

G. O. P. CONVENTION HAS NO BOSS

PERSHING TO RETIRE FROM ARMY SOON

American Commander in World War to Quit Service For "More Active Duties in Civil Life," He Tells Baker.

WASHINGTON SURPRISED BY GENERAL'S DECISION

Political Observers at Chicago Mention His Name as "Dark Horse" Possibility in Republican National Convention.

Washington, June 7.—Gen. Pershing will retire from active service within a few months. He announced his intention today in a letter to Secretary Baker.

The A. E. F. commander declared he felt he could give up his military duties without impairment of the service and "thus be free to engage in something more active."

He did not indicate his future activities. The general's letter to Secretary Baker follows:

"Dear Mr. Secretary: Referring to our conversation of a few days ago I wish to say that it has long been my desire to return to civil life. Throughout my military career I have been very much occupied and the assignments that have fallen to my lot during recent years have been more or less important.

Therefore, unless a situation should develop which justifies my remaining in the service, I contemplate taking the step indicated within the next few months.

"Should the necessity arise in a time of crisis or otherwise I assure you, Mr. Secretary, I shall stand ready to serve my country in the future as I have in the past.

"With great respect and high esteem, I remain very sincerely, JOHN J. PERSHING."

Decision of Gen. Pershing to retire came as a surprise to Washington. His prospective future detail had never been announced, but several times he had been mentioned in connection with the office of chief of staff.

Mentioned As Dark Horse. Gen. Pershing, as a republican presidential candidate, had been put forward in the Nebraska and Michigan primaries, but delegates pledged to other candidates were elected.

Lloyd Allen Receives Broken Leg When Car And Motorcycle Crash. Lloyd Allen 19 years old, Seventeenth street and Capitol avenue, received a broken left leg last night when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile driven by G. L. Parsons, 135 North Thirtieth street, at Eighteenth and Webster streets.

Chicago Saves Daylight. Chicago, June 7.—The Chicago city council today passed a daylight saving ordinance. The measure will be effective from June 13 until the last Sunday in October.

Nebraska Delegation, Led By L. D. Richards, Chairman, Is Supporting Hiram Johnson

All But Three Delegates Will Stand Firmly for California Candidate, Official Announcement Says—Many Nebraskans in Chicago "Pull Wires" to Get Convention Tickets.

By E. C. SNYDER. Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee. Chicago, June 7.—At a meeting of the Nebraska delegation held at noon L. D. Richards of Fremont was elected chairman of the delegation.

On resolutions, Don L. Love, Lincoln; on credentials, H. E. Sackett, Beatrice; chairman of the steering committee, John W. Towle, Omaha. To notify the president, Gould Dietz, Omaha; to notify the vice president, Horace F. Kennedy, Broken Bow; on the committee of rules, Earl D. Mallery, Alliance; on permanent organization, H. E. Stein, Hastings.

W. G. Ure, who was selected to act as publicity agent for the delegation, stated that there would be three or four votes for Wood and 12 or 13 votes for Johnson. He said the delegation felt that they were honestly instructed and that they would conscientiously stay with Johnson until they had satisfied themselves beyond the peradventure of a doubt that he could not be nominated, when they would follow their own inclinations.

This statement, he said, was made to offset rumors about presidential headquarters that Johnson votes leave the Californian after the first ballot. "There is nothing to that rumor, and you can play it up as strong as you like," Governor McKelvie addressed the delegation in a few words and inviting them to be his guests at a dinner at the Athletic club tomorrow evening.

National Committeeman Howell called the delegation to order and after the election of Mr. Richards as chairman vacated the chair to the Fremont man. The delegation arrived this morning.

CUMMINS LEADS IN FIRST RETURNS IN IOWA PRIMARY

Incomplete Count Shows Brookhart Close Second; Council Bluffs Against Senator. Des Moines, June 7.—Senator Albert B. Cummins was leading his opponents in the first returns of the republican nomination for senator from Iowa, according to scattered returns from today's primary.

