

WILSON PUTS ALL BLAME ON CONGRESS

President in Letter to Rail Union Heads Criticises—Charges Abuse of Self-Legislation—Accepted Not What He Wanted—No Trouble if His Advice Had Been Followed On Vital Issues—Worries About Europe.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—President Wilson, in a telegram today to officials of the railroad brotherhoods criticized congress for failing to take action with regard to the high cost of living, the conclusion of peace and important domestic legislation. The telegram was in reply to a message asking the president to prevent the adjournment of congress today. The executive said that in the light of the record of the present congress, "I have no reason whatever to hope that its continuance in session would result in constructive measures for the relief of the economic conditions to which you call attention. It must be evident to all," the president said, "that the dominating motive which has actuated this congress is political expediency rather than lofty purpose to serve the public welfare."

The president declared that he had accepted some of the legislation enacted by this congress because he "despaired of anything better." The text of the president's telegram follows: "I received your telegram of June 3. You call my attention to matters that I presented to the present congress in a special message delivered at a joint session of the two houses August 8, 1919. In nine months this congress has, however, taken no important remedial action with respect to the problem of the cost of living on the lines indicated in that address or on any line. Not only has the present congress failed to deal directly with the cost of living but it has failed even to give serious consideration to the urgent appeal, oft-repeated by me and by the secretaries of the treasury to revise the tax law as which in their present form are indirectly responsible in part of the high cost of living. "The protracted delay in dealing with the problem of the railroads, the problem of the government owned merchant marine, and other similar urgent matters had resulted in unnecessary burdens upon the public treasury, and ultimately in legislation so unsatisfactory that I could accept it, if at all, only because I despaired of anything better. The present congress has not only prevented the conclusion of peace in Europe but has failed to present a constructive plan for dealing with deplorable conditions there, the continuance of which can only reflect upon us. "In the light of the record of the present congress I have no reason whatever to hope that its continuance in session would result in constructive measures for the relief of the economic conditions to which you call attention. It must be evident to all that the dominating motive which has actuated this congress is political expediency rather than lofty purpose to serve the public welfare."

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Chairman Kenyon said that all witnesses still unheard would be called at that time. Colonel Green said he had contributed money to the "mixed" faction of black and white republicans in Texas, but denied that he was working for any presidential candidate.

Chairman Kenyon announced that William Loeb, Jr., who collected \$225,000 for the Wood campaign; Alfred J. Greenbaum, treasurer of the Johnson campaign in California, and several Missouri witnesses had not responded to committee summons.

YREKA BOY ON WHEEL LEADS MAN IN AUTO HOT RACE THRU STATE

SALEM, Ore., June 5.—With David Hillis, age 15, riding a bicycle in the lead, and with George W. Lewis, in an auto, in fast pursuit, a unique race was being run today through Oregon. Young Hillis fled his home at Yreka, Cal., last Tuesday morning, and Mr. Lewis of a Yreka automobile company, took up the chase last Friday morning. Mr. Lewis reached Salem late last night. The boy is believed to be on the way to this city from Eugene, where he was reported seen yesterday morning.

GENERAL PLANS NEW FIGHT FOR LAST DELEGATES

CHICAGO, June 5.—The probability that Wood leaders will carry several delegate contests to the credentials committee was announced by Major General Leonard Wood today.

"I don't know what contests will be appealed to the credentials committee," said General Wood, "but there probably will be a number of them." General Wood said that there was no talk among the Wood forces of and coalition with the Johnson campaign anyway. Asked whether he considered his statement last night as a repudiation of the statement of Senator Moses, General Wood said: "I am not repudiating anything. Senator Moses issued his statement, and I issued mine. They stand separate statements. Senator Moses issued his statement for himself and I issued mine for myself, but I have not repudiated in connection with either statement."

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GALVESTON GRAIN TIE UP AT END

GALVESTON, Texas, June 5.—The first effect of Governor W. P. Hobby's efforts to relieve the freight congestion here came today when union switchmen employed by the Galveston Wharf company agreed to handle freight cars loaded and unloaded by either union or non-union dock workers. Previously the switchmen would not handle freight assembled by non-union longshoremen.

