

# HERBERT HOOVER THROWS HIS HAT INTO 1920 RING

Definitely Says He Will Accept  
Republican Nomination "If  
Issues Necessitate and  
Demand It."

San Francisco, March 31.—Herbert Hoover Tuesday expressed a willingness to accept the republican nomination for president. His announcement, contained in a telegram to the Hoover Republican club of California, was conditioned upon a feeling in the republican party that the issues demand his candidacy.

The former food administrator, telegraphing from New York, said he was "naturally affiliated" with the "independent element" of the republican party and declared that if that party adopts a "forward looking" platform he would support it. He reiterated former declarations that he would not seek the nomination.

Concerning the peace treaty, with its league of nations covenant, Mr. Hoover expressed himself as differing with equal wideness from extremists who opposed "any league at all" and the "position taken by the president."

Recent developments in the treaty situation, Mr. Hoover said, were one reason for his announcing his willingness to accept the nomination. Others were "stagnation in economic adjustment" and urgent representations concerning the situation in California, his home state. These factors, he said, caused him to "confirm the action my republican friends there have already taken without consulting me."

The telegram addressed to Warren Gregory, president of the Hoover Republican club of California, follows:

"I had not wished to enter, nor could I hitherto see any real public service by entering into partisan political discussion, more especially pending the clarification of the diverging views of the difficult groups in the parties on the action on new issues. The recent developments over the peace treaty, stagnation in adjustment of our great economic problems and particularly the many urgent representations I have received as to the situation in my own state, convince me that it is my duty to confirm the action that my republican friends there have already taken without consulting me.

League of Nations.

"I understand that there is a great wish among the republicans of California to have opportunity to express themselves in favor of the league of nations with proper reservations safeguarding American traditions and interests as opposed to the extreme view advocated against any league at all. I differ just as strongly with this view as I differ with the extreme position taken by the president on participation in purely European affairs. This issue is whether, with reservations protecting our position, we should join the moral front against the world to reduce the dangers again growing around us, or whether we will, by preference of an insularity that we do not possess, sit by in the face of growing armies, navies, national antagonisms, reaction, or, in reverse, the spread of bolshevism, throughout much of the world. This would be the defeat of the hopes for which our sons were sacrificed in this war.

Not Alone Moral Idealism.

"Entirely aside from this moral idealism of the league and the danger to our own ultimate peace, the solution of our domestic problems, such as the size of our armament, reduction in taxation, and the prevention of agricultural and industrial depression and consequent unemployment, is dependent upon stability abroad and upon our access to the world's markets, which today are endangered by discrimination against us through our inability to exercise our veto under the treaty. I believe it is the transcendent service which the republican party can render to the nation to settle the league sufficiently designed to give up these national protections.

Mustn't Dictate Policy.

"No one should be able to dictate the policy of great parties, yet every man and woman has a right to decide what issues and measures he will support. If the republican party—with the independent element of which I am naturally affiliated—adopts a forward looking, liberal constructive platform on the treaty and on our economic issues, and if the party proposes measures for sound business administration of the country, and is neither reactionary nor radical in its approach to our great domestic questions, and is backed by men who undoubtedly assure the consummation of these policies and measures, I will give my entire support. While I do not, and will not myself seek the nomination, if it is felt that the issues necessitate it and it is demanded of me, I cannot refuse service.

(Signed.)

"HERBERT HOOVER."

### Boy Shot to Protect Mother; Is Exonerated

Rising Fawn, Ga., March 31.—Green Evans, 17, who killed Jay G. Cantrell, who, it is charged, while intoxicated, attacked Evans' mother Tuesday, was exonerated. Evans' father, who was ill with pneumonia, jumped from his bed to aid his wife, and at the same moment the boy came in with a shotgun, placed the muzzle near Cantrell's head and fired.

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## ORDER DISMISSAL OF 10,000 CLERKS AT WASHINGTON

Greatest Reduction Will Be in  
War Department—Forecasts  
Inevitable Action.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.  
Washington, March 31.—As a result of popular disapproval of the retention of the civilian war machine practically intact 16 months after the end of the war, the administration has decided to reduce the force of clerical employes in the District of Columbia.

