

HUGHES STILL PARTY SPHINX ON CANDIDACY

Hitchcock Admits Work for Justice Is Unauthorized—Hilles Denies Report of Phoning to Find Out—Wicks Arrives in Convention City to Look After His Own Candidacy.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Frank H. Hitchcock, who has been in Chicago for several days working as an individual in behalf of Justice Charles E. Hughes, whose friends desire him nominated by the republican national convention for president, today issued a statement denying that he ever said Mr. Hughes would accept the honor if it were tendered him.

Mr. Hitchcock said:

"When I first arrived here I was interviewed and among other questions was asked whether Justice Hughes would accept the republican nomination for president. My reply to that question was that no man could refuse a presidential nomination tendered by his party in times like these, and particularly if the party felt that he was the man above all others who could unite a divided force and lead them to victory."

Hitchcock Denial

Mr. Hitchcock reiterated his previous statement that he has no authority whatever to represent Mr. Hughes.

"I have come to Chicago solely on my own responsibility to work for what I consider to be the best interests of the republican party and the country," he said.

Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the national republican committee, denied emphatically and tersely today a published report that he had called Justice Hughes over the long-distance telephone in an effort to learn whether Mr. Hitchcock represented the latter.

"The report that I had such a conversation is an absolute untruth," said Mr. Hilles.

Weeks Upon Scene

Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts, a delegate-at-large to the republican national convention, and a presidential candidate, arrived today. He is the second presidential candidate to come to the convention. Coleman DuPont of Delaware having arrived several days ago.

Senator Weeks issued a statement saying he could discern a "democratic attempt at preparedness" for the approaching political campaign, but could see slight evidence of any satisfactory attempt at preparedness for national defense.

"Here in Chicago, however," he continued, "I expect to see effective means adopted toward this end, culminating in the framing of a platform and the nomination of a candidate such as will insure the support of all the people in this country who believe in 'America first' as a real, vital national doctrine. My action as a delegate will be guided solely by this principle."

Meyer for Teddy

George Von L. Meyer of New York arrived today and assumed direction of the republican Roosevelt campaign.

"Until we hear either from Mr. Hughes himself or a statement is made from an authentic source as will continue to believe that Frank H. Hitchcock is political campaign manager for Mr. Hughes," said Mr. Meyer. "We find that the Roosevelt sentiment among business men in every state is growing daily. The great preparedness period shows that they favor preparedness and that they are prepared to be expanded by Mr. Roosevelt."

"Congress has been so busy with its official duties in Washington that it is not in touch with the business interests of the country. The business men are aroused in this crisis and are rallying to the support of Roosevelt. They feel that he is alive to the country's needs."

