

REPUBLICANS REPUDIATE LEAGUE

RUMPGROUPS IS OUTLAWED AFTER FIGHT

Regular Delegations From Lancaster and Douglas Counties Are Seated in Democratic State Convention.

HITCHCOCK AND BRYAN ON RESOLUTIONS BOARD

Charges of Republican Bossism and Pernicious Activity Of Wets Enliven "Secret" Session—Wamen Speak.

At the close of the afternoon's session of the democratic state convention yesterday, the temporary organization was made permanent and the following resolutions committee was named: G. M. Hitchcock, Loughly, C. W. Bryan, Lancaster, Dan Stephens, Dodge, Charles G. Ryan, Hal J. Keith, Neville, Lincoln, John A. Rine, Douglas, Con McCarty, York.

After a spirited hearing over the contested delegation from Douglas and Lancaster, the credentials committee reported unanimously that the contestants in both cases had been overruled and that delegations elected by the county conventions held on May 11, should be seated.

Hold Noisy Session. The following officers of the temporary organization of the convention were made permanent: A. C. Shallegger, chairman; Kathryn Laughlin, secretary; A. P. Sprague, assistant secretary.

The hearing on the Douglas and Lancaster contests before the credentials committee, behind the scenes of the Auditorium stage, was more of a show than the main attraction going on in front. The contestants became so loud at times that Mrs. T. J. Boyle, one of the speakers before the convention, announced that she believed she would have to abandon her efforts to be heard.

About Anti-Saloon Element. Douglas county came to bid first before the committee with Lyle I. Abbott, Harland L. Mossman, J. Dunn, E. E. Thomas, T. B. Murray, Mrs. E. B. Towel, Mrs. H. J. Bailey and Mrs. Jennie Callas as the protesting party. The committee, by making general objections to the Mullen-Hitchcock delegation, Arthur F. Mullen, national committee man, asserted that some of the complaining delegates were appointees of republican-controlled city administration and that Elmer Thomas was the hired man of the Anti-Saloon league and he added that the complainants were under the domination of "Bill" Ure.

"Why Not Wet Delegates?" "Mr. Mullen tells me merely how he saw it. I saw it, too. I was at that county convention and I saw Nelson sat beside me and she told me they were frames on her. I voice the sentiment of the right-minded women of Omaha. Why should they go to illegal means and seat only the wet delegates? I will tell you the funny side of the county convention they held here. The credentials committee were either conscience stricken or they used camouflage, because they were out only half an hour and they brought in a typewritten list and I did not see any typewriter there.

"Did you attend the county convention here?" asked Mr. Plack of the committee. "Well, I guess, I sat in the front row," Miss Bixby quickly replied. "Engage in Hot Repartee. "Didn't you campaign for a republican before the primary?" asked C. F. Bossie. "I no more campaigned for a republican than you are a bolshevik. You utter a deliberate falsehood and you think you can get away with it," was the spirited rejoinder.

Mr. Mossman denied the Bill Ure city hall domination and Mr. Thomas asserted that he was not a yow dog democrat and that he will not be ruled by Mullen. The Lancaster county contest before the committee resulted in dragging out of democratic skeletons and an indulgence in many personalities. Among the central figures in this hearing were C. W. Bryan, chairman of the so-called regular delegation, which won over F. C. J. Campbell, secretary of the state central committee, and J. S. McCarty, member of the state committee from Lancaster county.

Seating of Delegates. Sterling F. Mutz, chairman of the Lancaster county central committee, and Clarence Harmon of Lincoln urged the credentials committee to recognize the Bryan delegation. The protesters in this hearing were the leaders of a rump convention which

Rump Faction Leader 'Breaks' With His Wife, Who Sides With Bryan

One of the most striking human interest sidelights of the democratic convention yesterday afternoon was the action of J. S. McCarty of Lincoln, appearing before the credentials committee in an effort to unseat his wife, who was a member of the Bryan delegation from Lancaster county.

Mr. McCarty was a member of the rump convention, which was held at Lincoln Monday afternoon. In fact, he was one of the seven men who called that convention and in that capacity he was one of the leading protesters before the credentials committee to contest the seats of the Bryan delegation.

Seated a few feet from him was his wife, who was with the Bryan delegates from Lancaster, having been regularly elected by the Lancaster county convention which was held on May 11.

IMMIGRATION LAW NEEDS CHANGE TO IMPORT LABORERS

Temporary Modification Urged By Senator Edge to Relieve Shortage in Industries.