INDIANA VIEW, BASIS OF G. O. P. LEAGUE PLANK

Progress Reported on Platform by Committee—Senator Watson Finds Support to Declaration—Johnson Believes "Satisfactory One" Possible—Declines to Make Statement of Approval.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Progress toward an agreement on the platform plank dealing with the League of Nations, was reported today by republican leaders. The Indiana declaration it was said, will be the basis.

Senator Watson of Indiana, a candidate for the chairmanship of the resolutions committee was reported as leading negotiations for an agreement. It was stated authoritatively that he had a tentative plank which had received approval of many interested leaders.

Senator Johnson, who is making his principal platform fight on the league question, said today that he believed there would be a plank which would be satisfactory, but he declined to say whether he had yet approved the Watson draft.

BUDGET BILL IS CHANGED AFTER VETO, PASSED

WASHINGTON, June 5.—After it had been amended to meet President Wilson's objections the bill to establish a national budget system July 1 was re-passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

The president vetoed the bill last night because exclusive authority was given to congress to remove the comptroller-general and assistant comptroller-general, whose appointment by the president is provided in the measure.

Republican leaders agreed to a change placing the control over the two officers with the president, who would appoint them "with the advice and consent of the senate."

Representative Wingo, democrat, Arkansas, had complained that the republicans sought to jam thru the bill with a constitutional question unsettled but this was denied by Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the republican leader.

PROSECUTE PAPER PROFITEERS PLAN

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust and Clayton acts of print paper manufacturers suspected of profiteering was recommended today by the senate manufacturers sub-committee which conducted an investigation of the paper situation.

The committee furthermore recommended that should government efforts to maintain a reasonable price meet with failure a federal news print board be established, "to supervise the manufacture and distribution of print paper."

RUMOR PRESIDENT WORSE, DENIED

PHILADELPHIA, June 5.—Reports that President Wilson's condition has taken a turn for the worse were denied today by Dr. Francis X. Doremus, in this city.

SUFF. PICKETS AT CHICAGO BARRED

CHICAGO, June 5.—Opposition to picketing of the republican convention by the National Woman's party was voiced here today by Mrs. J. W. McGraw, legislative chairman of the Illinois equal suffrage association.

WOOD AIDES SAY STEAM ROLLER BUSY

General Ignores Charges of Senator Moses—No One to Guide Convention, and Elements That Confuse Busy—Uninstructed Delegates Want Band Wagon, But Can't Find One—Third Ballot to Tell Tale Is Prediction.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Disagreement between General Wood's managers over whether the republican national committee has been "steam rolled" by his delegates has furnished the incident which was needed to ward off the republican convention preliminaries with a three-ring finish.

Although Senator Moses, one of the general's managers, has denounced the decisions of the committee, which have sent Lowden delegates over Wood contestants as a "steam roller" procedure, General Wood, himself, has followed it up with a personal statement expressing confidence in the fairness of Chairman Hays and disclaiming any belief that the committee are permitting their personal preferences as to candidates to enter into the decisions, which will determine the character of delegations.

Steam-roller talk hasn't appeared in the preliminaries since the Taft-Roosevelt contest of 1912, and it adds to the noise and confusion in which the uninstructed delegate, so to speak, is having some difficulty in locating the band wagon.

There are several elements which contribute to the support of predictions that it is going to be a regular old time convention. Four years ago pre-convention Saturday, everybody looked pretty tame. Charles Evans Hughes was as good as nominated, although it was not generally known, and the atmosphere was placid. Today there are a dozen little swirling eddies each loaded with possibilities of developing into cyclonic proportions.

Many steadying influences which guided the preliminaries of four years ago are absent and a good many new elements which make for confusion are present. The majority of the delegates are uninstructed and although, as is generally the case, many of them are anxious to board some band wagon, there does not appear to be any. There are several vehicles ready to be rolled, but the horse-over doesn't seem to be mobilized and everybody seems to look to the possibilities that some of the horses may be dark. Moreover, the delegates who will have to contribute the votes to nominate the candidate seem to be having little real information so far as to the starting point of the procession although they are being invited in half a dozen different directions.

There is the absence of the steady influence of the old-time leaders who have hitherto been able to guide the destinies of the convention. The bosses who speak with a note of authority seem to be absent and although the incoming delegates are willing to be led they don't find any considerable party being personally conducted in any one direction.

