

TAFT AGAIN VICTOR

PRESIDENT WINS TWELVE COM-TESTED DELEGATES FROM STATE OF INDIANA.

MAKING 84 VOTES TO DATE

Session of Republican National Committee a Stormy One—Chief Executive's Forces Claim 560 on Temporary Organization Roll Call.

CONTESTS DECIDED BY REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.	
Alabama.	
Delegates-at-large	.....Taft 6
Five congressional districts	.....Taft 10
Arkansas.	
Delegates-at-large	.....Taft 4
Six congressional districts	.....Taft 12
Florida.	
Delegates-at-large	.....Taft 6
First district	.....Taft 2
Second district	.....Taft 2
Third district	.....Taft 2
Georgia.	
Delegates-at-large	.....Taft 4
Twelve congressional districts	.....Taft 24
Indiana.	
Delegates-at-large	.....Taft 4
First district	.....Taft 2
Third district	.....Taft 2
Fourth district	.....Taft 2
Thirteenth district	.....Taft 2
Total Taft gain	.....84

Chicago, June 12.—The Republican national committee here Monday after the most stormy session the committee has held since it assembled, seated the twelve Taft delegates from Indiana.

The four Taft delegates-at-large were seated by a vote of 52 to 0, the Roosevelt members, seeing their hopelessness, voting with the Taft forces. The committee also seated the Taft delegates from the First, Third, Fourth and Thirteenth districts—eight in all—a total of twelve for the day, against none for Roosevelt.

In the First district fight the vote was unanimous, the Roosevelt men joining with the Taft members of the committee. In the Third district there was a matter of unidentified "noes" in the viva voce ballot, but no roll call was asked. In the Fourth the Roosevelt contest was withdrawn and the Taft men were seated unanimously.

In the Thirteenth there was a real fight, but the Taft men were seated by a vote of 36 to 14. This contest also required more than two hours for its hearing, because of a battle over the presentation of 71 affidavits by the Roosevelt men. By a vote of 20 to 30 the committee refused to permit them to be admitted, because they had not made their appearance soon enough for their examination by the Taft men. Despite this vote the committee directed that the affidavits be read. This makes 84 contested delegates already seated for Taft.

The Indiana delegates-at-large thus confirmed are Col. Harry S. New and ex-Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis, ex-Representative James E. Watson of Rushville and Joseph E. Oliver of South Bend. The defeated contestants are ex-Senator Albert J. Beveridge of Indianapolis, Edwin M. Lee of Lawrenceburg, ex-Representative Fred K. Landis of Logansport and Charles H. Campbell of Shelbyville.

The Taft forces now figure that on roll call the temporary organization of the Republican national convention will disclose 560 votes for William H. Taft. This is a margin of exactly 20 above a majority.

On the other hand, friends of Roosevelt are claiming that in spite of the domination of the national committee by the Taft forces with its corollary of a Taft majority in the temporary roll call that T. R. will control the committee on credentials.

BILL WILL OUST GEN. WOOD

Conferees Agree on Army Measure Concerning Holding of Office of Chief of Staff.

Washington, June 12.—By the narrow margin of three votes the friends of Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the United States army, Monday lost the fight in the senate to prevent legislation that will retire him from the head of the army on March 4 next and make it impossible for him to again be appointed to that important office.

\$45,000 Diamond Story.
Duluth, Minn., June 12.—The four-year-old child of Charles Meyer of New York "played raintrops" with \$45,000 worth of black diamonds Monday in a local hotel room with the window open. None were lost.

Queen of Sweden in Airship Trip.
Berlin, June 12.—The great Zeppelin airship Schwaben carried several royal personages Monday in a trip from Baden Baden, the queen of Sweden and a Siamese prince enjoying a two hours' cruise.

English Chancellor Resigns.
London, June 12.—Earl Loreburn, lord high chancellor of England, resigned his office here on Monday and has been succeeded by Viscount Haldane, who was formerly secretary of war.

EIGHT ARE MURDERED

WHOLE FAMILY BRUTALLY SLAIN IN IOWA HOME.

Four Children, With Their Parents and Two Girl Visitors, Killed by Unknown Assailant.

