

Labor Party Is Opposed by Unions

Move to Launch Organization for Political Action Defeated 25 to 1 by A. F. of L.

Holds to Own Strength

Portland, Ore., Oct. 9.—The American Federation of Labor went on record emphatically today against launching into the political field, through the formation of the separate labor party.

The convention here by a vote of 25,000 yeas against 1,392 nays, 1,618 not voting approved a report of the resolutions committee which recommended rejection of four resolutions, so closing participation in politics as an organized independent party.

Action on the political resolutions followed the most spirited debate the convention has seen. Advocates of political activity by organized labor presented their pleas and they were answered by an officer of the federation and delegates on the floor.

Matthew Woll, a vice president of the federation and secretary of the resolutions committee, pleaded for rejection of the political resolutions, arguing that labor should not place its destiny in the hands of a political party but should rather depend upon the stability of the trade union movement. He feared that introduction of political questions into labor's ranks would destroy the economic power of organized labor.

D. A. McVey of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who introduced one of the political resolutions declared that he wished to say in defense of himself that he and his associates were communists. He said the only way labor could accomplish anything permanent would be through political action.

New Waterway Would Aid West

St. Lawrence Project Would Boost Nebraska Wheat Price, Promoter Says.

The price of wheat to Nebraska farmers would jump 10 cents overnight on completion of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tidewater association project for bringing ocean-going vessels inland to Duluth and Chicago, declared Charles P. Craig, vice president at large and executive director of the association.

Mr. Craig, who was in Omaha yesterday, arrives at this conclusion in the following manner:

"The St. Lawrence river controls the lake. Through June and July the rate on grain by water from Duluth and Chicago to Montreal, a distance of 1,400 miles, was \$12 cents, as compared to \$14 cents from Buffalo to New York by rail, a distance of some 400 miles.

"With the heavier movement of grain the rate has advanced to 13 and 14 cents by water from Duluth and Chicago to Montreal. At this rate only 2 or 3 cents is charged to haul the grain to Lake Erie points. The remaining 11 or 12 cents charge is due to the haul through the old, out-of-date canals of the St. Lawrence. Hence the difference of 10 cents in the rate and in the price of grain."

To show how much cheaper is grain hauling by water than by rail, Mr. Craig calls attention to the fact that the cost by water from Montreal to Liverpool, a distance of 2,500 miles, is only 5.12 cents.

He had never been in the banking business and had no knowledge of it, he said, when he authorized the issuance of the certificates, and he did so on the assurance of the cashier that the transaction was customary and legal.

He had only arrived at the bank that day and assumed that the cashier, who had preceded him there by a week, was familiar with the various phases of banking. He, personally, had never gained from the transactions, and had, in fact, lost a good deal of his own money in the bank crash, he declared.

UP AND DOWN AND ROUND ABOUT OMAHA

Met Frank Harrison on Farnam street. Something told me several messes of political dope being concocted. Same expression on Frank's face was noted on face of household cat immediately after the canary disappeared.

Secretary Mellon of Treasury department says prosperity is general. Secretary failed to either see or interview me. Doubt accuracy of his statement. Have inside information.

Chairman Bass of republican state committee in Omaha. Sarcastic gentleman; entertaining, full of pep. But it's little too early to get all het up about state politics. Must preserve right mental attitude, as have approaching conference with coal dealer.

Almost collided with J. E. Davidson. He didn't look a bit like a king, but acted the part. Knew him as prince of good fellows; did not surprise he became king.

Bill of 75 cents for repairing small rent in trousers. Convinced tailor mistook name on tag for "Morgan." Neither complimented nor satisfied. Smacks of profiteering.

Hoodoo still pursues me. Not surprised that gas should be cheapest in years just as family flour is utterly disabled. Sudden thought. If auto owners will put me on pension roll, will insure them against rising prices for gasoline by refraining from having family flour repaired. Dangerous threat concealed in this paragraph.

Late at night. Pair of monkeys in window trying to sleep in glare of dazzling electric light. Young man and woman seeking deepest shadows. Ought to be a better light average.