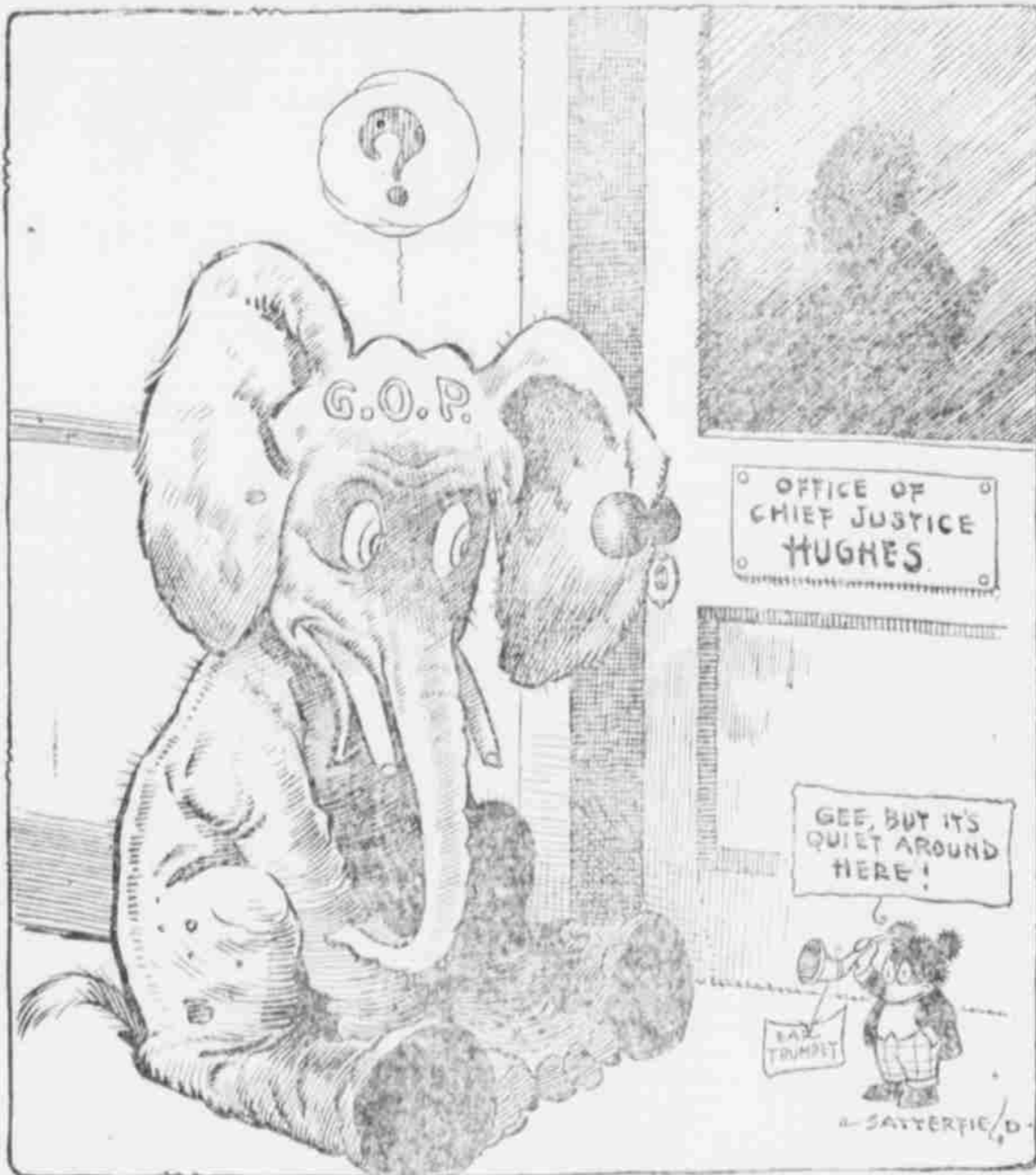
Philippine Plank

Managers of Senator L. V. Sherman's campaign are planning to devote particular attention to getting pledges from delegates to vote for Sherman for second choice.

Philippine republicans will work hard to have a plank inserted in the platform declaring for permanent and absolute American control of the islands, according to Colonel Henry B. McCoy, Philippine member of the national committee, who arrived in Chicago today. He said four other representatives of the island party organization, now en route to Chicago, would devote their time to combating the democratic doctrine of ultimate independence for the islands.

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STRIKE THREATENS COAST SHIPPING

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—The threatened strike of longshoremen and rivermen all along the Pacific coast from San Diego to Cape Nome, which will be declared at 6 a. m. tomorrow, unless an eleven-hour settlement is made, began to develop prematurely here today. Longshoremen in the employ of the Oregon Stevedoring company of Portland refused to go to work when an attempt was made today to begin loading the schooner Abimiah with lumber for Australia.

At the same time, a new crew of nonunion dockhands, Greek, others and watchmen was placed on the steamer State of Washington, along between Portland and The Dalles, by The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation company. The men who were discharged are members of the union that have demanded higher pay.

If the strike is called tomorrow it is feared that the Big Three liner fleet, which reached here yesterday from San Francisco, may be delayed in loading for cargo.

For loading lumber, the unions ask a wage scale of 60 cents per hour and \$1 per hour for overtime. The present scale is 50 cents per hour and 45 cents per overtime. For loading general cargoes \$5 cents an hour and 75 cents an hour for overtime.

