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CHICAGO IS VICTOR

ILLINOIS METROPOLIS EASILY LANDS G. O. P. CONVENTION OF 1916.

JUNE 7 THE DATE OF MEETING

Technical Objections Raised by South Dakota and West Virginia Go Unheeded—Time a Week Ahead of Democratic Gathering.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington, D. C.—Chicago was selected by the republican national committee as the meeting place of the 1916 republican national convention, to be held June 7, one week before the democratic convention in St. Louis. The vote stood: Chicago, 31; San Francisco, 13; St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 2.

Earlier in the day the committee had determined upon the date for the convention, a much discussed problem with sentiment for and against meeting before the democrats pretty evenly divided. The decision was reached without a roll call, and some said a record vote might have brought a different result.

Technical objections raised to an early date by representatives of West Virginia and South Dakota, where primaries to elect convention delegates are held June 6, were swept away by the adoption of a resolution which will permit placing the names of candidates from these states on the temporary roll of the convention, with the argument that certification by telegram from the proper state authorities after the primaries will be valid authorization for the seating.

STRONG NOTE SENT FRANCE.

Release of Germans and Austrians Seized on U. S. Ship Demanded.

Washington, D. C.—The United States government has cabled Ambassador Sharp at Paris, for presentation to the French foreign office, a note vigorously protesting against the removal by the French cruiser Descares of six Germans and Austrians from the American steamships Carolina, Coamo and San Juan. Immediate release of the men is asked on the ground that the seizure of citizens of any nation from an American vessel on the high seas is without legal justification and constitutes a flagrant violation of American rights.

The note was dispatched by Secretary Lansing with the full approval of President Wilson. It also is understood to have been discussed by the president with his cabinet.

Bulgars Pursue Allies.

London.—The next big battle will, in all probability, be fought in Greece, despite the efforts of the Hellenic king and government to save their country from the horrors of war. The British and French forces have made good their retirement down the Vardar valley and are now approaching Saloniki, where reinforcements are being landed, while reports received in Paris and Rome say that the Bulgarians have crossed the Greek frontier in pursuit. The reports of such action by the Bulgarians came somewhat as a surprise, as it had been thought that such a move by them would provoke the Greeks, and that consequently if the entente allies are followed at all their task would be allotted to the Austrians and Germans.

In Girl's Garb, Attends Party.

Lincoln, Neb.—Fifteen-year-old George DeFord, freshman in the Nebraska state university, has set that institution by the ears by dressing himself up in girl's clothing and in that garb attending a "mixer" from which all boys and men were ordered barred. Implicated with young DeFord were nine young women, and the ten have been suspended by the university authorities until January 1.

Chinese Make Appeal.

San Francisco, Cal.—An appeal to President Wilson not to recognize the Chinese monarchy was mailed to Washington by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Chee Kung Tong, known as the Chinese Republic association, which is said to have a membership of about 60,000 in the United States and 300,000 in North, Central and South America.

Farms Yield a Big Sum.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Houston's annual report places an estimate of \$9,873,000,000 on the value of American farm crops and animal products for last year, a valuation without precedent. This, however, probably will be eclipsed by the present year's showing.

Peking.—Yuan-Shih-Kai, president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state.

Move to Oust Marshall.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Buchanan, of Illinois, took his controversy with United States Attorney Marshall over Labor's National Peace council to the floor of the house December 14 by introducing articles for Mr. Marshall's impeachment. Labor's National Peace council, of which Representative Buchanan was president until last July, now is under investigation by the federal grand jury at New York under the direction of Mr. Marshall, who has declared it was financed with German money.

ASKED TO AID U. S.

PRESIDENT CALLS ON BUSINESS MEN TO PLAN FOR NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS.

CVATION BY 1,100 OHIOANS

Chief Calls Himself a "Militant Democrat"—Says U. S. is Reserve Force of the World—Nation Also Great Peace Influence—Makes Two Talks.

Columbus, O., Dec. 13.—Preparedness by business men to mobilize the resources of the nation as a measure of national defense was urged by President Wilson here on Friday in a ringing address before the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. His words were given added significance by the disputes pending between the United States and Austria and Germany.

The president declared that if the United States preserves its self-possession in the present crisis it will have great influence in reconstructing the peaceful course of the world and in bringing the nations together again. The president's address was applauded by a nonpartisan audience of 1,100, including many of the leading officials and business men of Ohio. While he had not written it out in advance, he had thought it over carefully. His theme was the "Statesmanship of Industry." The president told the business men that it was impossible to separate business and life. The history of business in the United States, he said, was tied up with the history of the nation.