The returns, as tabulated by the Des Moines Register, from 186 out of 2,297 precincts, gave Cummins 15,588; Brookhart, 13,041. Returns for republican nomination for governor from 192 precincts gave E. R. Moore, 5,395; N. E. Kendall, 4,972; H. M. Havner, 4,513; J. F. Deems, 3,787.

Due to the heavy labor vote cast against him in Council Bluffs, Senator Cummins will lose in Pottawattamie county, according to reports received up until 1 this morning. Scattered returns in the city of Council Bluffs tabulated at 1 this morning gave Cummins 289, while Brookhart had 378 votes. It was predicted that Cummins would lose the city two to one. It was pointed out that in many instances members of organized labor voted the democratic ticket in order to aid in the defeat of Cummins.

For governor, N. E. Kendall was leading in Council Bluffs, with a vote of 392, while Moore had 199. Votes for other candidates were not tabulated. In other races the preliminary canvass for only scattering precincts showed: For sheriff, W. A. Gronewald, 266; C. H. Leuch, 112; W. D. Pittsforth, 137. County attorney, Charles E. Swanson, 344; Thomas S. Tacy, 234.

Cotton Congress at Zurich.

Berne, June 7.—One hundred and thirty delegates representing 14 countries will participate in the deliberations of the first after-the-war cotton congress at Zurich from June 9 to June 11.

King of Drys Talks to Anti-Highball Decisions

Chicago, June 7.—Less than an hour after the supreme court announced the prohibition decision today, W. J. Bryan was delivering a speech about them to movie machines. Camera men found Mr. Bryan in a hotel lobby, and immediately began to "shoot him."

JOHNSON IN APPEAL FOR NOMINATION

Senator Makes Plea for "Head Up, Eyes Open" Policy at Big Mass Meeting of Delegates To National Convention.

DECLARES HIGH COST OF LIVING IS MAIN ISSUE

Expresses Faith in American Business Men in Dealing With Problem—Says Can Be No Hiding or Skulking.

By The Associated Press. Chicago, June 7.—Senator Hiram Johnson put forward tonight the argument in favor of his own nomination for president by the republican national convention.

Before a mass meeting attended by many delegates, he pleaded for what he called "a head up, eyes open" party stand, from attempts to "hide in the shadow of privilege." Defining two big issues, he declared the first was the high cost of living, to be coped with not wholly by new law, but by unshrinking administration of the present law.

The second issue, internationalism, he covered flatly with a declaration against any tentative progress toward an international treaty to the present covenant of the league of nations, emphasizing his opposition to the league plan of the Versailles treaty.

Must Be No Skulking. "Against it, the republican party must take its stand," he declared. "There can be no hiding or skulking upon an issue of this magnitude. In the campaign men must march under the polyglot banner of European imperialism and internationalism, or under the old Stars and Stripes."

Senator Johnson expressed his faith in American business men and the standards of American business integrity and patriotism in dealing with the high cost of living, but declared there was a "very small group" in the ranks of industrial and commercial life whose practices were nefarious. These he accused of "breeding a deadly disease."

Raps "Kept Press." A new epithet, that of "radical," he asserted, had been flung at him by the "kept press." Asserting his belief in stringent application of law to those who "advocate the overthrow by force and violence of the American government," he indicated he welcomed attacks from sources his party promises to be serene.

Touching on the league of nations which he said his "whole campaign" was based, he declared: "Longingly my eyes were turned to Paris when the secret deliberations. With the presentation of the covenant came our disillusionment."

Negro High School Student Drowns When Seized With Cramps

Victor Williams, negro, 18 years old, 429 Lake street, Central High School student, was the season's first drowning victim when he was seized with cramps while in the driveway entrance to the old speedway near Carter lake yesterday afternoon. The driveway was filled with water by the recent flood.

Young Williams in company with Henry Gordon, 15 years old, 2754 1-2 Lake street, and James Jewell, 13 years old, 2911 Lake street, both negroes, were swimming, but a short while when the lad "doubled up."

