

DEMOCRAT RACE REAL BATTLE OF STATE PRIMARY

President's Victory Adds 33 Delegates to 385 Already Pledged

Universal Service
Detroit, Mich., April 9.—(Tuesday.)—President Coolidge carried Michigan in Monday's presidential preferential primary, according to returns received up to an early hour Tuesday morning.

The president defeated Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, his opponent, by approximately a 2 to 1 vote.

Henry Ford and Senator Woodbridge Ferris, contending for the democratic endorsement ran a close race. Latest figures showed Mr. Ford leading.

Returns from 1,463 precincts out of 2,894 in the 83 counties in the state give: Coolidge, 101,453; Johnson, 48,485, a majority of 52,968 for the president.

Run Close Race
The returns from the same number of precincts give: Ford 16,151; Ferris, 15,098.

Governor Grosbeck, President Coolidge's manager in Michigan, predicted the president would carry the state by approximately 85,000 when complete returns are available. Senator Johnson's expected strength in Wayne county failed to materialize, Coolidge leading in this county by approximately 3 to 2.

Gains 33 Delegates
President Coolidge's victory in Michigan will add 33 delegates to the 385 already pledged him from other states, and brings him closer to the majority required for the nomination, a total slightly less than 600. Johnson's total of pledged delegates is 13, those from South Dakota.

Senator Johnson's setback at the polls is a distinct reversal of the showing he made in Michigan four years ago, when he rolled up a total of 156,939 votes, compared with 112,568 for Gen. Leonard Wood, his nearest rival, and 62,418 for Frank O. Lowden, with Herbert Hoover fourth with 52,503.

This year the state's entire republican vote probably will not exceed the total rolled up for Johnson two years ago.

OPPOSE BUDGET AID TO FARMER

Coolidge Against Any Bill Which Would Provide Cash Appropriation

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Washington, April 7.—President Coolidge will oppose any of the measures proposed to date for farm relief that carry with it a large appropriation from the treasury, it was intimated Monday.

He is said to have taken this position because he believes existing provisions are adequate. Particularly, he is said to oppose the McNary-Haugen bill which would require \$200,000,000 for the purpose of restoring farm products to the pre-war level.

The bill is said to have strong support in congress but not sufficient to override the president's wishes.

The president is said to take the position that he has already given material aid to the farmer. He caused to be organized a private corporation with capital of \$10,000,000 and has put at the disposal of this body the resources of the War Finance corporation, the funds to be loaned the farmer on easy terms so that he may diversify his crops.

Any plans which provide for the government purchases and marketing of farm products such as is contemplated in the McNary bill will not solve the problem, but merely afford a temporary and costly relief, he believes.

Late in the day he called in Charles Barrett, head of the Farmers' Union, to get his views and will resume conferences with the farm groups Tuesday before coming to a final decision.

Two Heard in Probe of Charges Against Zihlman

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Washington, April 7.—Two more witnesses from Baltimore were heard in secret by the special House committee investigating charges of improperly accepting money against Representative Frederick N. Zihlman, republican, of Maryland.

They were former deputy collector of internal revenue, Charles L. Wiegand and George W. Rhein, a tax expert. Nothing further than that the testimony of the two witnesses dovetailed in with some of the previous evidence was disclosed with regard to the examinations.

High Court Decides On Shippers' Claims

Washington, April 7.—When higher railroad rates are charged on a short than on a long haul, the shipper from an intermediate point is only entitled to collect such damages as he is able to show he sustained, it was announced today by the supreme court.

The question reached the court in four cases involving rates in Minnesota, New Mexico, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Woman Slayers Seek Fate In Cards



MRS. DELVA GAERTNER and KATHERINE MALM

Two laughing women in the Cook County Jail in Chicago—one sentenced to imprisonment for life for murder and the other awaiting trial for a murder to which she has confessed—toy with the cards and seek to read their fate. Neither seems worried. At the left is Mrs. Delva Gaertner, a divorcee, who admits she killed Walter R. Law, a married man, in a "mock duel" in his automobile, after a synthetic gin party in the cabaret district. At the right is Mrs. Katherine Malm, "wolf woman," convicted of murdering a watchman when she and her husband were caught in a robbery.

U. S. MOVES TO GUARD INTEREST IN WAR DEBTS

Officials Show Keen Interest In Dawes Plan to Aid Germany

Universal Service
Washington, April 7.—On the eve of the publication of the Dawes plan for the economic restoration of Germany, this government took steps to protect its interest in the vast sums owed by the nations involved. The World War debt funding commission held an extensive session at the state department and is watching with the keenest interest the reports from Paris.

