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O. A. McCloud Heads G. O. P. Committee

York Man Elected at Lincoln Meeting by Almost Unanimous Vote, Following Effort by Omahan to Defeat Him.

SENATOR H. E. SACKETT NAMED VICE CHAIRMAN

Women Attend Conference for First Time and Will Be Given Equal Representation on Executive Committee.

Lincoln, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram)—Charles A. McCloud of York was elected chairman of the republican state committee at the meeting of the committee held at the Lindell hotel this afternoon after the state officers, upon request of the committee, had recommended the York man for the place. He was given authority to select his secretary and executive committee, the latter to consist of one man and woman member from each congressional district. No other candidate was proposed.

Robert Smith of Omaha attempted to block the election of Mr. McCloud, insisting that he would not be able to hold certain elements in line for the ticket.

Vote Almost Unanimous. C. N. McElfresh of Columbus supported the contention of Mr. Smith and said that there were 900 members of the farmers' organization in Platte county who would not support the ticket of Mr. McCloud was chosen. George W. Shreck of York, R. H. Rankin of Beaver City, A. N. Dodson of Wilbur, O. G. Smith of Kearney and several others spoke in favor of the election of McCloud and when the motion was put it was practically unanimous, but a very few notes being heard.

Omaha Woman Named. Senator H. E. Sackett, one of the leading progressives of the state, was made vice chairman and Mrs. Draper Smith of Omaha, second vice chairman, T. L. Matthews of Fremont was elected treasurer. Fifty-six of the 60 members of the committee were present either in person or by proxy, 15 of them being women. The women from Omaha were Mrs. Draper Smith, Mrs. William Berry, Mrs. John N. Baldwin, Mrs. F. W. Carmichael and Mrs. Z. T. Lindsey.

McAdoo Denies Rumor He Stepped Aside to Make Way for Wilson

New York, June 21.—William G. McAdoo, in a statement tonight, declared his announcement that he would not permit his name to be presented as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination had no relation to the political interview with President Wilson, published the day before. He declared he knew nothing of the interview until he saw it in print and that the president knew nothing of his withdrawal until after notice of it had been published.

The statement follows: "In order to set at rest absurd rumors and speculation which have been published to the effect that my letter of withdrawal had some relation to the president's World interview, or carried a concealed purpose, I wish to say, first, that I knew nothing whatever of the president's interview until I saw it in the papers; and second, that the president knew nothing whatever of my letter of withdrawal until he saw it in the public prints."

Pair Hurt in Auto Wreck Still in Critical Condition

Robert C. Martin, vice president of the Mutual Live Stock Commission company, 630 Park avenue, and Madeline Nugent, 2023 North Twentieth street, who were injured at Twenty-sixth and Leavenworth streets Sunday night when the automobile in which they were riding collided with a street car, still are in Nicholas Senn hospital in critical condition, according to reports received from the hospital early this morning. There has been a slight improvement in the condition of Martin, it is said, while Miss Nugent's condition remains about the same.

Omaha Police Aid in Search For Girl Lured by Movies

Police are searching for Buford Black, 15 years old, daughter of Charles Black of Winner, S. D., who it is believed, may be in Omaha on her way to Los Angeles, Cal., where she hoped to become a movie star. The girl left Winner Sunday to visit at the home of a cousin at Gregory, S. D., according to her uncle, B. J. Barker, who came to Omaha yesterday to search for her. She did not arrive at her cousin's home and her parents became alarmed.

Warrants on Profiteering Charge Out for Sugar Barons

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 21.—Warrants based upon complaints issued at Pocatello, Idaho, recently charging Heber J. Grant, president, and six other officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company with profiteering in sugar were received here by United States District Attorney I. B. Evans.

The Idaho charge declared the company sold at \$23 a 100-pound sack of sugar which cost but \$9.50 to produce.

York Man Selected To Manage Nebraska Republican Campaign



Charles A. McCloud

'SUNFLOWER GIRL' OF NEBRASKA SEEKS DIVORCE

Daughter of Former Lincoln Postmaster and Friend of W. J. Bryan Tells of Chilled Love.

