

# Lowden Declares Refusal to Run Final

## No Return for Officer Dismissed

City Lacks Funds to Put 21 Policemen Back on Payroll—Fire Department Faces Cut.

## 10-Day Leaves Probable

A special committee of the city council will report this morning that 21 members of the police department, recently dropped from the payroll on account of condition of funds, be not returned to duty at this time.

The committee will recommend that 19 members of the police department take 10-day leaves without pay, and that 20 members of the fire department be dropped from the roll. The committee has before it a list of 20 firemen now serving on probation and recommended by Commissioner Butler for dismissal.

Police Commissioner Dunn told the committee that his department would need \$30,000 more than the appropriation to finish out this year on a basis of full strength, including the 21 who were dropped.

Butler Needs \$45,000. Commissioner Butler stated that the fire department needs \$45,000 more than the appropriation to cover a deficit of \$18,545 incurred last year and paid out of this year's funds, and to carry the department to the end of this year on present basis of operations. He stated that unless the fire department is given more money he will drop 40 men, this being 20 more than indicated in his recent list.

The city has money enough in the miscellaneous fund to meet these police and fire department requirements, but the council's special committee explains that the council cannot legally increase department appropriations after they have been determined by the budget board at the first of a year, except in case of an emergency.

Members of the committee explained that they are unable to suggest any method whereby the 21 dismissed policemen may be returned to duty this year. The status of these policemen has been defined by the city legal department, as still having their rights respect to the police pension fund.

Close Three Fire Houses. In recommending that 20 firemen be dropped from the payroll, the committee will suggest that three fire houses be closed, but will not specify which. Chief Charles S. Sullivan appeared before the committee. Commissioner Butler, who is superintendent of the fire department, was piqued because he was not included in the committee conferences.

The police department has 270 members, and the strength of the fire department is 325. The 10-day payless leaves for the police department will save about \$15,000.

The council's special committee on police and fire department fund conditions comprises Commissioners Hopkins, Koutsky and Hummel.

## COURT COMMANDS BIG FORECLOSURE

New York, June 9.—Foreclosure of the trust mortgage of the Virginia Carolina Chemical company, covering the \$24,500,000 7 per cent bond issue, was ordered today by Federal Judge Runyon of New Jersey, after default of the June interest on the bonds.

The court ordered the receivership extended over assets covered by the first mortgage bonds and directed consolidation of the foreclosure action with the receivership suit brought by creditors.

## San Francisco Bulletin Purchase Is Announced

San Francisco, June 9.—Purchase of the San Francisco Bulletin was announced in that paper today by Charles S. Stanton, retiring publisher of the San Francisco Examiner; Alfred Holman, publisher of the Argonaut; B. B. Page, business manager of the Bulletin; Wallace M. Alexander, sugar magnate, and A. B. C. Dohrman, merchant, who have formed a syndicate to take over the property. All are San Francisco men.

## We Have With Us Today

John Forsall, Clay Center, Neb., Business Man.

Although only a young man John Forsall has more business interests than many men of twice his age.

Born in Omaha some 20 years ago Forsall decided soon after the termination of his studies at Creighton university that his greatest opportunities would be found in a smaller city.

He moved to Clay Center and the wisdom of his move was proven. He now owns the largest garage in Clay Center, a restaurant and one of the most flourishing real estate offices in that district.

Despite the fact that Forsall believes that the best business opportunities are to be found in small communities he arranges to come to Omaha on business, usually to drive back automobiles, once every two or three weeks.

## Nine Reported Dead in Flood in West Virginia

Bluefield, W. Va., June 9.—Nine persons are reported to have been killed and 100 more should have been washed away in Mercer and McDowell counties today by a flood following a heavy rain storm that reached the properties of a cloudburst. Sections of Norfolk and Western railroad branch lines and sidetracks to a number of mining operations were washed out.

## Priest Awarded \$3,300 for Loss of Sacred Relics

Fortune at Last Favors Prelate Who Had Been Pursued by Nemesis Since Arrival Here.

Has a strange Nemesis pursued Rev. Father Dominico Pirovolos for months. The priest, sacred relic which he brought with him when he came out to Omaha in 1920 to become pastor of St. John Greek Orthodox church, Sixteenth and Martha streets?

