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DISCORD BEGINS IN CONVENTION

Prohibition Issue Will Cause
Bitter Fight at San Francisco

STATEMENT MADE BY
BURLESON

Some Delegates Regard Him as
the Spokesman for the White
House.

San Francisco, June 23.—The ruffling discord over the prohibition issue became hourly more ominous as the delegates arrived in increasing numbers for the democratic national convention. Hope that the storm might spend itself behind the closed doors of the platform committee has been virtually abandoned by leaders and they are prepared to face the outbreak of debate on the floor of the convention.

Already the overshadowing issue of pre-convention conference is the question of the platform declaration against the present bone dry law which took almost the whole stage to itself as the delegates heard of Postmaster General Burleson's announcement for a modification of the Volstead act. By many who regard Burleson as the political spokesman for the white house, this development is accepted as a warning of which way the wind of administration influence would blow. Others refused to take that view, but nobody seemed to know how far the sentiments of the president might be in accord with those of Burleson.

War On Illiteracy

Every Minister in State Asked
to Preach on Education, Sun-
day, July 4.

Columbia, June 23.—Governor Cooper is sending to every minister in the State a letter asking that the subject of stamping out illiteracy in the State be discussed on Sunday, July 4th. This is "Liberty Sunday," and the governor urges that it be used as an occasion to urge for liberty from the State's blight of illiteracy.

The governor's letter is at the suggestion of the State illiteracy commission, which is beginning a campaign against illiteracy, to cover the summer months. The week following "Liberty Sunday" will be observed as "Write-Your-Name" week, and the aim will be to organize classes for adult illiterates that every such illiterate in the State might be taught to write his name. Twenty thousand voters signed the club rolls in the State in 1916 with a cross, not being able to sign their names. There are also thousands of others who cannot read and write, and it is the aim of the illiteracy department to teach all of these to at least write their names during this summer, and if possible during the week of July 4-11.

"Write-Your-Name" classes and "Lay-By Classes" are to be formed in every county in the State this summer, with the hope of educating many adult illiterates. These classes will be formed especially during the month of August, when teachers are available, and the teachers are paid for their services by the State. Eighteen counties have already made plans for intensive campaigns against illiteracy during the month of August.

Last year 5,000 adults were enrolled in the "Lay-By" classes in the State.

Columbia Campaign Meeting

A Small Audience Heard Candi-
dates For State Offices

Columbia, S. C., June 22.—A small audience heard candidates for State offices here today in the opening meeting of the State campaign. The contest for Lieutenant Governor was the feature of the meeting. Mr. O. K. MacLind, and Octavius Cohen and Wilson G. Harvey, of Charleston made several humorous thrusts at each other because of the difference of their communities. Better education was struck as the keynote of the campaign. The four candidates for railroad commission caused slight interest.

Los Angeles Shaken Again

Slight Earthquake Felt This
Morning

Los Angeles, June 23.—A slight earthquake at four o'clock this morning was felt chiefly in Southern Los Angeles and Inglewood. No damage was done.

Cholera in Japan

One Hundred Cases Reported in
Southern Part of Country

Tokio, June 22.—One hundred cases of Cholera have been discovered in Southern Japan.

CIVIL WAR IN IRELAND

Streets of Londonderry Swept
By Murderous Fire From
Machine Guns

TERRIBLE SCENES
ENACTED

The Number of Dead And
Wounded Cannot Be Comput-
ed Accurately As No Organi-
zation for Relief Exists

Londonderry, June 23 (By the Associated Press).—Five Sinn Feiners were killed by machine gun fire employed to cover the removal of several Protestants from Barrack street tonight, according to a military statement. There is a lull now (10.30 p. m.) in the fighting.

Scenes of the most terrible description were enacted here last night and today. Many streets were swept by a murderous fire for 16 hours continuously. One man was killed and ten dangerously wounded in one section of the city. Several bodies are reported to be lying in Bishop street. Among the wounded was a young girl, and those who suffered slight injuries can not be estimated.