Need of ships to carry the commerce of the nation was emphasized. Since the War of 1812, he declared, the United States has purposely attended first to internal affairs. Some business men, he declared, sought foreign trade, but many disregarded it. The banking and currency law passed during the present administration was lauded by the president as a great aid to foreign commerce. Until it was passed there were hardly any foreign branches of American banks.

He criticized the policy of protection. Business, he declared, should be efficient, but it should not be organized in order to secure monopolies. He opposed the injection of politics into business. He described himself as a "militant Democrat" and added that the Democratic party wanted to help business.

Repeating the idea expressed in his last message to congress, the president said that he believed in liberty of all peoples. He declared aggressively that as long as he was president Mexico would be allowed to choose its own government. The European war, he declared, had put the United States in a new relation to the world. This nation will have to be the reserve force of the world, he asserted.

His message to the value of the church as a force to save society was given by President Woodrow Wilson in his address at the closing session of the Conference on Church and Country Life when he spoke to more than four thousand people who packed the great Memorial hall here. After his address, which was applauded repeatedly, the president left for Washington.

It was his second address of the day, the first being one to business men at a noon-day luncheon. In addition, he met 5,000 Ohioans at an afternoon reception in the Ohio capital. The audience at both meetings cheered the president.

"Enact a law," the president said, "that does not reflect the moral judgment of the community, that is the moral judgment only of a small minority, and the people will not understand it. Law is only a record of achievement. Christianity is the only force that can transform life."

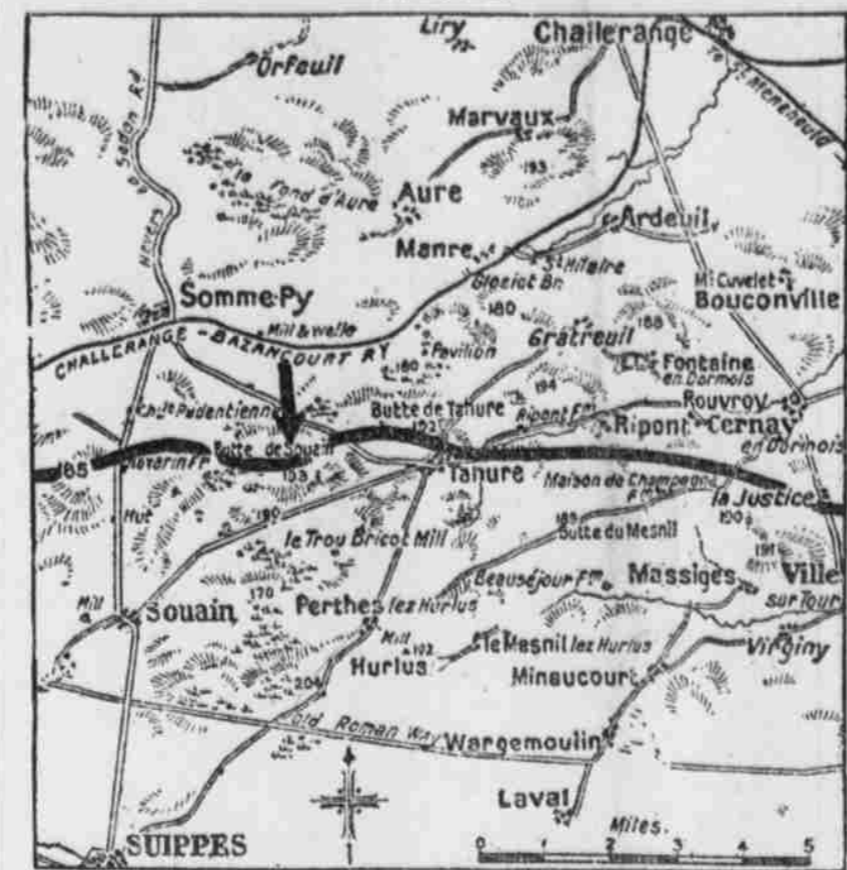
His tribute to the church as the organized instrument of Christianity had been given earlier in his address, when he declared that while Christianity might save the soul of the individual to himself, it was only the church that might save society.

It was made plain by the ambassador that the recall of the naval and military attaches was perfectly satisfactory to Emperor William, who handled the case himself.

Boy Drowned in Lake. Mason City, Ia., Dec. 14.—While looking at conical section of a Sunday newspaper Henry Thomas, aged twelve, stepped into an air hole on Clear lake and was drowned. The body was recovered.

Robber Raids Art Institute. Chicago, Dec. 14.—A lone thief raided the Art Institute on Saturday, boldly smashed a glass case and vanished with a gem collection valued at \$50,000. A rope dangling from the skylight was the only clue.