Catholic Prelates Celebrate Chicago Diocese Anniversary. Chicago, June 7.—Cardinal James G. Thompson, Baltimore archbishop, Patrick J. Hayes of New York and many other Roman Catholic prelates from all parts of the country were here tonight for the joint celebration of the 75th anniversary of the diocese of Chicago and the 25th anniversary of the ordination of Archbishop George W. Mondello which opens tomorrow.

The Hand Is Quicker Than the Eye



PROGRESS MADE IN DRAFTING OF G. O. P. PLATFORM

League of Nations Plank Continues to Engross Several Groups—Difference Over Labor Policies.

Chicago, June 7.—Republican platform builders reported substantial progress today in tentative drafting with promise of quick action by the resolutions committee as a result of preliminary work. Group differences remained, but leaders said there were higher hopes of a "harmony" platform after the planks are smoothed and the shavings swept out of committee.

The league of nations plank continued today to engross several groups. Another difference loomed over labor policies, including demands for endorsing anti-strike and similar legislation. Settlements, however, were predicted.

The supreme court's decision on prohibition brought forth renewed discussion of a prohibition plank. Prohibition advocates were planning to urge a strong enforcement plank with a declaration against any "beer wine" amendments of the Volstead law. Many party leaders, however, are disposed to keep the platform silent on prohibition with the possible exception of a strong "law enforcement" plank.

Johnson and McAdoo Still Favorites in Wall Street Betting. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, June 7.—Johnson on the republican side and McAdoo on the democratic side were still favorites in the Wall street betting today, even money being quoted on them.

OFFICE GIRLS ARE STAMPEDED WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT

Second Blaze in Building Adjoining W. O. W. Block Is Started by Cigaret.

Hundreds of office girls, frightened by the sudden appearance of flames, almost caused a panic in the Woodmen of the World building yesterday afternoon when a fire, which is believed to have been caused by a cigarette, broke out on the fourth floor of the ruins of the building formerly occupied by the Schmoller & Mueller Piano company.

The office girls, fearing their own building was on fire, stampeded in the corridors of the building and gradually crowded below to safety. More than 2,000 fire fans witnessed the fire and traffic was tied up for more than an hour.

Firemen were unable to fight the flames at an advantage because of fear that the wall which cracked under the heat of the flames might fall. An aerial truck was pressed into service and streams were poured into the ruined structure from the fifth and sixth floors of the Woodmen of the World building.

Auto Crash Leads To Recovery of Goods Stolen From Iowa Store. Police solved the sudden disappearance of a man and a woman from a stolen automobile late Saturday night after crashing into the car of A. Peasinger, 3604 Dodge street, when they arrested Earl Vandenberg of Stanley, Wis.; Lloyd Mashburne and his wife at 2015 Leavenworth street, after detectives received a tip from a Douglas street pawn shop.

SKY-LOW THRILLS FIRST NIGHTERS AT AK-SAR-BEN

Thousands Packed Historic "Den" While Hundreds Were Turned Away at Opening of Season.

"Sky-Low," the greatest of all Ak-Sar-Ben shows, was given its "premier" last night in the historic "den" before an audience of Omaha's manhood that filled the thousands of seats and overflowed by hundreds into the standing room.

Even Gen. Barnes, the great genius of Ak-Sar-Ben's wonders, expressed his approval of the way the opening performance of the new show went. Oscar Lieben, stage director, and Ben Johnson, director of the chorus, lauded the work of chorus and principals.

Wood Forces Attempt To Land Support of New York Delegation. Chicago, June 7.—Wood forces Monday made a determined effort to swing the New York delegate to the support of their candidate on the first ballot. Gen. Wood was entitled to New York support, they argued, because of his effort in establishing military training camps at Plattsburgh.

Woolen Mills Closed Down to Keep Prices High, Says Alexander. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, June 7.—Curtailed production by the textile mills in the east caused Secretary of Commerce Alexander to scold a move to maintain high prices.