Cincinnati, O., June 21.—(Special Telegram).—On allegations of neglect, Mrs. Margery Foster, Hotel Sinton, formerly of Lincoln, Neb., sued for divorce from Attorney Amos Foster, of this city, in domestic relations court here today.

The husband offers to pay his wife \$2500 a month for the support of their child, 8 years old. The case is contested particularly as to alimony.

Mrs. Foster, who told the court she was a "brilliant writer, a poet and a musician," said they ran away from Lincoln, Neb., to Covington, Ky., February 25, 1908, and were secretly married. They separated one year ago. She alleged that although her husband's income was over \$15,000 a year, she was left "in absolute want." She testified that Attorney Foster had appealed to her as an "athletic hero." He was a coach at the University of Cincinnati before he began the practice of law. She said her father was a postmaster in Lincoln, Neb., and an intimate friend of William Jennings Bryan. They met when Foster coached the University of Nebraska football team, she said.

"I was known as the 'Sunflower beauty of the state of Nebraska' and was rated among Nebraska's most beautiful women," Mrs. Foster testified. She said her parents opposed the marriage. Her troubles began shortly after the ceremony, she said. She alleged her husband did not "give me a smile" for years. She said stories related by her husband were very "smutty" and extremely objectionable to her. She alleged that for six years her husband (Continued on Page Two, Column Six.)

Strike Situation on Eastern Railroads Is Now Undetermined

Philadelphia, June 21.—Striking railroad employees claimed large additions to their forces and complete control of the lines entering this city within 24 hours. On the other hand railroad officials issued optimistic statements in contradiction to the strikers' claims.

The strikers declare nearly 4000 men are out. The railroads reported marked improvement in the situation in the freight yards.

In a statement the Pennsylvania railroad said in the three shifts today only 1,101 failed to report for work.

Officials of the Reading claim only 400 of its men are out, while the Baltimore and Ohio reported a "negligible" number quit.

Strike leaders denied the walkout was due to radicalism and misrepresentation. They declare the delay of the railroad labor board in adjusting their grievances is the cause.

"Elimination" Candidate Is Leading in Minnesota

St. Paul, June 21.—A close contest for the republican gubernatorial nomination was indicated in first returns from today's primary in Minnesota, while returns from the democratic contest were not sufficient to judge its status accurately.

One hundred sixty-four precincts out of 3,195 in the state gave J. A. O. Preis, "elimination" convention choice, 10,944 votes, and Dr. Henrik Shipstead, endorsed by the national Nonpartisan league, 9,293. Most of these precincts were in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Premiers Will Demand German Disarmament

Boulogne, June 21.—The conference of the premiers will tonight or tomorrow send to Germany a letter demanding execution of the clauses of the peace treaty relating to disarmament. The letter is understood to refuse permission to Germany to maintain an army of 200,000.

Former Empress III. The Hague, June 21.—The former German empress is reported in a very serious condition and the former Crown Prince Frederick William has been called to her bedside.

PAYNE SIDES WITH POSTAL EMPLOYEES

Secretary of Interior Will Appeal to Cabinet to Prevent Retirement of Efficient Clerks Under Pension Law.

50 IN OMAHA ARE LISTED FOR SUMMARY DISMISSAL

New Ruling May Be Made After Bursleson Returns From Convention, Second Assistant Postmaster General Says.

Summary retirement of 50 Omaha postoffice and railway mail clerks, announced without warning last week, is due to a conflict of legal opinions among office holders at Washington, according to information received from the capital last night.

For years, civil service employees of the government have sought to procure enactment of legislation providing for a pension for disabled or superannuated government servants. Such a law was recently passed. But just as Uncle Sam's faithful were breathing a sigh of relief and showing a smile of hope, Postmaster General Bursleson, declared that every man of retirement age is separated from the service, whether disabled or not.

The result is that many railway mail clerks and postoffice employees in Omaha are to suffer a loss of employment, even though they are well able to continue their duties despite their years.

