

THIS IS THE BALLOT DEADLOCKS

In The

At 6 p.m. PDT the Democratic party was a flaming mass of elemental passion. At the drop of a hat, it had slipped back nine decades in history. There on the floor of the International auditorium in the Chicago stockyards, burning fiercely, were all the sectional hatreds and sectional differences that brought on the tragedy of the Civil War.

Again the word SECESSION was being bandied about. Men's voices, as they argued, were high and tense and hot.

Rebellion, at whatever cost, was in the air.

Two hours later— THE SCENE HAD CHANGED. Men who 120 minutes before had been ready to fly at each other's throats were speaking mildly and conciliatorily. There was reconciliation in the air. The miracle had happened that (tragically) DIDN'T happen in 1860.

Let's put it another way. At 6 p.m. PDT yesterday the joint sense that is the Democratic party had suddenly, dramatically, flown apart into its component pieces.

By 8 p.m. PDT it had miraculously come back together.

What wrought the miracle? What cooled the flaming passions? What brought the angrily sundered joints of the snake back together again into a smoothly functioning entity?

This is it: There came to the mass of fighting, clawing, biting Democrats there on the floor of International auditorium the chilling thought that if we go on with this we'll lose our power, our perquisites and our place in the sun.

That thought was like a swift, beating rain falling down on a scorching fire in the dry prairie grass. It quenched the flames. It brought this sobering thought: If we keep this up THE REPUBLICANS WILL BEAT US.

From there on, all was sweetness and light.

Where else, save in the Democratic party, could that happen? That is why the Democratic party, for more than a century, has rolled on and on and on. That is why the Democratic party is the top wonder of the world.

How do they do it? If you listened through last night, you have the answer. It's SHOW-MANSHIP. Democrats, from Jefferson and Jackson on down, have been showmen of the first magnitude.

They give the customers their money's worth in the way of a SPECTACLE.

As this is written, they're staging another big spectacle. Harry is on his way from Washington. He has settled the steel strike. He settled it without recourse to the Taft-Hartley law. It was costly, of course. He killed hundreds of thousands of merry, stopped prices from going down. It started them BACK UP again. It slowed our economy from a gallop to a walk. It could have left us in a bad fix if the Russians had not intervened.

But it all came out right in the end and Harry is on his way to Chicago with the scalps of the big interests hanging at his belt and victory in the bag for the little people.

And he'll arrive in Chicago at the psychological moment.

Oh, sure. It means more inflation. But what of that? Inflation's bite won't come until later. This is NOW. And right now is what counts.

Just the name, we Republicans will do well to take a leaf from the century and a quarter old Democratic book. We'd better talk more as well as think more about what's good for the people, and maybe we'd better talk a little less about what's good for business.

After all, what's good for the people as a whole is good for business as a whole. And what's genuinely good for business is genuinely good for the people.

We'd better find a way this year to DRAMATIZE that fact. Everybody loves drama. REALISTIC drama is still drama, and in the past we Republicans have provided too little of it.

The Democrats are masters of the art.

A serious word in conclusion. It is most significant that in this convention, with all their star-spangled oratory, the Democrats have been LOOKING BACKWARD and talking and thinking about the past. About the full stomachs and the fat pocketbooks that have come out of a war economy.

Those of us who believe in life are looking forward and are talking and thinking about the future. If we're going to win, we'd better put FIRE and CONVICTION into our talking and our thinking.

Fire and conviction provide drama.

FBI Draws Crater Murder Net Closer

Somewhere in an ever-lightening FBI net today was the murderous robber who last Saturday shot two men to death in Crater Lake National Park.

There was nothing in the report from FBI headquarters today to point a possibility of a break in the case soon. J. B. Postler, chief of the FBI bureau in Portland, told the Herald and News simply: "We are progressing by elimination."

But to this reporter, there seemed to be an electric air of expectancy today. Said one of the federal agents here: "I hope you've got a good lunch. And then he smiled and turned back to the job at hand; minutes are precious to the government agents when killers are at large."

Since two General Motors officials were robbed and slain in the national park last Saturday, a sizeable squad of crack federal agents have worked top speed to break the case.