Villisca, Ia., June 11.—An unknown assassin wiped out an entire family here by foully slaying eight persons while they slept at the Moore home.

The dead: Joseph B. Moore, Mrs. Joseph B. Moore, Herman Moore, eleven years old; Catherine Moore, nine years old; Boyd Moore, seven years old; Paul Moore, six years old; Lena Spillinger, aged fourteen; Ina Spillinger, aged nine.

The Spillinger girls were daughters of Joseph Spillinger, a well-to-do farmer, who were guests of the Moores. All eight were found dead in their beds with their heads literally smashed into a jelly. The ax used in the terrible execution was found in an upstairs room, where the murderer visitor probably did his last work. The ax is one that belonged to Mr. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore and their four children occupied the lower part of the house and the Spillinger girls were sleeping in an upstairs room.

The vicinity of Villisca is patrolled by members of the Villisca militia company. In common with officers all over southwestern Iowa, they are looking for John Vangilder of Omaha, divorced husband of Mrs. Moore's sister, who is suspected of some knowledge of the crime. He is reported to have been seen in Villisca Saturday.

The position of the bodies show that there was no struggle and that they were slain as they slept.

FLASHES OFF THE WIRE

Washington, June 12.—Rear Admiral Benjamin Peffer Lambertson died at his home on Sunday after a lingering illness, aged sixty-eight years. Death was due to a general breakdown.

Washington, June 12.—The senate will vote on the Lorimer case July 6 unless the present session is ended before that date. The agreement for a date for the vote was reached without any opposition.

San Quentin, Cal., June 12.—One convict was killed and four desperately wounded on Sunday when the guards at the state penitentiary fired on a mob of rioting prisoners who started a mutiny in the dining room.

Chihuahua, Mex., June 11.—Rich men who have been providing the money to finance the revolution under General Orozco are displeased with his conduct of the war and several of the wealthiest among them have flatly refused to advance another dollar.

Raleigh, N. C., June 9.—The state Democratic convention elected eight delegates-at-large on Friday to the Baltimore convention and by a vote of 503 to 396 endorsed Governor Woodrow Wilson's candidacy.

St. Louis, Mo., June 10.—St. Louis City and the nation Friday afternoon paid final honor to Congressman Elbert H. Hubbard, deceased. National respect for the late congressman was extended by a delegation from the United States senate and house.

Washington, June 8.—Attended by President Taft, Vice-President Sherman, senators, congressmen and officials and dignitaries high in the service of the United States, obsequies for Senator George E. Nixon of Nevada were held at his residence in Woodley Lane Thursday afternoon.

Washington, June 8.—In the presence of a number of western congressmen, President Taft signed the three-year homestead bill Thursday. This law decreases the time for proving claims from five to three years.

23 SINK IN SUBMARINE

French Battleship St. Louis Rama Vendemiaire as Smaller Craft Appears Under Ship's Bow.

Chebourg, June 11.—France suffered another marine disaster and lost her fourth submarine when the Vendemiaire, in mimic warfare Saturday off Cherbourg peninsula, was crushed down by the battleship Saint Louis and disappeared in 150 feet of water with the 23 members of the crew.

The submarine undoubtedly was ripped apart by the steel prow of the battleship and all hope has been abandoned of saving the crew.

An official statement issued by the minister of marine fixes the number of men aboard as 23, including the commander, Lieutenant Priou, and Ensign Audic.

Although a board of inquiry was immediately appointed, it is said that no blame attaches to the Saint Louis, as the Vendemiaire came to the surface directly under the battleship's bow.

Sues Judge Landis for \$500,000.

Chicago, June 12.—William J. Ammen, counsel for George F. Harding, following the colloquy in the federal court, filed suit in the superior court last Monday against Judge Landis for \$500,000.

Direct Election of Senators.

PRINCES AMONG GERMAN VISITORS



HERE are the two princes who are officers of the visiting German squadron. On the left is Prince Christian von Phessen and on the right Prince Henry XXXVII of Reuss.

ATTACK U.S. TROOPS HIGH COURT DECREES

CUBAN REBELS IN BATTLE WITH MARINES NEAR SANTIAGO.

