

DEMOCRATS, WASHINGTON BACK PREST.

Prompt Ratification Peace Treaty Without Reservations Is Plank of Platform Adopted by Convention of Democrats in Spokane—Republicans Are Scored for Playing Politics—Cash Bonus for Service Men Is Endorsed, Also Prohibition.

SPOKANE, May 18.—The majority report of the credentials committee of the democratic state convention which recommended seating of the "regular" or Fullen delegation from King county and seating both Pierce county contesting delegations with a half a vote for each delegate, was adopted by the convention today by a vote of 607 to 188 with King county and Pierce county refusing to vote.

SPOKANE, May 18.—Prompt ratification of the German peace treaty with its League of Nations covenant, calling upon democratic senators to oppose attachment of any nullifying reservations and final ratification of the instrument, is a plank in the platform of the Washington state democratic convention as reported to the convention here today.

Commendation of the administration of President Wilson and of his work in the treaty-making councils in Paris is combined with denunciation of the republicans in the senate for its "partisanship" in the treaty fight. Woman suffrage, prohibition and the payment of adequate salaries to school teachers are endorsed.

Of soldiers' compensation, the platform says: "We endorse adequate cash compensation by state and nation for the service men of the world war and recommend the use by the United States government of excess and war profit taxes for this purpose. We condemn the insincerity and dilatory tactics in this matter of the republican majorities in the federal congress and in the state legislature."

The resolutions continue by stating opposition "to any peace-time plan of compulsory military service or training."

"Because of the undue influence of press columns too largely controlled by selfish interests we favor the issuance by the federal government of a publicity pamphlet or bulletin giving arguments for and against public measures to be distributed to the voters of the nation by the pamphlet for their information such pamphlet is to be edited by a non-political board."

Belief in the right of labor to organize and to bargain collectively is expressed, together with endorsement of profit-sharing by labor.

Punishment of profiteers is demanded. The federal land banks are endorsed.

The "protective tariff" principle is denounced and an American merchant marine advocated.

Praise of the work and administration of the late Governor Ernest Lister is given. Calling for a state constitutional convention to bring about taxation reforms and economic administration is urged. The Columbia river basin irrigation project is endorsed and passage of a law providing for bond issues for the state's communities in order to aid in the cause of land reclamation, is advocated.

Present system of grain grading is condemned.

The resolutions also favor enactment of a law, limiting campaign expenditures within the state.

REDUCTION OF PRICES IN OMAHA LEADS TO UNPRECEDENTED BUSINESS

OMAHA, Neb., May 18.—Eight smaller stores today joined the five large establishments which have announced reductions of from 20 to 30 per cent.

A large automobile dealer made reductions of \$250 on open and \$400 on closed car models.

A store which made a thirty per cent reduction announced the cut would extend to its restaurants also. One of the concerns which started with a 20 per cent cut announced an additional reduction of ten per cent. Stores which are excepting from re-

ALLEGED MURDERER OF WIFE AND BABIES IS A SUICIDE AT GRAVE

GREENVILLE, Ill., May 18.—Harley O. Beasley, 25 years old, alleged murderer of his wife and two boy babies, today committed suicide over his wife's grave in Bethlehem cemetery, three miles from here.

Beasley had been hunted by about thirty posse men almost continuously since last Friday. Shortly before noon today he emerged from the woods, accompanied by his brother Delmar and visited the graves of his wife and two sons.

His eyes became tear-dimmed, his brother said and before he could be restrained, he had drawn a revolver from his pocket, and kneeling at the grave-side, pulled the trigger.

FARCE PRIMARIES HELD IN VERMONT AND PENNSYLVANIA

MONTPELIER, Vt., May 18.—Vermont's presidential preference primary was held today with little display of interest.

No petitions were filed for a place on the democratic ticket. On the republican ballot there appeared only the names of William Grant Webster, of New York, and Major Webster Leonard Wood as candidates for the presidential nomination. Voters, however, had the privilege of writing on the ballot the name of any other candidate.