FRENCH FORCED BACK

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were taken. The capture on May 29 of a naval gun and machine gun-house guns during the fighting at Cantefles Wood was also mentioned.

Another Hungarian division left today for the west in Austria in the Trostlin division have forced a passage across the Pannonic river, and have taken the heights on the southern bank, says an official statement issued at the Austro-Hungarian headquarters night here at Me. The capture of the fortified town of Sopron on Pannonic Drift also was mentioned.

The Austro-Hungarian advance on Italian territory has been arrested by the capture of Asiago and Asiago. The official Austrian statement today says that the Italian forces have been driven from Asiago and heights to the northwest Monte Baldo and Monte Pagan. They were supported by the Austrians.

Since the beginning of the Austro-Hungarian advance 288 prisoners have been taken.



ROOSEVELT FAMILY TO OCCUPY BOX

CHICAGO, May 31.—A box at the national progressive convention, in the auditorium here, will be occupied by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and other members of the cabinet's family, it was announced today. The Roosevelt party will include Douglas Robinson of New York, Mrs. Robinson, who is the cabinet's sister, and Mrs. and Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. Mrs. Nicholas Langworth of Cincinnati, cabinet Roosevelt's daughter, will attend, too, although her husband is a delegate to the republican convention.

The list of box-holders in the convention will include Governor Urban Johnson of California, Dr. H. H. Knicker of Kansas City, Emma P. Carrick of Nebraska, George C. Peadar of Oklahoma, Mrs. Charles Wood of Washington D. C., O. K. Davis and George W. Perkins of New York, and Victor Mardock of Kansas.

Among the present students and former students who have joined the ranks of the 18th U. S. Infantry today, one of the most popular soldiers, The Wilson, Lance Corporal.

OREGON PAYS TRIBUTE TO HILL'S MEMORY

PORTLAND, Ore., May 31.—Oregon at four o'clock joined with the other states of the northwest in paying tribute to the memory of James J. Hill. At the hour set for the funeral in St. Paul every wheel on the Hill route in Oregon and the propellers of the Hill steamships stopped for five minutes. The offices of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad system and the Great Northern Pacific Steamship company were closed at noon for the remainder of the day.

AUTOMOBILE RACER EXPECTED TO DIE

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—Jack Leavin, automobile driver, who was engaged in the 200 mile race here yesterday, was reported in a critical condition at the Methodist hospital today. The physicians do not expect him to recover. He is suffering from a fractured skull, broken jaw and internal injuries.

MODERN BAKERY TO REPLACE OLD SALOON ROW

Initial steps in the regeneration of Front street have been taken with the purchase by R. Nurni of the Nurni bakery of the Seattle rooming-house structure on South Front street, in which he will install a \$40000 baking plant and machinery. The structure will be remodeled and repainted and a new front installed. The contract for this work has been let to Contractor Lines, who has begun the work of tearing down the rear.

It is the intention of Mr. Nurni to install a modern bread-making plant, with all the machinery in full view, and expects to be in full operation within two months. The second story will also undergo repairs and remodeling.

The new enterprise will add new tone to a portion of the business district of the city, sarcastically known in the past as "Whiskey Row." According to Commercial club reports, a move is under way for the tearing down and removal of the unsightly shacks at the end of the block, for the building of more sightly buildings. Work upon the oven to be used by the bakery will begin next week.

MAIL CARRIER EXAM MEDFORD JUNE 24

The United States civil service commission announces that a male clerk-carrier examination will be held at Medford, Ore., on June 24, 1916, to establish an eligible register from which selection may be made to fill vacancies as they may occur in the position of clerk or carrier at the Medford postoffice. The age limits are 18 to 45 years. Men only will be admitted to this examination.

The entrance salary for clerk or carrier postoffice service is \$800 per annum, with annual promotions up to \$1000 per annum (maximum service). Application blank and pamphlet of instructions may be secured from the local secretary, board of civil service examiners, at the Medford postoffice, or from the secretary, seventh civil service district, 303 Postoffice building, Seattle, Wash.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 31.—General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, a witness again today before the commission investigating munitions contracts, swore that he had "no personal interest" in the commission reported by Colonel J. W. Allison for negotiating such contracts for the government and that he did not provide for Allison's receiving any such commission.