Reverse a Number of Commerce Court Rulings—Chief Justice White Defines Power.

Washington, June 9.—What the Supreme court of the United States did here on Friday:

Reversed Commerce court decision upholding interstate commerce commission in suit brought by Proctor & Gamble to nullify order of commission which permitted Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad to collect demurrage on tank cars owned by the Gamble company, even while on own sidings. Reversed Commerce court in case involving fight of receivers and shippers association of Cincinnati for reduction of rates to Chattanooga. Reversed Commerce court decision in the case of the interstate commerce commission against a number of eastern railroads involving the maintenance of rates on coal for steaming purposes different from rates on coal used for other purposes.

Affirmed the validity of the Indiana state law of 1907 regulating the sale of commercial foodstuffs and requiring submission of samples on the ground that it does not conflict with federal pure food act.

Awarded the Westinghouse Electric company approximately \$139,000 from the Wagner Electric company.

Chief Justice White defined the powers of the commerce court in the cases decided, declaring in effect that the commerce court could not substitute its own opinion for that of the interstate commerce commission and that the court has taken to itself powers not conferred by law.

OMAHA GETS NEXT MEET.
The Nebraska State Press association, at its recent Lincoln session, decided to meet in Omaha next year. The action was unanimous.

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BREWER ON STATE BOARD.
George H. Brewer of Omaha has been appointed a member of the State Board of Health. His duties will begin July 3.

A STATE-AID BRIDGE.
The contract for the Loup City state-aid bridge has been awarded to the Standard Bridge company of Omaha, whose bid was \$19,800. State Engineer Price and the county board awarded the contract. The bridge is to be of steel, 489 feet long, four spans and concrete piers.

REDUCE J. D. ROCKEFELLER'S TAXES.
Columbus, O., June 11.—By reducing the appraised valuation from \$1,200,270 to \$985,550 on Forest Hill, and of the independent Cleveland estate, John D. Rockefeller's Cleveland estate, the Ohio tax commission lowered his usual taxes more than \$1,500.

HAVANA HAS RACE WAR.
Havana, June 11.—Following a deadly riot here Saturday a race war raged for hours in the city of Havana. Thousands of young men of the better classes paraded the streets with shouts of "Down with the negroes!"

KING OF GREECE TO ABDICATE.
Athens, June 12.—King George will abdicate in favor of the crown prince in 1913, when he will have completed a reign of 50 years. This announcement was made on the return of the king from Copenhagen.

FRANCHISE STRIKE EXTENSIVE.
Havre, June 12.—The strike of firemen, trimmers and seamen on the France threatens to involve all the shipping in this harbor, a meeting of 1,000 men allied with the shipping trades voting for a general strike.

LIBERTY TOWER BUILDING, IN NEW YORK.
Bankrupts East St. Louis Firm—Liabilities Are \$1,400,000.

East St. Louis, Ill., June 10.—The C. L. Gray Construction company of East St. Louis filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court at Danville. The company alleged it has liabilities of \$1,400,000 and assets of \$450,000. Thirty Illinois and Missouri banks are named as some of the creditors. In amounts from \$1,500 to \$75,000. One of the causes of the failure stated in the petition was the building of the Liberty Tower building in New York.

GROWERS OF WHEAT

A CONTEST IN WHICH ALL CAN PARTICIPATE.

GO AFTER THE SILVER TROPHY

The individual Having the Highest Five Acre Yield Takes What is Worth Capturing.

Nebraskan will be interested in the 1912 five-acre hard winter wheat contest, which is open to every wheat grower in the state. Three years ago the South Platte Millers' association donated a \$200 silver trophy to be awarded annually by the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association to the wheat grower in Nebraska producing a 5-acre field giving the highest yield per acre of good quality hard winter wheat. In addition to this trophy, the Nebraska Corn Improvers' association offers \$50 in cash prizes to be awarded as follows: First premium, \$20; second premium, \$15; third premium, \$10; and fourth premium, \$5.

The object of this contest is to promote the growing of more and better hard winter wheat. Nebraska now produces 45,000,000 bushels of wheat annually, which is three times as much as twenty years ago. During the last ten years, wheat has averaged four bushels per acre more than during any previous ten-year period. These increases are due chiefly to increased acreage, the replacing of spring wheat with Turkey winter, and better methods of sowing, especially the use of the press drill.