New York, May 18.—Temporary modification of the immigration laws to permit an influx of desirable immigrants to meet America's labor shortage, was urged here today by United States Senator Walter E. Edge of New Jersey in an address before the National Manufacturers' association. He also advocated a process of Americanization to prevent new immigrants from falling under the spell of "worldwide anarchists and bolsheviks."

Quoting Commissioner of Immigration Caminetti as stating that the radicals have "a wonderful organization for capturing each immigrant, almost at the moment of landing, and bringing him under their influences," the senator said that less than six weeks is needed to prepare his mind for welcome reception of communist doctrines.

America needs common labor in all of its industrial fields, Senator Edge declared, adding that "industries of all kinds are handicapped and in some instances almost crippled by the shortage of workers. Would Not Affect Wages.

There need be no fear of immigrant labor lowering the American wage scale, Senator Edge asserted, adding that "it seems more likely that these newcomers quickly will be enlisted in the ranks of those who periodically demand higher and still higher wages, without regard to the stimulating effect on the high cost of living or the weight of the millage of citizens not combined to coerce employers into frequently advancing their pay."

Costa Rican Bride Of Rich American Sung for Divorce

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Aurora, Ill., May 18.—Herbert F. Crane of St. Charles, Ill., wealthy clubman, who is being sued for separate maintenance by the beautiful young wife he carried off from Costa Rica, must answer charges of infidelity made in his wife's bill, even though she admits she cannot name the woman, Judge Slusser ruled in the Kane county circuit court at Geneva today. The court overruled 22 of 25 exceptions Crane made to his bill. Crane insisted that the accusations were trivial, her complaint that her husband would not let her dance or drink coffee and that he divided the house into locked and barred apartments, denying her entrance to his rooms, will have to be replied to by the husband June 1.

While Judge Slusser was hearing arguments of the attorneys in chambers, Mrs. Crane was a few blocks away at the Colonial hospital watching over her 18-month-old son, Antonio Rafael Crane, who has been seriously ill.

Prohibitionists in Convention Favor League If Amended

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Prohibitionists in state convention here today adopted a platform favoring the league of nations "with such reservations as will safeguard legitimate American interests.

Other planks in the platform disapprove use of tobacco by youths under 18 and oppose Sunday amusements. Nineteen delegates and a like number of alternates to the party's national convention here July 21 were named, along with a new state central committee, of which J. A. Murray of University Place was re-elected chairman. A committee to have charge of arrangements for the national convention was appointed.

FLOOD CREST IN MISSOURI IS RECEDING

Water Gradually Returning to Normal, Although Carter Lake Is Rising — Federal Bureau Reports Decline.

HIGHEST IN TEN YEARS; SIMILAR TO 1881 FLOOD

Farms and Truck Gardens Heavily Suffered; — Railroad Yards Inundated—Families in District All Escape.

The crest of the floor over the bottom lands of north and east Omaha has fallen.

Though the waters are receding gradually, Carter lake is rising at the rate of an inch and a half an hour. The main inlet of the flood waters is through the dredged channel near Larson's landing.

Reports from the federal weather bureau indicate the river has fallen several inches since noon yesterday. Highest in 10 Years. The flood was the highest in 10 years, L. A. Welsh, head of the federal weather bureau said. It is a repetition of the disastrous flood of 1881, pioneer residents state.

The sudden bursting of the Willow creek dam, north of Carter lake and west of the county road, at 11 o'clock Monday night, caused the most damage. The quickly rising waters swept hundreds of acres of bottom farm and truck garden lands soon ran in channels toward Carter lake.

A general alarm for escape from a possible overflow of water into the Carter Lake club, was sounded at midnight Monday. Families in cottages at the club remained awake the rest of the night for fear of the surging waters.

Rises During Day. A gradual rise was noticed all day. Willow land bordering the north shore of the lake is completely submerged. The Lake Shore boulevard was inundated at points.

The Fowler avenue bridge over the channel leading to Carter lake was threatened with destruction all yesterday. Municipal employes reinforced the bridge with sand bags and rocks. A railroad bridge over the channel was washed away.

Farm Lands Suffer. The most serious damage was done to farm lands near Carter (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

COUNCIL PLANS DIKE PROTECTION AGAINST FLOODS

Appeal for Aid to Battle Missouri River at Omaha Sent Washington.

