

FARMER-LABOR PARTY SET FOR WARM SESSION

Split on Major Issues at St. Paul Convention Is Almost Certain

BY CHARLES N. WHEELER, Universal Service Correspondent. St. Paul, Minn., June 16.—The "farmer-labor" convention which will open Tuesday will be split wide open on two major questions, with the communists solidly arrayed on one side and the conservative labor and farmer representatives about as solidly lined up on the other.

These questions are: 1—Whether this convention shall establish definitely a new third party in the United States to be designated the "farmer-labor party."

2—Whether Senator LaFollette shall be endorsed, regardless of his "slap in the face" or whether the convention shall proceed this time to name a ticket of entirely new standard bearers.

What was an incipient cleavage in the conferences Sunday widened into an impassable gulf when the convention forces put all their cards on the table.

Out in Open.

The Ruthenberg - Foster - Manley group of communists who proved good listeners Sunday, came out into the open Monday with defiant challenge to the opposition. They announced their program for a communist national party, and prepared to take their fight to the floor of the convention.

William Mahoney, who was chairman of the conference last winter that called this convention, rallied his forces for the big battle in the convention against the formation of a third national party, with Walter Thomas Mills, the free silver spell-binder of 1896 as his chief aid.

Because hundreds of the farmers representatives and many of the conservative labor chiefs accepted LaFollette's estimate of this gathering and decided to remain away and later participate in the Cleveland convention, July 4, the Mahoney folks are alarmed lest the communists seize control of the convention.

Excitement High.

With the communists blowing off the lid, and indicating that if they can seize control they will take the tall with the hide and turn down the LaFollette candidacy, excitement ran high in the lobby of the Ryan hotel where the leaders of both factions have been battling in vain throughout the day behind locked doors.

Mr. Mahoney, Mr. Mills and their aids began at once the mobilizing of the farmer representatives, who are but a handful, in the effort to stop the stampede of the radical labor delegates to the Rutherford-Foster standard.

The open opposition to LaFollette on the part of the communists was first voiced at the labor headquarters by John C. Kennedy, former socialist alderman in the Chicago city council.

Kennedy added that all former conventions will be put in the shade so far as floods of oratory go.

Up to a late hour practically nothing had been accomplished by way of writing a tentative draft of a platform, except for the determination of both sides to endorse the present Russian government.

JOHNSON AHEAD IN PRIMARY VOTE

Early Returns Indicate Light Turnout in Minnesota Monday

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Minneapolis, Minn., June 16.—Senator Magnus Johnson was far in the lead for the senatorial nomination on the farmer-labor ticket in Monday's Minnesota primaries. The polls closed at 9 o'clock and scattered reports indicated the vote had been comparatively light throughout the entire state.

Ola Sageng and Congressman Thomas D. Schall were running neck and neck for the republican senatorial nomination in the first 25 districts to report, which gave Sageng 1,416 and Schall 1,685.

Theodore Christianson leads in the republican nomination race for governor. Though Mayor George E. Leach has a plurality in the Minneapolis precincts, country returns indicate a Christianson victory.

Floyd B. Olson has a good lead in the farmer labor race. He has an overwhelming margin in Minneapolis, with Tom Davis and Dr. L. A. Frinisch runners up.

Woman Held in Connection With Death of Her Husband

Chicago, June 16.—Upon the physiological theory that it is impossible for a suicide to fire three bullets into his brain, Mrs. Frances Scarano, was held Monday in connection with Roy Scarano's body was found stretched across the bed, his hand clutching a revolver from which three bullets had been fired.

The couple, it was declared, had quarreled over another woman whose photograph Mrs. Scarano declared she found in her husband's pocket.

Renew Search for Mail Robbery Loot

Alleged Confession Places Loss at \$3,000,000— "Split" Frustrated

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Chicago, June 16.—With seven men and two women in custody, and a detailed confession reported to have been made by J. H. Watson, one of the men held, the authorities Monday renewed their search for the loot of the mail robbery of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train near Roundout, Ill.

Neither detectives nor postal authorities would discuss the developments in the case. The "confession" is said to have definitely placed the loot at \$3,000,000 in cash and securities, and a division of the spoils was to have been made near Milwaukee Sunday. The arrest of Watson, James Murray, millionaire brewery owner and politician, and five other men Saturday, the authorities believe, frustrated the "split."