Sniping was indulged in on a large scale and there was indiscriminate firing of rifles and revolvers all over the city. The principal conflict took place in Bishop street where there was a large concentration of Sinn Feiners in the neighborhood of St. Columba's Catholic college and Nazareth home. Sand bags were thrown up from which a strong fire was directed at the Unionists in Barrack street. There was a vigorous exchange of fire and many casualties resulted on both sides.

Meanwhile trouble had broken out on an extensive scale in the region of Longtower street and Bishop's Gate, where there were fierce and prolonged exchanges. Sinn Feiners occupied positions on roofs, sniping isolated Unionists. The soldiers and police were on duty but were unable to intervene effectively. The police in Bishop street barracks, within the battle zone, were virtually besieged. Many passersby were wounded, and it is reported some were killed but it is absolutely impossible to get correct details during the course of the night. There was savage fighting in the Waterside district and the rival factions were entrenched in the Cross Street and Bond street, both of which were barricaded.

Snipers were busy until 1 o'clock this evening and contingents of troops had to be moved into various streets, which, until then were impassable to citizens. The streets had the appearance of a battle ground. Sand bags were thrown up with sleepy soldiers almost in a state of exhaustion after the night's vigil. It is expected that troops are coming by road but no reinforcements have yet arrived.

There is fighting in the outlying districts from which Unionists are pouring into the city.

The outside world has little idea of the reign of terror Londonderry has been experiencing without respite since Friday last. The casualty figures from day to day are alarming enough, but they picture only the shadow of the grim reality. The truth is none of the 40,000 inhabitants had been safe since the rioting began. The city is virtually controlled by extremists of the Unionists and Nationalists who probably number under 500. They fire volleys down the streets without warning and apparently without reason and the citizens are thus put in a state of continuous panic, salving forth only when the procurement of food becomes absolutely necessary. Many shopkeepers have suspended business and have taken refuge on the top floors of their business premises for safety.

Men who are compelled to be in their offices sleep there rather than risk stepping into the streets.

The military so far has confined its efforts to keeping the two sides apart but without great success. Every one arriving in the city is challenged for credentials and is searched for arms and ammunition. The real test for a visitor, however, comes when he is held up by either the Sinn Feiners or Unionists. With hand in air, starting into the muzzle of a revolver he is thoroughly searched. Some have come out of the examination rather badly.

Each morning the engagement of the night before is resumed. Heavy barricades have been thrown up and groups of armed men go from one place to another, either on the offensive or defensive. How many persons have been killed is not known now. After the first day or two it became impossible to figure on the victims as the dead are removed, and many of the injured are treated by their comrades and carried away.

A proclamation was issued by the magistrates tonight warning all citizens to keep indoors. The constabulary and military, the proclamation announces, have received instructions to take prompt measures and if necessary disperse by force all assemblies. The magistrates strongly condemn Dublin castle's inactivity.

In addition to the erection of barricades, trenches have been dug in some of the streets within the battle zone. A special train carrying two companies of soldiers arrived at the Great

MURPHY AND GLASS ARRIVE

Prospects Fine for Prohibition
Fight

MANY RUMORS
PREVALENT

Leaders Refuse to Talk Politics
For Publication

San Francisco, June 24.—The preliminaries of the convention got into the period of hurry and scramble today with the appearance of one after another of the men who will play the leading parts.

In the whisperings behind the scenes the question of the Party policy toward prohibition continued to be the big theme of the agitation with prospects for a fight on the Convention floor growing better and better.

The discussion of possible presidential candidates is still well in background. Two new arrivals today attract particular attention, one was Senator Carter Glass fresh from Washington and generally reported to have brought the President's own draft of a platform. The other was Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader, who came direct from a conference of old line party strategists at French-liek, Ind. Both are as busy as beavers but are silent and as cagy as mice, refusing to talk politics.

