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## PARTY'S LEADERS DECLARE HUGHES SENTIMENT GAINS

Many of Republican Chiefs at Chicago Meeting Assert Justice in Greatest Favor in Their States.

### MOST DELEGATES UNINSTRUCTED

Reported Statement of Roosevelt He Will Take Nomination Arouses Interest.

### HARDING TO SOUND KEYNOTE

CHICAGO, April 7.—Plans for the republican national convention, which will open in Chicago June 7, were completed here today at a meeting of the subcommittee on arrangements with the selection of Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio for temporary chairman. Senator Harding was chosen for the place by a unanimous vote on the first formal ballot, after an hour's discussion of various men suggested.

Other convention officers chosen were: Temporary Secretary—Lafayette B. Gleason of New York. Chief Clerk—D. Edward Monroe of St. Louis. Official Reporter—George L. Hart of Roanoke, Va. Sergeant-at-Arms—William F. Stone of Baltimore. Chief Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Edwin P. Thayer of Indianapolis. Chief Doorkeeper—John J. Hanson of Baltimore.

### Many Leaders Attend

Today's meeting attracted to the city numerous state committee chairmen and other party leaders. Among these there was much informal discussion of possible presidential candidates and issues.

Recent reports that Colonel Roosevelt had indicated a willingness to accept the presidential nomination formed the basis of several impromptu conferences and interchanges of views between the politicians.

Several states leaders pointed out that about 40 per cent of the delegates to the convention have been chosen and said that an investigation showed comparatively few supporters of Roosevelt among them. Other party leaders agreed with this view, although none of them would allow his name to be used in connection with a statement at this time.

Many of the leaders declared that what sentiment had crystallized in their states was largely in favor of Justice Hughes, although Senator Cummins, former Senator Burton, Charles W. Fairbanks, Senator Sherman and other favorite sons had many supporters.

Secretary Reynolds will open headquarters in Chicago to receive notice of contents about May 10.

The subcommittee on arrangements will not meet again until a few days before the convention.

### Situation Less Tense

LONDON, April 7.—The situation in Holland apparently is becoming less tense. Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent says an indication of the change is that officers of the military transportation staff of the state railways will again be granted leave.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Saturday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Victory.

FAIR	Hours.	Deg.
	5 A. M.	58
	6 A. M.	58
	7 A. M.	58
	8 A. M.	58
	9 A. M.	58
	10 A. M.	58
	11 A. M.	58
	12 M.	58
	1 P. M.	58
	2 P. M.	58
	3 P. M.	58
	4 P. M.	58
	5 P. M.	58
	6 P. M.	58
	7 P. M.	58

### Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years.	1915.	1914.	1913.
Highest temperature	84	84	84
Lowest temperature	28	28	28
Mean temperature	58	58	58
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.			
Normal temperature	58	58	58
Normal precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Departure for the day	0.00	0.00	0.00
Departure for the month	0.00	0.00	0.00
Departure for the season	0.00	0.00	0.00
Departure for the year	0.00	0.00	0.00

### Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	Wind	Clouds
Omaha	58	W, 10	bc
Lincoln	58	W, 10	bc
Des Moines	58	W, 10	bc
Sioux Falls	58	W, 10	bc
Wichita	58	W, 10	bc
St. Louis	58	W, 10	bc
Chicago	58	W, 10	bc
Philadelphia	58	W, 10	bc
New York	58	W, 10	bc
Boston	58	W, 10	bc
San Francisco	58	W, 10	bc
Honolulu	58	W, 10	bc

## COLONEL COLTON DEAD IN THE EAST

Former Lieutenant Colonel of First Nebraska Regiment Dies in Connecticut.

### WAS PORTO RICAN GOVERNOR

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, April 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Colonel George R. Colton, governor of Porto Rico from 1909 to 1913, died last night at the Walter Reed army hospital, to which he came several days ago from his home in Connecticut. Colonel Colton had been ill for two months.

### Colonel Colton was a widower.

Two sons and two sisters are living. The sons are Francis Colton and George Colton and the sisters are Mrs. Randall H. Hagner and Mrs. Archibald Davis, both of this city.

Colonel Colton, who was about 50 years of age, was a native of Illinois. Prior to his appointment in the government service he was cashier of a bank at The City, Neb. During the Philippine insurrection he served as lieutenant colonel of the First Nebraska regiment, and entered the customs service in the Philippines in August, 1899, first as a deputy collector and then as a collector of customs at Iloilo.