NEW ANGLE IN SIMMONS CASE

Affidavits May Have Important Bearing on Fate Of Nebraskan

Lincoln, Neb., June 16.—(I. N. S.)—Additional affidavits were filed with Governor Bryan Monday in behalf of Walter Ray Simmons, awaiting execution June 18 for the murder of Frank Pahl in Boyd county. The affidavits were presented by Hugh O'Neill of Anncar, Neb., and are expected to lead to new and important developments.

In one affidavit, former Chief of Police Wagstaff of Bonesteel, S. D., testified that he arrested two men on the morning after the murder of Pahl in Boyd county. Both men, according to Wagstaff's affidavit, bore evidence of having been in a rough physical combat and were badly intoxicated. Their automobile, the affidavit declared, was smeared with blood and hair.

Dr. Kenaston of Bonesteel, testified in an affidavit that he took care of one of the men, who had deep cuts in his head and sent him back to Spencer, Neb.

Two residents of Herrick, S. D., presented affidavits to the effect that the murder of Pahl was known there three hours before it was heard of in Spencer, and that the reason was that a man known as Jim Herman drove into Herrick and told citizens there of the murder. Herman is now said to be serving a 17-year sentence for murder in the Wyoming penitentiary.

Hugh O'Neill, who gathered the affidavits, said he hopes to get a confession from Herman soon. This confession is expected to show that Herman either knew about the murder or had a part in it.

MAGNUS UP FOR PRIMARY TODAY

Two Oppose Minnesota Senator—Predict Incumbent Will Win

St. Paul, June 16.—Minnesota went to the polls today to nominate party candidates in a state wide primary election. For the farmer-labor senatorial nomination, supporters of Senator Magnus Johnson predicted his nomination. Hjalmar Dantes, of Orr, and Michael Forch, of Minneapolis are opposing Senator Johnson.

Three candidates sought the republican senatorial nomination—Oscar Hallam, St. Paul, former supreme court justice; Ole Sageng, Dalton, state senator and Thomas D. Schall, now congressman from the Tenth district.

Republican gubernatorial candidates were Theodore Christianson, Dawson; Franklin F. Ellsworth, Minneapolis; O. P. B. Johnson, Fargo; Curtis M. Johnson, Rush City; George F. Leach, mayor of Minneapolis and Julius A. Schmahel, St. Paul. Gov. J. A. O. Preus is not a candidate.

On the farmer-labor ticket, candidates for governor were Tom Davis, Minneapolis; L. A. Fritsch, New Ulm; Victor E. Lawson, Willmar; Floyd B. Olson, Minneapolis; W. W. Royster, Glenwood; William A. Schaper, Minneapolis, and Thomas Vollom, Erskine.

The democratic ticket shows no opposition for state officials.

FIND TWO MORE BODIES

Johnson City, Tenn., June 16.—Two more of the 12 bodies of persons known to have drowned in the double cloudburst of late Friday night had been recovered up until Sunday night, bringing the total of bodies found to five.

DAKOTAS WIN COAL RATE WAR

Washington, June 16.—Proposed increased rates on lignite coal from mines in North Dakota to destinations in North Dakota and South Dakota and to Minneapolis were found not justified today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The new schedules which previously had been suspended were ordered cancelled.

Chicago's Prettiest Slayer Freed



MRS. DELVA GAERTNER

Mrs. Delva Gaertner, Chicago divorcee, called the prettiest woman ever placed in the Cook County jail, has been acquitted of killing Walter Law, a married man, whom she was charged with shooting in a "gun duel" in his automobile as the climax of a drinking orgy.

DAKOTA STORM TOLL INCREASES

Town of Wessington Springs Practically Wiped Out—Twelve Killed

Mitchell, S. D., June 16.—(Special) With wire communication slowly being restored, additional deaths and reports of property loss from the tornado and rain storm which swept a path approximately 50 miles wide through this section of the state late Saturday were trickling in here Monday.

The death toll of the storm stood at 12, with scores injured and property loss at approximately \$1,000,000 Monday afternoon.

Wessington Springs apparently was hit the hardest of any section in the storm area in South Dakota. The city is a complete wreck. Hardly a store remains standing in the business section and it will be six months before the telephone and telegraph service is restored.