Many Are Indicted By Grand Jury

Oil Men Charged With Using
Mails to Defraud

New York, June 24.—Four oil companies, ten brokerage houses and about fifty individuals have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury charged with using mails to defraud investors out of millions. Federal agents throughout the country are now engaged in rounding up the men indicted. They are charged with making misrepresentations regarding the oil properties and paying dividends out of the money obtained from the stock sale.

Communists Would Cripple Shipping

Call on Transport Workers To
Refuse to Load Ships

Washington, June 23.—A proclamation issued by the Central Executive committee of the Communist party of America, copies of which were received by the Department of Justice, calls on all transport workers to refuse to load and transport any materials for Poland, Japan or other country that is fighting Soviet Russia.

Missouri Republicans Meet

Will Investigate Distribution of
Lowden Funds in the State

Sedalia, Mo., June 24.—Republicans from throughout Missouri met here today to consider whether action should be taken against the party leaders involved in the distribution of \$38,000 of Lowden Presidential campaign funds in Missouri.

President Demands Immediate Action

Railroad Controversy Must Be
Settled at Once

Washington, June 24.—President Wilson has a reply today from the Railroad Labor Board in Chicago promising to expedite the wage award in railroad controversy. The message was in reply to one sent by President Wilson.

Northern railroad station this evening. The county inspector announced that a detachment of soldiers was leaving Belfast for Londonderry. He also said he proposed to telephone the authorities in London on the true situation.

Tonight firing again broke out in Bishop street and there was vigorous sniping from the hill overlooking the city. A detachment of soldiers moved to the spot and soon firing ceased. A military field kitchen returning from its round conveyed three soldiers with heads and arms bandaged.

No bread was delivered in the city this week. Hotels and homes are running short of supplies. No gas is being produced at the gas works, and when the present supply is exhausted the city will be without lights.

Londonderry, June 24.—More British troops have arrived and their activity in their efforts to protect life and property had a quieting effect. An occasional shot was heard after midnight and two snipers arrested. The number killed and injured in the fighting yesterday and last night has not been determined. The Hospitals are filled with the injured.

WARRANT ISSUED FOR MURPHY

Boss of Tammany Hall Indicted
by Special Grand Jury on
Charge of Conspiracy to
Defraud

DELEGATE TO
CONVENTION

Five Others Involved in Case
Which is Alleged to Have
Been an Attempt to Falsify
Income Tax Returns

New York, June 23.—Indictment of Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, and five others on charges of conspiracy to defraud the United States' by falsifying income tax returns and attempted intimidation of Louis N. Hartog, a wealthy manufacturer through criminal prosecution, was announced here today. The indictments, which were returned secretly by the extraordinary grand jury yesterday came, as a great surprise. Murphy is now on his way to the Democratic national convention at San Francisco.

Others indicted with Murphy were Assistant District Attorney James E. Smith, one of the central figures in the "vice war" between the district attorney's office and the police department; John A. McCarthy, former business partner of John Murphy, brother of the Tammany leader; Arthur J. Baldwin, a lawyer; Ernest B. Walden, vice president of the Corn Products company, and the Corn Products company itself. Bail for each defendant was fixed at \$1,000.

Murphy is charging among other things, with trying to intimidate Hartog into setting a \$10,000,000 damage suit brought against the Tammany leader after the latter is alleged to have withdrawn promised financial support in a glucose product firm in which Hartog was interested. The indictment alleges that Murphy threatened to accuse Hartog of arson, to expose to his wife his alleged secret relations with another woman, send him to jail for offenses he did not commit and ruin his business.

Hartog, the indictment sets forth, procured a \$7,000,000 order for his product from the British government during the war. He found difficulty in acquiring the necessary amount of glucose to complete the order. He then enlisted the aid of Murphy through whose influence, the indictment recites the needed ingredient was obtained from the Corn Products company.

Hartog and Murphy later disagreed over business matter and Murphy sued Hartog to recover \$125,000 invested in the manufacturers company. Then Hartog sued Murphy, the Corn Products company and Baldwin to recover \$10,000,000 profits he said he had lost through withdrawal of Murphy's pledged support asserting he could no longer get glucose from the Corn Products company.