Burglars looted till in printing office. Wonderful advance seemingly made by printing office. Burglaring printing office would have been idiotic performance a few years ago.

Bank Embezzler Seeks Parole From Prison

Frank Ridings, convicted of fraud in Halsey Bank, claims innocence of wrong intent.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Oct. 9.—Frank Ridings, who is serving an indeterminate sentence in the penitentiary on a charge of embezzlement in connection with the Halsey State bank, maintained that certificates of deposit issued by the bank were adequately backed, when he appeared before the parole board today.

The bank issued \$8,000 in certificates and deposited titles to Michigan timber land as security. According to the prosecution the lands were "cut over" and not worth as much as the bank officials stated, but Ridings told the board that he personally had had the lands "crushed" twice, and that the timber standing on them was alone worth more than \$8,000.

He charged that the receiver for the bank had made no real effort to collect on notes outstanding at the time of the failure and had such effort been made there would have been no loss.

The records show that of \$37,000 paid out by the state guaranty fund, \$32,000 had been recovered through the sale of assets of the bank. An undetermined portion of the \$12,000 worth of certificates of deposit has been repaid, according to Mr. Ridings. An action is now pending in the Iowa supreme court to determine whether Iowa banks who hold the balance of the certificates can recover from the Nebraska guaranty fund.

Thought Transaction Legal. He had never been in the banking business and had no knowledge of it, he said, when he authorized the issuance of the certificates, and he did so on the assurance of the cashier that the transaction was customary and legal.

Charley Withers at Orpheum in "Burlesque of oldtime mellow drama." Not so much burlesque, either as I remember it. Something mistaken however. No odor of kerosene lamps in footlights. Grave omission. Remember when a lot of men were running around frantically lest prohibition put "For Rent" signs on so many business locations? Worrying about things that never happen and crossing bridges before they are reached very fatal to contentment. Avoid 'em myself.

Beautiful displays of fall and winter sartorial effects in big windows. Price tags no surprise, but great disappointment. But read persuasive ads in Bee and probably will not be able to overcome that impulse.

Strolled through Paxton hotel lobby. Scene very familiar, but only strange faces. Renewed emphasis on fighting of tempus.

Everett Buckingham in business attire, later in court regalia, still later in Hereford's. Will wait till glitter of last two lose effect before broaching subject. Probably won't get any further but will feel easier in mind.

Western shipper in with train load of lambs. Know he shipped lambs because of his smile. He probably was in a barber shop. Watching man having his nails manicured. Never did myself, lacking courage. Hope to muster up enough before called hence.

Met Mayor Dahlman, who asked me if I remembered certain incident. Felt sad and a parting from mayor incident recalled happened more than 30 years ago.

Woman in costly limousine fondling fuzzy poodle dog in her arms. Congratulate some baby somewhere. Convinced that dog found natural home. Women wasting maternal feelings on crying babies. Burial in pet peeve of mine. What's yours?

Record Crop of Corn Forecast for This Year

3,000,000,000-Bushel Yield Will Be Fourth Largest in History—Wheat Estimate Cut.

Washington, Oct. 9.—A 3,000,000,000-bushel crop of corn this year was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture. Indications are this year's crop will be the fourth largest corn production in history.

The wheat crop was placed at 751,737,000 bushels in a preliminary estimate. That is 7,490,000 bushels less than forecast a month ago.

Corn production was forecast at 2,871,454,000 bushels compared with 2,976,000,000 bushels a month ago and last year's crop of 2,890,712,000 bushels.

The preliminary estimate of the wheat crop included 568,386,000 bushels of winter wheat, compared with 568,204,000 bushels last year, and 213,000,000 bushels of spring wheat compared with a forecast of 221,000,000 bushels a month ago, and a crop of 275,887,000 bushels last year.

Durum wheat production, included in spring wheat, is estimated at 45,779,000 bushels.

