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WOOD LEADS FIELD WITH 145 DELEGATES

PRIMARY SYSTEM FAILS TO DEVELOP ANY OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE FOR REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION. THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE MUST OBTAIN 493 VOTES

Chicago, May 20.—Uninstructed delegations and the delegates who will cast their first ballot for "favorite sons" will be in the majority at the Republican National Convention opening here June 8.

The primary system, although in effect in many States, has failed to develop any outstanding candidate for the party's presidential nomination, for 913 delegates already chosen less than 400 have been instructed, and their vote is divided among several candidates.

Under the Republican convention rule, which requires a majority to nominate, the successful candidate must obtain at least 493 votes.

Forty-three States and five districts and Territories have elected 913 delegates. The remaining seventy-one of the 984 who will sit in the convention are to be chosen by Oregon, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia.

Major Gen. Leonard Wood is leading in the field with 145 delegates instructed for him. The credentials committee, which meets here May 31 to decide contests and prepare the temporary roll of the convention, may make some changes in the list of instructed delegates, however, as there are 104 contests pending.

Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, has an even 100 instructed delegates and Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois, seventy-eight. Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio has thirty-nine votes pledged from his home State and Judge Pritchard of North Carolina, seventeen. Senator Miles Poindexter is expected to get the fourteen vote cast by Washington.

COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMISSION MEETS

The County Highway Commission met Thursday instead of Friday as had been announced, the change being made it is rumored because some of the members were reluctant to start anything on Friday.

Because the commissions of the members had not arrived at the last meeting the commission went through the form of another organization, J. S. Stark being again elected permanent chairman. W. A. Stevenson is named secretary in the act passed by the legislature.

The commission will hold another meeting next Friday at which time an engineer will be selected. A dozen men have put in applications for the place and at the meeting Friday a number of the applicants will be present.

PRESBYTERIAN CONTRIBUTIONS HIGHEST PER CAPITA RECORD

Spartanburg, May 20.—Contributions to the recent campaign by the Southern Presbyterian Church for funds for church extension amounted to \$10.98 per capita, the highest record ever made by any church, according to reports received by the committee on systematic beneficence and stewardship, which is meeting here.

The committee is formulating plans for greatly increased work in missions and other church activities.

WELCOME VISITORS.

Mrs. L. W. Perrin and Mrs. Belle Alston came over from Yorkville Thursday and are visiting for some time with Mrs. Gordon White. Mrs. Perrin has spent the winter in Yorkville and friends are glad to have her home while Mrs. Alston is always a welcome visitor.

SUPPORT FOR WILSON

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 20.—Supporters of the league of nations covenant and the Versailles treaty without amendment and "unflinching support of President Wilson, who has given all but life itself in the service of his country and the world" were pledged in resolutions adopted by the Michigan state Democratic convention here today.

Thirty uninstructed delegates to the San Francisco convention were selected four by the convention and 26 by district caucuses.

No mention was made on the convention floor of a presidential nominee, Herbert Hoover, an avowed Republican, having won the Democratic primary.

The convention came to a close after a heated debate over a resolution on the prohibition question as drawn and finally adopted the resolution declared national prohibition "a constructive act of the Wilson administration." An amendment which was lost, 925 to 269, would have pledged the national convention delegates to work for a permanent prohibition in the Democratic platform.

WILSON BLAMES

PRICES ON G. O. P.

Washington, May 20.—President Wilson is expected to send to Congress within the next few days a letter charging the Republican majority with failure to enact necessary reconstruction legislation or to carry out his recommendations for reducing the cost of living.

Democratic leaders for some time have believed the President would take this action, and the opinion is growing among Republicans as well. The executive communication, the Democrats predict, will be transmitted about the time plans for the summer recess are taken up.

He will charge, the Democrats say, that Congress has done nothing aside from the passage of the railroad bill to get the country back on a normal basis and will insist that it remain in session to enact the necessary measures.

It was suggested that the President probably will send his message to the capitol with his veto of the peace resolution. This would time it just before the Republican national convention and give it greater weight politically, it is believed.