Hartog was summoned to Assistant District Attorney Smith's office while these court actions were pending. Hartog alleges Smith summoned him to force him to pay Murphy his \$125,000, but Smith claims he issued the summons solely in the interest of prosecution of sugar profiteers. Hartog's brother was fined \$5,000 in federal court for sugar profiteering, but Smith gave Hartog himself a clean bill.

San Francisco, June 24.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, accompanied by Gov. Alfred Smith of New York, came to town tonight, but he had nothing to say. The New York delegation and the Tammany hosts are due here tomorrow. "I have been out of touch with politics for several days," said Mr. Murphy, "and can't say what the New York delegation will do until we have a caucus. As to a plank in the platform to amend the Volstead act, that is a matter that will have to be fought out on the convention floor."

Mr. Murphy's attention was called to a story of his indictment in New York on the ground of conspiring to coerce Louis Hartog, a manufacturer, to return \$125,000 which the Tammany leader invested with the Hartog company.

Greeks Advance On Turks

Advices Received From Smyrna
Indicate Early Battle

Smyrna, June 24.—The Greek Army has begun an offensive against the Turkish Nationalist forces according to the Greek Army headquarters official statement.

Explosion in Springfield

Two Were Killed and Four Injured
in Powder Explosion

Springfield, Ill., June 24.—Two men were killed and four injured seriously in an explosion at the Western Cart-ridge Company plant here today.

TENNESSEE MAY RATIFY SUFFRAGE

Special Meeting of Legislature
Called by Governor

WILL VOTE ON QUESTION

Uncertainty as to Whether the
Ratification Would Be Consti-
tutional or Not

Washington, June 24.—Assistant Attorney General Frierson has advised Governor Roberts, of Tennessee, that the legislature of that state could ratify the suffrage amendment without submitting the issue to the people. The question of constitutionality hinged on a clause in the state constitution which provides that any action on a federal amendment must be taken by a legislature elected after the amendment had been submitted to the state. Gov. Roberts announced last night that he would call a special session to act on the amendment but was in doubt whether ratification would be constitutional. Attorney General Frierson held that the recent decision of the supreme court in the Ohio referendum case invalidated that clause in the constitution.

Cooperative Marketing

Tremendous Advantage to be
Gained by Producers

Columbia, June 24.—The tremendous economic advantages of co-operative marketing will be stressed in every county in South Carolina in the intensive campaign to be conducted by the South Carolina division of the American Cotton Association; the South Carolina Warehouse Commission; The U. S. Department of Agriculture and the extension forces of Clemson College.

In Arizona the members of the American Cotton Association have already organized cooperative marketing associations and have found the beneficial results of them. A letter received by J. Skott, ve Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, from the head of the Arizona division says:

"Cooperative marketing has proven a decided success in Arizona, as compared to individual marketing. Odd and unusual as it may seem, the marketing association has succeeded, time after time, and without exception, in securing for its members not only better prices than the prevailing local market at all times during the season, but has, in addition, on numerous occasions secured better prices for small lots for single individuals than they themselves were able to secure—and from the same buyers for the same lots of cotton.

"These are facts, not dreams, as can be shown by the records of the association, and by the testimony of many individual members. Not only did the association, in making actual sales, top the market for both seed and lint throughout the season, but by keeping the membership informed as to the actual value of their cotton, enabled many to more intelligently market their own products and thus secure better prices for themselves.

"All authorities on marketing cotton, or any other farm product, are agreed that, in common justice, the man who sells should know as much about the value of his farm product as the man who desires to buy it. Given this information, and with proper financing, the farmer is placed in position to demand and secure a price that will give them a fair profit, based on the cost of production, his own and hired labor costs, land rental or interest on the investment, and every other factor that a modern accounting takes into account in figuring costs. Lacking this information, the farmer is at the mercy of the plausible buyer, whose only object—and it is a legitimate business object—is to buy at the lowest possible figure and sell at the highest possible profit to the next man in the chain of middlemen that stand between the producer and the user.