The preliminary estimates and forecasts, based on the condition of the crops of October 1 or at time of harvest, included:

Outs—1,302,453,000 bushels. Barley—199,251,000 bushels. Rye—64,774,000 bushels. Buckwheat—12,927,000 bushels. Sorghum—429,000 bushels. Sweet Potatoes—98,350,000 bushels. Flax Seeds—19,622,000 bushels.

G.O.P. Seeks Successor to Norris

Gustafson, Weaver, McLaughlin, Sloan and Mathers Discussed for Senatorial Nomination.

Tempts Governor Bryan

Lincoln, Oct. 9.—Announcement in The Omaha Bee that Senator George W. Norris, in spite of all public demands, will not run again, set this political bee hive to humming.

"Senator Norris' decision means that the state will suffer a real loss," said C. A. Randall, railway commissioner. "The senator occupies a position of power in the senate that no newly elected candidate will be able to assume until after some time has elapsed. Were he to file, there would be no doubt of his winning."

Governor Bryan declined to comment on the decision of Senator Norris, declaring that he was in no position at this time to make any statement. Other democrats in the statehouse were silent.

In many quarters it is believed Governor Bryan will now discard all other political ambitions and run for senator.

With Norris out of the race, the republican senatorial possibilities that are mentioned around the statehouse include C. H. Gustafson, who has already announced his candidacy; A. J. Weaver of Falls City, Charles Sloan of Geneva and Congressman M. O. McLaughlin of York. Some believe that A. N. Mathers of Gering will also enter, although he has been mentioned more in reference to the republican nomination for governor.

The withdrawal of Senator Norris is a disappointment to many republicans who thought that the ideal party arrangement for coming primaries would be Norris for senator and Weaver for governor.

Pessimism in U.S. Is Overdone

Mellon Says Conditions Good Everywhere—Avers Bonus Bill Must Provide Funds.

Washington, Oct. 9.—Secretary of the Treasury Mellon indicated yesterday the bonus bill certain to be introduced in the next congress, must also provide the means for raising the required money, to secure his approval.

"This was brought out in a review of the financial situation in which these points were stressed: (1) That Wall street is overdoing pessimism; (2) there are good conditions everywhere in the United States; (3) there is undue apprehension about the situation in Europe; (4) there is unwarranted anxiety about railroad legislation and the strength so-called radicals will way in congress."

This element of uncertainty, it is stated, already has been studied by the cabinet and the administration policies are being shaped to meet the situation.

Secretary Mellon believes, it is stated, that the soldiers' bonus measure should be accompanied by some acceptable plan of taxation to raise the required revenue. This, it was explained, must be a method that will not interfere with the present hope of reducing the taxes that are considered confiscatory of the higher incomes. The savings now being affected, amounting to hundreds of millions, it was added, had been intended to apply to reduction of taxation and not for additional expenditure.

It is the general atmosphere of uncertainty that is responsible for what the secretary considers unwarranted pessimism in business circles.

The bonus, too, is a factor in this, it was pointed out, but as soon as a definite policy is outlined and business knows what to expect, this will be offset.

Pride Omahans Take in Plant Culture Shows Many Home Owners Live Here

Early Start Made in Preparing Lawns and Flower Gardens as Dealers Report Demand for Bulbs and Seeds—Now Is Proper Time for Work

Omaha is busy planting its lawns and getting itself ready to get a good start with flowers and shrubs for next year. Some residents are preparing to cheat cold winter, and have flowers and plants indoors even if a blanket of snow and chill winds make any kind of plant life impossible.

A New Heavyweight International Challenger Has Arrived



Dike Gives; Flood Hits Florida City

Northeast Wind Breaks Structure Protecting Moorehaven From Lake Waters.

Moorehaven, Fla., Oct. 9.—The dike front of the city of Moorehaven broke at 7 o'clock this morning, due to heavy pressure of a northeast wind. The break is reported under control, but water is rapidly rising over the city.

The dike was built to protect this city from overflow waters from Lake Okeechobee, upon whose edge the city lies. State and local officials have been watching the water level of the lake for some weeks, anticipating a rise. Several other little towns ring the lake's edge.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 9.—Western Union officials here were notified by the operator at Moorehaven at 9:30 o'clock that water was entering the office and that outside communication might be broken at any time.