In 1906 he was selected to organize the Dominion customs service and served there as United States receiver. In 1907 he returned to the Philippines, having been appointed collector of customs at Manila. He returned to the United States in 1909 and assisted in the revision of tariff laws of the Philippines.

In December, 1909, he was appointed governor of Porto Rico and held that office until November 8, 1913, when he resigned to engage in private business in the United States.

## Waite Gave Himself Typhoid Fever by Germ Inoculation

### NEW YORK, April 7.—Additional evidence regarding the life history of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, who has confessed the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck of Grand Rapids, will be sought by the district attorney's office in Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Lansing and Kalamazoo, it was announced tonight.

An assistant district attorney and a detective will leave tomorrow for Michigan to begin the investigation. Evidence that Waite inoculated himself with typhoid germs, which he had purchased for the alleged purpose of causing the death of his wife's parents, was obtained today by District Attorney Swann. Waite was treated for typhoid last November, it was learned today, shortly after he had purchased the bacilli. This was two months after his marriage.

Bert L. Rich, attorney for Eugene Oliver Kane, the embalmers, whom Waite said he gave \$2,000 to testify the fluid he used in embalming Mr. Peck's body contained arsenic, made a formal demand today for the return of the \$7,800 which Kane dug up from the spot on Long Island where he had hidden it and turned over to the district attorney. Rich said the money was a "gift from Dr. Waite." Miss Catherine Peck, sister of the murdered man, also demanded the money, but it will be held as evidence in the case.

## Milk Dealers Grant Demands of Farmers; Consumers Suffer

CHICAGO, April 7.—Milk will be advanced 10 cents a quart, the increase of 1 cent by one of the three leading distributing companies in Chicago, it was announced today, as a result of the strike of 10,000 milk producers. The increase will become effective Monday.

The Ira J. Mix company, which announced the advance, granted the demands of the farmers to pay \$1.56, instead of \$1.46 per 100 pounds. This action leaves the Borden and Bowman companies alone in the fight with the producers.

A temporary injunction restraining members of the Milk Producers' association from interfering with the business of the Bowman Dairy company was granted in circuit court today.

## Chicago Anarchists Plot to Kill All the Crowned Heads of Europe

CHICAGO, April 7.—Existence of an international, anarchistic plot to assassinate all rulers of Europe has been discovered here, according to a formal statement issued today by Masley Hayes, state's attorney of Cook county.

The alleged plot was described by the state's attorney's men while investigating the activities of Jean Green, a suspected potterer of the guests at the banquet in honor of Archbishop Mundelein a few weeks ago.

The state's attorney said that a lot of the proposed assassinations was headed by the czar and that Emperor William was second on the list.

According to the information which reached the state's attorney, the plot was well known to anarchists in various cities in America, as well as in Europe. One man from each city was believed to have been delegated to the work of assassination.

Mr. Hayes said a written statement had been made to him by an anarchist, having the details of the alleged plot.

Officials said that the headquarters of the kind of organization was said to have been in the down-town district here, with branches in other cities. According to Mr. Hayes' informant, the anarchist banquet planning was planned by the group which sought the death of the European rulers.

## GERMANY LOSES 200,000 MEN IN MOVE ON VERDUN

Teuton Casualties Against "Drive" Estimated by Paris Office.

Prussian Reinforcements Practically Used Up as Fast as Put in Line.

### CHARGES BECOME MASSACRES

PARIS, April 7.—The German losses before Verdun up to the present time have reached the huge total of 200,000 men, one of the greatest battle losses in the whole range of warfare, according to estimates made public here today from a semi-official source, "the result of careful inquiry made in the highest quarters in which the figures have been rigorously checked and verified."

"Documentary and verbal testimony gathered and authenticated permit the giving of precise details concerning the losses suffered by the Germans and by us on the Verdun front," says the semi-official communication given to the Associated Press.

Used Up as They Come. "During the period from February 21 when the battle began, to April 1, it is known that two army corps, namely the Third and the Eighteenth, have been withdrawn from the front, having lost in the first attacks at least one-third of their force. They have reappeared since and have again suffered like losses."

"The German reinforcements are practically used up as fast as they are put in line. The total effective of the Eighteenth corps have in this way lost 150,000 men and the Third corps has lost 25,000 men."

"Concerning the One Hundred and Twenty-first division, which took possession of North Vaux—out March 12, we have precise information. More than one-half of the seventh regiment of its reserves was put out of action by our machine guns in the ineffectual attack against the slopes of the fort. The sixteenth regiment met similar losses, of which the total reached 50 per cent of the regiment's effective."

