

RUMANIA has the same population as Pennsylvania and an army seven times the size of United States.

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OIL OF HARMONY SPREAD UPON REPUBLICAN WATERS TODAY'S CONFERENCE OF PARTY COUNCIL

Charles H. Sessions of Topeka Is Elected State Chairman. And Selection Was Made by Most Joyous Acclamation.

NOT A FIGHT FOR ANY JOB Even District Officers Were Elected With Peace.

Clever Steering Committee Worked It All Out in Advance.

OLD MOOSE LEADERS ABSENT They Found No Occasion to Attend Meeting Here.

Many Familiar Faces in All Parties Missing.

Officers Republican State Committee. Chairman—Charles H. Sessions, Topeka. Vice Chairman—R. J. Hopkins, Garden City.

Secretary—W. C. Markham, Baldwin. Treasurer—Guy Glascock, Hutchinson.

District Officers. First District—E. E. Brewster, Leavenworth. Chairman—Joseph Knier, Valley Falls. Secretary—Perry Hamm, Atchison.

Second District—Not elected. Third District—Charles Price, Pittsburg. Chairman—C. N. Hunt, Arkansas City. Secretary—Al Williams, Columbus, treasurer.

Fourth District—W. W. Parker, Emporia. Chairman—A. J. Myers, Emporia, secretary. Charles E. Moore, Zareka, treasurer.

Fifth District—Fred Sturgis, Concordia. Chairman—F. P. Blundon, Salina, secretary. Sixth District—E. C. Postlewaite, Jewell City. Chairman—R. A. Wark, Oberlin. Secretary—J. C. Klesel, Norton, treasurer.

Seventh District—C. A. Ryker, Hutchinson. Chairman—H. J. Curry, St. John. Secretary.

Eighth District—Geo. A. Hunter, Wellington. Chairman—Paul Brown, Wichita, secretary.

With the use of a brand of oil that has not been applied to Republican state machinery.



W. S. Markham of Baldwin, elected as secretary of Republican state central committee.

committee elected Charles Sessions of Topeka as state chairman with acclamation. All other officers of the state committee were named without a fight. State and district candidates and county chairmen then went into their party council to write a state platform and listen to oratory. Harmony of the genuine brand prevailed.

Right from the jump today the Republicans worked in unison. Clever steering committees worked out the day's program in advance. Every move was made to win votes in November.

Sessions Made Chairman. When the state committee met in the National hotel every detail for the election of campaign managers had been worked out. No effort was made to upset the program. Al F. Williams of Columbus, secretary for the state chairmanship, refused to go into a fight. John Greer of Marion, also a possibility, took similar action. Charles H. Sessions of Topeka was nominated by E. E. Brewster of Leavenworth and elected by acclamation. Other officers—E. J. Hopkins, vice chairman; W. C. Markham, secretary, and Guy Glascock, treasurer—were chosen in a similar manner. Harmony fairly bubbled out of the meeting.

Sessions talked to the state committee for five minutes. In those five minutes he gave the state committee concrete and reliable information that many state chairmen have unloaded in the course of a campaign. He outlined the plan of battle and the county chairmen declared they were with him to the last ditch.

Economy and Harmony. The new chairman linked economy with harmony. He mentioned the loss of campaign funds—three-fourths of the former state committee assets. Sessions estimated—then the passage of the civil service law. He mentioned the loss of campaign funds—three-fourths of the former state committee assets. Sessions estimated—then the passage of the civil service law. He mentioned the loss of campaign funds—three-fourths of the former state committee assets.

Not until October, Sessions declared, would the big fireworks be exploded in Kansas. They look out. Sessions declared he had written to the national committee that Kansas did not want second rate down east speakers. Kansas wants top liners or nothing—Huchens, Taft, Roosevelt, Bryan, Cummings and a few other major leaguers. And what is more, Sessions told the



Charles S. Sessions of Topeka, who will direct the Republican battle as chairman of the State Central committee.

state committee he was going after big game and expected to get it. The state campaign will be short, but lots of powder will be burned. From the hotel, the Republicans went to Representative hall to build a state platform and unlimber a little oratory. The noon session was short and formal. Very very formal. There was nothing spectacular about it. A midweek prayer meeting could have been no more successful.

Save Thirty Minutes. J. T. Botkin, secretary of state, opened the session. He called the council to order and started to read the roll men who had a vote. But the council took his word for it. The roll was approved without reading. Thirty minutes were needed.

Then the council got right down to business. It was thirty minutes after the noon luncheon hour and some of the candidates and county chairmen were hungry. As M. Keene of Fort Scott, was nominated as chairman of the council. Again there was no dispute. John Greer of Marion, was mentioned for secretary, unanimous. H. P. Blundon of Salina, was nominated for assistant secretary. More harmony.

Governor Capper, H. J. Hopkins and Al F. Williams were named as a committee to escort Keene to the chair. No voice was raised to protest. Sessions in actual time had been consumed. The council was making great progress. Standpatters and Progressives were recognized as equals.