Johnson Has Five to One Lead Over Wood in North Carolina. Raleigh, N. C., June 7.—One hundred and eighteen precincts out of 1,564 in the state on the republican presidential preference primary, according to figures compiled by the News and Observer late Monday night gave: Johnson, 1,157; Wood, 207.

Father Kills 3-Year-Old Boy; Thought Him Burglar. Marion, Ill., June 7.—Mistaking his 3-year-old son for a burglar, James Finney, early today, shot and killed the child. The boy had arisen from bed to get a drink. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental killing.

UNPLEGGED DELEGATES IN MAJORITY

"Keynote" Speech of Senator Lodge Only Sure Thing on Program at Opening Session—Situation 'Mile in the Air.'

MOST OF THE OLD-TIME LEADERS ARE ABSENT

General Trend of Opinion Growing That Lowden Now Has Best Chance of Either Of 'Big Three' Candidates.

By ARTHUR M. EVANS. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, June 7.—The seventeenth G. O. P. national convention opens tomorrow with only one real sure thing on the program and that is the "keynote" speech of Senator Lodge, which is already in type in the printing offices ready to be shot in "extras" to a more or less anxious and waiting world.

For the first time in a generation the quadrennial pow-wow has no predominant personality, no real boss, no leadership. A majority of the delegates are mavericks, unpledged, uncommitted—as Chauncey Depew, veteran of 13 pow-wows put it, "It's a real uncommitted convention with nothing out in advance."

Old Leaders Missing. The old bosses, and leaders, oh! where are they? Penrose is sick at home with a long-distance wire string to his best man in a committee. Heminway of Indiana is here, but with Johnson instructions, a lovely bit of irony for one of the old guard. Murray Crane is wandering the corridors like a lost dog, his dog tags out as a committee man from Massachusetts. Smoot is facing a fight in his state and no longer has a troop following at his heels in the convention environs.

Senator Borah, the fire-eater, is here on sufferance—a political deal was necessary to give him a place in the Idaho delegation. Watson of Watson's committee, an argument defending the action on contested delegates in the Taft convention of 1912, is having a terrible time trying to land as chairman of the platform committee, Will Hays, national chairman, being among those trying to lather Watson's tires in this ambition. Mr. Barnes of Albany finds the New York 88 shot to pieces this time, with half a dozen factional segments; no leader for the first time in many years.

But nobody is shedding a tear, nobody is worrying over what is going to happen. The patriarchs parade the uncertainty; the younger generation makes a virtue of ignorance. That's the tone of the opening day.

On the eve of the big battle, everybody was as far as tonight as on Sunday night or Saturday night. (Continued on Page 4, Column 4.)

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As a result, the Butler leaders began defensive operations. James R. Sheffield, William Barnes and Senator Wadsworth were called into conference and workers attached to the republican state organization later began a canvass of the delegates in an effort to line them up solidly for Butler.

It was admitted by Butler adherents that the fight to present an unbroken front of the 88 delegates had failed, but they said they were assured not more than six or eight \$6 Day spent on Each U. S. Soldier in Occupation Army. Paris, June 7.—The daily expense of the American troops of occupation has been reduced so that it is less than \$6 a man a day, while the cost of maintenance of the French, British and Belgian forces average five francs a day for each man and six francs a day for each horse.

The enormous difference in cost due largely to the higher pay of the American soldiers and the great expense incurred in transportation of supplies brought from America, has made it impossible to reach an average rate to apply to all the armies of occupation, which it has been sought to do.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska and Iowa—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday, not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 51, 6 a. m. 51, 7 a. m. 51, 8 a. m. 51, 9 a. m. 51, 10 a. m. 51, 11 a. m. 51, 12 noon 51, 1 p. m. 51, 2 p. m. 51, 3 p. m. 51, 4 p. m. 51, 5 p. m. 51, 6 p. m. 51, 7 p. m. 51, 8 p. m. 51, 9 p. m. 51, 10 p. m. 51, 11 p. m. 51, 12 noon 51.