The situation was described as difficult in one way. The Dawes commission is altogether unofficial, so far as the United States is concerned. But any arrangements which private banking interests may make with Germany or with France will first have to come under the careful scrutiny of the state department to make sure that the private investment will not profit at the expense of the American treasury and the taxpayers.

Loans Main Point
The outstanding point is the loans which it is planned to raise for Germany. These loans to be successful, it is emphasized, would have to take precedence over the payments on reparations to France. The first consideration is whether France would be willing to forego reparations payments until the sum is returned.

Competent observers believe that France will do so if it appears that this course will actually put Germany in a position to return to economic soundness more rapidly than any other. In this connection it was pointed out that the Morgan loan of \$100,000,000 to France has precedence over the payment of the war debt to the United States.

Want Declaration
Still another matter which will require some explanation, it was said, is where the German credit will be applied by France. British bankers who, with the American bankers, propose to raise the sum, are said to object to the money being turned over to France unless that government will make some declaration about its war debt to Great Britain.

Just what the American government will have to say on this score was not clearly revealed. Treasury officials said, however, that the disposition probably would be to give Germany and France more time in the hope that the Dawes plan would put them in a position to begin payments.

As for the actual success of the Dawes plan, the treasury experts believe the financial assistance required may be raised without serious difficulty.

Liquor Worth \$30,000,000 Smuggled Into Country

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Washington, April 6.—(INS)—America's billion dollar "invisible imports" of 1923 included liquor valued at \$30,000,000, the department of commerce announced.

This country consumed \$10,000,000 more imported liquor in 1923 than during the year previous, the department estimated. The liquor imports, which does not appear on the books of the custom house, were estimated from the amount of liquor officially reported as exported from countries suspected of furnishing United States with the bulk of its supply and amounts imported by neighboring nations.

Pepper Makes Move for World Peace Conference

Washington, April 7.—A joint resolution, proposing a world peace conference was introduced today by Senator Pepper republican, Pennsylvania.

The Senate would advise the president under the resolution that the time is suitable for the assembling of a conference similar to the two held in the past at The Hague.

Agitation for Gas Tax Is Increasing

Legislature Expected to Pass On Question at Special Session

Des Moines, Ia., April 7.—(Special.)—Growing agitation for a gasoline tax in Iowa indicates that at least one, if not both, of the state houses now in special session, will pass on such a law before adjournment. Requests from numerous senators have caused the code commission to draw up a bill for a 2 cent tax on gas.

It will probably be brought out as an amendment to the general taxation bill, which was reported out of committee Monday, as the bill itself did not come up before the ways and means committee at its session Monday.

Revenue derived from a gas tax, according to the bill as it now stands, would be divided one-third to the primary road system in each county, in proportion to its mileage of primary roads, and two-thirds to the county roads of each county. The money would be expended equally between county and township systems.

To escape the question of legality over assessing the tax while the gas stands in tank cars because of interference with interstate commerce, the bill provides that the tax shall become collectible as soon as the cars cease to be in interstate commerce.

Mussolini Looms As Victor In Elections

Rome, April 7.—Returns from Italy's parliamentary elections today, indicated an overwhelming victory for the fascists. It was estimated that the fascists would poll fully one-third of the entire vote.

KING ALBERT ILL
Paris, April 7.—A dispatch to the Intransigent from Brussels says King Albert is seriously ill. He has been forced to give up review of the garrison of the capital Tuesday, and will be forced to spend the day, which is his 49th birthday in bed.

EXPLAIN LAND FRAUD CASES

Senator Makes Voluntary Statement At Daugherty Hearing—Millers Guilty

Washington, April 7.—Dry details of the Miller brothers' land fraud case in Oklahoma were reviewed today by the Senate Daugherty committee.

A bundle of letters passing between the justice and interior departments and various individuals were read into the record and several witnesses were questioned as to why original prosecution of the case resulted only in imposition of fines, and why no civil suit to recover the land ever was filed.

One of the letters showed that Albert B. Fall tried, while he was secretary of the interior, to secure postponement of the trial but the justice department replied that the criminal suits must go forward.

Senator Harrell, of Oklahoma, made a voluntary statement to the committee disclaiming any political interest in the prosecutions and saying he only had urged action because he felt everything had been done to protect the interests of the government.