Water is from one to four feet deep in Moorehaven, according to the operator here and slowly rising, although not as fast as earlier in the day. The Western Union office is flooded with six inches of water.

The Western Union reports no other trouble in that section or on the west coast, although the local offices of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company report that they have not been in communication with Moorehaven, Tampa or Orlando this morning.

Engine That Pulled Harding Death Train to Carry His Pictures

Marion, O., Oct. 9.—Locomotive No. 2932, which pulled the funeral train of Warren G. Harding over the Kent division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Akron to Marion August 9, is to carry pictures of the late president, Harry R. Adams, superintendent of the division, announced today.

The pictures, draped with American flags, will be mounted in dust-proof frames, 8 by 10 inches, which will be welded on the sides of the engine cab under the windows. They will remain on the locomotive until March 4, 1925, when the term of President Harding would have expired.

Col. Majors Chuckles Over Removal Failure

Lincoln, Oct. 9.—Col. Tom Majors simply chuckled today when asked to comment on a petition for his removal from the normal board, which stated that he was in his dotage.

Although the colonel had nothing to say regarding the action of the normal board, which yesterday declared unwarranted the charges brought against him, he did state that nothing had pleased him so much in some time as did the finding of the names of the Howe family on a petition supporting him.

Years ago he and the Howes were constantly at loggerheads on political issues, their antagonism being almost a par with the celebrated quarrels between the late J. Sterling Morton and W. J. Bryan. To find them together on an issue was a great treat, Colonel Majors said.

He came to the state house to ask the attorney general's office to represent the normal board in its suit with J. Lawrence Eason.

Governor Bryan to Make Trip to State Fisheries

Lincoln, Oct. 9.—Governor Bryan will leave here tomorrow morning for Valentine for an inspection of the state fisheries. He will travel in the fish car, and a part of the day will be devoted to the inspection of surrounding country to see if a part of the money appropriated by the legislature for the purchase of lakes should be spent there.

When it was intimated that a little shooting might be included in the plans, the governor said he had been warned that the prairie chickens are very bad up there."

Portland, Ore., Asks About Den Show

An inquiry from the Portland Realty Board of Portland, Ore., about how the Ak-Sar-Ben den shows are organized and financed was received Tuesday morning by Charles Gardner, secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Portland, said the letter, is planning to start a society of the order of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben. The members of the real estate board declared being cleverly entertained in Omaha at the den show and wanted to know how it is done.

Stokes Witness Admits Perjury

Mrs. Stokes with Man Breaks Down.

New York, Oct. 9.—Mrs. Rose Nell Miller, a negress of Chicago, who was the principal witness for the plaintiff yesterday in the divorce suit of W. E. D. Stokes, wealthy hotel owner, against Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, today admitted under cross-examination by Samuel Untermeyer, Mrs. Stokes' chief counsel, that she had deliberately testified falsely in answering questions about her past.

When questioned by Mr. Untermeyer Mrs. Miller, who had declared she had been married several times, was unable to give definitely the dates of the marriages. At first she said she had married a man named Murphy in the city hall at New York, but later, on severe cross-examination by the defense counsel, retracted this statement, declaring it false and admitted that she had committed deliberate perjury.

The negress swore yesterday that she saw Mrs. Stokes in the New York apartment of Edgar T. Wallace, principal co-respondent in the first Stokes trial, a half dozen times between June, 1917, and January, 1918, when she brought food to them.

Mrs. Miller said she was a waitress at one time in a tea room in West Thirty-fifth street, New York. Recalled by the stand today, she declared she had delivered food to the apartment of Wallace and had found Mrs. Stokes there in scanty attire.

Mrs. Miller said she had come to New York two weeks ago alone, but at the request of a Mrs. Phillips and of Daniel Nugent, one of Stokes' lawyers. She also said she talked with Mr. Stokes concerning the case over the telephone three or four times.