Beside the high cost of living, the President is expected to call attention to the condition of the nation's finance and railroad situation.

RECOMMEND FOUR AND HALF MILLION BUDGET

Spartanburg, May 20.—The committee on systematic beneficence and stewardship of the Southern Presbyterian church, before adjournment this morning decided to recommend to the general assembly, which meets at Charlotte, N. C. today, a \$4,000,000 budget for church benevolences during 1921 and 1922, the campaign to begin in January of next year. The amount will be prorated among the sixteen southern synods. The committee also adopted a program of church activities, providing for special work to be done during each month of the year.

NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

Mrs. Elizabeth Shillito, one of the oldest inhabitants of Abbeville, has been very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Dupre, on South Main street for the past week. At the time of going to press she was not expected to live but a short while. She has many friends here who will regret to learn of her precarious condition.

MISS JUNE ROSCOE

Mrs. Roscoe has returned from Anderson where she went to attend the music recital of her young daughter, June Roscoe at Anderson College. June is only eleven years old and is a musician of rare gift. She has given recitals in many towns, and people in Abbeville look forward to her appearance here.

PRICE CUTTING SWEEPS COUNTRY

Merchants in Many Cities Announce Great Reductions—Breaks in The Markets.

Chicago, May 20.—The wave of price cutting in wearing apparel continued today to sweep the country, merchants in many cities and towns announcing reductions in men's and women's clothing, shoes, hats and other articles. While some merchants said the reduction could not be maintained after present stocks were exhausted, others declared the price cuts were the logical outcome of breaks in the Western market, a backward season and large stocks on hand.

Owners of department stores in scores of cities and towns today announced price reductions in men's and women's apparel ranging from 20 to 50 per cent. while in some places shoes and other articles were cut.

While the movement, which assumed nationwide proportions yesterday, continued to spread, banking interests in New York today extended their campaign of deflation of credits and high commodity prices, carrying out their pledge to the federal reserve board. Pressure exerted by the banks in the wholesale dry goods and general merchandise districts was said to be responsible for the wave of price cutting in the retail trade.

Banks were reported to have notified importers and dealers in luxuries, articles of apparel and manufacturers of so-called non-essentials that only moderate financial accommodations could be expected now.

The price cuts largely were confined to wearing apparel, but a spread of the movement to other lines was indicated by the action of Omaha dentists in reducing the price of dental work.

In a newspaper advertisement today a Newark clothing concern denounced price cutting as "an economic mistake," asserting "it is economically unsound to sell merchandise today for a price which is less than we can buy it from makers anywhere. What the world needs is greater production not the drastic sacrifice of retail prices."

Several Milwaukee merchants characterized the movement as a "circus stunt."

RAILROADS BEGIN TASK OF RELOCATING CARS

Washington, May 20.—The nations railroads Thursday unified their efforts to relocate many thousands of empty cars, as the principal move in relieving the freight traffic jams at big terminals.

The job of clearing the lines of empty equipment is a preliminary to other far reaching moves contemplated by direction of the interstate commerce commission.

Relocation of empty cars means the movement of 20,000 cars westward from eastern territory and 30,000 open top cars eastward from the western section.

Railroad executives informed the commission Thursday that the task of making these relocations can be completed in 30 days.

PADGETT GETS INTO TROUBLE.

Sam Padgett, negro, was arrested Thursday by Deputy Sheriff Cann on a warrant charging assault and battery, but when he was arrested a quantity of liquor was found in his home. Padgett was therefore arraigned before Magistrate Hollingsworth on the liquor charge as well. He gave bond for the next term of court.

LEBANON CHURCH

The pastor being in Charlotte attending the meeting of the General Assembly, there will be no preaching at Lebanon Church next Sabbath.

BUYS HOUSE

Henry Blount has bought the house on Bowie Street occupied by T. S. Calhoun.

LIQUIDATION WAVE CAUSED BY BANKERS

Standard Railroad and Industrial Securities Not Hurt by Price Cutting.