The eight state delegates, including four will be selected to convention, which will be held soon, will not be bound by the result of today's balloting under the law.

PHILADELPHIA, May 18.—Seventy-six delegates to the republican national convention and an equal number to the democratic nominating assembly are being elected in Pennsylvania today in state-wide primaries. Socialists and prohibitionists also holding their primaries, but they have no contests.

Electors in Pennsylvania have the privilege of indicating their presidential preference but only one name, that of Edward Randolph Wood, a retired businessman of Philadelphia, appears on the republican ballot and only that of Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, is on the democratic presidential preference ballot. The faction opposing Attorney General Palmer has asked its supporters to write the name of William G. McAdoo on the ballot.

HOUSE AUTHORIZES LAND BOND AID

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The house today adopted a resolution authorizing the treasurer to buy federal land bank bonds, issued against loans approved before last March 1. Efforts to extend the measure to cover loans approved before next March was defeated 148 to 121.

Plan Soviet in France

PARIS, May 18.—Soviet rule in France was to have been established if the revolutionary strikes inaugurated May 1 had succeeded, according to the French police, who said today they had obtained complete evidence of this from documents they have secured.

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Russian Soviet Reports Victory Over Invaders in North—Enemy Forced Back Over Beresina—Fighting Continues Kiev District—Siberian Republic Recognized—Jew Delegates in Moscow Arrested Charged With Plot Against Bolsheviki.

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MOSCOW, May 15.—(By the Associated Press)—Recognition of the Far Eastern democratic republic of Siberia, has been decided upon by the Russian soviet government. Diplomatic relations between the soviet government and the Far Eastern republic will be opened immediately.

Negotiations between the Far Eastern republic and Japan will continue.

It is expected that negotiations with Japan will hinge around the status of the east Manchurian railway. The soviet government will probably insist that it retain an interest in this road. It is indicated that the rights of foreign shareholders will be fully protected as the Far Eastern republic recognizes private ownership.

MOSCOW, May 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Seventy five delegates and alternates to the all-Russian Zionist congress which met here late in April, have been arrested, the extraordinary commission announced today. It is asserted that the secretary observed regarding the meeting and the fact that a large proportion of those present were not connected with the Zionist movement led to the arrests.

Investigation, it is alleged, has resulted in discovery of compromising documents, revealing close contact with entente countries. Charges are made that many bombs have been found in the office of the Zionist central headquarters.

It is claimed that 8000 Jewish legionaries in Palestine have pledged support to the entente armies and that Henry Morgenthau, former American ambassador to Turkey, visited Poland last fall and it is said he urged the Jewish population to submit to the Polish imperialists.

STRIKE OIL AT 98 FEET IN KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 17.—For the first time in the history of oil production, a windmill is to be used to pump oil from a well. Frank Linney, E. H. Shaufler, and F. A. Bach of Wichita, Kas., owners of a 75-hbl. well in Miami county have adopted the innovation.

Oil was struck at a depth of 98 feet, making it possible to use a windmill in place of the usual gasoline pump.

The cost of installing the windmill will be more than the price of a gasoline pump, but the promoters of the well say the operating expenses will be greatly reduced.

"What will you do when there isn't wind enough to run the pump?" Mr. Shaufler was asked.

"You forget," he replied, "that the well is in Kansas, where the wind never dies."

The windmill will be installed early in May. It is expected that oil will be made to flow by the new and novel plan by June 1.

Census Returns

Framingham, Mass., 16,785, increase 3837 or 29.6 per cent.
Woburn, Mass., 16,565, increase 1257 or 8.2 per cent.
Newburyport, Mass., 15,609, increase 660 or 4.6 per cent.
Scranton, Pa., 137,783, increase 7961 or 6.1 per cent.
Norwich, Conn., 29,685, increase 1466 or 5.2 per cent.
Norwich City, Conn., 23,304, increase 1027 or 9.5 per cent.