Social Science Club Split On Question of Pacifism

Madison, Wis., April 7.—The social science club of the university, made up of radically inclined students, has split into two groups over the question of pacifism.

The more conservative element in the club remain in the old organization. Those who believe in pacifist doctrines, opposing all wars, have split from the original group.

The split came as a result of a meeting in music hall Sunday. An attempt was made to pass a pacifist resolution. It was defeated.

The pacifists then announced that they resigned from the club to affiliate among themselves.

Slave Bracelet Milady's Latest Fad



SLAVE BRACELET

Catherine Chapman of Chicago, is shown wearing the newest jewelry fad of Milady—the slave bracelet, consisting of a number of forged gold chains.

Martial Law Follows Murder of Two Yanks

Rome, April 7.—Martial law has been proclaimed in Albania, following the murder of two American merchants, waylaid on the Tirana-Soutari highway, according to advices from Albanian quarters today.

The names of the murdered Americans were given out by the American embassy as Robert Louis Colman, of San Francisco and George B. DeLong of New York city.

New Clashes Reported Between Turks and French

Constantinople, April 6.—Renewed encounters between the Turks and French along the Syrian frontier were reported in dispatches from Adana.

The Turks attacked the French post at Abdurhaman, killing two soldiers, while a Turkish bank was attacked by French detachments in the neighborhood of Antioch.

MANY FAMILIES DRIVEN FROM HOMES BY HIGH WATERS

Belle Fourche, S. D., April 7.—(Special.)—The Belle Fourche river left its banks in this city Sunday night and has risen 2 feet and 6 inches since morning and was still rising at 5 o'clock Monday evening. Ten to 15 families of the lowlands in the west part of town were taken to dry lands in boats and wagons during the night and Monday morning. More water and ice is expected soon, as the bridge at Ripley crossing near the Devils' Tower, was washed out Monday morning and the steel bridge at Hulet, Wyo., has been condemned.

ELECTION COST HAMON \$400,000

Also Helped Pay Expenses Of Harding Committee, Witness Says

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Washington, April 7.—J. B. French, oil operator of Oklahoma City, testified before the oil investigating committee Monday that the late Jake Hamon told him he spent about \$400,000 in the general election in 1920. Hamon also told the witness he paid "Bill" Miller, who had charge of the Harding campaign in Oklahoma \$25,000 to help pay the hotel bill of the Harding campaign committee in Chicago.

French identified Miller as William M. Miller, former attorney general of Ohio, now a practicing attorney at Columbus, Ohio, and known throughout Ohio as "Roaring Bill" Miller. He said Hamon told him the money was paid to Miller at the urgent request of Mrs. Hamon, who was a staunch supporter of Mr. Harding at the convention.

Called to Testify
At the request of Senator Stanfield of Oregon, subpoenas were issued for Miller and Mrs. Hamon in an effort to check up on statements made by French.

While he never discussed the subject with Hamon, French gave it as his opinion that Hamon spent about \$100,000 in his fight to become a member of the republican national committee so as to attend the republican convention. He said that sum was in addition to the \$400,000 which Hamon said he spent in the general election.

Senator Walsh, chief prosecutor for the committee, failed in repeated efforts to get French to give any plausible reason why Hamon should have spent such a large sum in the general election. French said Hamon told him the election "had cost him too much" and that he "was sorry he had gotten so deep into politics."

Borrowed Money
French said that while Hamon had considerable property he never possessed much cash, and to raise the \$400,000 spent in the 1920 election, Hamon told him he borrowed money from banks in New York, Kansas City, Dallas, Denver, Fort Worth and other places.

He expressed the opinion that it would be possible, through the administration of the Hamon estate, to check up on the alleged expenditures of \$400,000.

French was followed on the stand by Robert F. Wolfe, publisher and manufacturer of Columbus, Ohio, who denied any knowledge of a deal made at Chicago whereby Harding received the nomination.

Roads Earn Return Of 6.28 Per Cent

Railway Freight Traffic During January Reported Heaviest on Record

Universal Service
Washington, April 7.—Class 1 railroads earned an annual rate of return of 6.28 per cent, on their tentative valuation in February, the bureau of railway economics announced. Freight traffic during the month was the heaviest on record.

The net operating income of the lines was \$71,191,600, compared with \$39,274,900 in February, 1923, when the annual rate of return was only 3.76 per cent.