Protection of Omaha residents against intermittent floods from the overflowing of Florence lake, was advocated by city commissioners yesterday during a discussion of conditions resulting from inundation during the last three days of wide areas in the northern and eastern sections of the city. Threatened loss of life, great inconvenience to flood-marooned families and thousands of dollars of property damage have resulted from the overflow during April and the flood of the last few days, commissioners asserted.

"Damage to gardens alone in this flooded area will amount to thousands of dollars," Commissioner Butler asserted. Commissioners believe adequate protection can be provided by building a dike of sufficient strength and height at Florence lake. The flooding of North Omaha lowlands, they point out, is inevitable each time Missouri river currents break through the present weakened and inadequate dikes at the lake.

They propose to obtain both government and county co-operation in obtaining the needed protection.

A special committee, headed by Mayor Smith, was to appeal to United States Senator Hitchcock today to secure his aid in presenting the proposed improvement at Washington. Senator Hitchcock also was to be invited to be present Thursday at a joint flood conference between city council members and Douglas county commissioners.

Unless government aid is obtained, the proposed reinforced dikes would have to be built from county funds, swelled by whatever voluntary financial support Omaha residents were willing to offer.

Red Cross Seeks Relatives Of Man Killed by Fall. Janesville, Wis., May 18.—The local Red Cross sent telegrams to several parts of the country seeking relatives of Earl O. Ballard, who was killed here by a fall. His discharge papers show he enlisted in Denver, Colo., in March, 1917, and served in this country until December 11, 1919, leaving his discharge at Fort Leavenworth. Nothing more is known of him.

Listening in on the Party Line



STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE TO HAVE 66 MEMBERS

Republicans Vote to Double Size of Body to Permit Woman Member From Each District.

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Unless the law forbids there will be 66 members of the republican state committee instead of 33. The state convention authorized the doubling of the committee today in order to permit the selection of one man and one woman from each senatorial district. When doubt was expressed as to the legality of the increase the convention directed that, if the increase be impossible, the women act as an advisory committee.

Douglas county, having five members, named two women and three men as its quota of the main committee. It named three additional men and two women as its additional representation if the committee be increased.

The preferred five on the Douglas county list were Robert Smith, Clinton Brome, T. J. McGuire, Mrs. Draper Smith and Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey. The second five were Mrs. Frank Carmichael, Mrs. John N. Baldwin, Mrs. W. N. Berry and Amos Thomas.

The following are the men elected to the state committee from outside of Omaha: C. B. Thompson, Alden; H. A. Snyder, Plattsmouth; F. Davidson, Springfield; T. L. Matthews, Fremont; E. A. Wiliz, Paul, St. Paul; Robinson, Hartington; George Williams, Albion; James Ualik, Powell; C. N. McElfresh, Columbus; E. G. Hall, David City; W. W. Scott, Beatrice; H. L. Boyes, Hebron; A. N. Dodson, Wilbur; Arthur W. Thompson, York; E. W. Paul, St. Paul; Charles H. Epperson, Jr., Cay Center; Howard S. Foe, Red Cloud; R. H. Rankin, Cambridge; O. G. Smith, Kearney; T. W. Bass, Broken Bow; R. H. Harris, Lynch; S. M. Souders, North Platte; A. Galusha, McCook; L. Hus, Wayne; E. E. Richards, Bayard; W. R. Harper, Alliance; Jack Mathews and E. P. Corrick of Lincoln.

Following the auxiliary committee members: Miss May Mattox, Falls City; Mrs. A. P. Ginn, Nebraska City; Miss C. Cook, Wahoo; Mrs. J. O. King, Blair; Mrs. F. O. Hopkins, Oakland; Mrs. C. B. Brand, Pierce; Miss Fannie Debow, Coleridge; Mrs. E. B. Penny, Fullerton; Mrs. Gene Whitney, Norfolk; Mrs. John Tanguer, Stromsburg; Miss Helen Ross, Beaver Crossing; Mrs. H. M. Bushnell and Mrs. Anna M. Chapman, Lincoln; Mrs. J. D. Congdon, Pawnee City; Miss Grace Bee, Fairbury; Mrs. Nellie, Nichols, Fairmont; Mrs. Belle C. Doremus, Aurora; Mrs. Roy Kingsburg, Burke, Island; Miss Bitta Cayton, Hastings; Mrs. Emily Burkler, Franklin; Mrs. Amanda Peterson, Bertrand; Mrs. Eva Larson, Axtell; Mrs. Peterson Mortenson, Ord; Mrs. Olive McKee, Atkinson; Miss Elizabeth Burke, Imperial; Mrs. A. C. Brown, Minatare, and Miss Elizabeth L. Smith, Chadron.