THREE FOREST FIRES IN SISKIYOU DISCOVERED BY FIRST AIR PATROL

RED BLUFF, Cal., May 18.—Three fires in the forests of Shasta and Siskiyou counties were located today by the forest service airplane patrol within half an hour of the opening of the patrol work for the season.

The fires were from three to fifteen miles apart and were sighted by Pilot Robins and T. J. Whissel from their airplane on their first cruise which took them fifteen miles north of here.

FAVORS UNCLE SAM ENTERING RETAIL TRADE

Senator Walsh, Democrat of Massachusetts, Delivers Speech Against H. C. L.—If Prices Don't Come Down Congress Should Inaugurate Public Trading Large Scale.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Profiteering was denounced today in the senate by Senator Walsh, democrat of Massachusetts, who asserted that exports of profiteers are the principal cause of widespread unrest and that congress has been "culpably inactive" in moving to relieve the situation.

Senator Walsh cited many large dividends, declaring the public outcry against the high cost of living were an acute political problem.

Republican leadership and majorities in congress, the Massachusetts senator said, are responsible for failure to enact anti-profiteering legislation.

Among recommendations made by Senator Walsh to check profiteering were:

Senatorial investigation of income tax returns to disclose individual profiteers.

Passage of several pending bills, including the packer regulation measure, the McNary bill to stamp out prices on shoes, the cold storage regulation bill and others.

"I further recommend," said Senator Walsh, "that congress promptly inaugurate public trading on a large scale unless exorbitant profits are voluntarily and materially reduced at once."

Among instances of profiteering profits cited by Senator Walsh were those of the "big five" packers as reported by the federal trade commission, the American Woolen company and several textile mills, steel companies, coal operators and news print manufacturers.

DEADLOCK ON ARMY BILL IN THE CONFERENCE

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A deadlock on the army reorganization bill was reached today by the senate and house conferees. Senate provisions to reorganize the force caused the breach and the question will be brought before the house for a vote. The disagreement, Chairman Wadsworth of the senate managers said, came despite an offer from the senate side to strike out the senate provisions for voluntary military training of youths between 18 and 21 years of age.

Under the senate bill the National Guard would become a part of the United States army as federal troops, not militia. The house conferees divided evenly on acceptance of the plan. Representative Kahn of California, chairman, and Representative McKenzie of Illinois, republicans, favored accepting the senate provisions, but Representative Anthony, republican, Kansas, and Dent, democrat, Alabama, refused their approval and the disagreement resulted.

Bluebeard at San Quentin.
SAN QUENTIN, Cal., May 18.—James P. (Bluebeard) Watson, confessed murderer of nine women he married bigamously, arrived at the state penitentiary here at 9:30 o'clock today to begin a life sentence, imposed on him in Los Angeles.

PENROSE IS MAN BEHIND SIMS PROBE

Secretary Daniels Charges Republican Boss of Pennsylvania Man Responsible for Admiral's Attack—Identical Words Used by Penrose Repeated by Sims Year Later—Sims Appointed to Naval Academy From Key-Stone State.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senator Penrose, republican, Pennsylvania, and not Rear Admiral Sims, originated the basic charges against the navy department contained in the admiral's letter of January 7. Secretary Daniels asserted today before the senate committee investigating the naval conduct of the war, Mr. Daniels declared that the senator in a speech in the senate August 24, 1918 declared that procrastination on the part of the secretary delayed the termination of the war at least three months, cost \$15,000,000,000 and many lives.

The words used by Senator Penrose were almost identical with those used by Admiral Sims more than a year later, Mr. Daniels said.

"Either Admiral Sims is a plagiarist and appropriated his views and charges from Senator Penrose or by the new science of mental telepathy the views of the senator were communicated to Admiral Sims," declared Mr. Daniels. "Penrose comes from Pennsylvania and Sims was appointed to the naval academy from that state."

