

G. O. P. MEETING WILL COME THIS DAY

PROGRESSIVE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL DISCUSS ITS REHABILITATION.

CONVENTION PROBABLE

Liberal Leaders Say They Would Not Be Averse to Resignation of the National Committee—Convention for Reorganization May Be Called Some Time This Year.

Chicago, May 11.—A concrete proposal for the rehabilitation of the republican party is to be presented tomorrow to the conference of republican senators and leaders here by a committee of five appointed tonight after the conferees had fully discussed the situation.

Tomorrow's discussion is to revolve about the report which the committee drafted tonight and which is to express the consensus of opinion of the republican leaders attending the meeting.

The committee is composed of Robert Luce, Massachusetts; Senator Borah, Idaho; State Senator W. F. James, Michigan; United States Senator W. S. Kenyon, Iowa, and State Senator James Trautman, Kansas.

The conferees discussed what action should be sought at the meeting of the republican national committee at Washington on May 24, looking toward "reorganizing the party along progressive lines," and as to whether there should be a republican national convention this year. Although the public was not admitted, Senator Albert B. Cummins stated it was "merely an informal talk; a sort of round table discussion of what may be done for the best interests of his party by reorganizing it along progressive lines."

Presided over by Senator L. Y. Sherman of Illinois, the discussion was participated in by Senators Cummins, Iowa; Borah, Idaho; Crawford, South Dakota; Gronna, North Dakota; Kenyon, Iowa, and Congressmen Hayes, California, and Good of Iowa, and many members of state legislatures.

As to a convention. "Did you come to a decision whether there ought to be a national convention this year?" Senator Cummins was asked.

"We did not decide on that, but every one seems to feel that the condition of the party will necessitate a convention this year. Our informal talk today will be followed by a more formal conference tomorrow when former Governor Hadley of Missouri will be here. We shall issue a statement telling what we think ought to be done within the party."

Somebody asked Senator Kenyon whether there was to be an effort made to get a new national committee.

"That subject did not come up but most of us would have no objection if the present committee resigned," replied Senator Kenyon.

When the meeting adjourned for the day, Senator Sherman gave out what he said was a synopsis of the discussion.

"We considered whether the national committee should be as inflexible in character as it has been. The opinion was that the committee should be amenable to public opinion and keep pace with what is going on. There was no definite action on the question of calling a national convention this year. A call, of course, would have to come from the national committee. The question then arose as to whether the committee would issue a call, and we felt that the committee would yield to the sentiment of republicans generally on that point as last year's election was a pretty positive indicator that radical changes should be made.

"We agreed that southern representation in the convention should be cut down according to the strength of the party in each southern state. We did not take up the details as to how

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AUTO ACCIDENT CLAIMS LIFE OF WOMAN

MRS. B. B. GILLILAND, WIFE OF PROMINENT KALISPELL CONTRACTOR, MEETS DEATH.

SHARP TURN THE CAUSE

Trouble Occurs Near Whitefish, and Results From Unfamiliarity of Mr. Gilliland With Road—Helena Minister Badly Hurt—Dead Woman a Sister of Mrs. W. H. Smead.

Kalispell, May 11.—(Special)—Mrs. B. B. Gilliland, wife of a prominent contractor, was almost instantly killed and Rev. Thomas Stephenson, of Helena, Baptist missionary, was injured internally when a Stoddard-Dayton automobile, driven by Mr. Gilliland rolled down an embankment three miles this side of Columbia Falls today. Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Huxtry and baby and Dr. and Mrs. Trickle, also in the party, escaped without injuries. Mr. Gilliland was badly shaken, but not seriously hurt. The accident occurred on a stretch of new road where a sharp grade leads down an embankment to the Whitefish river. Unfamiliar with the road Mr. Gilliland approached the bank unaware of the sharp turn and in attempting to avoid dashing over the brink the car was overturned. The auto rolled to the bottom of the embankment, some 25 feet below. Assistance was hurriedly summoned from Whitefish by telephone, but the injured woman expired without regaining consciousness. Besides a broken arm and leg, she was injured internally. The body was brought to the Gilliland home by automobile sent from here, and Rev. Mr. Stephenson was placed under the care of physicians at the Hotel National. The extent of his injuries is not yet known.

Relatives in Missoula.

The news of Mrs. Gilliland's death, received in a brief message yesterday, was a shocking blow to relatives and friends in this city. Her daughter, Miss Guesse Gilliland, a student at the university, and a sister, Mrs. W. H. Smead, were both prostrated with grief, while the son, Ross Gilliland, who is a student at the Garden City Commercial college and a special student at the university, received the word in Wallace, where he had gone earlier in the day. For a number of years Mrs. Gilliland had visited frequently in Missoula and won a wide circle of friends who were deeply grieved at her loss.