Mr. Untermeyer referred to the grand jury inquiry in Chicago as a result of which Stokes, Nugent and five others were indicted for conspiracy and asked the witness if she did not know that inquiry was going on.

"She replied 'He knew she was wanted and said she had been away from her home for two weeks, stopping at various places to keep the officers from serving her.'"

"I got a check for \$100," she said when asked what she got for coming to New York.

Ship's Sailing Delayed 20 Minutes Over Baby Buggy

New York, Oct. 9.—Departure of the steamship Mauretania was delayed 20 minutes today on account of a baby's perambulator. The carriage, property of young John Kirchstein, Jr., who is en route to London with his parents, arrived at the dock after the vessel had started.

Funds Sent Louisville Sufferers

Flood Victims Receive \$100 Subscribed by T. C. Byrnes Through The Omaha Bee as Starter.

Other Towns Contribute

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Louisville, Neb., 9.—The flood relief committee was gratified to learn that T. C. Byrnes of Omaha had subscribed \$100 through The Omaha Bee to aid flood sufferers. It was the first contribution received by Louisville from its big neighbor.

Ray L. Alston of Omaha, head of the Nebraska Red Cross society, arrived here tonight to ascertain needs of the sufferers which might be supplied by the organization.

The city of Plattsmouth has subscribed \$500 while the Burlington shopmen at Plattsmouth raised \$219 and turned the money over to the local relief committee.

The towns of Weeping Water, Grattan, Papillion, Manley, Murdock, Elmwood, South Bend, Cedar Creek and Springfield have all furnished men to aid in repairing bridges and clearing away the debris. In each instance, women from these towns accompanied the men and served dinner for them in the Odd Fellows hall.

Fund for Louisville

T. C. Byrnes Tuesday sent to The Omaha Bee a check for \$100 with which to inaugurate a relief fund for flood sufferers at Louisville, Neb.

Salesmen of Mr. Byrnes' firm told such dramatic tales of the suffering among merchants and residents forlorn the flood that he was moved to start some action to relieve the situation.

The creek at Louisville, which overflowed its banks during the storm in which 12 lives were lost, is reported to be choked with the carcasses of dead animals, and the condition of the inhabitants is serious. Many of the business men of the town are facing ruin.

Other donations to relieve the suffering may be sent to The Omaha Bee and the entire amount will be forwarded to Louisville.

First contribution:
Byrnes-Hammer \$100

Ruhr Magnates Make Demands

Berlin, Oct. 9.—Draastic demands were made of the German government today by the group of Ruhr industrialists headed by Hugo Stinnes, who recently were in consultation with the French government. The French commander in chief at Dusseldorf.

Authority to continue negotiations with the occupation officials in the Ruhr was one of these demands.

Provision for longer working hours for German workers, both in the mines and in the ground was another demand. The French government has granted, would be \$12 hours and above ground, 10 hours.

The industrialists also asked what the government's attitude would be toward the creation of a railway company in the occupied territory in which the Rhineland, France and industry would participate.

Brussels, Oct. 9.—Belgian officials are optimistic over the situation since the beginning of the Ruhr occupation act for the forcible levied coal tax; the abolition of the coal tax to Ruhr regions; a guarantee that all future deliveries of reparation coal be placed in their hands; preferential treatment for the Ruhr in supplies of raw materials and foodstuffs.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 P. M., October 9. High 68, 77; Low 47; Mean 64; Normal 65. Total Precipitation since January 1, 2.28. Relative Humidity, 75 percent. Wind, S. by E., 11 to 15 m. P. M. Total S. since January 1, 1923: 8.4 in. Hourly Temperature: 8 A. M., 53; 9 A. M., 55; 10 A. M., 57; 11 A. M., 59; 12 M., 61; 1 P. M., 63; 2 P. M., 65; 3 P. M., 67; 4 P. M., 69; 5 P. M., 71; 6 P. M., 73; 7 P. M., 75; 8 P. M., 77; 9 P. M., 79; 10 P. M., 81; 11 P. M., 83; Moon, 8:45 P. M., 100 percent.