At Crow Lake, H. G. Thompson, is reported killed.

At White Lake, Joseph Thomas, an aged man, is reported dead.

At Bijou Hills an entire family of eight was wiped out, according to a still unconfirmed report.

At Wessington Springs, Victor Wade was struck in the head and was still unconscious Monday morning.

An unnamed girl at White Lake was seriously injured. A number of persons were injured in Mitchell, including Tom Griffith, 65 years old, skull fractured; Geo. Rozum, 21 years old, face cut and E. Letcher, 10 years old, arm broken and scalp badly torn.

Latest estimates of property loss in the storm area was placed at \$10,000,000 late Monday. Hardly a barn in six counties remains standing, and the losses are swelled by depleted herds of live stock and poultry. With wires still down it is impossible to obtain any accurate reports of loss of life or property damage in the distant parts of the stricken area.

The Bad river bridge between Midland and Philip was washed out and passengers were transported across the river on planks.

At Pierre the roof of the Locke hotel was blown off and three people were hurt. Outside of Pierre an unnamed farmer is reported to have been killed when his barn in which he took refuge, collapsed.

The elevator at Blunt was blown down and an oil rig was demolished. The Indian Mission at Stephan was completely wiped out but no one was injured.

At Faulkton a cook car of a road crew was blown over. A man named Haugge was killed and three others were injured.

TWO BOYS KILLED

Sioux Falls, S. D., June 16.—Twelve persons were known to be dead, over a score injured and property loss that will amount to millions is being reported as the result of Saturday evening's storm which hit practically every section of the state. Wire service, which was demoralized by the storm was being gradually restored Monday, and as new sections of the state reported their case additional evidence of the general scope of the terrific wind which swept the state.

Lloyd and Wendell Meyers, sons of former State Senator B. F. Meyers were in a barn milking when the

Murderer and Bandit Hangs Self in Cell

Berlin, June 16.—Edward Scribner, wholesale murderer and bandit, who is accused of having committed, with the aid of his wife and 11-year-old son, more than 40 murders and robberies, Monday escaped the hangman's ax by committing suicide. He hanged himself from the bars in the window of his cell in the prison at Glogau, Silesia, where he was confined. Nine murders had already been proved against him.

DRAW PLANS FOR MERGER OF ALL BIG RAILWAY SYSTEMS

Atlantic City, N. J., June 16.—(I. N. S.)—Plans for the consolidation of all the railroads of the United States into a limited number of systems, unification of railway facilities and control of railway credit, revenues and securities are being perfected by the interstate commerce commission, Frank McManamy, member of the commission, told the mechanical division of the American Railroad association.

Federal control during the war demonstrated the need for unification of equipment and operation, McManamy said, and under the transportation act the commission can control extension of railroad lines, prevent discrimination between carriers, required joint use of terminal and otherwise safeguard the public interest.

stom struck. They decided to go to the house but before they could get out of the barn the structure was wrecked by the high wind, killing both instantly.

At Faulkton Nels Haugen and his five companions all members of a road grading crew, were struck by a bunk wagon which came streaking down the road in front of the heavy gale.

Woman Killed

Mrs. E. Christian, of Eagle Butte, N. D., was killed when her home was destroyed. Her daughter was with her at the time and suffered injuries which probably will prove fatal, while Mrs. A. C. Larsen died at Canton as the result of heart failure which was brought upon her due to exhaustion in attempting to reach her home through the storm. It was at first reported that she had been electrocuted but that was disproved by a closer examination.

The town of Forresterburg, northwest of Huron, was practically wiped off the map by the high winds, as was also the inland towns of Glad Valley and Zoeback.

Farther west reports came in from Dupree and Eagle Butte showing large property loss there. Wire communications to points west of the river, however, was not good and details are still lacking, although it is believed scores of other towns in that section suffered heavy loss.

Damage at Parker

Parker was also hit hard by the storm. Plate glass windows were blown in, the tower of the water plant blown off, trees uprooted and signs and awnings torn from their hangings.

One freak of the storm was the blowing away of three box cars at Monroe. The cars were on a siding but were set in motion by the wind, getting a good start they jumped the switch and started on a wild run over the main line, passing through Parker at terrific speed then to Hurley where they were caught by a crew of trainmen on a speeder and put under control.