The Gillilands are old-time residents of Kalispell. He is one of the best known building contractors in that part of the state and constructed the majority of Kalispell's larger business and public buildings. They had lived in Kalispell for many years.

Mrs. Gilliland was 55 years of age. She was before her marriage a daughter of the well-known Carmichael family of Rockford, Ill. Three of the sisters reside in that state. Another, Mrs. Julia Lamont, lives at Dillon and the other, Mrs. C. G. Noble, is of San Francisco. Of the brothers, Eber, and J. W. Carmichael, reside in Rockford and Dr. John Carmichael lives in Milwaukee.

Relatives Leave Today.

Mrs. Smead and Miss Gilliland and other members of the Smead family will leave early this morning for Kalispell. From Missoula they will go as far as Polson by automobile and there catch a boat across Flathead lake to make railroad connections. Ross Gilliland left Wallace yesterday and will go to Kalispell by way of Spokane.

TO MARRY KING'S BROTHER.

London, May 11.—A Florence dispatch in the Daily Express says that Prince Arsene, brother this week Mrs. Hugo Pratt, a rich American widow.

SONS OF THE DESERT BEGIN THEIR SESSION

Dallas, Texas, May 11.—With the arrival of Imperial Potentate William J. Cunningham of Baltimore, accompanied by a large delegation of nobles, Dallas today became temporary headquarters for the imperial council of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and will be the mecca for sons of the desert for the next five days.

For the first time in the history of the imperial council its annual reunion was begun today with religious services. Rev. Alexander C. Garrett, Episcopal bishop of Dallas and a high Mason, preached tonight at the Scottish Rite cathedral. Sacred concerts were given this afternoon and tonight. The first session of the imperial council will be held Tuesday morning. The convention will be in session for three days.

ALFONSO IS CHEERED BY PROUD SUBJECTS

Madrid, May 11.—The Spanish people, proud of King Alfonso's personal popularity in France, greeted the sovereign on his return today from Paris with enthusiasm. Women strewed flowers in the king's pathway between the station and the palace. Dignitaries gathered at the station and the queen and the queen mother also were there to welcome the king. King Alfonso and the German emperor will meet in Holland on the occasion of the international regatta in the summer, according to the Tribuna. This is considered significant in view of the present strong influence which the triple entente has over the king, possibly foreshadowing a Franco-Spanish military alliance which the German emperor does not welcome.



MILITANTS BUSY IN DUBLIN

Dublin, Ireland, May 11.—John Dillon, a member of parliament for East Mayo, surrounded by a band of suffragettes opposite the Mansion house on Saturday, told them he would vote against them every time. Early Sunday morning Mr. Dillon's residence was bombarded with stones. Many windows were smashed.

CONGRESS IS USED TO WILSON'S VISITS

PRESIDENT PLANS TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CURRENCY LEGISLATION THIS WEEK.

Washington, May 11.—Congress is getting used to President Wilson's visits to Capitol Hill. He made his most recent visit one day last week, going to the president's room in the capitol to discuss appointments with senators. This was his third visit since he brushed aside precedents of a century and delivered his tariff message to the house in person.

The president's known purpose to keep in active touch with legislative and political affairs, first evidenced when he virtually dictated the free wool and sugar schedules, was further emphasized last week when, by personal endeavor, he delayed reorganization of the democratic congressional campaign committee and again when he summoned house leaders to talk over the organization of standing committees.

Caused Comment.

His participation in the congressional campaign plans caused considerable comment. It had been planned to reorganize the congressional committee and to elect Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky chairman. Johnson was the candidate championed by the friends of Speaker Clark and had also the support of the speaker, but at the president's request, the election did not take place. All officers holding over temporarily until the president could be consulted further.

The president will seek to sound the sentiment of the senate this week with regard to plans for currency legislation and watch the work of the ways and means committee in reorganizing the house. He has particular interest in the make-up of the banking and currency committee, having conferred with Majority Leader Underwood about it last night. He expects to see Mr. Underwood again before this committee, which Represent

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HE HAD TO

COMPENSATION ACT TO BE INITIATED BY LEAGUE

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR LEADERS IN BUTTE FORMULATES THE MEASURE.