THE BATTLE LINE IN CHAMPAGNE



The Champagne district has been the scene of constant fighting since the big French offensive of last September. The Germans recently captured 500 yards of trenches on hill 132 on Butte de Souain, but the French almost immediately regained the lost ground.

GIVES OUT NAVAL PLAN

SECRETARY DANIELS MAKES PUBLIC HIS BUILDING DETAILS.

Continuous Construction Program for Next Five Years to Cost Half Billion Dollars.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Full details of Secretary Daniels' continuous naval construction program involving the expenditure of half a billion dollars in the course of the next five years are contained in his annual report as head of the navy department, made public today. Battleships are still the primary need, he declares. If his program is carried out, the navy would be composed of the following vessels built or building in 1921: Battleships, first line, 27; battle cruisers, 6; cruisers, 19; scout cruisers, 13; cruisers, first class, 5; second class, 3; cruisers, third class, 10; destroyers, 108; fleet submarines, 18; coast submarines, 157; monitors, 6; gunboats, 20; supply ships, 4; fuel ships, 15; transports, 4; tenders to torpedo vessels, 5; special types, 8; ammunition ships, 2.

STEAMER COMMUNIPAW SAFE

American Vessel Reported Sunk Has Been Taken to Unnamed Port by Warship, Says Page.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The state department received a second dispatch from Ambassador Page at Rome on Wednesday stating that he had been informed that the Communipaw had been captured by a warship and taken to a port unnamed in his message. The source of his information and the nationality of the captors were not mentioned.

Earlier advices from Ambassador Page reported that an American ship "held to have been the Standard Oil tanker Communipaw" had been torpedoed and sunk off Tobruk, Tripoli. More details as to the Communipaw as well as the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite, reported attacked by a submarine in the Mediterranean last Sunday morning, are being awaited.

BIG FIRE IN POWDER TOWN

Flames Sweep Hopewell, Va.—DuPont Plant Periled—\$3,000,000 Damage Done.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 11.—Flames of mysterious origin nearly wiped out the town of Hopewell and threatened the great DuPont powder plant just outside its borders following the arrest of a man caught while placing a high explosive in a DuPont warehouse, where a large quantity of gun cotton was awaiting shipment to the Anglo-French allies.

The entire business section of Hopewell was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$3,000,000. Thousands of families are homeless. One negro caught looting was lynched. Looting and rioting marked the progress of the fire through the business section. Consequently a riot call was sent to Richmond. In response state soldiers were rushed to the scene from Petersburg.

2,300,000 in Petrograd. Petrograd, Dec. 13.—A census of the population of Petrograd that has just been taken shows a total of 2,300,000 inhabitants.

Canada Won't Hang Woman. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 14.—The women of Alberta have won their fight to save the life of Mrs. Annie Hawkes of Macleod, sentenced to hang for the killing of her husband's afflicty. She will serve ten years in prison.

Yaqui Indians on Warpath. Topolobampo, Mex. via radio to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 14.—Yaqui Indians are on the warpath and are raiding the American settlement in the Yaqui valley, according to reports just received from Guaymas.

NO PEACE PROPOSITION

GERMAN CHANCELLOR TELLS KAISER'S STAND ON WAR.

Says Would Be Folly to Offer Terms in View of "Guilt and Ignorance."

Berlin, Dec. 13.—Germany will make no peace proposals to the allies, but if the entente powers offer terms compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, the German government is willing to discuss them. Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg so announced in the reichstag on Thursday. The chancellor was cheered as he rose to make his promised reply to the socialist interpellation on the question of peace, and he was cheered again as he frankly stated the government's position. He had just returned from a conference with Emperor William at army headquarters.

"As long as in the countries of our enemies the guilt and ignorance of statesmen are entangled with confusion of public opinion," said the chancellor, "it would be folly for Germany to make peace proposals which would not shorten but lengthen the duration of the war. First the masks must be torn from their faces.

"At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We have to reckon with this fact. Theoretical arguments for peace or propositions will not advance us, will not bring the end nearer.

"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them.

"The war can be terminated only by a peace which gives human certitude that it will not return. We all agree about that. There is and there will always be the root of our strength."

The reichstag voted full approval of the government's position as regards peace, which was set forth by the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Portland, Ore., Dec. 13.—The first high school unit of the Oregon National Guard was mustered in at the Jefferson high school today. 29 boys and two instructors entering the service.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13.—Between 1,000 and 1,500 iron molders employed in foundries in Pittsburgh and vicinity are on a strike as a part of a nation-wide movement for an eight-hour day. The men demand an eight-hour day at the same rate of pay as now received for nine hours.