Farmers west of the river suffered a heavy loss of sheep but estimate of the loss could not be made until a more thorough check of the various ranchers could be made. Rain and hail following the storm was general throughout the state and while crop damage was reported heavy no estimate of the losses were obtainable.

In Sioux Falls the heaviest damage was reported to light and telephones and telegraph wires. Scores of plate glass windows in the business district were blown out, while in the residential section the streets were littered with telephone poles and uprooted trees and broken off tree branches.

Marie and Kenneth to Wed Within Few Days, Report

Los Angeles, June 16.—(I. N. S.)—Marie Prevost, movie queen, is to marry Kenneth Harlan, a screen hero, in New York, within a few days, according to Miss Prevost's friends. It is less than a year since both the actresses and Harlan, formerly dancing partner of Gertrude Hoffman, said "never again" when they were granted divorces. Miss Prevost was recently divorced from "Sonny" Gerke, automobile dealer, to whom she had been secretly wed for years.

Police Seek Husband Of Murdered Bride

Body Found in Shallow Grave—Warrant Out For Mate

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Milwaukee, Wis., June 16.—A warrant charging first degree murder was sworn out Monday for the arrest of George Cummings, 39 years old, husband of Mrs. E. Rae Cummings whose body was found in a shallow grave in a tourist camp at Wittenberg, Wis.

Mrs. Cummings was slain with a hatchet sometime Sunday night. The slain woman was a bride of a week. She was 23 years the senior of her husband, who disappeared shortly before the nude body of Mrs. Cummings was found.

Mrs. Cummings, after her marriage to Cummings, her fifth venture in matrimony, June 7, sold her apartment house in Grand Rapids, Mich. Her empty purse was found a few feet from the camp site.

Cummings was seen speeding through an adjoining county Sunday. It was learned, and is believed to have boarded a train for Milwaukee or Chicago.

NO PROBE INTO WAR VET'S DEATH

No Postmortem to Be Held Over Body of Fox

Sioux City, Ia., June 17.—No post-mortem for J. Clay Fox, Sioux City, 77-year-old Civil War veteran, 2030 South Lemon street, who died late Saturday night at Cherokee, Ia., will be held, it was announced by Dr. J. H. Robbins, coroner, Monday night.

Mr. Fox died in the hospital for the insane at Cherokee as the result of insanity, according to reports from doctors at Cherokee. According to Dr. Bruce Miller of the Cherokee hospital, who filed the death report, death was due to "exhaustion as a primary cause, contributing to senile psychosis," and was accompanied by great agitation and confusion.

The demand was made by the dead man's three sons, L. H. Fox, of Des Moines, Ia., and Forney and Lindsey Fox, of Newport, Neb. They refused to say upon what basis they made the demand, other than that circumstances of the death had aroused "suspicion."

Mr. Fox had been sent to the Cherokee institution Monday, June 9, after the Woodbury county insanity board had adjudged him insane on application of Mrs. Nancy Fox, his second wife. The three sons, by their father's first marriage, were holding a conference late Monday with C. L. Joy, attorney for Mrs. Fox. Mr. West requested consent of Mrs. Fox before giving permission for the post mortem.

Mr. Fox formerly resided at 2030 Lemon street and had been a Sioux City resident for 17 years. Besides his widow and three sons, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. C. Alderman, of Omaha, Neb.

Funeral services are announced for 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the West funeral home, with Rev. J. Frank Reed, of Morningside Presbyterian church officiating. Services will be in charge of the G. A. R. interment will be made in Graceland cemetery.

Mrs. Fox said late Monday afternoon that she has no objection to a postmortem examination. She said she would be represented by a physician.

Swede Is Elected Head Labor Confab

Great Enthusiasm Reigns As Conference in Geneva Is Opened

Geneva, June 16. (A.P.)—Hjalmar Branting, former premier of Sweden and present Swedish representative on the council of the League of Nations, was elected president of the International Labor conference by acclamation amid great enthusiasm today when the conference opened its sessions here.

President Branting was nominated by Miss Margaret Bonfield, British representative in a speech in which she hailed him as the great apostle and friend of the cause of labor. Mr. Branting in accepting the presidency urged labor interests to struggle tenaciously for a complete realization of labor's charter—the eight-hour day, liberty of association for the obtaining of fair wages, opportunity for employment, protecting of women and children, and improved conditions generally.