New York, May 20.—The bankers war on high prices, declared at the behest of the Federal reserve board, today brought another wave of liquidation in the securities market.

Primarily induced by the country-wide stringent credit conditions, this wave caused many stocks and bonds to fall to still lower quotations for the current movement.

Support of a substantial character was forthcoming, however, and bargain hunters also were active in the more popular issues. As a result, prices rallied vigorously before the close Liberty bonds and Victory notes sharing largely in the recovery.

"A Form of Hysteria." Prominent bankers and brokers although inclined to refer to the price cutting movement as "a form of hysteria," nevertheless declared values of many standard railroads and industrials have in no degree been impaired by the higher rates for money. They asserted that, on the contrary, representative securities have been placed on a sounder foundation by the action of the Federal Reserve Board and banks acting in conjunction with that body.

Reports from leading industrial and commercial centers were again to the effect that credits were contracting, but as far as could be learned this condition was due in great measure to the railroad blockades which has tied up vast amounts of money.

From every responsible source came information that basic financial conditions all over the country offer no occasion for apprehension. In the words of a leading financier, the present movement is largely in the nature of a "necessary readjustment of values including commercial and industrial inventories."

While Wall street was seeking to adjust itself to the new credit conditions, the price slashing movement seemed to be gaining ground among New York retailers, who continued to advertise their wares at reductions.

NO MORE \$25 SHOES AND \$150 CLOTHES

Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—"The bankers of the country are determined there shall be no more \$25 shoes and \$150 clothes," Richard S. Hawes, St. Louis, president of the American Bankers' Association, told the annual convention of the Missouri Bankers' Association here today. He urged the bankers to refrain from lending money for speculation in food and land.

BONDS TO BE BOUGHT

Washington, May 20.—The house bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to purchase \$26,000,000 additional of farm land bank bonds was passed today by the senate.

The senate substituted the house measure for the Gronna bill which would authorize purchase of \$64,000,000 of bonds. The legislation is designed to aid farmers in borrowing from the land banks pending decision by the supreme court on its constitutionality of the farm loan act.

MUST SERVE HIS SENTENCE

Harvey Robinson, negro, convicted at the last term of court for murder of Harden Fuller and sentenced to seven years on the chaingang was taken to the chaingang Friday to serve his sentence. He had taken an appeal thru his attorney and was out on bond, but because he wanted to pose as a "mean nigger" by making promiscuous threats his attorney withdrew his appeal and his bondsman took down his bond and Harvey was forced to the chaingang.

BUYS GREENWOOD PROPERTY.

J. M. Anderson, who will move to Greenwood September 1st, has purchased a home in that city, the property being located on Grace Street.

TONS OF SUGAR COME

Charleston, May 20.—Bringing 3,000 tons of sugar, the steamer Decatur Bridge arrived today from New York, docking at the port terminals, where her valuable and much needed cargo will be rapidly distributed, a large part of the consignment going to interior points in this state and adjacent territory. Charleston gets a fair share, which will relieve at once a sugar famine of several weeks' duration. Seldom has a cargo been more welcome than the 6,000,000 pounds of sugar arriving today. In Charleston and over this state generally there has been a great scarcity of granulated sugar for many weeks, due to the inability of the sugar interests to ship here either coastwise or by rail, due to a congestion of freight and the longshoremen's strike. Many local merchants have run out of sugar frequently, and when they got a small supply had to dole it out to their customers. In the next few days, as rapidly as distribution can be accomplished, conditions in the sugar retailing business will assume a practically normal status. The Charleston Shipping company brought the cargo here and the ship was consigned to the Carolina company. She brings about 1,000 tons of other freight also.

SOME RADICAL PRICE REDUCTIONS ARE MADE

Indianapolis, May 20.—Silk shirts and suits for men are the first articles of clothing to suffer radical price reductions in Indiana and several of the leading merchants of this city are offering men's furnishings today at from 20 to 30 per cent below former prices. One reliable establishment is offering silk shirts for men at \$4.95 or almost half their former price. Ready-to-wear clothing for women and children also are offered at greatly reduced prices.