"It is also worthy of note," he said, "that at the very time Penrose was making this speech, Sims was writing to Captain Pratt threatening an investigation of the conduct of the war."

Mr. Daniels said he would not answer the Penrose charges at length, because his answer to Admiral Sims covered the matter fully. He devoted the rest of the day to a resume of the navy department's war construction activities comprising approximately 1000 vessels, nearly three times as many as there were in the entire navy when the war started.

LATEST NEWS OF THE STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—Eugene W. Rossman, 62, president of the United Auto Bus company shot and killed himself at his home here last night.

Mr. Rossman left a note saying that he meant to kill his secretary, Miss L. Brown, but that she had failed to keep an appointment with him. He asked that his body be cremated and that the ashes be "thrown to the four winds of Heaven, or cast upon the waters of the wide ocean." The United Auto Bus company recently was organized here to run daily between Portland, Astoria and Seaside.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 18.—An intensive campaign to locate illicit drug dispensers is in progress in Portland. Five alleged dispensers or possessors of noxious drugs have been arrested in the past few days, and veiled intimations are forthcoming from the internal revenue office that a number of other arrests may be anticipated. The drug trade in Portland today approximates \$4,000,000 a year, and there are at least 4,000 regular drug addicts, according to A. F. Flegel, Jr., assistant United States attorney.

SALEM, Ore., May 18.—Jack Price who with Robert Grant, escaped from the state penitentiary March 27, last, in an automobile belonging to State Parole Officer Varner, is under arrest at Rolla, N. D., according to word received by Warden L. H. Compton, today. Grant is still at large. Both men were trustees. The charge on which Price is held at Rolla is not known here. Price was sentenced from Umatilla county and received September 11, 1919, to serve up to five years for obtaining money by false pretenses. Grant, who escaped with Price, was received from Umatilla county September 14, 1919, to serve up to ten years for larceny.

Bluebeard Leaves Tonight.
LOS ANGELES, May 17.—James P. (Bluebeard) Watson will be taken to San Quentin prison tonight, Sheriff Cline said early today. It was said three guards will accompany him instead of the usual single guard.

ADAM DIDN'T WEAR A BEARD, ONLY HAD ONE PAINTED ON HIS FACE

HUDAPEST, May 18.—Adam did not wear a beard, according to the dictum of M. Teray, director of the Hungarian national art museum, who has illuminated the great ancestor's handsome adornment in restoring Jordeus' famous picture "Adam and Eve." Examination of the canvas has shown that the beard was not a part of the original picture but was painted on during the last century when beards were popular. In the restored work, therefore, Adam is shown clean shaven.

This canvas was one that escaped the fury of the communists. It was the property of Count Karaszonyi, who gave it to a leader of the red guard for having aided in saving a valuable collection. Later the picture was sold to the museum for three million crowns.

EX-SERVICE MAN KILLS FATHER IN REVOLVER DUEL

TACOMA, May 18.—Robert Friedman, 22, who last night shot and killed his step father Phil Friedman, today in the city jail declared he acted in self defense. He said that he and his step father had often quarreled over alleged abuse of the dead man to his wife.

Phil Friedman, according to the slayer, called him to his house last night despite the fact that the family was in quarantine. After a short quarrel, the young man says, his step father went upstairs and returned brandishing a pistol. A fight is alleged to have followed in which the older man received two bullet wounds in the head. Police officials today said the Friedman home bore evidences of a terrific fight.

Sam Friedman, another step son of the slain man, saw the encounter. His statement to the police bears out the claims of his brother.

Robert Friedman has lately been managing the jewelry store of his step father. He was a second lieutenant in the army during the war and was formerly a student at the University of Washington. Phil Friedman was prominent in lodge and sportsmen's circles here.