Pathe Pirovolos wonders. "I never should have left Greece," he said Monday in District Judge Troup's court, where a jury returned a verdict awarding him \$3,300 with interest against the London Guaranty and Accident company, the full amount asked for, insurance on three "priceless" sacred relics stolen from his church in April, 1923. The safe that contained them was found several weeks later, blown open, on the banks of the Little Pappo.

Cross Solid Gold. "The cross," said Father Pirovolos on the witness stand, "was solid gold, about six inches high and had two diamonds of two carats each in it and two large rubies. It was given me by my uncle, bishop and had been handed down in our family for 200 years. Its intrinsic value was \$3,000.

"The chalice was solid gold, hexagonal in shape and with engravings of the birth and resurrection of Christ and of the five evangelists. It was made by monks in the seventh century. Inside was an eagle, suspended in the middle of the bowl by four gold chains. In the heart of the eagle was a fragment of the holy cross on which Christ was crucified.

"The Bible which was stolen was written by monks on chamois skin in the sixteenth century. This also was given me by my uncle, bishop."

Bible Held Priceless. "What was the value of the Bible?" asked Eugene Clennon, attorney for the defense. The priest shrugged his shoulders and replied: "It was priceless." It is put down in the claim at \$2,400. The chalice at \$5,000.

To complete the misfortune which seems to have dogged the priest's steps since he left his native land, an altar cloth reputed to have been embroidered 1,300 years ago by Queen Theodora of Constantinople, was half burned when a candle tipped over on it during a special ceremony at the Greek Orthodox church recently.

## HOMER F. WILSON DIES AT WAYNE

Wayne, Neb., June 9.—Homer F. Wilson, Wayne county pioneer, died Sunday morning at the age of 76.

He was vice president of the First National bank of Wayne and one of the influential business men. He leaves a widow and one son, Frank H. Wilson of Winside, Neb. Funeral services Tuesday afternoon will be conducted by the Masonic order.

## Number of Unemployed Increases at Columbus

Columbus, Neb., June 9.—Employment bureaus maintained here by the Chamber of Commerce and the Y. M. C. A. report a constantly increasing number of idle men applying for work. On the other hand, labor demand by employers is on the wane.

## Humphrey to Celebrate

Humphrey, Neb., June 9.—At a meeting of local business men it was decided to celebrate the Fourth of July at Humphrey. Preparations are under way for ball games, races and speeches and concerts during the day-time, to be followed by fireworks and a dance in the evening. This is the first celebration in Humphrey in years.

## Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons were married here in Council Bluffs yesterday: Roy Cameron, Montclair, Ia., and Elizabeth Washington, Omaha; Antonio Howard, Omaha; Fern Wilbur, Omaha; Lawrence Buehrer, Geneva, Neb.; Orpha Ferguson, Houtzong, Neb.; Mable Dow, Kearney, Neb.; Jennie Sheldon, Kearney, Neb.; Murel Nelson, Grand Island, Neb.; Pearl Cross, Overton, Neb.; John Schindler, Schuyler, Neb.; Nellie Schindler, Omaha; Myron Johnson, Omaha; Birdie Pash, Hardiston, Ia.; Joe Fernandez, Omaha; Gary Brown, Omaha; Carl Lubbs, Council Bluffs; Annetta Behinds, McClelland, Ia.

## New Pastor Takes Charge

Beatrice, Neb., June 9.—Rev. Ross McCown, who was called here from Fontaine, Ill., as pastor of the First Presbyterian church, assumed his new duties Sunday. He and his family drove through in their car from Pon

## Loeb Death Car, Jury Told

Witness Identifies Actual Pilot of Auto in Franks Slaying, Contradicting Leopold's Confession.

## Boys to Plead Not Guilty

Chicago, June 9.—The identity of the actual driver of the Franks death car was established by a witness before the Cook county grand jury today.

Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb have both claimed they drove the car, and each has accused the other of striking the death blow and stifling the cries of little Robert Franks. It is realized by these college youths that a trial jury is unable to fix the punishment of the actual killer at death by hanging and the punishment of the accomplice at life in the penitentiary.

Carl Uving, a chauffeur, living in the vicinity of where the crime was committed, testified before the grand jury today that he had seen Leopold and Loeb in their car at about the time of the kidnaping. Loeb was driving, he said.

"Why, I couldn't have hit him, Dick, because, you remember, I was driving the car," Leopold was quoted as having said in discussing the crime at the time the confessions were made. And Loeb was just as positive that he (Loeb) was driving and that Leopold was the actual killer.