Carry It to Cabinet. While Postmaster General Bursleson has taken this drastic step, Secretary of the Interior John Barton Payne, specially charged to enforce the pension law, declares that there should be no wholesale pensioning of employees, but that only those unable to fulfill their duties should be pensioned.

Edgar C. Snyder, the Bee's staff correspondent at Washington, telegraphed last night as follows: "In contrast to the action taken by the postmaster general, Secretary of the Interior Payne has given out the substance of a report which will make to the members of the cabinet when they all get together again after the San Francisco convention, to the effect that heads of government departments shall determine what employees, eligible for retirement, shall remain in the government service."

"Secretary Payne is quoted: 'It is necessary, I believe, to determine in each case whether the employee is disqualified by his age. My report recommends that each department head be required to ascertain and certify whether the person in question should be retained.'

"May Change Ruling. "It was upon a ruling by Attorney General Palmer that Mr. Bursleson issued his order. Second Assistant Postmaster General Praeger said today that every man eligible for retirement will be retired August 22, but that after Postmaster General Bursleson returns from the democratic pow-wow and has a change to confer with Secretary Payne, some new ruling may be made.

"Under the act, Secretary Payne is authorized to make rules and regulations for carrying out its provisions and surprise is expressed that the postmaster general should have acted without consideration of Mr. Payne's views.

"The object of the law, which has been in the process of making for nearly 15 years, was designed to give relief to the old and disabled employees of the government, but was not intended as a cold-blooded house-cleaning proposition."

"Spare No One," Order Given Jury Probing Escape of Bergdoll

Philadelphia, June 21.—With instructions from Judge J. W. Thompson to "probe deep and spare no one" a special grand jury began investigating to determine who was responsible for the escape of Grover C. Bergdoll, wealthy draft dodger, who eluded a military guard.

Nearly a score of witnesses have been subpoenaed and a dozen have testified.

As outlined by Judge Thompson the main purpose of the grand jury is to determine whether a conspiracy existed to free Bergdoll.

Refuse Injunction to Stop Navy Seizing Oil Supplies

Los Angeles, June 21.—The application of the General Petroleum company for an injunction restraining officers of the United States navy from seizing fuel oil stored by the company in Los Angeles, was denied by Judge B. F. Bledsoe in United States district court today.

Gen. Pershing Stoned By Natives at Panama City, Sailor Writes

Tecumseh, Neb., June 21.—(Special Telegram)—Devey Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Jones of Tecumseh, has completed a trip through the Panama canal on the U. S. S. "Thornton." Jones is a sailor. He wrote an interesting letter home, and among other things said that General Pershing was in Panama City in May and when he endeavored to make a public speech was stoned by natives and prevented from speaking.

TEMBLOR ROCKS MANY BUILDINGS IN LOS ANGELES

Considerable Damage Done by Earthquake in Southern California.

Los Angeles, Cal., June 21.—Eight business blocks in the town of Inglewood, 10 miles southwest of this city, were partly destroyed and scores of dwelling houses damaged by an earthquake shock tonight at 6:47. The earthquake covered a district practically coextensive with Los Angeles county, with Inglewood apparently the center of the disturbance.

Numerous building in Los Angeles were slightly damaged. Long Beach, Redondo Beach, San Pedro, Venice and Santa Monica also reported slight damage.

Two walls of an electric light and power station at Inglewood were shaken down and a motion picture theater, a bank and a furniture store were damaged.

The principal damage in Los Angeles and other surrounding towns, according to reports, was caused by the shaking down and breaking off of ornaments in homes.

The portion of Los Angeles receiving the most serious shaking was the southwest residential section, which is that nearest Inglewood.

In the business district of Los Angeles, the damage consisted largely of broken plate glass windows.

The Edison building, an 11-story structure, and the Laughlin building, formerly separated by a few inches, were jammed together by the shock.

FORMER WILSON MANAGER NOW IS AGAINST CHIEF

Williams F. McCombs Attacks "Automatic" Assumption of Authority.