Senate Speeding Up

Washington, May 18.—In an effort to prepare for a recess or adjournment of congress by June 5, the senate will meet an hour earlier daily hereafter.

SLAYER OF WIFE AND BABIES KILLS HIMSELF ON GRAVE

Harley Beasley of Webster City, Iowa, Commits Suicide in Illinois.

Greenville, Ill., May 18.—Harley O. Beasley, 25 years old, alleged murderer of his wife and two baby boys, Tuesday committed suicide over his wife's grave in Bethel, Tenn., by shooting himself in the right temple.

Beasley had been hunted by about 30 possemen almost continuously since last Friday. A woods near here had been combed twice, but Beasley was not found.

Shortly before noon he emerged from the woods, accompanied by his brother, Demar, and visited the graves of his wife and two sons. His eyes became tear-dimmed, his brother said, and before he could be restrained he had drawn a revolver from his pocket, and kneeling at the graveside, pulled the trigger.

Two farmers were working in a field nearby and rushed to the grave. "He died game," the farmers quoted Demar as saying, "he said the authorities would never get him alive."

Demar said he and his brother had been in the woods since last Wednesday, although they knew the woods was being searched.

Beasley was charged with having murdered his wife and babies in a pasture near Webster City, Ia., May 8, after failing to effect reconciliation with Mrs. Beasley, from whom he had been separated.

Officials of Bond county said no charge would be placed against Demar Beasley, as they felt satisfied he had no part in the crimes.

Allies Counting On America's Help to Liquidate War Debt

Paris, May 18.—Co-operation by the United States in working largely counted upon by allied circles and particularly by the French for success of the scheme of liquidation of war debts and reparations, the principles of which were laid down by Premier Lloyd George and John Bullard at the recent conference in Hythe.

French official circles consider that the German bond issues on which the whole plan rests must largely be accepted by the United States in payment of French debts or the system will fail. Great Britain's acceptance of these bonds in payment of the debt of France also depends upon their acceptance by the United States.

It was said today that suggestions would be welcomed since the Hythe conference left all the details to be worked out by experts.

Chicago Labor Leader Killed by Assassins

Chicago, May 18.—The latest victim of Chicago labor feuds is John Kikolski, head of the stock yards labor council, who was today in a hospital suffering from wounds regarded as probably fatal, was beaten and shot last night on his way home from a labor meeting. He named two other officials of the stock yards labor council as the men he thought were his assailants. Recent charges and counter-charges of embezzlement were said to have caused bitterness among stock yards labor leaders and were believed responsible for the attack.

MEXICO TO NAME MAN TO SUCCEED CARRANZA MAY 2

Gov. De La Huerta Calls Congress to Select Temporary President — Federal Troops Flee.

Mexico City, May 13.—(Delayed.)—Full details of the conference held by the liberal revolutionary leaders at the national palace last night (May 12) reveal that Governor de la Huerta will call the congress into extraordinary session May 24 for naming a president ad interim.

General Obregon was named by the conference as commander of the forces in northern Mexico and General Gonzales as commander in Mexico City and southern Mexico. All the leaders promised to accept the ad interim president chosen, whoever he might be.

Opposes Agua Prieta Plan. Mexico City, Tuesday, May 11, Via El Paso Junction, May 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—That he saw no reason for the plan of Agua Prieta, in which are embodied the aims of the new revolution, was the declaration made by General Pablo Gonzalez, in an exclusive interview given to the Associated Press, which was the first granted by him to any foreign correspondent.

General Obregon and I are holding daily conferences with a view to bringing about a moral revolution, without interrupting constitutional order," General Gonzales said.

"The legislature naming the president ad interim, the candidates for the presidency can pursue their campaigns, elections can be held successfully and the successful candidate legally can assume the presidency and obtain the recognition of other nations.

"Regarding my attitude toward the United States and other foreign nations, it has been fully set forth in my previous utterances, especially when I openly declared for the allied powers when the German offensive was at its height in 1917.

Mexico City, May 14.—Via Laredo Junction, May 18.—Occupation of Monterey, Victoria and Zacatecas by the Liberal revolutionary forces was reported at headquarters of Gen. Gonzalez Thursday night. Gen. Humberto Barros entered Monterey, Gen. Juan Guerra took Victoria and Gen. Martin Triana captured Zacatecas, the report said.