Rendville, Mass., Dec. 13.—A large steel battle plane of a new type was given a successful test here. The new aerial fighting machine is described as of twice the size of the ordinary aeroplane, with a torpedo body and two gun turrets.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The state department announced that Great Britain has consented to allow two cargoes of dye stuffs to come through to this country from Germany provided they are consigned to Secretary of Commerce Redfield.

Mrs. Marshall at Capital. Washington, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Marshall, wife of the vice-president, arrived here on Monday from Indianapolis. Vice-President Marshall has accompanied her. Mrs. Marshall is recovering from an illness.

Wilson Gives Pin to Finccc. Washington, Dec. 14.—President Wilson went motoring with his fiancée, Mrs. Norman Galt, to discuss plans for the wedding ceremony. Mrs. Galt is wearing a bar pin of diamonds, the gift of the president.

ALLIES IN RETREAT

BERLIN SAYS ANGLO-FRENCH TROOPS CONTINUE FLIGHT OVER GREEK BORDER.

DEAD COVER BATTLEFIELDS

Official Statement Issued at Sofia Says That Bulgars Have Occupied Five More Towns in Serbia—Greek Troops to Leave Saloniki.

Berlin, Dec. 14 (via Sayville).—The official statement issued here on Sunday is as follows: "The Anglo-French troops, after suffering a series of decisive defeats by the army of General Todoroff, are retreating in miserable condition over the Greek frontier. Their losses in men and material of all kinds, according to the report of our allies, have been extraordinarily heavy.

During the last two days 6,500 prisoners have fallen into the hands of the Austro-Hungarians advancing on the Albanian border mountains. "Between Rojaj, which was taken on Saturday, and Ipek, the enemy left behind 40 guns."

Sofia, Dec. 13 (via Berlin and Sayville).—The official statement issued here is as follows: "Advancing south of Kosturino the Bulgarians have reached the Kozuljare river and have occupied Calkli, Tartarli, Babrovo, Valandovo and Hlovo. Before General Sarraji's headquarters we captured a large quantity of provisions and sanitary materials. "Against the Serbians we have occupied the eastern part of Struga.

"Following the engagements against the Anglo-French forces the battlefields were found covered with dead French and English."

Paris, Dec. 14.—According to information received here from Athens, the Greek government has agreed to withdraw its troops from Saloniki.

U. S. ARMY OFFICER SLAIN?

Lieut. Col. Bromwell May Have Been Murdered for Plans of Pacific Coast Defenses.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The war department has begun its investigation of the mysterious death of Lieutenant Colonel Bromwell at Honolulu with a view of determining whether he was a victim of a Japanese spy. A meager report was received by the department on Saturday saying that Lieutenant Colonel Bromwell had committed suicide.

"I will never believe that Colonel Bromwell committed suicide," said Richard A. Harlow, a close friend of the family. "I spent two months in Honolulu last summer and visited the colonel often. The work that he was supervising and laying out was of tremendous importance to this country. He was determined to keep it a secret. Not even American civilians were allowed beyond a certain point on Diamond Hill, the old crater which he was fortifying.

"From what I know of the situation and of Colonel Bromwell, no one could ever convince me that he took his own life. His family relationships were ideally happy.

"In his household he employed Japanese servants, but I do not recall that he ever suspected any of them."

150 DIE IN POWDER BLAST

Box of Ammunition From the U. S. Believed to Have Exploded in Factory at Havre, France.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The inquiry into the causes of the explosion at the Belgian government's large powder factory at Havre has taken the direction of discovering whether it was due to German machinations in the United States. Latest reports show that 150 persons were killed by the blast.

Two hundred and fifty tons of powder blew up in an annex where several boxes of ammunition from America were stored.

Property within a two-mile radius of the factory was wrecked by the explosion. All the doors and windows in the big Schneider gun works near by were blown in, killing several men.

RAID ITALIAN COAST CITY

Austrian Seaplane Aviators Bombard Ancona on Adriatic and Escape Despite Heavy Fire.

Vienna, Dec. 14, via Amsterdam and London.—An Austrian seaplane squadron bombarded the railway station, the electric works and points of military importance at Ancona (on the Adriatic coast of Italy) and returned unharmed in the face of a heavy fire, according to an official statement issued at the war office.

Freedom for Turk Women. Berlin, Dec. 13.—Turkey's participation in the war is bringing a greater degree of freedom to the Turkish women. The Turkish ministry announces that women are to be employed in the money-order post offices.

One Killed in Shop Blast. South Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 13.—One workman was killed and fifteen others were injured by an explosion in the plant where the Bethlehem Steel company was making shell fuses for the entente allies of Europe.

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