Chicago, June 21.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the democratic national committee from 1912 to 1916 and manager of President Wilson's 1912 campaign, in a statement made tonight before leaving for San Francisco, attacked what he characterized as the president's "automatic" assumption of authority.

President Wilson, he said, has no more right to call himself leader of the democratic party, "a conception heretofore never entertained by any American," than has Chief Justice White, former Special Champ Clark or Vice President Marshall.

Predicts Cox Will Win. Mr. McCombs announced arrangements had been made to obtain for him a seat in the New York delegation if he decides to take the floor at San Francisco. The New York delegation, he predicted, will throw its support to Governor Cox of Ohio, after casting a complimentary vote for Governor Smith. He added that he believed a westerner, possibly from the Pacific slope, will be nominated vice president.

His statement reads: "They tell me America has pledged its word to Europe and that this word must be redeemed in the process of a national campaign. In my belief, America is pledged to nothing. One individual, speaking as such, permitted Europe to believe that he spoke for America. But he had no authority to speak for a nation, for in the last analysis he was nothing more than a self-appointed emissary.

Nevertheless, America is asked to validate his signature, affix a date, a signature which apparently was accepted in good faith by all the European peoples as absolute.

On Treaty Issue. "The president negotiates a treaty, but the senate may or may not concur by two-thirds majority. In this particular instance there has been no concurrence.

"Other nations may want a league of nations, and it may be that we do. But we do not want to commit ourselves to the league of nations as it was brought back from Paris. It is an international issue, but it is a highly debatable question as to what importance it should have in a national campaign. Ultimately, it is a question for the president and the senate to settle."

The statement declares for reconstruction at home, improvement of railway and internal water way transportation and for solution of the high cost of living, "wholly apart from any international affiliations."

Woman Asks Police to Aid in Search for Her Husband

Believing that her husband, Ben Gilmore, either met with foul play or that he has disappeared with another woman, Mrs. Hazel Gilmore, 722 South Nineteenth street, yesterday asked the police to assist in finding him. He disappeared from home about two months ago, after going to Happy Hollow to work with a grading crew. He formerly was employed as a street car conductor.

Mrs. Gilmore stated that she was anxious to find her husband, in order that she may procure money with which to support her two children, Ross, 7 years old, and Dorothy, 5 years old. She has been forced to send the little girl to live with her grandmother at Sheppard, Ia., because of her stringent circumstances and will have to send the boy also unless her husband is found, she said.

Pullman Fare Increase Is Granted in Missouri

Jefferson City, Mo., June 21.—Increase in Pullman rates in Missouri on four railroads were authorized by the Missouri public commission effective July 1.

The company was authorized to advance the minimum for berths from 75-cents to \$2 and for Pullman seats from 25 cents to 59 cents.

Taking the Kid's Bank



MYSTERY MAN IS HELD BY SHERIFF IN BLUFFS JAIL

Stranger Who Frightens Farmers Near Crescent Arrested—Refuses to Answer Any Questions.

Sheriff Groneweg has a "mystery man" locked up in the county jail in Council Bluffs while making an effort to locate his friends. The man is believed mentally unbalanced and has been alarming people in the vicinity of the village of Crescent.

Yesterday he made the mistake of stopping an automobile and without invitation from the driver climbed in and took a seat beside him. He refused to answer questions or utter a word. The driver took him to Crescent and turned him over to Sheriff Groneweg, who is communicating with Sheriff Groneweg.

The man is about 30 years old, and as talkative as an oyster. It is believed that he is from Omaha. He had a bank book from the United States National bank, which showed that W. H. Anderson had been making deposits there for the last seven years. The last deposit was made last Friday.

A purchase check issued by an Omaha grocer also was in his pocket. The bank officials say Anderson is a bank customer, but the mystery man makes no response when questioned. Omaha police department has been asked to help locate his friends.

West Virginia Jury Will Probe Shooting At Matewan on May 19

Williamson, W. Va., June 21.—Judge James Damron of the Mingo county court empaneled a special grand jury here to investigate the shooting at Matewan, W. Va., May 19, in which Mayor C. C. Testerman, two other residents and seven detectives were killed and half a dozen other persons wounded.