Favors Loeb. So the testimony of the chauffeur favors Loeb.

There were other witnesses before the grand jury during the day. State Attorney Crowe is cleaning up the odds and ends of the case. He wants to have all the testimony sworn to before the grand jury. Then the witnesses will be expected to give the same testimony, substantially, at the trial.

Next Wednesday has been set as the date for the arraignment of the college youths. It was said by Clarence S. Darrow that a plea of "not guilty" would be entered.

"Does that mean that the boys are going to repudiate their confessions?" he was asked.

"Not necessarily. There is nothing more to say about that now," he replied.

The plea of "not guilty" could later be changed to "not guilty by reason of insanity," many pointed out. One thing is regarded as certain—Leopold and Loeb will not plead guilty and throw themselves on the mercy of the court.

New Indictment Looks. There is a chance, it was said, that Loeb may consent to plead guilty and turn state's evidence with the understanding that the extreme penalty—death—will not be demanded by the state's attorney in his case. If he does that, he was pointed out, Leopold's attorney will be expected to plead insanity for him.

A new indictment may be brought against the youths—that of conspiracy to commit murder. Should they be found not guilty of murder they could still be tried on a charge of conspiracy to commit murder, if the state will have no appeal. They cannot again be tried for the murder of little Robert Franks, no matter what evidence may later be developed against them. But if they are found guilty they may appeal to the state supreme court, possibly to the United States supreme court, if some question of constitutional rights is involved.

More than a score of witnesses are yet to be brought before the grand jury.

Notes as Evidence. To combat an insanity plea, the state's attorney will offer notes made by Leopold and Loeb just after they confessed.

The confessions were secured separately and then were read in the presence of both defendants.

"No, that isn't right—that isn't the way it was," each broke in time and time again as they disputed heatedly the point as to who drove the car for one time.

State's Attorney Crowe, to stop the disputing, told each to write down notations, wherein the confessions of each other were incorrect. They were mostly unimportant details, but the state's attorney sees in these notes material to help convince a judge and jury that the defendants were perfectly sane at the time they confessed. Their notes indicate they were not only sane, but clear-headed and able of thinking and thinking quickly.

That insanity would figure in the trial was made more certain today when it became known the defense plans to subpoena noted alienists. Among these are Dr. William J. Hick, state and Chief Justice Harry Olson of the criminal court. Both are noted for their work in psychopathic research.

## Many Nebraskans Will Go to Luther League Convention

Hartington, Neb., June 9.—Many members of the Luther league in northeast Nebraska are planning to attend the annual meeting of the South Dakota district, comprising the states of Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and South Dakota, which will be held at Yankton, S. D., June 12 to 15.

Officers of the district are Rev. Ole M. Odland, Yankton, president; Rev. E. Ulviden, Omaha, vice president; Miss Frederica Johnson, Newman Grove, Neb., secretary; and O. O. Lokken, Irene, S. D., treasurer.

## Adherence Will Be G. O. P. Planks

Carrying Out of Bonus Act Provisions and Special Provision for Disabled Also to Be Included in Platform Gradually Taking Shape

Cleveland, O., June 9.—Faint outlines of the platform on which the republican party will go to the country began to appear today out of a mass of suggestions and a maze of conferences.

The resolutions committee's advisory body prepared to close its study of possible planks with presentation of a report; party leaders conferred among themselves and with their delegations; republican insurgents, acting through the Wisconsin delegation, made up the platform they desired; C. Bascom Slemm, secretary to President Coolidge, arrived with a compilation of suggestions made at the White House, and announcement was made by Charles B. Warren, chairman of the resolutions committee, that five hours of public hearings would be held tomorrow and then the work of drafting the platform will be started.

These developments pointed to a series of planks which it was considered probable by many party leaders to lead to presentation of a platform containing the following major pronouncements:

Rigid Economy. Rigid economy in governmental expenditures. Reform in taxation and greater reduction in tax levies. American adherence to the world court as proposed by President Harding and endorsed by President Coolidge.

Honesty in public office and drastic punishment of all found guilty of misconduct. Execution of the provisions of the bonus act and special provision for the disabled.

Recognition of the power of congress to control immigration to the point of exclusion by further legislation. Strict enforcement of all laws without special mention of the prohibitory statutes.