The candidates were looking ahead to the November ballot box. Committee on Resolution. The formal matter of a committee on resolutions—the big committee to write the state platform—was needed. It required less than five minutes to name the committee. All the old sore spots were forgotten and men who had not met in several political committees in years were named. Two members were named from each congressional district to work with state candidates in writing the platform. This is the committee:

First district: C. E. Snyder, Leavenworth; F. W. Woodburn, Holton; Second district: E. C. Little, Kansas City; W. O. Knight, Olathe; Third district: E. D. Maxwell, George, Yates; Fourth district: G. H. Lamb, Yates; Fifth district: A. L. Williams, Alton; Sixth district: C. M. Harger, Abilene; Fred Sturgis, Concordia; Sixth district: I. M. Mahin, Smith Center; Lewis Banker, Jewell; Seventh district: J. S. Simmons, Hutchinson; F. C. Price, Ashland; Eighth district: A. M. Gettes, Eldorado; J. B. Stewart, Wichita.

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Democratic Party Council True Blue in Topeka Today.

Nothing Left Undone for Good of National Cause.

LARDNER FT. SCOTT CHAIRMAN

F. E. Whitney of Topeka Treasurer; E. M. Eby, Secretary.

More Effectual Organization Is Actual Plan.

Officers Democratic State Central Committee: Hubert Lardner, Fort Scott, chairman. E. M. Eby, Wellington, secretary. F. E. Whitney, Topeka, treasurer.

Temporary Officers Democratic Party Council: H. J. Corwin, Topeka, candidate for congress, First district, chairman. Mrs. Margaret Crandall, Pittsburg, candidate secretary of state, secretary.

After electing officers and appointing a committee on resolutions and permanent organization, the Democratic party council adjourned to the city auditorium, until 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Members of the resolutions committee went immediately to the Troop hotel, closed themselves in a room and began the erection of a platform to be submitted and voted upon late this afternoon.

Praise for Wilson. Advance information on the planks to be placed in the Democratic platform indicated that the work of Woodrow Wilson, especially his success in keeping the country out of war, would be paramount. Also, the alleged mud throwing and non-constructive campaign being waged by the Rumanians with a blow that will eliminate them as a factor in the war within a few months.

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Transylvania Province First Goal of New War Factor.

Aims to Capture Hermannstadt and Kronstadt.

BULGARIA WON'T DECLARE WAR

Germany to Carry War to Rumania Soil at Once.

Famous German Field Marshal Leads Against New Ally.

London, Aug. 29.—Rumanian troops attacked on the Teutonic front yesterday and obtained successes, said a Bucharest dispatch transmitted from Rome by wireless today.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The Bucharest correspondent of the Teutonic front has informed that Bulgaria has decided not to declare war on Rumania even though that country permits the passage thru it of Russian troops.

Von Mackensen Against Rumania. The Hague, Aug. 29.—Field Marshal Von Mackensen, who led the successful Austro-German campaign thru Serbia a year ago, will be in command of the German-Bulgarian armies operating against Rumania, according to Berlin advices today.

The German government is determined to push an aggressive campaign against Rumania, carrying the fighting to Rumanian soil early in the campaign, it was stated. Germany has known of Rumania's intentions for some time, the dispatches added, and has had troops in position in the Balkans to strike swiftly. The German general staff plans to paralyze the Rumanians with a blow that will eliminate them as a factor in the war within a few months.

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Kaiser Prepares Fore Entrance of Greece into War

Number of Greeks Already Have Left German Empire.

Diplomats at Berlin Believe Conflict Is Inevitable.

FRENCH IN VIOLENT ATTACK

Take Prisoners in Drive on the Verdun Front.

Teutons Lose Heavily in Big Rush at Fleury.

London, Aug. 29.—Germany is preparing for Greece's entrance into the war, said a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph today. A number of Greeks already have left Germany, the dispatch said, and diplomats at Berlin believe war is inevitable. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg will receive the Greek minister tomorrow, the report said.

French Are Successful. Paris, Aug. 29.—The French made considerable progress in violent attack on the Verdun front last night. The French gains were made south of the Verdun front. Some prisoners were taken.

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The Germans made two attacks on Fleury village and in the vicinity of Fort Max but were completely checked, losing heavily.

Great Battle Soon. Berlin, Aug. 29.—A great battle may occur along the Rumanian frontier within a few hours, it is believed.

Rumania has been concentrating large forces along the Transylvanian border for several days, the Tageblatt says. The Teutonic forces took prompt measures to guard against a sudden invasion and have massed sufficient troops to meet the Rumanian attack.

The patrol skirmishes reported in yesterday's official war office statement may mark the beginning of an important engagement.

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UNIONS OPPOSE SOME OF LAWS WILSON WANTS

Will Make Fight in Congress Against Them.

Calls Compulsory Investigation "Throttle to Labor."

MUST PASS LAWS SPEEDILY

If Not Thru by Monday, Will Not Affect Strike.