GRAND JURY HAS BUT LITTLE TO DO

The grand jury which convened Monday at Jacksonville had one of the lightest sessions in the county's history. Only four indictments were returned, three of which were against Mrs. Lark Evans in connection with the W. G. White robbery case of Grants Pass, of which her husband was found guilty some time ago and sentenced to 15 years in the penitentiary, and whose case has been appealed to the supreme court.

Mrs. Evans was indicted under her maiden name, Mildred Coe. One indictment against her charges larceny of the White car. Another is for stealing, and the third charges unlawful cohabitation with Lark Evans.

The other indictment returned was against a man for larceny by bailor.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, today introduced his bill to restore free toll privileges to American coastwise vessels thru the Panama canal. It was referred to the inter-oceanic canals committee without debate. The bill would repeal the law passed at President Wilson's request in 1914 placing American and foreign vessels on an equality in toll charges.

SOCIALIST COMMITTEE REQUESTS SEC'Y. TO RELEASE CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A committee appointed by the socialist party called on Secretary Baker today to present a memorial asking for the release of conscientious objectors still held in prison. The delegation was headed by a woman, Elvina S. Beals of Berkeley, Cal.

Citing President Wilson's message to congress in November 1918 saying, "thus the war comes to an end," the memorial said confinement of conscientious objectors is manifestly unjust.

"The reasons for their confinement if any there were, ceased one and a half years ago," it said. "Conscientious objectors to war are and should be classified as political offenders. We are proud of the fact that freedom of conscience is a cardinal principle of American institutions.

"Hundreds of our conscientious objectors have since the armistice been released. It is unjust still to keep others in prison.

"Among those still in military confinement are Carl Haessler of Wisconsin, and Phil Grosser of Massachusetts, the latter being in extremely bad health. They are the only two conscientious objectors still in Alcatraz (military prison). Together with the other groups they should at least receive the clemency that has been extended to hundreds already released."

WILL NAME MEX. CHIEF MAY 24TH

Revolutionary Leader in Mexico Call Session Next Monday to Name Provisional President—General Obregon Named Military Commander, While Gonzales to Rule Mexico City—Carranza Escaped South to Puebla State May 16.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Adhesion of Yucatan to the provisional government in Mexico City was reported today both in state department advices and in a cablegram to the agents here of the revolutionary government from a special commissioner sent to Yucatan some time ago. The commissioner General Governor Castro Morales and General Pablo De La Garcia, military commander under the Carranza government, were in flight, presumably to Cuba. The revolutionary agents attach particular importance to the report from Yucatan because, they said it meant that Carranza, the last important port held by Carranza authorities, had now been surrendered of the provisional government.

Carranza, who fled before the Jo faeto government's troops into the mountains just west of Jalapa, had succeeded in moving southward into the state of Puebla May 16, according to the Mexico City newspapers published yesterday.

Conference Is Held.
MEXICO CITY, May 13.—(By the Associated Press)—Full details of the conference held by the liberal revolutionary leaders at the national palace last night (May 12) reveal that Governor De La Huerta will call the congress into extraordinary session May 24 for naming a president ad interim.

General Obregon was named by the conference as commander of the forces in northern Mexico and General Gonzales as commander in Mexico City and Southern Mexico.

All the leaders promised to accept the ad interim president chosen, whoever he might be.

In a summary forwarded to the state department, Carranza was reported to have been in Tetela on the sixteenth, leaving there in a northerly direction.

The summary said Villa would soon arrive at the capital without escort. General Obregon had left the capital for Queretaro, Tampico and San Luis Potosi, planning to return in time for the special session of congress May 25.

Published accounts of the routing of Carranza asserted the gold and silver bullion recovered from his trains was valued at several million dollars. More than 100 officers and civil employes who accompanied him were brought to the capital and immediately released, the papers said. They added that government archives, including the treasury records were burned by his escort when they were forced to abandon their trains.

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