About the only thing that everybody seems to be agreed upon is that no candidate is going to be nominated on the first ballot and from the information that leaks out from the various inner circles of the different groups it seems that all the managers are figuring on at least three ballots to find out where they stand and make up their estimates on the possibilities. The prediction of many seasoned politicians is that the convention will have its opening hurrah, the complimentary votes for the favorite sons, the ballots to fulfill the instructions and pledges and then the real business will begin.

PAUL JONES WINS SUBURBAN RACE

NEW YORK, June 5.—Paul Jones won the suburban handicap at Belmont park today over a muddy track. Boniface was second and Exterminator third. The time was 2:09 3/5. Paul Jones was ridden by A. Schutinger, E. Sande handled Boniface and Exterminator had Rise up. Usenet and Thunderclap also ran. Five other entries were withdrawn.

HI DON'T LIKE IDEA PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE

Johnson Expects Delegates to Stay Till Finish—Favors Primary as Success, But Would Change—Vice-Presidential Talk Ignored—Approves General Wood's Ideas on Voting.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Senator Hiram Johnson announced today that he felt confident that every delegate who came from a state that cast a preferential vote in his favor would vote for him not only on the first or first few ballots but until he released them.

"I have no fear that any will violate the instructions given by the people of his state. I fully expect delegates in a state that cast a preferential vote in my favor to vote for me," he said.

When his attention was called to the situation in North Dakota where delegates reported favorable to General Wood were elected, but where Johnson, who was the only candidate running in the preference primary, carried the state, Senator Johnson stated that he fully expected to receive the North Dakota vote.

Asked whether he expected to hold all these delegates until he released them he answered decidedly in the affirmative.

Reports were called to his attention that in several cases delegates who favored other candidates, but who were instructed for him intended to vote for him on one ballot and then switch.

"I see where I have been invited to become a vice-presidential nominee," Senator Johnson told the newspapermen. "This is not the first time and it is peculiar that the men who make these invitations apparently think that I am unfit for the presidency. We are going right along with our fight for the presidency. Referring to a statement credited to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, today that the presidential primaries were a failure, Senator Johnson said:

"Where would I be in this race if it were not for the primary? I am heartily in favor of the primary. Is it right to say the people are fit to choose a president, but are not fit to choose a nominee? Some time later, however, I intend to offer several recommendations relative to conducting primaries. These will be along lines making them more uniform and reducing the expense."

Senator Johnson said he was by no means opposed to General Wood's idea of a single primary day for the entire country, but at the same time did not believe this as vital as some other points.

OREGON EDITOR IS HONORED

BOSTON, June 5.—William Wilkie of Grey Eagle, Minn., was elected president of the National Editorial association, at the last session of the annual convention today. Other officers elected included: Vice president, E. E. Brodie, of Oregon City, Ore., and treasurer, W. W. Aikens, of Franklin, Ind.

CONGRESS QUILTS UNTIL DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The sixty-sixth congress ended its second session today, adjourning sine die at 4 p. m. Unless a grave emergency arises which makes necessary a special session, it will not meet again until December 6.

PRESIDENT SIGNS POSTAL PAY BILL

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The postal pay increase bill, under which postoffice employes will receive \$33,000,000 additional salary next year and more thereafter was signed today by President Wilson.

POTATO PRICES REACH HIGHEST FIGURE KNOWN \$2 JUMP IN A DAY

CHICAGO, June 5.—Potatoes' prices today reached their highest mark in the history of the country. This was reported by the federal bureau of markets after new potatoes had advanced \$2 a hundredweight over yesterday and old potatoes had moved up 70 to 75 cents. New potatoes sold here today at \$11 and \$12 a hundredweight, which figures out around \$7.20 a bushel. One car of old potatoes sold at \$9.25 a hundredweight or \$6.75 and \$7 a bushel. The highest previous price of potatoes on record here is \$3.50 to \$4 a bushel for old stock in the spring of 1917.

PASS BILL TO BAR, DEPORT RED RADICALS

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The bill designed to exclude dangerous aliens from the United States was passed today by the house and sent to the president. Under its terms membership in organizations advocating overthrow of organized government or sabotage would be sufficient ground for the deportation or exclusion of aliens.