Congress Won't Pass 8-Hour Law Says Garretson.

Day's Developments in Strike. Washington, Aug. 29.—A summary of developments in the strike situation follows: Negotiations between the railroads and the brotherhoods thru President Wilson were definitely broken off.

The brotherhood leaders definitely ordered the strike to begin at 7 a. m. Labor Day (next Monday) unless the order is countermanded and declared that only a settlement favorable to the men would change it.

President Wilson went before Congress in joint session at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon with proposals for new laws. The latest authentic outline of the proposals is as follows: Increase of the interstate commerce commission from seven to nine members.

An eight-hour law for railroad employees in actual interstate transportation.

To empower the federal board of mediation to fully investigate operation of an eight-hour day on railroads.

To empower the interstate commerce commission to consider the eight-hour day in a measure similar to the Canadian industrial disputes act for an investigation of disputes between railroads and their employees.

A measure empowering the president to operate trains with the primary object of providing the American troops on the Mexican border with food.

The brotherhood leaders favor the eight-hour law, but oppose the proposal to adopt the Canadian law.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Brotherhood leaders, it was understood today, will fight the compulsory investigation feature of President Wilson's legislative program but support his eight-hour proposal.

Every effort will be made, it was said, to get separate votes on the proposition in congress and leaders were confident that could be done.

A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the men, expressed himself as strongly opposed to the compulsory investigation plan and while he did not entirely approve the proposed eight-hour bill he said that it would bring benefits to such numbers of non-union men that the railroad brotherhoods should oppose it and he thought the brotherhoods would be behind it.

Denounces Canadian Law. "The Canadian compulsory investigation plan," he said, "has proven the greatest throttle to labor that ever has been devised. Invariably, and I speak from experience, in dealing with railway men, heads have been used this delay guaranteed them by law to prepare for a strike."

"The eight-hour day proposal failing to carry, as it will of course, any reference to wages would not embrace our present demands and be wholly satisfactory to us. It would have the effect, however, of bringing the unorganized 80 per cent of railway labor of the country under the heads speak so feelingly under an eight-hour day. It would be a step in the right direction and I think you would find the railroads opposing it vigorously."

"In order to have any effect on the present proposed strike the president's legislative program would have to be passed both houses and become a law before next Monday morning."

Once the men have left their trains, compulsory investigation would not affect them, in the opinion of brotherhood officials. The officials declined to discuss this phase of the situation further.

Claims Society Opposes It. The statement presented to President Wilson by the committee of eight denies that the judgment of society favors an eight-hour day and declared that arbitration is the only proper way of settling industrial disputes.

The suggestion of President Wilson for a proposal including the principle of the eight-hour day but postponing its effectiveness for a year pending investigation was rejected by the railroad executives at the conference this morning. The action of the railroad presidents taken in connection with the strike order of the employees, left President Wilson no alternative but to avert the strike by legislation.

The Senate Newlands conferred with Senator Cummins, a Republican member of the interstate commerce committee. Representative Adamson, chairman of the house interstate commerce committee, and Democratic Leader Kitchin. One bill discussed provides for a basic eight-hour day, that the inter-state commerce commission fix the maximum wages in all cases of dispute temporarily pending any commission adjustment of rates and that it will be unlawful for any employe on any interstate railroad carrying United States mail to quit service without giving six days notice, except by consent of the employer."

Provides Heavy Penalties. It would prohibit any two or more persons operating interstate railroads or roads carrying the United States mail from combining and conspiring to quit at the same time and thereby interfere with and obstruct the operation of such trains to needs and detriment of the public.

The penalizing action of the bill would make violation a misdemeanor punishable by a minimum fine of \$10,000 or maximum imprisonment for ten years.

There was some opposition to it in the conference and also some opposition to the plan to amend the house

PRESIDENT WILSON IN APPEAL TO CONGRESS TODAY DEMANDS SIX NEW LAWS TO AVERT STRIKE

Most Important Turn in Railway Trouble Today.

Wants 8-Hour Day Law Affecting All Railroads.

MILITARY TO RUN TRAINS

Compel Arbitration to Settle Industrial Disputes.

To Provide \$10,000 Fine and Jail for Mail Train Tieup.

Washington, Aug. 29.—As a dramatic climax to his unprecedented negotiations to avert the most disastrous labor war that ever threatened the United States, President Wilson this afternoon before a joint session of congress urged legislation "to safeguard the life and interests of the nation."

He said he urged the legislation "not in haste or merely as a means of meeting a present emergency but as permanent and necessary additions to the law, suggested, indeed, by circumstances we had hoped never to see, but imperative as well as just, if such emergencies are to be prevented in the future."

The president outlined in detail his efforts to effect a settlement of the pending dispute through friendly negotiations. His efforts he said, had "resulted in complete deadlock."

Mediation Has Failed. Now the country faces, he said, a great national calamity with "the time and the lives of the nation at stake. Countless thousands will in all likelihood be brought, it may be, to the very point of starvation."

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