him in the vicinity of the place where the crime was committed. After the murder, he said, Loehard quit his work and would not go soliciting in the Albina district.

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LILLIAN GRAHAM, ON WITNESS STAND, TELLS OF STRUGGLE FOR LIFE WITH W. E. D. STOKES



HE SAID I WAS TOO NICE A GIRL TO GO ON THE STAGE. "HE TOLD ME NOT TO SHOUT, I SAID I'LL SCREAM AS LOUD AS I CAN"

This picture of Miss Lillian Graham, one of the show girls on trial in New York, charged with shooting W. E. D. Stokes, the millionaire hotel proprietor, was sketched in court as she told the story of the shooting. Her testimony revealed for the first time details of the struggle in her apartment. She told how Ethel Conrad, who also is accused of shooting Stokes, struggled to free herself from the clutches of the millionaire, and how during the scuffle a shot was fired by Stokes. The bullet went wild.

SHOOTING SHOW GIRLS QUICKLY FREED BY JURY

"Most Remarkable Woman I Have Ever Seen," Says District Attorney. "If She Gets Away With This Case at 19, What Will She Do at 25?"

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, the two New York show girls accused of an attempt to murder Millionaire W. E. D. Stokes, after the Graham girl had been entangled with him, were acquitted of the charge by a jury this afternoon.

When the jury came in both girls were at once brought into court from the sheriff's office. When the foreman of the jury announced the verdict the Graham girl said nothing, but Miss Conrad began to shriek at the top of her voice. Bailiffs rushed to her and forced her into a chair. Then she became so hysterical that ice water was thrown into her face and she was finally carried from the room amid the greatest confusion.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Charges of an attempt to murder W. E. D. Stokes, the New York millionaire, by Ethel Conrad and Lillian Graham, went to a jury this afternoon at 4:14 o'clock. Prosecutor Buckner concluded an address in which he bitterly scored the girl's character and the court began his charge at 2:30 p. m.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Characterizing Ethel Conrad, who, with Lillian Graham, is on trial here for the shooting of Millionaire W. E. D. Stokes, as "a most astounding combination of kitten and wildcat." And "the most remarkable I have ever seen," said Assistant District Attorney Buckner today when he began the opening address for the prosecution.

As Attorney Moore closed the argument for the defense and Buckner arose to address the two defendant showgirls became visibly nervous. Buckner announced that he would not spare either girl and then entered into a scathing arraignment of Miss Conrad, shouting:

"The master mind of this whole fearful mess came upon the scene about May 1—Ethel Conrad, the most remarkable woman I have ever seen, and I hope I shall never see another like her. Only 19 years old, gentleman—think of it! The most astounding combination of kitten and wildcat I have ever seen. If she gets away with this case at 19, what will she do at 25?"

BOB WHITE FOR THE ROGUE FROM EASTERN FIELDS

Master Game Warden Finley Writes That He Is in Communication With Game Warden of Oklahoma Regarding Game Birds.

Word has been received from William L. Finley, master game warden, to the effect that he is at present in communication with the game warden of the state of Oklahoma in an endeavor to obtain a large number of Bob White for southern Oregon and that he believes he will be successful. He found it impossible to secure the birds in the northern states owing to a quail disease which has attacked them.

Mr. Finley is now taking steps to get certain large property owners in this county to sign up agreements to have their places used as a bird refuge. This will be arranged soon.

The master warden states that the commission is now preparing to furnish southern Oregon with birds and fish as rapidly as possible. Bob White and pheasants are to be distributed. Next season 600,000 black spotted trout are to be released in local streams. In regard to fish the warden says:

"I have just ordered a million eastern brook eggs from Rhode Island, and in addition to these we shall secure through the government eastern brook trout eggs, black spotted eggs and rainbow eggs. We are planning to take trout eggs during the coming season at the McKenzie, Trask, Elk and Coos rivers, and of these your streams will receive full quota."

TO CLAMP LID ON PORK BARREL

Democratic Leaders in the House Are Preparing to Carry Fight Into Party Caucus, Fearing Effect on Party.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Democratic leaders in the house are preparing today to carry their fight into the party caucus against the decision of the committee on buildings to report a "pork barrel" bill.

The leaders assert that such an act would prove a black eye to the party. They estimate that such a bill would carry at least \$30,000,000 and this, with the \$75,000,000 pension bill already passed will make an expenditure of \$100,000,000 annually before the regular appropriations are even considered.

PERSIANS CRY FOR HOLY WAR AND VENGEANCE

Cabinet Refuses to Resign and People Are in an Inflamed State of Mind in Spite of Russian Ultimatum—Situation Grave.

RUSSIANS FORCE THEIR WAY INTO HOMES

Anti-British Boycott is Spreading and White Cannot Obtain Food.

SHIRAZ, Persia, Dec. 15.—Goaded to fanatical hatred against Russia and Great Britain by their chief, Mullah, Mirza Ibrahim, the people here today are shouting for a holy war. The cabinet refuses to resign and with the people in an inflamed state of mind throughout Persia, in spite of the Russian ultimatum starting them in the face, the situation is very grave.

The Persian cabinet has agreed to the first two clauses of the ultimatum, it is rumored, but refuses to consider the third, to the effect that all foreign appointments must be with Anglo-Russian approval, until the Russian troops are withdrawn from the borders of Persia.

TEHERAN, Dec. 15.—In indignant mass meeting the Persian people are today denouncing the action of the Russian troops in invading Kaghin and ousting 4000 Persians from their homes. Several of the evicted Persians were frozen to death in the bitter winter weather which prevails and the suffering among the others is intense.

The citizens are expected to remain loyal to W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, denouncing England and Russia. A deputation has asked parliament to ignore the ultimatum of the czar of Russia that Shuster be dismissed.

An anti-British boycott is spreading, the Persian shopkeepers refusing to supply the British consular guards with food.

NEGRO HANGED IN PLAY HOUSE

Negro Preacher is Executed for Having Incited a Race Riot in Which a Prominent Planter of the Locality Was Killed.

JACKSON, Georgia, Dec. 15.—Hanged in a theatre before an audience of his relatives and others, the Rev. William Turner, a negro preacher, is dead here today. He was executed for having incited a race riot in which Jesse Shingley, a prominent planter was killed.

The sheriff erected the gallows on the stage and the negro's confession was read from there while a mob outside clamored for a lynching.

ALDRICH SOON TO QUIT PUBLIC LIFE

Monetary Commission, of Which Aldrich Is Chairman, Will File Its Report to Congress Early in the Coming Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Former Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island positively announced today his retirement from public life. He had an interview with President Taft yesterday, during which the affairs of the monetary commission, of which Aldrich is chairman, were discussed when he told the president that the commission will send its report to congress January 8.