The order has gone out to dismiss at least 10,000 clerks before July 12. The greatest reduction will be in the War department, which now has 22,000 civilian employes, compared with 37,000 when the war ended and 28,16 before the war began. There will also be a large reduction in the Treasury department, which has 38,000 employes in Washington, compared with 29,342 when the armistice was declared and 8,285 before the war.

The principal cut in the Treasury department will be in the war risk employes. There were 14,000 employes in the bureau when Director Cholmonley-Jones took charge. He began weeding out the superfluous employes and installing labor saving devices and he now contemplates

## WAGE DECISION WILL INCREASE PRICE OF COAL

New Scale at Bituminous  
Mines Means Rise of 65  
Cents to \$1.25 a Ton,  
Operators Say.

New York, March 31.—The action of President Wilson's coal commission in granting bituminous mine workers a wage increase of 27 percent means the price of coal at the mines will advance 65 cents to \$1.25 a ton, bituminous coal operators announced here Tuesday.

While asserting they "desired to keep the price of coal as low as possible and to avoid speculation in the product of their mines," mine owners cited Illinois as the only state where the minimum increase would apply. This was said to be due to local conditions, which lessen the cost of production.

Since the removal of bituminous coal price restrictions by the president, some operators, it was stated, already had sold large quantities of coal for April delivery at from \$3.50 to \$4 a ton. The government price of \$2.95 is effective, however, to April 1. The operators in some districts, it was said, have received as

## Police Can't Account for Widespread Desecration Of Graves in Cemetery

Attributes Longevity to  
High Necks and Low Heels

Merced, Cal., March 31.—Visitors and attendants found monuments toppled over, wooden head boards pulled up and massive slabs covering family plots torn from their foundations in six of Merced's grave yards. The police say they are at a loss to account for the widespread destruction.

Kane, Pa., March 31.—Mrs. Catherine Selin on the occasion of her 95th birthday advised girls who wished to live long to "cut out low necks and high heels."

"To enjoy a long life and good health a girl must observe simple rules," Mrs. Selin said. "She must eat slowly, breathe deeply, get lots of sleep, never expose her throat by low necks and must not wear extremely high heels. Exercise is important and of all exercise there is none better than digging in the soil. The best thing for a girl's health is for her to put on loose overalls and go out and plant a garden in the season. Housework is sufficient in the winter."

## Fighting Proclivities Of One Jess Willard Is Cause of Fine of 'Buck'

Lawrence, Kan., March 31.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, was fined \$1 and costs in the court of Justice R. C. Manley here yesterday on a charge of disturbing the peace. Complaint was made by Fred Logan, a negro policeman, who testified today that Willard told him "that he would kick his lungs out" when trouble arose when Willard, in an automobile, attempted to pass Logan, who was riding in a wagon.

## Assailant of Women Gets Limit of Law Despite Pleadings

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.  
Chicago, March 31.—"Judge, give me one more chance and I'll make good," whined Albert Breitung, 29 years of age.

"Give you a change!" thundered Judge Zeman. "I'll give you the limit. The women and girls of Chicago must be protected and they certainly are not safe with you at liberty. I will give you a sentence that will keep you in the penitentiary for the rest of your days. In this case I sentence you to 30 years at hard labor and when the additional charges against you come up I will give you additional punishment."

Breitung was convicted of dragging a woman to the prairie and assaulting her. In his confession he admitted assaulting 12 women and girls since the first of the year, keeping the district around Windsor park in a state of terror. Six of the women and girls were in court and identified him. Two others are so ill from injuries he inflicted that they could not appear. His victims ranged from girls of 14 to one woman who is a grandmother.

Breitung is a German.

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## Hearing Is Opened Of the Deportation Of Bolshevik Envoy

Washington, March 31.—Hearings on the warrant for the deportation of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian soviet representative in the United States, began at the Department of Labor today behind closed doors. Such hearings usually are open.

Assistant Secretary Post is conducting the proceedings and a brief was submitted by the department of Justice asking for Martens' deportation. The soviet agent was represented by former Senator Hardwick of Georgia.

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