The United States nor American labor organization are represented officially or unofficially in the conference.

Balsam-wood, made of the fibers of the pine and other coniferous trees, is a new heat retaining material.

Yankee Fliers Complete Another Leg of Journey

Hong Kong, June 16. (A. P.)—The three American army airplanes flying around the world landed safely at Salgon, the capital of French Cochinchina, at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

GARDINER PASSES

Boston, June 16.—Robt. Hollowell Gardiner, lawyer and prominent Protestant Episcopal layman, died of pneumonia.

PLATFORM OF DEMOS TO BE SHORT, SNAPPY

"Clean Government" to Be Central Slogan of 1924 Campaign

Universal Service.

Washington, June 16.—Preparations of tentative proposals for the democratic national platform to be submitted to the convention in New York next week, was undertaken Monday at an informal conference of party leaders in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Taking as an object lesson the complicated 6,000-word declaration adopted by the republican convention at Cleveland last week, the democratic congressional chieftains are determined to draft a short, simply worded platform which will be read, and understood by the average voter.

"Clean government," it is agreed, must be made the central slogan of the campaign. Every advantage is to be taken of the disclosures made by the numerous investigating committees.

Relief for Farmers.

"Relief for agriculture," will be another principal theme. Senator Pittman of Nevada, in whose office the conference was held, has been a leader in the fight in the Senate to obtain legislation designed to benefit rural regions.

Pittman and Senator Walsh of Montana, the "prosecutor" of the oil investigation, were the central figures in the conference. Each is being strongly urged for the position of permanent chairman of the convention or head of the resolutions committee to draft the platform.

With the "clean government" and "relief for agriculture" slogans, the democratic leaders hope to win strength in the western states, where the candidacy of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, will weaken the Coolidge ticket.

Hope for G. O. P. Split.

Those who took part in the conference are determined to take advantage of the split in the republican vote throughout the west, which is expected to follow the LaFollette candidacy. They hope fervently for a repetition of 1912, when Theodore Roosevelt wrecked republican hopes of victory.

Accordingly, the democratic platform, if the congressional leaders have their way, will be drawn so as to appeal particularly to the voters in the western states.

This idea already had embarrassed some seeking some agreement on a foreign relations plank. Senator Glass of Virginia, one of the conferees, and a member of the Woodrow Wilson cabinet, is insistent in favor of incorporating an unqualified League of Nations plank.

Western democrats doubt that such a platform would be well received among their constituents. And it is in the west that the democrats expect to obtain the votes which will win them the election.

The congressional conferences here will continue throughout the week until the last leaders have departed for New York.

BOMB WRECKS CHICAGO CAFE

Several Persons Injured in Panic Which Follows Explosion

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Chicago, June 16.—The Moulti Rouge cafe was wrecked by a bomb late Monday. Thirty actors and actresses rehearsing a revue were thrown in panic and some of them were slightly injured.

Harry McElvey, head waiter, attempted to throw the bomb out of a door before it exploded. He was probably fatally injured. Frank Kinney, a New York theatrical producer, was cut about the face by flying glass.

The cafe was preparing to reopen after having been closed for one year by the government for violating the prohibition laws. It is located in the heart of the business district, at the corner of Van Buren street and Wabash avenue.

John Bouchet, owner and manager of the cafe, told the authorities he believed the bomb was "planted" by labor agents.

Two men dashed up to the cafe shortly after 4 o'clock. One of them threw something through the door. It rolled on the floor and McElvey was in the act of picking it up when it exploded.

The front of the building was wrecked and the lives of scores of pedestrians on the sidewalk endangered.

The authorities are searching for professional bombers, believed to have been employed by one of the labor factions to blow up the cafe.

Poetry making in Russia is said to be unorganized under the soviet regime.

John Bull Pays \$68,655,000 Interest on Funded Debt

Washington, June 16.—The payment by Great Britain of the \$68,655,000 interest on its funded debt June 15, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Monday. It was made in accordance with the debt settlement of February, 1923, and consisted of \$19,000,000 of treasury certificates of indebtedness and \$49,655,000 in cash.

Secretary Mellon said also that plans are under way soon to establish the new board of tax appeal.