"The Nineteenth German infantry had already suffered similar losses in attack on the village of Vaux on March 5. Its thirteenth company was annihilated and annihilated. In entering the village losses, its first battalion was reduced 50 per cent."

"Three regiments of the Eleventh Bavarian division, which led the attack on the Malancourt and Avocourt woods on March 20 and 22, were each reduced one-half. Their losses varied between 60 and 90 per cent. The same is true of losses of the fourth regiment of the Second division of landwehr engaged under similar conditions."

Current Actual Losses. "The foregoing are only losses during the actual attack and do not include the losses of regiments in the trenches or in reserve under the fire of our cannon. They are solely the current actual losses. We know that certain German units have had very high current losses, that is to say, losses from artillery when no action of the infantry was in progress."

"We cite for instance, the thirty-seventh regiment of infantry which was surprised by our fire on the march to the trenches. It lost about 300 men and from this fact was so reduced that it could not, on March 10, take part in the attack on the village of Vaux, as was ordered, in place of the nineteenth regiment, which had been decimated by our machine guns."

Auto Men Handle Gasoline. PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 7.—The Automobile Dealers' association of Pittsburgh at a meeting last night adopted resolutions condemning the high cost of gasoline in Pittsburgh. The association plans to buy gasoline from companies outside the city and distribute it among local dealers at cost price.

## Needn't Sell Films To More Than Single Theater in One City

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Federal Trade commission today upheld the right of motion picture film distributing concerns to refuse to sell to more than one theater in a city. The question was raised in the application of a theater manager against a distributing house which he charged had sold exclusive rights in a film to his competitor in the same city. The commission held that in the absence of intent to accomplish the unlawful purpose neither the trade commission nor the Clayton act had been violated.

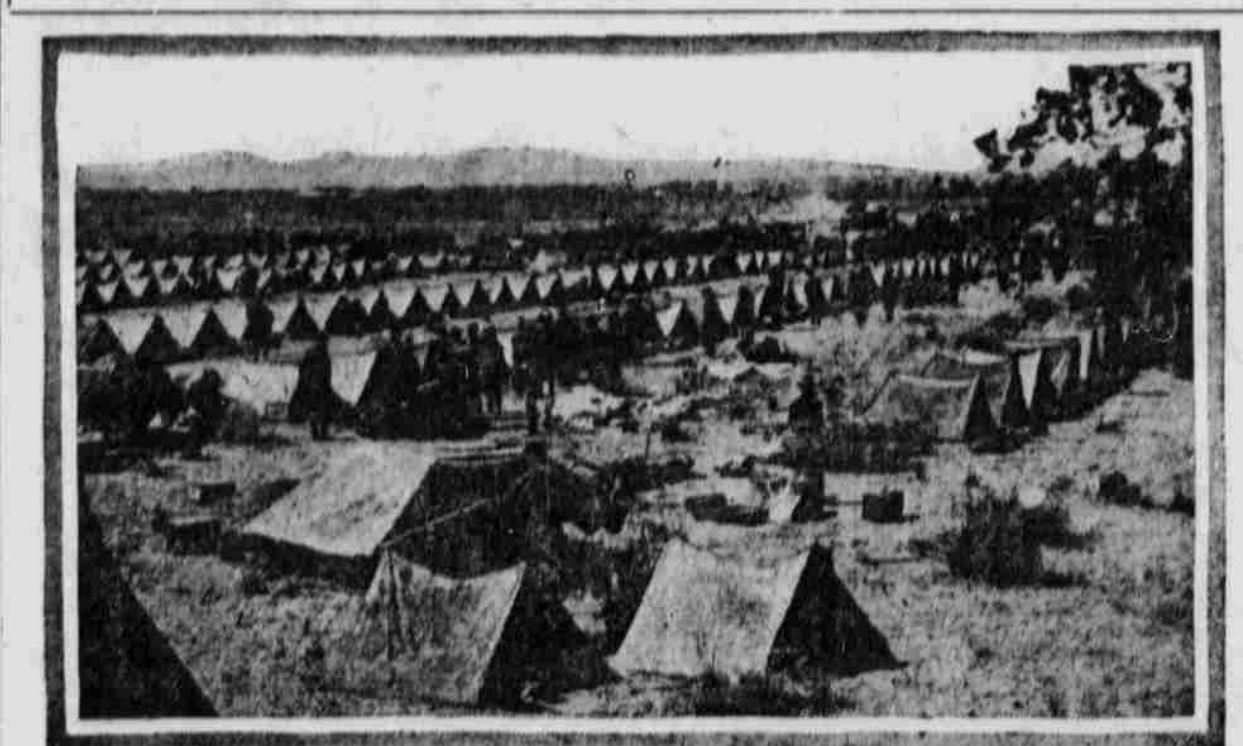
## Five Land Office Appointments for Nebraska Are Made

WASHINGTON, April 7.—President Wilson today nominated the following nominees of land offices.