Recognition of the right of collective bargaining and of the living wage. Continued use of the flexible provisions of the tariff act to protect agriculture; governmental encouragement of co-operative marketing and further aid to the farmer along the lines of recently established agricultural credit corporation.

Sharp Contrast. The republican insurgent platform as revealed in a statement given out here today by Robert M. LaFollette,

Jr., on behalf of the Wisconsin delegation, stands in sharp contrast with what is known as the platform of the regulars.

The advisory platform committee, which has been working under the leadership of Ralph Williams, national committeeman from Oregon, decided today to submit its report tomorrow to the full resolutions committee.

Night Session. The insurgent platform would condemn former Attorney General Daugherty and former Secretary Fall and demand their removal from office as republicans. It also would have President Coolidge summoned congress in special session for enactment of farm, railroad and reclamation legislation; would declare against the Mellon tax bill and would favor direct election of president and vice president.

None of the party leaders expect any of the planks of the insurgent platform to be adopted, although in several instances support will be given them other than that accorded by the La Follette delegation from Wisconsin.

This advisory sub-committee will make its report at the meeting tomorrow afternoon of the resolutions committee. With the report as a basis and with the compilation made at the White House as a guide the committee will hold five hours of public hearings.

Conclusion of the hearings early tomorrow evening will be followed by a night session, possibly lasting throughout the night, with the committee hoping to be able to present the finished draft Wednesday afternoon.

Chairman Warren of the resolutions committee who has been working steadily since his arrival here Sunday expressed the belief today that no difficulty would be encountered in drafting the world court plank.

Several senators, including Pepper of Pennsylvania and Watson of Indiana, are understood to have drafted a plank declaring for prompt adherence by the United States to the world court "upon terms involving no relationship to the league of nations." Prospects were, however, that this proposal would be withdrawn if the Coolidge forces should agree, as they have indicated, to a formal declaration of adherence as endorsed by President Harding and approved by Mr. Coolidge.

## Japanese Helm in Strong Hand

Viscount Kato, New Premier. Busy Forming His Ministry.

By DUKE N. PARRY, International News Service Staff. Tokyo, June 9.—A strong hand is taking up the duties of the Japanese premiership this afternoon.

Viscount Kato, essentially a party man, was selected because of the power of the Kensei party, which he heads in the diet and his strong appeal to the masses, who feel that Japanese nationalistic spirit is endangered. The feeling that the Kiyoura ministry silently permitted and abetted exclusion legislation by the United States was an important factor in his downfall.

Well informed cabinet predictions give the post of foreign secretary to either Viscount Ishii or Baron Shidehara, both former envoys to the United States, with the latter favored for the post. Other ministries are expected to be filled as follows: home, Reijiro Wataksuki; finance, Yoku Hanguchi; war, General Ugaki; navy, Admiral Kantaro Suzuki or Admiral Takara; agriculture and commerce, Seiji Hayami; communications, Utago Noda; justice, Egi, education, Seki; railways, Yokota.

## Monument to Soldiers Dedicated at Crofton

Hartington, Neb., June 9.—Dr. L. Stark of this place gave the memorial address at the dedication of a monument to soldiers in the cemetery at Crofton.

The memorial is constructed of cement with a white stucco finish, topped with a large marble ball and having attached a brass tablet on which are inscribed the names of those who served their country in time of need.

It was presented to the American Legion and to the community by the Crofton Commercial club, having been erected by the club through public subscriptions.

## Gas Prices Slashed by Independent

Down to 15 Cents With City Following Suit Today—Spillman Presses Inquiry of Alleged "Ring."

Price of gasoline at the Stelk oil company filling stations was reduced to 15 cents a gallon, effective Monday morning, W. D. Stelk, president of the company, announced. The price at the muni gasoline station, Sixteenth and Izard streets, will be cut to 15 cents Tuesday morning, according to City Commissioner Hopkins.

The reductions are the result of an unsettled state among refiners. Hopkins told of an offer from a broker to sell gasoline at 9 cents at the refinery, to cost Hopkins 11.50 cents a gallon, delivered in Omaha, Stelk

declared that, while he had no direct offer of gasoline at 9 cents, it had been offered to him at 9.75 cents and he knew that from the unsettled state of affairs it might go even lower.

Stelk is the first of the older companies to cut to 15 cents.

Spillman Still Active. Meanwhile the case of the state against the oil companies of Nebraska is steadily being built by Attorney General O. S. Spillman. He is working long hours interviewing interested persons and is gradually getting together the evidence that will be presented in the case.