Butte, May 11.—(Special)—Members of the executive committee of the People's Power League of Montana, including Miles Romney, president of the league, met today with representatives of the various labor organizations and trades and carefully went over the proposition of a compensation act. After much discussion and the making of several amendments, the Murphy bill, introduced at the last session of the legislature, was adopted as the basis for initiating an act at the next general election, and the president and secretary were instructed to take the preliminary steps immediately looking to securing the necessary number of signatures to a petition for such initiation.

A Companion Measure.

There will be a companion measure initiated at the same time, providing for loans of state funds upon farm mortgages. This also was discussed, and the executive committee was unanimously in favor of its initiation. Today's meeting was attended by representatives of different branches of mining, manufacturing, mechanical trades, labor interests, railway employees and others. There were present among other out-of-town executive league members Miles Romney of Hamilton, M. McCusker of Livingston, Henry Brennan of Billings, E. W. Nelson of Billings, K. J. A. Jorgenson of Whitehall, Al Mizener of Livingston.

The most important change in the Murphy bill made by the executive committee at today's hearing was the shifting of the expense of administration to the various industries of the state which are liable to be affected. The change also provides for the assessment of all branches of industry for the state, insurance in cases arising through death and injury through that branch of industry. For illustration, if during the year 10 men were killed and 100 injured in the

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TYPHOON STRIKES PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Manila, May 11.—The worst typhoon experienced in eight years struck the islands today, causing many deaths and wrecking several small steamers and numerous lighter craft. The known fatalities at sea total 58, but the total death list from the storm is swelling with incoming reports. It is believed the Americans lost their lives.

MOUNT VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION

Naples, May 11.—The activity of Mount Vesuvius, which has been apparent for several days, reached a climax today and part of the crater collapsed. The tremblings of the mountain could be distinctly felt and after the explosion observation showed that a funnel 250 feet deep had been formed. From this dense sulphurous clouds and white smoke ascended.

TURKISH DELEGATES HAVE ARRIVED IN LONDON

INDICATIONS ARE THAT PEACE CONFERENCE WILL MEET WITH DIFFICULTIES.

London, May 11.—The Turkish delegates have arrived in London for the peace conference.

Dispatches from Sofia indicate that the Greek government is trying to delay the conclusion of peace by refusing to accept the draft of the treaty drawn up by the ambassadorial conference. The Bulgarian government, however, has notified Greece of its determination to permit no further delay in signing the peace treaty. Friction between Bulgaria and Greece still menaces the situation.

The mixed commission appointed by the two governments to reconcile the rival claims over disputed towns and territories in Macedonia has failed to reach an agreement. The two sets of representatives have arrived at absolutely opposite and irreconcilable conclusions.

FIREWORKS EXPLOSION.

Rome, May 11.—An explosion occurred today in the Marzetti fireworks factory, which recently received a contract from the minister of war for the manufacture of several thousand rockets for Libya. One man, three women and a child were buried in the ruins. Mayor Nathan and Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, who happened to be passing, ran to the scene of the explosion and gave what assistance they could.

O. R. C. TO MEET.

Detroit, May 11.—The Order of Railway Conductors, comprising 49,000 members in the United States, Canada and Mexico, will meet in biennial convention here tomorrow. It was announced by the committee for the department of justice that the committee of the national committee for the coming year were named.

MINING TOWNS SUFFER IN FLOOD

LOWLANDS NEAR WARDNER AND KELLOGG ARE INUNDATED BY RISING RIVER.

RICH LAND IS RUINED

Deposits of Lead Tailings Injure Soil—Railroad Bridge is Swept Away and Travel in Coeur d'Alenes Rendered Difficult—Water Continues to Rise and End of Flood Not in Sight.

Kellogg, May 11.—(Special)—Above Wardner and in Wardner, in Kellogg and below Kellogg there is trouble and grief caused by the floods which show no signs of abating. Owing to trouble at the gates the Hunker Hill flume above Wardner has been closed down and all of the water diverted into the creek. The rocks and boulders are bouncing down the creek like logs and are making a great racket. Below the flume in Kellogg there is considerable trouble and the city had a force of men at work yesterday afternoon placing sandbags around the abutments of the foot bridge across into Pressley's addition. The river itself set another high mark yesterday, but the bridge across to Sunnyside is still in place. A portion of Sunnyside, never before inundated, is now under water and the land is being spoiled by the deposits of lead and tailings.

Situation Grows Serious.

Murray, May 11.—(Special)—Flood conditions are more serious than they have been previously this year and unless relief comes soon serious damage will result. Pritchard creek is a seething torrent and all the little streams in this vicinity are swollen beyond their bounds. Water is higher today than ever before in the history of the town. A heavy rain has fallen all day and though it turned cooler when evening came on, heavy clouds still hung over the district and further trouble is anticipated.