Victims of the daring and brutal daylight murders were G. P. Culhane, Detroit, Mich., and A. M. Jones, Concord, Calif.

Old timers say that few crimes in Klamath history have so stirred the citizenry. Since the victims' bodies were found Monday afternoon interest in the case has been extremely high. And most remarks in their heads about one-quarter of a mile back in the woods from the park's South entrance highway.

Although the case is being handled by the FBI, all other law enforcement agencies have taken an active interest. Yesterday the writer went to the scene of the crime with a party including Circuit Judge David Vandenberg, Sheriff Murray (Red) Britton and ex-Sheriff Lloyd Low.

The shadowy forest glade where Culhane and Jones were found dead from single bullet wounds in their heads, is about one-quarter of a mile back in the woods from the park's South entrance highway.

Typical of other visitors to the scene, Vandenberg, Britton and Low theorized on how the crime was actually committed as they stepped gingerly about the tragic area. To aid them in making their deductions, the writer assumed prone positions on the exact spots the murdered men's bodies were discovered.

If and when the case comes to trial, it will be in federal court. "I wouldn't be here if I were going to try the case," remarked Circuit Judge Vandenberg at the crime scene yesterday.

The confession was announced to the Herald and News this morning by Ray J. Abaticchio, chief of the San Francisco FBI bureau.

Although he declined to reveal Mrs. Murray's possible motive, the FBI chief said the case definitely had no connection with the recent Crater Lake murders of two General Motors executives.

Ranger Murray was in charge of Lassen National Park yesterday. He and Mrs. Murray lived at the station.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Murray phoned Chief Ranger Nelson Murdoch and said her husband had committed suicide. Because the park is federal property, the FBI took over.

The ranger had died from two 22 bullet wounds in the left side between the shoulder and hip. The FBI investigation culminated in filing of the murder charge and the subsequent confession.

Mrs. Murray is being held without bail. She is to be removed to Sacramento for trial in federal court there.

The "Build the Basin" program of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce has brought in 125 new Chamber members and is but \$3,000 short of its \$20,000 goal, according to the results of a report meeting held yesterday in the Willard.

Yesterday's meeting—the third and final one—saw three divisions exceed their quotas while six others were to clean up, their drives and reports in by next Tuesday evening.

Business Engineer Oscar Gabbert, here to direct the Chamber's revitalization program, said the Chamber must "keep on building the basin" despite the fact the expansion drive is actually over.

"The Chamber is on the spot," Gabbert said, "to those who have fulfilled their obligations. Considerable work must yet be done. There's no question it will be done."

Gabbert said he would suggest some Chamber policy changes, among them ask for a majority and minority report on questions to be submitted for the scrutiny of public opinion.

The hotel, motel, restaurant and tavern division of the Chamber has achieved 119 per cent of its goal of \$1,500 with a \$2,220 total; the professional division attained \$1,725, or 107 per cent of its \$1,700 goal; and the service division reached \$3,925 or 107 per cent of its goal.

SOME INCOMPLETE Some reports were incomplete yesterday, and almost all still had cleanup work to be done. Agriculture, with a goal of \$3,500, has achieved a total of \$2,450 or 82 per cent; Auto and transportation goal \$3,500, reached the \$2,775 mark; construction's goal of \$2,200 was still short at \$1,925 or 88 per cent; finance, utility, manufacturing and wholesale's division goal of \$2,900 was short at \$2,225 or 75 per cent; real estate, with a goal of \$1,100, stood at \$1,010 or 92 per cent and retail's \$7,000 goal was only 71 per cent fulfilled at \$4,990.

Gabbert said the 125 new Chamber memberships obtained during the drive was an excellent average, since there were but 338 prospects.

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Opening Legion Convention



AMERICAN LEGIONNAIRES kicked off their 1952 state convention here today with an advance registration of 1950 and hundreds of others listed to attend. Above, pretty Klamath Basin Roundup Princess Aurelia Patterson puts a big match to the bigger firecracker on festivities with a bang.

Indian Timber Sale Slated

Sale of a sizable block of timber on the Klamath Indian reservation is slated for Monday afternoon at Klamath Agency.