Minor senate amendments to the bill were unanimously approved by the house.

As sent to the president, the bill also makes subject to deportation or exclusion aliens who write, publish or knowingly circulate and keep in their possession written or printed matter opposing organized government advocating its overthrow or supporting destructive of property or sabotage. It also brings within its scope alien members of organizations publishing the prohibitive literature and declare foreigners who contribute money to the publishing organizations of groups shall be regarded as members.

SEN. PENROSE MAY FACE OPERATIONS

PHILADELPHIA, June 5.—Five physicians were in consultation at the Senator Bois Penrose residence this forenoon. From the fact that two surgeons, Dr. John B. Deaver, and Dr. Edward Martin, were added to the group heretofore in attendance on the senator it is gathered that an operation is contemplated.

The patient is said to be suffering great pain from an attack of hemorrhoids. To relieve the suffering narcotics have been administered the past few days.

BRITISH WAR ON 'HOP' SMUGGLERS

WASHINGTON, June 5.—Authoritative information has revealed that the recent order in council requiring firms under British registry in China to be managed entirely by British subjects was aimed at certain companies which have abused the privilege for purposes such as smuggling opium.

It is declared that the order was not directed against foreign interests as such and least of all against American interests.

WATER POWER BILL KILLED BY VETO

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The president by a "pocket veto" killed the water power measure, the resolutions repealing war time legislation and the Underwood wood pulp resolution. The report said he had not been given time to give proper consideration to the measures. Several minor measures met the same fate.

LOOKS LIKE DARK HORSE AT CHICAGO

Candidates With Good Prospects May Use Vote Power—Contests Finished—"Destinies" to Assume Shape in Committee Meetings—Too Much Federal Aid—Delegates Arriving in Full Force—Chilly Weather.

CHICAGO, June 5.—Republican committees are quite sure there will be little delay in getting to an agreement in the convention. It may develop that some one of the candidates now in the field besides having good prospects for his own nomination, will also hold a veto power which will compel the compromise managers to accept a man of whom he approves. Senator Johnson of California is always mentioned when this probability is discussed.

There is still another element which adds to the uncertainty which promises to continue up to the time the convention begins to ballot. It is a repeatedly expressed feeling among state governors, chairmen of state delegations and others that members of congress and federal officials have too much to say in convention plans and delegations.

This is the last day of the committee's deliberations on contests among the state delegations unless something suddenly is upset and the committeemen will be free to take part in the conferences of Sunday and Monday which will play so large a part in shaping the destinies of the convention. Chairman Hays is making no statement in reply to the steam-roller charges, but he points out that this year the committee made it the practice in its open sessions to spread upon it smites the legal reasons for its decision in each case and that this record will be available if the credentials committee or if a fight is to be carried to the floor of the convention.

For nearly a week now things have been shaping to a point where only a push was required to start them off. The national committee in its daily sessions was really the only part of the political machinery actually doing any work.

Several full delegations and numerous fragments of others were scheduled to roll in today.

Railroad officials say they are being taxed for equipment because of the crowds.

Chilly weather is a surprise to most of the in-comers. Some of the delegates are still complaining because they came unprepared for the low temperatures.

Among recent bookings at the prominent hotels are Judge Gary, chairman of the United States Steel corporation; George W. Perkins and party of New York, Henry W. Taft, John Hays Hammond and Frank A. Vanderlip, Charles F. Murphy, Tammany chief, has rooms for himself and several friends.

POLITICS ADD TO DULL WAVE WEEK'S STOCK

NEW YORK, June 5.—Influenced mainly by further limitations imposed upon unessential credits, the stock market this week established a low record for dullness this year. Liberty bonds, however, showed moderate activity at the expense of quoted values.

The political situation was among the deterrent factors, commission houses attributing much of the curtailment to uncertainty regarding the outcome of next week's developments at Chicago.

Local money conditions were unchanged, except for a further reduction of brokers' loans. The general money market was firmer at almost every important center.

Chief of the encouraging events in the securities market was the firm to strong tone of railroad shares. Especial interest attached to the repurchase by an international banking house of a large block of St. Louis and San Francisco railway bonds from France.

Freight congestion continued to improve, but much remains to be accomplished.