Tom Hamner and Jim McAllister, the two other men injured in the race, were said to be in little danger.

DREADNAUGHT FIGHT REOPENED FRIDAY

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Advocates of two dreadnaughts this year were marshaling their forces today for another fight in the house Friday when the final vote is taken on the naval appropriation bill. They were not discouraged by action of the house yesterday in defeating an amendment to add two dreadnaughts to the building program.

The house adopted an amendment to increase from twenty to fifty the number of submarines to be built, but rejected proposals to provide six battle cruisers instead of five and add five scout cruisers.

The house took up other features of the naval bill today.

RECOVER KNIFE THROWN AT TEDDY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 31.—The police today recovered the knife that was thrown toward Colonel Roosevelt's motor car during the Memorial day parade yesterday. It was a cheap one, having the two and one-half inch blade and a wooden handle. George Stivers, a patrolman, said the knife had been given to him by E. C. Shell, a member of the American legion, who picked it up after it had fallen to the running board of Colonel Roosevelt's motor car.

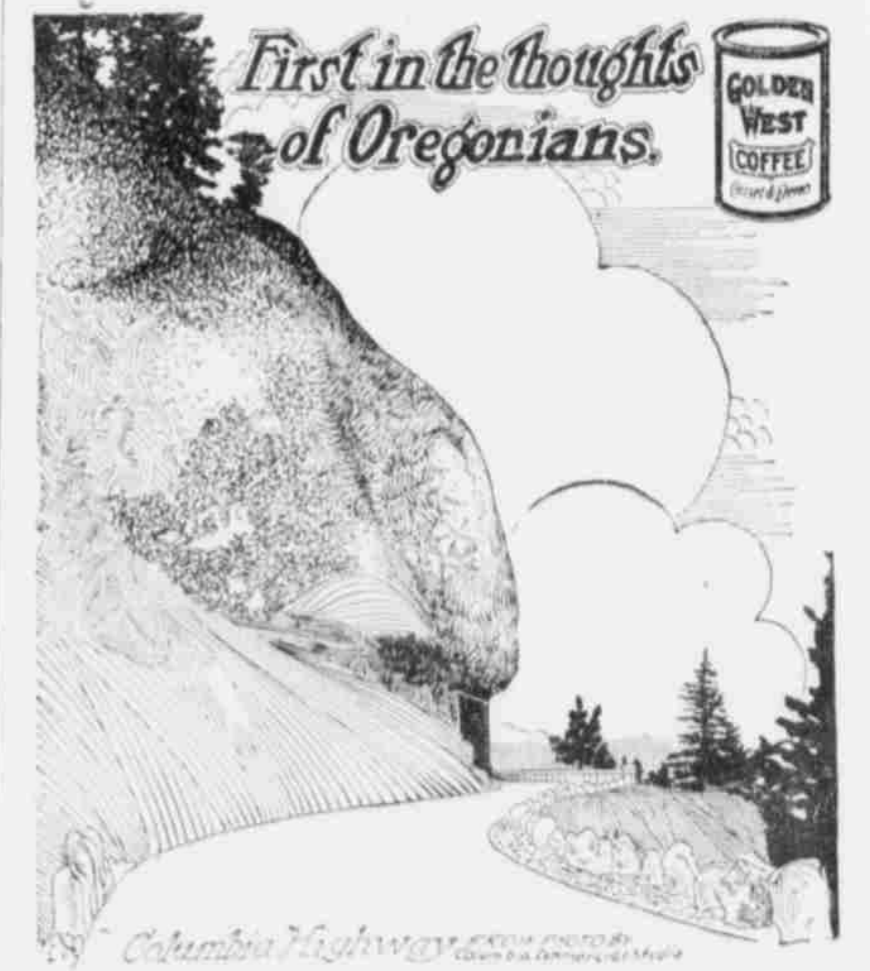
Stivers declared he looked into the crowd and could see no one acting suspiciously.

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