Earnings of the subdistricts during the first two months of the present year have been as follows:
New England region, 4.36 per cent.; eastern, 4.89; Pocahontas, 5.44; southern, 5.77; northwestern, 2.66; central western, 4.23; southwestern, 3.71.

The average net annual return for all the lines during the two months was 5.32 per cent, compared with 4.70 per cent, for the same period last year.

T HONOR U. S. FLYERS

Tokio, April 7.—Medals of merit are being prepared by the Imperial aviation association, for presentation to the American army round-the-world aviators on their arrival in Tokio.

Mayor Who Refused Help For Flood Victims Ousted

Kitzmiller, Md., April 7.—(INS)—Because he told out of town newspapers that this town of 3,000 people, wiped out by the floods of last week, needed no assistance, Mayor Bert Pew has been deposed by the townspeople and a new mayor—M. J. Pritt, installed.

The new mayor issued an appeal for money, food and clothing to relieve suffering among the flood victims.

OVERCHARGES BY OPERATORS ARE REPORTED

Four Hundred Steel Boats Are Slated for the Scrap Heap

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Washington, April 7.—Direct government operation of the shipping board fleet undoubtedly could be made a success, if congress would authorize that course as a permanent policy, chairman T. V. O'Connor of the shipping board told the special House committee investigating the board.

Other high points in a five hour morning and afternoon examination of Chairman O'Connor were: Disclosures of wholesale overcharges and graft by operators of shipping board vessels under the famous "MO-4" contracts. O'Connor asserted many of these practices had been eliminated and operators guilty of flagrant abuses discharged.

Attack by Representative Ewin L. Davis, democrat, of Tennessee, the "prosecutor" on the selection of Capt. Herbert Hartley to command the Leviathan, because he had been suspended for running another big liner around and for permitting Hartley to continue in command after "running the Leviathan into a mud-bank" in New York harbor.

Use Chinese Crews
The Dollar line, which recently purchased seven of the "president" type of passenger vessels from the government is largely replacing the American crews with Chinese.

Four hundred of the 1,200 steel ships in the shipping board fleet are marked for the scrap heap, 175 of the lake type to go at an early date. This matter was taken up and will be acted upon at the next meeting of the board.

Assertion by Representative Davis that Matthew C. Brush head of the American International corporation and a boyhood friend of President Coolidge, recommended Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, retired, for president of the fleet corporation, and that Brush's organization is affiliated with the International Merchant Marine, which in turn is 90 per cent British.

May Consolidate Lines
Palmer was recommended and the shipping board has under consideration, consolidation of the five freight lines operated from New York, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Hampton Roads to United Kingdom and Ireland ports into two lines, taking off eleven out of 31 vessels now operated in those services.

The shipping board now is engaged in working out modifications of the "MO-4" contract under which operators of government vessels get 5 per cent of gross receipts of outgoing voyages and 2 per cent on incoming trips, regardless of whether they show a profit or loss.

PEPPER'S PEACE PLAN "PANNED"

Proposal to Call World Conference Given Little Consideration

Washington, April 7.—Senator George Wharton Pepper, of Pennsylvania, failed to get action on, or sympathy for, a resolution introduced for a conference on world peace.

Under the resolution President Coolidge would be requested by the Senate to take the initiative in calling a conclave of world powers. It would take into account three factors:

1.—Consideration of the further reduction of naval armaments and of the limitation of land and aerial armaments.

2.—Consideration of ways in which international law may be made at once certain and more responsive to present and future needs.

3.—Consideration of plans for a World Court either through a further development of the present permanent court of arbitration at The Hague or through the disassociation of the present permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague from the League of Nations.

Irreconcilable senators were quick to indicate their opposition. Senator Borah, of Idaho, Brandegee of Connecticut, and others in that group feel there is no likelihood of the proposal receiving serious attention by the foreign relations committee to which it was automatically referred. Senator Pepper said his resolution intended to take into account the "growing sentiment in favor of limiting armaments."

EXEMPT INDIAN LANDS

Washington, April 7.—States cannot tax lands held by the United States in trust for Indians, it was announced by the supreme court.

LABOR REGIME BEATEN TODAY

London, April 7.—Premier Ramsay MacDonald's laborite government was defeated by 221 to 212 votes in the House of Commons this afternoon, when the rent bill designed to aid unemployed, was rejected on the second reading.

There is more than 4,000,000 horsepower available from the water power resources of New Zealand.