The timber stand is in the Black Hills logging unit, about 3,000 acres, and contains an estimated 8,500,000 board feet of sugar pine and some 3,000,000 board feet of white fir.

Sealed bids will be received until 1 p.m. (standard time) at Klamath Agency, and then the sale will be thrown open to oral bidding with only those companies submitting sealed bids eligible to take part in the auction.

Minimum bids acceptable are \$37.25 for the sugar pine, \$6.88 for white fir. On the amount of timber estimated to be in the tract, the minimum price would be \$316,625 for the pine and \$20,640 for the fir, a total of \$337,265.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied with a deposit check for \$20,000.

The last big timber sale on the reservation saw pine got for a record \$51 a thousand.

The contract with the successful bidder stipulate that the timber be cut in one year.

Canners Say Threat Over

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Charles W. York, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Canners Association, said Friday the steel strike ended just in time to prevent a disaster in the country's canned food industry.

York said railroad cars will be waiting at mill gates to load stored tinplate the minute plants open.

"It is still too early to predict how much damage has been done to the canning business. It depends on too many ifs, such as condition of the stored tinplate. How fast it can be delivered to can manufacturers and how quick can deliveries can be made to canners," York said.

York estimated that approximately 10 per cent of the nation's annual canning business already has been lost.

Olympic Bulletins

HELSINKI—Horace Ashenfeller occupied the Olympic Games spotlight Friday but his amazing steel-pleasure victory was not recognized as a world record.

The FBI man won the 3,000 meter steeplechase in eight minutes, 43.8 seconds. It will not be recognized as a world record because international track and field authorities, taking notice of the variations in steeplechase courses, won't list a record for the event.

It was the 21st Olympic record broken in six days of track and field competition and just a few minutes later two Jamaicans broke the 22nd in the 400 meter dash.

George Rhoden and Herb McKenzie finished one-two in the 400 and both were caught in the same time of 45.9.

Other results: Sgt. Huellet Benner of Fort Kobbe Panama Canal Zone, won first place in the free pistol shooting event.

The U.S. team placed fourth in the modern Pentathlon, won by Hungary.

Mexico's basketball team beat Finland, 66-48, in the opening afternoon game.

Russia continued to lead the United States by about 100 points due to the Reds' domination of gymnastic competition.

Bob Mathias, the defending champion, led the decathlon event after five events with a total of 4,367 points. Milton Campbell, 18-year-old Plainfield, N.J., schoolboy, was second with 4,111 and Floyd Simmons of Los Angeles third with 3,324.

(Early Olympics story in sports section.)

Odell Lake Luck Good

Odell Lake is having an amazing run on huge mackinaws, Resort Owner Wilson Wade reported today.

AL Convention In Full Sway

One of the greatest conventions in recent Klamath history — and perhaps the greatest of all time here — got underway today with official registration at the Veterans Memorial Hall and a department rehabilitation commission session slated for 7:30 p.m. in the Court-house.

The convention is expected to swell Klamath's population by several thousand before it is over, 2,000 delegates — not including wives, husbands and families — have already been listed for attendance here.

The first wave of conventioners were beginning to hit the town this morning.

Tomorrow registration is to continue all day, and has been officially set at 40 at 8 day. The 8 at 40 — the women's group — also has scheduled its big doings for tomorrow.

The Legion Auxiliary also gets its convention underway today, with first activities set tomorrow.

Big day this weekend is Sunday. At 5 p.m. the annual barbecue has been scheduled for Modoc Field, and at 8 p.m. the annual drum and bugle corps competition is slated. For the first time in many years Klamath Falls Legionnaires have built up a crack corps, and plans to give other state marching units heavy competition.

Korean News Blackout Off

MUNSAN, Korea (AP)—The three-week news blackout was lifted from the Korean armistice talks Friday, showing the deadlock over prisoner exchange — final issue blocking a truce — still unbroken.

Despite a United Nations offer to return an additional 13,000 captives to the Communists, 18 off the record meetings since July 4 proved "completely fruitless," said Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison Jr.