Twenty-four members of the state constabulary are on duty here and at Matewan. The troopers will guard all entrances to the court house. Judge Damron announced no one would be permitted to enter the grand jury room hearing arms.

Under the judge's instructions the jury will investigate every phase of the shooting, including eviction of the miners, murder and conspiracy to murder, alleged offers of bribes and robbery of the bodies of the detectives.

It was announced that 200 witnesses will appear before the jury. They will be summoned in relays of 10 a day.

"Mother" Jones addressed a meeting of miners at Matewan tonight.

Rotarians Open Annual Meeting at Atlantic City

Atlantic City, N. J., June 21.—The 11th annual convention of the International Association of Rotarians clubs was opened with nearly 4,000 delegates present. The gathering will be in session five days.

The opening was marked by an impressive pageant of nations, international officers and overseas delegates being escorted to their places on the platform by ladies of the international rotary in native costumes, boy scouts, sailors and committeemen.

During the past year the association has increased from 450 to 600 clubs.

Get Honorary Degrees. Williamstown, Mass., June 21.—The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Gen. J. J. Pershing, Rear Admiral William S. Sims and Franklin K. Lane, former secretary of the interior, at the commencement exercises at Williams college.

WOMAN INJURED IN MOTOR CRASH; THREE JAILED

Mrs. D. Miller, 1821 Davenport Street, Near Death in Hospital, Result of Night Joyride.

Mrs. D. Miller, 1821 Davenport street, is in critical condition at the St. Joseph hospital and three other members of an auto party are under arrest as the result of an accident at Twenty-fourth and A streets last night.

Mrs. Miller was riding in a rented automobile driven by George Sterling, 1616 Webster street. With them were Mrs. Ben McCormick, 1821 Davenport street, and P. C. Cunningham, California hotel. They were driving south on Twenty-fourth street. The driver lost control of the machine, which is said to have been traveling at a high rate of speed, and the car, crashing over the curb, ran into a telegraph pole.

Mrs. Miller was thrown from the machine and was taken to the hospital unconscious. Her right leg was fractured, her face and neck badly cut and it is thought that she may have suffered a fractured skull. Her condition is critical, it was stated at the hospital early this morning.

Sterling, whose temple was badly cut, was taken to the South Side police station, where his injury was attended. He is being held for investigation. Mrs. McCormick and Cunningham were arrested at the hospital, where they had gone with Mrs. Miller. They are being held for investigation at the Central station.

While Mother Hunts in Woods Little Girl Is Found in Streets

While her mother and friends, assisted by the police, were searching the woods a short distance from her home at 2015 Martha street last night, Margaret Strom, 3 years old, was found at Thirteenth and Mason streets by Nicholas Ferzly, 1222 South Twelfth street.

The little girl, who has bright red hair, wandered away from home at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. She was not missed for some time, her mother thinking that she was playing nearby. At 6 o'clock, as she did not return, her absence was reported to the police, and the search began.

She was found about 20 blocks from her home at 9:30 last night. She was standing on the street and crying, saying that she wanted to go home. Ferzly bought her some supper and took her to the police station, where she was identified.

Nonpartisan League Grain Law Is Constitutional

Fargo, N. D., June 21.—North Dakota's grain grading law was held constitutional and not conflicting with the federal grain statute in a decision handed down by Judge C. F. Amidon in United States district court.

Slayer Lynched in Georgia.

Savannah, Ga., June 21.—Philip Gaithers, a negro, was lynched near Rincon, Ga., today, after he had confessed to the murder of Miss Anza Jordan, 17 years old, last week. Gaithers was arrested today near Stilson, Ga., on information furnished by another negro.

Stewart Enters Race.

Butte, Mont., June 21.—Governor Samuel V. Stewart's name as a democratic candidate for vice president will be placed in nomination at the national convention in San Francisco by Senator T. I. Walsh of Montana.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Fair in east, unsettled in west portion Tuesday, Wednesday, probably unsettled, not much change in temperature.