The Nebraska production of wheat can, and should be, still greatly increased. There is no better way of arousing interest than for the wheat growers of the state to enter into a friendly contest of this character. It will do much to call attention to the best methods of wheat growing. It costs nothing to enter. You are invited to register as a contestant by filling out the following blank and mailing at once to T. A. Kisselbach, secretary Nebraska Corn Improvers' association, Lincoln, Neb.

Here's How to Get In.

Secy. Nebraska Corn Improvers' Association, Lincoln, Neb. Dear Sir: I wish to enter the 5-acre wheat contest. My field is located in Range..... Town..... Section..... County..... P. O. Name.....

Lincoln's Federal Building.

Just how the \$25,000, which will probably soon be appropriated for the remodeling of the federal building at Lincoln, is to be expended is not yet known by the officials at Lincoln. An architect visited the city several months ago and made an examination, and it was said that \$100,000 should be appropriated to put the building in proper condition and enlarge it to handle the growing post-office business. This plan contemplated remodeling the rooms on the first and second floors and also extending the building to the west for forty feet, making the extension full four stories.

Grand Army Appointments.

Department Commander M. V. King of Geneva, Grand Army of the Republic, department of Nebraska, has appointed the following special aides-de-camp: J. M. Walker, post No. 22, Ohiowa; W. H. Lee, post No. 151, Shickley; J. K. Barber, post No. 76, Eostery; Joseph E. Spencer, post No. 129; Wisner; M. J. Combs, post No. 284, Huntley; Judson Clark, post No. 77, Fairbury; George W. Prather, post No. 131, Bloomington; Thomas Rohon, post No. 22, Geneva.

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WORK FOR CONVICTS.

Governor Has Plans for Their Employment.

The proposition of "what shall we do with our convicts," which has been troubling the governor for some time, seems to have been partially solved during the last week, says a Lincoln correspondent of the Omaha Bee, when a deal was made with Secretary Mellor of the State Fair board for the employment of a few of them in making improvements at the fair grounds.

"In another year," said the governor, "I hope to have every convict who can be trusted employed in such a way that it will be better for the state, the community and the man himself. The state owns lots of land, and I propose to inaugurate a plan to put just as many men as possible to farming. I have two objects in view in doing this. First, it will be a source of revenue to the state, and second, it will give the convict a chance to learn a line of employment whereby, when he has served his term, he can go out on a farm away from the temptations of the cities, and find employment which will be beneficial to him and keep him out of mischief.

"I want to see a system effected, too, which will separate the first timers and the younger men from the old timers and the vicious. We ought to use every means possible to keep the young man who may have fallen under temptation in which there were extenuating circumstances from coming in contact while in charge of the state with anything or anybody which would tend to make him worse. We should have a system which would make men of our convicts and not criminals.

"This plan, I understand, has been in vogue in Florida, Colorado and Oregon with success, and I would like to see it put into effect in Nebraska. The success of this plan will depend a great deal upon the next legislature. A great work can be done by our convicts upon the roads of Nebraska, but it will depend a great deal upon what means the legislature will provide for putting them to work.

Will Not Be Inspected.

Dietliffe, gas oils and fuel oils, which are intended for power purposes, will not be inspected by State Oil Inspector Husenetter. He bases his announcement on a decision of Judge Leslie of Douglas county that such oils may be used for fuel. Kerosene and gasoline will still be inspected, as heretofore.

Demonstrate Apple Packing.

The board of directors of the State Horticultural society at their meeting at the Lindell hotel decided to give a demonstration in apple packing at the state fair this fall. An expert packer will be secured to give the demonstration.

Boosting Girl Scouts.

An organization of girl scouts, similar to the boy scouts, is to be organized in Lincoln. Miss Clara A. Lisator-Lane, newspaper woman of Des Moines, who founded the order in 1910, is in Lincoln to interest people in the movement.

New Well at Prison.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings visited the penitentiary and decided to put down another well at that institution. The water pressure has become so weak that the third tier of wells is without its use and the sinking of another well is necessary, both as a precaution against fire and also for sanitary causes.