"We are no nearer a solution of the problem than we were on July 4," the chief Allied delegate said, but added:

"As long as we continue negotiations there is always hope, when the enemy proposed this morning that we go back into open sessions, I agreed heartily."

The U. N. command said it refused to back down on its decision not to return forcibly any prisoner to the Communists. Only 83,000 of 170,000 allied-held POWs want to be repatriated, Harrison said. This is an increase of 13,000 over the figure submitted to the Reds earlier, before screening of POWs was completed.

Three Way Contest Is Developing

Production Of Steel To Start Soon

WASHINGTON (AP)—The longest, costliest steel strike in American history in effect is over. Production is expected to resume next week.

The striking CIO Steelworkers Union was considered a virtually certain Friday to ratify a strike-end agreement reached at the White House after President Truman personally demanded—and got—a settlement.

It was not a clear cut victory for anyone concerned—the union, industry, or the government. There was give and take on all sides.

The end of the crippling, 53-day strike was announced late Thursday by the President himself, with CIO President Philip Murray and U. S. Steel Chairman Benjamin Fairless standing beside him.

Calling newsmen into his office — a rare occurrence—Truman told them Murray and Fairless "have reached agreement on important basic issues" after day-long conferences, and predicted a "speedy resumption of steel production."

He said Murray would meet Friday with his 175-man wage-policy committee to obtain ratification of the agreement.

Fairless, it was reliably learned, plans to make a personal appearance before this committee in a dramatic move aimed at wiping out any bitterness. The union invited him to make a short talk to the group after a closed session in which actual ratification of the agreement was scheduled.

At best it will be four or five days before any substantial production of steel is reached. It takes that long to heat up the banked blast furnaces which standby workers have kept alive ever since the strike started June 2.

Some officials have predicted that such a boost would increase the cost of living, already at an all-time high.

The \$5 price increase, ironically enough, was the price increase Charles E. Wilson, as defense mobilization, said the industry should get to compensate for higher wage costs. Wilson said he thought he had presidential approval for an over-ceiling boost, but Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall refused to go along and said that as long as he was price boss the industry would not get more than the \$2.84 allowed under the Caphart Amendment to the controls law.

Truman stuck with Arnall, and Wilson resigned in a huff, writing the President, "You changed the plan we agreed upon."

No wage or other terms were announced at Thursday's White House session, but it was reliably learned the agreement includes these conditions:

A wage boost of 16 cents an hour for 650,000 basic steel workers; a highly modified form of union shop which allows present non-union members to stay out and gives new employees a 15-day escape period in their first month of employment; six paid holidays; three weeks vacation after 15 years' service; a two-year contract dating from last July 30, with a wage reopener next June 30.

These concessions came a total of just over 21 cents an hour for each worker. Pre-strike pay averaged slightly under \$2 an hour. The strike, longest in the nation's steel history, will have cost more than 21 million tons of the defense-vital metal by the time full production is resumed. It has imperiled the defense program and stopped altogether the production of some high-priority items like 105 mm shells.

These stark facts, which the President presumably found at home in his 10-minute meeting with Murray and Fairless, undoubtedly played a large part in the settlement which came seven hours later. Other White House peace efforts, in April, May and June, had all collapsed.

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FIRST BALLOT

The official totals on the first ballot in the voting for the Democratic candidate for president were:

Stevenson	273
Kefauver	246
Russell	268
Harriman	123 1/2
Barkley	48 1/2
Kerr	65
Ewing	4
Fulbright	23
Dever	37 1/2
Paul Douglas	3
Humphrey	26
Justice Douglas	15
Truman	6

By JACK BELL CONVENTION HALL, CHICAGO (AP)—A multiple ballot battle over the Democratic presidential nomination developed Friday as it became apparent that no candidate could win the prize on the first count.

Barring last-minute vote switches, which seemed unlikely, Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois, Sen. Estes Kefauver of Tennessee and Sen. Richard B. Russell of Georgia headed for a tieup on the first ballot with none of them within striking distance of the 615 1/2 votes needed for victory.

With the first count progressing slowly in this suddenly quiet amphitheater, there were indications that Stevenson was developing the strength that might carry him to a later nomination unless his opponents could combine against him quickly.

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