Joseph J. Hanson of Maxwell, Neb., at North Platte, Neb. James E. Moore of Broken Bow, Neb., at Broken Bow, Neb. The president nominated the following nominees of public officers.

Amos E. Benson of Broken Bow, Neb., at North Platte, Neb. John F. Dickinson of Broken Bow, Neb., at Broken Bow, Neb. Frank Wenzel of York, Neb., at York, Neb.

## ELEVENTH U. S. INFANTRY CAMP AT COLONIA DUBLAN—The photograph shows the dog tents of the soldiers encamped near this Mormon colony, now the principal base from which the chase for Villa is being directed. The Mormons have aided the soldiers in every possible way, principally with food supplies.



11th INFANTRY CAMP AT COLONIA DUBLAN. (UNITED FILM SERVICE)

## WHEAT ESTIMATE IS UNDER HALF BILLION

Total Production of Winter Crop Forecasted at Four Hundred and Ninety-Five Million Bushels.

### CONDITION ON APRIL 1 IS 78.3

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A total production of 495,000,000 bushels of winter wheat was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop April 1 and an assumption of average abandonment of acreage and average influences on the crop to harvest. That compares with 655,945,000 bushels, the estimated production in 1915, and 684,999,000 bushels in 1914.

Condition of winter wheat on April 1 was 73.3 per cent of a normal, against 83.3 last year, 85.5 in 1914, and 87.5, the average for the last ten years. There was a decrease in condition from December 1 to April 1 of 24 points, compared with an average decline of 13 points between those dates in the last ten years. The average condition of rye on April 1 was 87.4 per cent of a normal, against 82.4 on April 1 last year, 91.8 in 1914 and 89.7, the average for the last ten years.

Average Is Lower. The Department of Agriculture in a statement analyzing the report said: "The small production forecast is due partly to a reduction of about 12 per cent from the acreage of the preceding year and to a low condition of growth, namely 73.3 per cent of normal, which is lower than the condition on April 1, in any year since 1904; it is 10 per cent poorer than the ten-year average on April 1."

The cause of the low condition was a wet cold fall, causing poor seed beds and poor start for wintering. Much of the crop was sown late, partly from necessity of the season and partly to avoid Hessian fly.

The Hessian fly is reported present and active in many sections of the southern part of the belt.

Weather Hard on Late Wheat. "Climate conditions were harder on late than on early seeded wheat. The winter snow covering was lighter than usual, often lacking; sleet damaged fields bare of snow; considerable grain on low lands was destroyed by flooding and the injury from freezing and thawing was greater than usual. The southern parts of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois and portions of Missouri were worst affected. The relatively best sections are the most eastern and far western states. The season is late and the real extent of damage is problematical in the northern portion of the belt."

## Belgian Woman is Executed as Spy by the Germans

AMSTERDAM, April 7.—(Via London.) The assertion is made by the Echo Belge that Miss Gabrielle Petit of Malenbecq, Belgium, has been put to death by Germans, after trial by court-martial on a charge of treason. It is alleged she conducted an information bureau in the interest of Germany's enemies.

The newspaper also states that Louise E. Fecoulange of Lille, has been sentenced to death, but that the sentence has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

Another woman, Marie Houtis, the newspaper says, has been sentenced to imprisonment for fifteen years.

## First Aeroplane, Scouting Over Mountains, is Complete Success

FERREIRA CAMP AT SAN GERONIMO BAN, N. M., Colonias, April 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The first aeroplane scouting over the mountains, where the Villistas had after they were dispersed by the army of General Huerta, was done yesterday. The airplane, which was piloted by a group of scouts, was seen by a group of scouts of the United States army, who were on duty at the time. The airplane was seen flying over the mountains, where he was flying was not occupied by the Villistas.

## SCARLET FEVER IS CHECKED IN OMAHA

Health Commissioner Connell Says that All Cause for Alarm is Now Passed Here.