Latest development in presentation of evidence that the "mystery" station which has been selling gasoline for 13 cents is no longer owned by the "man of mystery," H. D. Radcliffe.

Last Tuesday the station was sold to H. O. Churchill, manager, and Morris Feyer, 5101 Davenport street. Radcliffe is alleged to have gone to Kansas City immediately after the sale.

Spillman Gets Transcript. Spillman has also been presented with a transcript of an alleged conversation between Benjamin Elrod and G. A. Steel, vice president of the Manhattan Oil company, a week ago. This transcript is being checked now.

The attorney general referred to close what progress has been made on his case so far. He asked only that he be left alone "to work in his way and at his speed."

"There have been several cases come before the state since I was attorney general which have been successfully prosecuted," he said.

Spillman refused to affirm or deny the report made by Churchill that the "mystery" station had changed hands. "How did you find that out?" "I have nothing to say" was all he would say about the proposition.

Hopkins declared the price of gasoline, as announced by Churchill, showed discrepancies. A price of 12.21 cents a gallon, said by Churchill to be the price at the refinery for him, is sold by Hopkins to at least 1 cent more than gasoline would cost from a refinery outside of Omaha.

The commissioner further points out that gasoline can not be handled on a margin of less than 1 cent profit per gallon and not lose money for the person who is handling it. He points out that in a haul from the cars to a filling station the cost is approximately 1 cent per gallon and that freight charges are 2 1/2 cents a gallon.

Churchill insists that he sells his gasoline for a profit of 75 cents a gallon over and above the refinery price and "makes money."

Hopkins is to interview Spillman today or Tuesday and lay before him all the evidence in the "gasoline case" which he has. Elrod has already having to the attorney general once and expects to come here again.

Every oil dealer in Omaha expects to be called before the attorney general before the investigation is over.

## Fiery Cross Displayed by Klan at Plattsmouth

Plattsmouth, Neb., June 9.—The first Ku Klux Klan demonstration in this vicinity occurred a few nights ago when, during a rainstorm, a huge fiery cross fully 20 feet in height and a spread of 10 feet burst into flames on a vacant lot on Main street, midway up High school hill.

## Cedar County Democrats Boost Thomas for Senator

Randolph, Neb., June 9.—Democrats of Cedar county met at Hartington tonight for the purpose of organizing a "Thomas for senator" club. John J. Gobel, chairman of the democratic county central committee, called the meeting.

## Fort Morgan, Colo. J. Zink Given Charge of Sterling Postoffice

Fort Morgan, Colo., June 9.—Robert Robinson, 28, who was sentenced to the state penitentiary at Carson City for 18 months in district court here last February for robbing a house southeast of Fort Morgan, escaped a couple days ago while working as a trustee at the prison farm. Robinson is a former president of McCook, Neb.

## MADDER STAYS WITH WILLS FOR 15 ROUNDS

Bartley Madden Amazed His Most Enthusiastic Supporters by Lasting Through Fight With Championship Contender Harry Wills.

A Round by Round Account of the Battle Will Be Found on Page 6.

## Smaller Crop of Wheat This Year Forecast

Total Production of 693,000,000 Bushels Predicted—Oats Set at 1,232,000,000, Rye, 62,600,000.

Washington, June 9.—A smaller crop of wheat this year than produced last year was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture in its report of June 1 crop conditions.

Smaller acreage of both winter and spring wheats and less favorable conditions than last year are responsible. A total crop of 693,000,000 bushels this year was forecast.

The spring wheat crop, for which the first forecast of the season was announced, was placed at 184,000,000 bushels, the area planted being estimated at 16,920,000 acres or 30.1 per cent of last year's acreage.

Winter wheat production was forecast at 509,000,000, compared with a forecast of 553,013,000 bushels a month ago.

First production forecasts for the season of other crops are: Oats, 1,232,000,000 bushels; barley, 160,000,000 bushels; rye, 62,500,000 bushels, and peaches, 62,500,000 bushels.

## AUTO BANDITS GET \$4,000 IN CASH

Seattle Wash., June 9.—Four thousand dollars was obtained by four men who held up two employees of Frederick & Nelson's, a department store, here today, it was stated, besides checks totaling \$57,000. The checks were recovered.