The leading store at Terre Haute is offering all men's and boys garments and shoes at a reduction of 20 per cent.

STOCK DIVIDEND TAX WINS BY ONE VOTE

Washington, May 20.—A ten percent stock dividend tax retroactive to last March 15 was approved today by the House Ways and Means Committee as a part of the taxation scheme for financing soldier relief legislation.

Its adoption of the tax provision by a margin of vote, precipitated such a fight in the committee that a favorable report on the bill was delayed, with opponents of the stock tax seeking reconsideration.

The committee also refused by a strict party vote to accept an 80 percent retroactive war profits tax, proposed by the Democratic committee-men.

A HOME TALENT "SHOW"

Mr. Roscoe, who is an expert in this line, is rehearsing the young people for a home talent "show" in the opera house June 2nd. This entertainment will be given for the benefit of the Civic Club, the money to be used for the erection of a marble in the Circle in front of the Star house and for the clubs promises to the hospital fund.

The entertainment will be in the nature of a minstrel, a cabaret scene and other high class numbers. The fact that Mr. Roscoe will train the young people assures Abbeville of an evening of pleasure.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FELL OFF DURING APRIL

Washington, May 20.—Exports for April decreased \$135,000,000 while imports fell off \$30,000,000 as compared with the trade figures for March, it was announced today by the department of commerce.

PICNIC.

The picnic fever has broken out in the school. The seventh grade spent the day at Calhoun's Mill last Saturday. The sixth grade will picnic tomorrow.

EFFORTS TO AGREE ON NEW ARMY BILL

CONFERENCE CALLED BY CHAIRMAN WADSWORTH — PROTEST FROM GOMPERS COMPLICATES PROSPECTS OF HARMONIOUS SETTLEMENT.

Washington, May 20.—Efforts to work out an agreement on the army organization bill which the House has refused to accept because of its National Guard provisions will be resumed tomorrow by House and Senate conference. The conference was called today by Chairman Wadsworth, of the Senate military committee, and after the Senate had refused to recede from its amendments and ordered the bill returned to conference.

Prospects of an agreement, however, were further complicated by a protest of President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, to Chairman Wadsworth against provisions which the labor leader said would bring about the concentration of industrial workers in case of any "national emergency."

What He Objects To. The term "national emergency," he said, might be construed as covering an industrial disturbance.

In the discussion which preceded the Senate's refusal to yield on its amendments, Senators Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, and Wadsworth, attacked State adjutants general because of their opposition to the provision of the Senate bill permitting individual States to decide whether their guard should be federalized.

Senator McKellar, Democrat, of Tennessee, defending the National Guard officers, said their opposition was slight compared to other influences brought to bear in drafting the measure.

ERSKINE COMMENCEMENT

The following is the program of the Commencement exercises of Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary:

Saturday night, May 29—Graduating Exercises of Theological Seminary.

Sabbath Morning, May 30.—Sermon before the graduating classes of Erskine College and Woman's College by Dr. R. C. Reed.

Sabbath Night, May 30.—Sermon before the Theological Students by Dr. John Robertson.

Monday Night, May 31.—Inter-Society Celebration and Debate.

Tuesday, June 1, 10:45 A. M.—Graduating Exercises of Erskine Seniors. Anniversary Address by Gov. R. A. Cooper.

Luncheon, 2 P. M. at College Home for Erskine Alumni and former students.

Class reunions and banquets, 8.30 P. M.

Note—It is requested that reservations for the Alumni Luncheon be made at once by writing to any member of the following committee: Edgar Long, L. C. Galloway, E. L. Reid.

COMMERCIAL AVIATION GROWS RAPIDLY IN FRANCE

Paris, May 20.—Commercial aviation is developing rapidly in France, according to a statement issued today by the government air navigation service, covering the activities of three months of 1920.

COTTON MARKET.

Spot	43.00
May	42.45
July	38.75
Oct.	35.75
Dec.	34.67
Jan.	33.94