Iowa—Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	56	5 p. m.	71
6 a. m.	56	6 p. m.	70
7 a. m.	56	7 p. m.	69
8 a. m.	56	8 p. m.	68
9 a. m.	56	9 p. m.	68
10 a. m.	56	10 p. m.	68
11 a. m.	56	11 p. m.	67
12 noon	56	12 p. m.	67

HOT BATTLE ON PLATFORM IS EXPECTED

Three Big Issues Are Topics of Discussion by Prospective Members of Resolutions Committee on Way to Frisco.

LIQUOR, IRELAND AND PEACE TO BE CONTESTED

Senator Glass Raps Republican Congress on Tax Question, But Refuses to Make Public His Stand on Platform.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING.

On Board Union Pacific Convention Special, Omaha, June 21.—One of the hottest platform battles in the history of the democratic party is destined to take place in the San Francisco convention, in the opinion of prospective members of the resolutions committee en route to the big conclave.

Discussion today revolved about these three issues:

Peace—President Wilson, demanding an acceptance of his plank endorsing the Wilson covenant without essential change, will be fought tooth and nail by the Bryan faction, the democratic senators who bolted the president and voted for the Lodge reservations, and by other anti-administration elements who would not bar anti-protectionist reservations, but would subordinate the league of nations issue to the party policy on the cost of living, labor, trusts, profiteering and other economic questions.

Liquor—There is in prospect a three-cornered contest, with Bryan demanding a "dry" plank declaring for strict observance of the 18th amendment and Volstead act, with the "wets" contending for a declaration in favor of light wines and beer, and with the administration and many of the practical politicians in the "wet" and "dry" camps throwing their weight for one or the other on the liquor question.

May Battle on Floor. Ireland—Delegates favoring the incorporation in the platform of a plank on the Irish question are divided, the New York, Illinois and some other delegations advocating an explicit expression for the cause of Irish independence while others would go further than expressing sympathy for the aspirations of all "subject nations" for independence, omitting specific mention of Ireland. So determined are the opposing factions that the fighting is not likely to be confined to the resolutions committee. The prevalent opinion is that the committee will accept the Wilson league of nations plank, decree silence on liquor and refrain from mentioning Ireland specifically. Then the factions defeated in the committee will be at liberty to carry the struggle to the floor of the convention where the spectacular battling will take place.

Senator Walsh of Massachusetts. (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

Girl Seriously Hurt When Car Goes Over 40-Foot Embankment

Wrestling with an unidentified man who tried to make love to her while the car was turning a curve leading to the spring in Elwood park, Miss Lulu Scott, 21 years old, 316 South Twenty-sixth street, waitress at Hansen catering, 2407 Farram street, was seriously injured yesterday morning when the driver lost control of the car which dashed over the 40-foot embankment.

She was taken to Central police station, where her injuries were treated and then removed to St. Joseph hospital. The driver of the car escaped before police arrived.

Miss Scott said she met her escort when she was going to work and accepted a ride.

The car was stolen from M. J. Hyland of the Omaha Hay company, April 28.

Charles E. Duffie Elected Head of Ad-Selling League

Charles E. Duffie, secretary of the Corey and McKenzie Printing company, was elected president of the Advertising Selling league at the final meeting of the year held at Hotel Fontenelle last night. Fred Larkin was elected vice president and Phil Gilmore, treasurer. Dean T. Smith was appointed secretary for the coming year. A new board of directors also was elected.

The meeting was the last of the regular sessions which will be held until the opening of the new year next September. Two outdoor meetings will be held during the summer, one being scheduled for July and the other for August.

California Soldiers' Land Act Is Unconstitutional

San Francisco, June 21.—The state supreme court today declared unconstitutional the state soldiers' land act of 1918, which provides for a \$10,000,000 bond issue to purchase land for entry by men who served in the military forces during the war. The proposition was to have gone on the ballot at the November election.

Lowden Statement Coming

Chicago, June 21.—Gov. Frank O. Lowden of Illinois will announce in three or four days whether he will be a candidate for renomination, he said in a statement issued through his secretary.