To Inspect State Work.

A committee to inspect the public work under construction over the entire state has been appointed by the building trades council, and this committee after the tour of inspection, will offer a report to the central body that will be used next winter by the unions in an attempt to get legislation.

Randall Prepares Placards.

Fire Commissioner Randall has prepared some cards of different descriptions which will be for distribution over the state for the edification of people who do not take sufficient care with articles liable to start a blaze.

Colorado Tourists Coming.

The train of Denver automobile tourists who will make an eighteen days' trip from the capital city of Colorado to Chicago and return, will pass through Lincoln on June 23, according to advices received by Walton G. Roberts, chairman of the local reception committee.

Meeting of Postmasters.

Five hundred postmasters of the state are expected in Lincoln this week at the three days' session of the Nebraska State Postmasters' association. All of these officials have been granted leave of absence for the event and nearly 80 per cent of the 1,000 postmasters in the state have indicated that they would make an attempt to attend. The sessions begin June 11 and conclude the evening of June 12 with a banquet. The fourth assistant postmaster general will be present.

IN A SWIFT AUTO PLUNDERS AT WILL

Man in "Grey Ghost" Is Terror of Southern California Foothill Cities.

"BURNS UP ROADS"

Mysterious Pirate Sweeps About Night After Night Robbing as His Fancy Dictates—Valuables or Trifles Appeal to Him Alike.

Los Angeles, Cal.—"Grey Ghost," a low-slung racing car, with its goggled, supposed owner at the wheel, and with the exhaust roaring and thundering a protest from its powerful engines, has been sweeping through Glendora and surrounding towns upon a piratical mission that has spread terror in its wake.

Along foothill boulevards, the stretch of well-paved road that leads from Los Angeles through Glendora, the pirate car and its owner have sped night after night upon marauding expeditions. It is only when the car is out on the boulevards, where other cars are wending their way to and from the little cities near the foothills, that the "Grey Ghost" is let loose with all its speed. Then it flashes by other automobiles, giving the occupants a moving-picture view of a swift-speeding car with a driver huddled behind the wheel, a mere blur of a human being, whizzing on.

Seven times the "auto pirate" and his gray streak of a car have been seen by orange growers who live along the boulevard. That he is the one who is committing the various depredations which have aroused residents along the mountain road has been made certain by traces that he has left after bold crimes. The men who have seen the driver of the "Grey Ghost" say he handles his car with all the skill of a professional racing driver, and that he evidently knows



Seems to Know Every Crook in the Roads.

every turn of the roads in the surrounding country.

Evidence that the "Grey Ghost's" owner does not care what he takes and is as willing to commit a petty theft as a daring burglary of consequence, is shown by the fact that on one occasion he went so far as to steal a drilling machine belonging to a ranchman, who owns a place at Grand avenue and Foothill boulevard. The tracks of the automobile streaked plainly where the "auto pirate" had hitched the machine to the back of his car, and then sped away.

One of the strange features in connection with the case is the fact that the "auto pirate" seems to know every crook and turn in the roads leading in and about Glendora, Covina, Duarte, Monrovia, Claremont and other towns. When shooting his car along over the smooth highways he never seems to hesitate at a turn or slow down for a railroad crossing or bridge.

Tramp Runs Mansion.

Leavenworth, Kan.—When the Cheever house on Miami street was opened the other day it was found a tramp had taken possession. The house is richly furnished, and during the absence of the owner, Mrs. B. H. Cheever, had been without a tenant except the tramp.

He had slept on the spotless linen in the massive brass beds, washed his hands in marble basins, waltzed with his brogans on the Oriental rugs, eaten from silver plate and drunk from cut glass goblets. Cans of imported dainties were robbed of their contents and cobwebbed bottles were taken from their musty hiding places in the cellar bins.

Six Fractures in Ten Years.

Marshalltown, Ia.—To fall six times in ten years and suffer that number of fractures is the peculiar record of accidents established by Mrs. Sarah A. Wheldon, eighty-one years old, of this city. Recently she fell and received a compound fracture of both bones of the right arm. Owing to her age her condition is critical.