Generals Ricaut, Davilla, Santoscoy, Osuna, who have been holding the Monterey region for the Carranza government, are believed to be fleeing toward Matamoros with the intention of entering the United States. Gonzalez yesterday ordered military chiefs not to name new officials for collecting national funds of any government department. He took this step, it was said, to prevent payments to untrustworthy persons and avoid later claims by foreigners for indemnification.

Bluebeard Begins Life Term In Prison at San Quentin

San Quentin, Cal., May 18.—James P. Watson, confessed murderer of nine women he married bigamously, arrived at the state penitentiary here today to begin a life sentence, imposed on him in Los Angeles.

STATE G. O. P. FEARLESS IN WRITING ITS PLATFORM FOR CAMPAIGN OF 1920

Knox Resolution for Immediate Peace Endorsed and Passage of Fordney Bonus Bill for Soldiers Favored — Code Bill and Primary Changes Are Approved — Support Pledged to Suffrage Proposal of State Constitutional Convention.

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Plain and fearless words were used by the republican convention in writing the 1920 campaign here today. On no essential issue did the convention quibble or dodge.

The convention placed Nebraska republicans on record as opposed to the league of nations covenant with or without reservations. It declared in favor of the immediate enactment by congress of the Fordney soldiers' bonus bill. It commended the acts of the various republican state officers and legislature, especially endorsing the principle of the civil administrative code bill and it recommended amendment of the primary law to give greater powers to state and county conventions.

REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Following is the republican state platform: First. The republican party in delegate convention assembled do hereby again reaffirm our faith in the party of Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt, and pledge our undivided support to the principles of Americanism for which the republican party now stands and has ever stood.

Second. We congratulate the republican congress upon its efforts to bring order out of the chaotic condition evolved through the democratic mismanagement of affairs during the world war. We urgently commend our senators and congressmen from the state of Nebraska to exercise their efforts to the fullest extent to bring about adoption of a budget system which will reduce the cost of government and lighten the burdens of taxation.

Repudiate League Pact. Third. The republican party, true to its traditions and ideals, pledges itself to the defense of our party's case, that it will protect and provide for the dependents of those who fell or were disabled in our country's service. To that end we favor the immediate enactment of the Fordney administrative code bill now pending in congress.

Fourth. We repudiate the covenant of the league of nations as brought back from Europe by the self-appointed American delegate and would only accept the compromise alternative of the covenant as safeguarded by the Lodge reservations as a last resort in the interest of early peace. We endorse the Knox resolution providing for an immediate peace.

Favor Dry Laws. Fifth. We favor the strict enforcement of all laws, state and national, enacted for the purpose of placing in operation the state and national prohibition constitutional amendments.

Sixth. The republican party in Nebraska reaffirms and pledges its hearty support to the proposed amendment to the state constitution known as proposal No. 18, which reads: "Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years and has resided within the state six months and within the county and voting precinct for the terms provided by law shall be an elector."

Seventh. We commend the legislature and state administration for the redemption of all the party's pledges made in the platform of 1918 and we endorse the principle of the civil administrative code.

Eighth. We especially commend Governor McKelvie and all the state officers for their successful efforts in the fulfillment of the duties devolving upon them as such officers, and for their success in presenting an efficient and economical business administration.

Ninth. We favor material amendments to the primary election laws which will increase the functions and broaden the jurisdiction of the county and state convention and favor further amendments to the manifest abuses of said primaries.

Tenth. We urge upon all republicans the faithful and united support of the party and its candidates in nation, state, county and municipalities. This is the time when the people look to our party for relief, and we need only make the effort to bring to our banner of the greatest victory the party has ever known.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and cooler Wednesday. Hourly Temperatures: 5 a. m. 55, 6 a. m. 55, 7 a. m. 55, 8 a. m. 55, 9 a. m. 55, 10 a. m. 55, 11 a. m. 55, 12 noon 55, 1 p. m. 55, 2 p. m. 55, 3 p. m. 55, 4 p. m. 55, 5 p. m. 55, 6 p. m. 55, 7 p. m. 55, 8 p. m. 55, 9 p. m. 55, 10 p. m. 55, 11 p. m. 55, 12 noon 55.

It was planned that Chairman N. P. McDonald of Kearney should make this tentative committee the official platform committee, but protests by Douglas county delegates led to the substitution of Anan Raymond and Mrs. James Richardson in place of James Walsh and Mrs. Fowler as the Douglas county members. Raymond and Mrs. Richardson secured no changes, however, in the form of the platform as previously outlined.

The Douglas county delegation's (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)