### BUT ONE NEW CASE THURSDAY

"I can announce that the scarlet fever situation has been checked to an extent that warrants me in feeling at ease," stated Health Commissioner Connell.

"Of course," he added, "we shall not relax our vigilance over scattering cases which will appear from time to time, but the records for this month show that the danger point has been passed."

During the first six days of this month only nineteen cases were reported. One case was reported Thursday, the first day for four months, when only one case was reported. Dr. Connell feels that by the last of this month normal conditions will have been restored.

The outbreak assumed a serious aspect during the school vacation last December. Since January 1, 900 cases have been reported.

## Large Coast State Of Declares Against the Empire

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 7.—Tsai Nai-Wang, a high civil officer of the Yuan Shi Kai government, has been executed in Kwang Tung province by the revolutionaries, according to a cablegram to the Chinese Republic association here. The message confirmed the independence declaration of Lung Chi-Kuang and stated that conditions in Kwang Tung province are not unsettled.

Kwang Tung is the first seacoast province to join forces with the revolution against Yuan Shi Kai, whose resignation and exile has been demanded as the price of his acceptance of the empire, which he later renounced.

There are now seven provinces, all in southeastern China, which have declared their independence of Yuan Shi Kai, but of these Kwang Tung is the most important, in point of population and its strategic position on the seacoast.

Canton, the chief city of Kwang Tung, has a population of 500,000 and is by far the greatest city dominated by the revolutionists.

The independence of Kwang Tung is the upshot of weeks of continued military operations there by the revolutionists. Fukien, directly to the north, on the coast, is the next province of importance in the path of the rebels.

The provinces whose governors have declared independence at Yunnan, where the revolution started, are Szechuen, Kweichow, Kiang Si, Hunan, Kwangsi and Kwang Tung.

## ENTIRE FAMILY OF SIX PERSONS ARE MURDERED

SABOTEUR, Sab April 7.—An entire family of six persons was wiped out in the Waikiki district last night, when Prince Manohire, his wife and brother-in-law and three children were murdered. Their home and farm buildings were burned and their horses and cattle shot.

The crime was discovered when a neighbor saw the still smoking ruins of the Manohire household this morning. No trace of the murderer has been found.

## TEUTONS PENETRATE FRENCH FIRST LINE

Gain of Germans West of Meuse is Nearly Wiped Out by Counter Attack, Says Paris.

### ARTILLERY EXCHANGES IN EAST

PARIS, April 7.—The French in a grenade attack have retaken portions of the trenches captured from them by the Germans between Bethincourt and Hill 265, northwest of Verdun, and made progress in communicating trenches in the same region, according to the French official communication issued tonight. A German attack over a front of over a mile and a quarter around Haucourt was repulsed.

BERLIN, April 7.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Capture from the British of mine crater positions south of E. Eloi, near Ypres, was announced today by army headquarters. The positions were defended by Canadian troops.

PARIS, April 7.—German forces have penetrated a French trench of the first line between Bethincourt and Chattancourt, according to announcement made today by the French war office. This locality is in the Verdun region west of the Meuse. A French counter attack at once drove them back from a large proportion of the positions thus seized.

The text of the statement follows: "West of the Meuse, in a night attack delivered after a violent preparatory bombardment against our positions between Bethincourt and Hill No. 265, German forces made their way into a French trench of the first line on the highway between Bethincourt and Chattancourt."

"We at once made a counter attack, which drove the Germans back from the greater part of the positions they had been able to seize. At present the enemy holds only certain advanced sections along a front of about 300 yards."

"East of the Meuse there has been an intermittent bombardment and we have continued to make progress in the communicating trenches of the enemy southwest of the fort of Douaumont."

"There have been artillery exchanges in the Woivre, but the night along the remainder of the front passed quietly."

## Proposes to Promote Colonel G. A. Dodd

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—A bill to authorize the president to promote Colonel George A. Dodd, who recently led the American troops in Mexico in a dash against Villa forces, to the grade of brigadier general, was introduced today by Representative Klues of Pennsylvania. The colonel will retire next July.

## EDINBURGH PROFESSOR KILLED BY MOTOR CAR

EDINBURGH, April 7.—Sir Alexander Russell Simpson, formerly dean of the faculty of medicine and emeritus professor of midwifery of the University of Edinburgh, died last night from injuries received from being knocked down by a motor car while walking home in the evening. Sir Alexander, who was born in 1838, was the author of a number of medical works, and a widely known authority.

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"I wish I could sell that old wagon."  
"I wish I could sell that old machinery."

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