The checks were in a bag found two miles from the scene of the hold-up. The four men followed William Pond, bookkeeper, and another employee to the bank from the store. When the department store car was parked across the street from the bank, two of the robbers covered Pond and his companion with pistols, took the money and checks from them, re-entered their machine, in which two men had remained and drove away rapidly.

Bystanders were threatened with death if they interfered. The robbery was carried out in a busy shopping street.

## MAN WHO SHOT DETECTIVE HELD

Cleveland, O., June 9.—Although Horace Pedrick, 25, Philadelphia, Pa., has confessed, police say, to shooting Earl M. Drink, New York Central railroad detective, here Sunday morning, no definite charge had been placed against him by police today, pending the outcome of Drink's wounds.

According to police, Pedrick admitted he shot the detective when the latter attempted to search him after he and three other men had been placed in a boxcar by the detective. "I didn't want to be caught with the gun, so I shot my way out," Pedrick said in his confession.

Drink is dying, according to hospital attendants, and is expected to die following the shooting from a bullet wound in the stomach.

## New Christian Church at Alma Is Dedicated

Alma, Neb., June 9.—Dedication of the new Christian church, built at a cost of \$10,000, was conducted Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Faye Meadows, assisted by the pastor of local churches. The organ was played by Mrs. E. G. Carter and piano by Miss Dorothea Everson, with violin accompaniment by Zina Sharpnack. A choir of 18 voices sang special numbers. Communion service was followed by sermon by Mrs. Meadows and short talk by Rev. J. M. Runcie and Rev. J. K. Lane. R. L. Kester, chairman of the building committee, presented the keys of the church to the chairman of the board, E. G. Carter.

## Moore Goes to Cleveland.

Tecumseh, Neb., June 9.—Jay C. Moore departed for Cleveland, O., Saturday, to attend the republican national convention. He is a delegate at-large from Nebraska. His daughter, Miss Pauline Moore, accompanied him as far as Chicago, where she will visit with relatives.

## Two Cows and Two Calves Bolt of Lightning Kills

Columbus, Neb., June 9.—A bolt of lightning killed two cows with two calves on the Walter Kleumpe farm near Creston, Neb., late last night. The animals were insured at \$150 each. A horse belonging to Arthur Bodine on an adjoining farm was killed by another bolt a few minutes later.

## Find Still on Farm.

Franklin, Neb., June 9.—Sheriff Garrett, accompanied by Ben Bonham, discovered a large still on the E. E. Emmerson. They found three barrels of mash and a considerable amount of whisky on hand. Emmerson was brought to the county seat for a hearing. He was released on bond of \$1,500.

## Name to Be Proposed by Illinois

Illinois Governor Declares He Will Support Predecessor in Race for Vice Presidency.

Oxford, O., June 9.—"I don't want the vice presidency and I am not a candidate for this office. This decision is final and unalterable." At 8:30 former Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois thus summed up his position on reports that he would be chosen for that office at the republican national convention.

Cleveland, June 9.—The Illinois delegation tonight in caucus unanimously passed a resolution to present the name of former Governor Lowden for vice president to the convention and that the Illinois vote be cast for him as a unit.

Cleveland, June 9.—Former Governor William C. Sproull of Pennsylvania, after conferring with members of the Pennsylvania delegation, tonight sent a telegram to former Governor Lowden of Illinois urging him to withdraw his declination to run for the vice presidency and saying that he owed it to his country and party to make the race.

Cleveland, June 9.—A movement in the Illinois delegation to formally demand of former Governor Frank O. Lowden that he permit his name to go before the convention as a candidate for the vice presidency gained momentum tonight after receipt of word from Governor Len Small that he would endorse his predecessor for the place.

Mr. Lowden's friends on the delegation, in advocating that the state caucus "memorialize" the former governor to accept the post "for the party welfare," suggested that a vigorous favorable pronouncement from his own state delegation likely would influence Mr. Lowden to reconsider his position.

Word that the Small forces would support such an expression from the delegation was brought to the Illinois caucus by a high official of the Illinois administration who had conferred with Governor Small within the last 12 hours.

In quoting the governor on his attitude toward the Lowden candidacy, the spokesman declared the executive had said:

"I am for him and will support him for the vice presidency."

While confirmation of the suggestion has been entirely lacking in the utterances of Mr. Lowden's friends, it has been intimated elsewhere that one factor of the Lowden refusal yesterday was the possibility that opposition to his candidacy might come from factions in Illinois, thus placing his name before the convention without the full