"It is this matter of accurate information that is the cornerstone upon which has been built the remarkable success of the Arizona American-Egyptian Cotton Growers Association.

"It has been said that the minds of men run in the same channel and it so came to pass that this group of Arizona cotton growers, looking to the same thing, the good of the cotton growers, were organizing after much the same plan as the American Cotton Association throughout the south, though the distance in between had prevented the local men from hearing of that activity.

"So it came to pass, after due investigation that the aims and methods of the Arizona association and the American Cotton Association were so similar that they were combined, and this association is now the Southwestern branch of the American Cotton Association, thus adding the remarkable sources of information of that body to those already acquired.

"It is the firm and expressed belief of the association that the cotton growers of the Salt River Valley, as a direct result of the work of the association, received last season at least two million dollars more for their cotton lint and seed than they would have received otherwise, by virtue of the information received and distributed and the sales made. This was accomplished with a membership of

COUNCIL CANNOT AGREE

Meeting Adjourned Leaving Al-
most All Questions Undecided

EXPERTS CALLED IN

Matter of German Reparations
and Division of Sums Re-
ceived Proves Stumbling Block
to Allies

Boulogne, June 22.—The supreme council of the allies adjourned today to meet in Brussels on July 22, leaving most of the questions of the program undecided. The German reparations problem has been referred to experts who will meet in Paris to endeavor to conciliate the view points of the allies regarding the division of the sums Germany must pay. The experts have not even reached a decision as to the total of the reparations and the method of payment.

Drowned at Sullivan's Island

College Boy From Summerville
Loses Life in Surf

Charleston, June 23.—James M. Taylor of Summerville, a guest of his aunt, Mrs. Tupper, on Sullivan's Island, was drowned early this afternoon in the surf while in bathing with a young woman from Florence. The undertow caught Mr. Taylor, after he made a dive into a comb, and he was swept to his death. Late this afternoon the fire saving crew of Sullivan's Island was still searching for the body. Mr. Taylor was a student at the College of Charleston and an ex-service man, having been overseas. He was an athlete of ability and recently played Blackburn Hughes of this city for the local tennis title. This is the first drowning at a local beach this season.

Labor Divided On Wage Question

Railway Board Divided into
Three Groups in Dispute

Chicago, June 24.—A well confirmed report in labor circles said that the railway labor board is divided three ways on the wage controversy. The labor group is holding out for an award which the company and public representatives thought exorbitant and the company group is refusing to concede an award that the public group held to be reasonable.

No Action Taken By Government

Situation in Ireland Desperate
and May Become Worse

London, June 24.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland today received another urgent telegram from the Londonderry magistrates expressing alarm that no action is being taken by the government in connection with the fighting there. They consider the situation desperate and fear it will become worse. The message adds that food supplies are running out and the gas supply is almost exhausted.

No Railroad Strike Called

Brotherhood Chiefs Deny Rum-
ors of Impending Walk Out

Cleveland, June 23.—Rumors that the Railroad Unions would call a strike this week affecting all Union men were denied today by the chiefs of the four Brotherhoods.

approximately only ten per cent of the total acreage in the Salt River Valley.

"This season the work of the association is being extended in a very large way. All the cotton farmers in the Southwest are being offered the opportunity to join in the benefits. At the end of the planting season this spring the membership was three times what it totaled last year and will undoubtedly pass the 50 per cent mark before cotton picking time. Arrangements are being made to have a bonded warehouse in operation by the time the cotton crop is ginned this fall, to secure the services of a high grade licensed grader and classifier whose services will be free to the membership and a big sales man to handle the sales.

"So that this year the cotton grower in this section will be kept informed as to the value of his cotton, present and prospective, it will be graded and classed by an official grader, means will be provided for warehousing and financing by bonded warehouse receipts, and finally, if the grower so elects, his cotton will be sold by the association, at no extra charge and the betting is 10 to 1 that the organization can secure him a better price than he can himself secure."