Train is Delayed.

Burke, May 11.—(Special)—A small flood caused by the backwater when the torrent in George's gulch swept away a part of the Ajax dump, occurred in Burke yesterday. Little damage was done. The water swept out a small bridge near Haugan, Mont., and delayed the Missoula train for an hour, while the passengers and baggage were transferred.

FIRE WAS INCENDIARY.

Dundee, Scotland, May 11.—An examination of the ruins of Farington hall, which was destroyed by fire yesterday in Burke yesterday. Little damage was done. The chief constable of the city has received by mail a copy of the paper, The Suffragette, inscribed: "Farington hall—a protest against British tyranny. Blame Asquith and company."

The mansion, which was the property of Henry McGrady, a former lord provost of Dundee, will require \$100,000 to rebuild.

TO TRY QUINLAN TODAY.

Paterson, N. J., May 11.—Patrick Quinlan, the Industrial Worker of the World leader, whose trial last week on a charge of inciting to riot in connection with the silk mill strike here, resulted in a disagreement of the jury, will be placed on trial again tomorrow on the same indictment. Prosecutor Michael Dunn made this announcement tonight. Quinlan, who is at liberty on \$7,500 bail, has been notified to appear tomorrow morning and the state has subpoenaed the same witnesses who testified against him last week.

MILITARY TRAINS COLLIDE.

Salonki, May 11.—Two Bulgarian military trains collided last night between Drama and Buk. One hundred persons were killed and 300 injured.

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BRYAN WANTS LAND BILL VETOED

MESSAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATION IS WIRED TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR.

NOTIFIED OF PROTEST

Governor Johnson Receives Request and Announces He Will Send Reply Soon—He Fails to State Whether He Will Approve the Anti-Alien Measure Passed by Legislature.

Washington, May 11.—The federal government's final effort to delay alien land-owning legislation in California was made tonight when Secretary Bryan, in the name of President Wilson, telegraphed Governor Johnson notifying him that the Japanese ambassador had earnestly protested against the bill passed by the California assembly and urging that the governor postpone action by withholding his signature.

Secretary Bryan's telegram, which was framed after a conference with the president yesterday, was dispatched tonight and made public at the White House a few minutes later. It was as follows:

The Telegram.

"The president directs me to express his appreciation of your courtesy in delaying action on the land bill now before you until its provisions could be communicated to the Japanese government and considered by it. His excellency, Baron Chinda, on behalf of his government, has presented an earnest protest against the measure. As you have before you but two alternatives, viz: to approve or to veto, it will avail nothing to recall to your attention the amendments suggested to the legislature; and as the president has already laid before you his views on the subject, it is unnecessary to reiterate them. He passes over questions affecting treaty rights for two reasons, first, because the bill passed by the legislature is avowedly intended to conform to treaty obligations, and secondly, because any conflict complained of would be a matter for the courts. But the president feels justified in again expressing his desire that action on the subject be deferred for this season, and he expresses the desire the more freely because the legislature can be reconvened at any time if the welfare of the state requires it. He is fully alive to the importance of removing any root of discord which may create antagonism between American citizens and the subjects of oriental nations residing here, but he is impelled by a sense of duty to express the hope that you will see fit to allow time for diplomatic efforts. The nations affected by the proposed law are friendly nations—nations that have shown themselves willing to cooperate in the establishment of harmonious relations between their people and ours.

"If a postponement commends itself to your judgment, the president will be pleased to co-operate in a systematic effort to discover and correct any evils that may exist in connection with land ownership by aliens."

The decision of the administration to urge Governor Johnson to use his power of veto to postpone any land legislation was reached after a series of conferences between the president, Secretary Bryan and John B. Moore, counselor of the state department, and after frequent calls at the department by Ambassador Chinda. It was realized that any further attempt to have the bill enacted by the California legislature amended would be fruitless since Secretary Bryan's trip to Sacramento was unavailing and the legislature is to adjourn next Tuesday.

Until Governor Johnson's reply is received the government probably will make no reply to the protest of Japan further than to acquaint the ambassador with the fact that every possible effort has been made to have

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SOCIALISTS SELECT PROBING COMMITTEE

Chicago, May 11.—Victor L. Berger, former socialist member of congress from Milwaukee; Eugene V. Debs, socialist candidate for president, and Joseph Gerner of Illinois, were appointed today by a committee of the socialist party to investigate the condition of miners of West Virginia and to make a personal report to President Wilson. The committee was named at a meeting of the national committee of the socialist party. The committee also addressed a memorial to President Wilson, declaring that a reign of terror exists in West Virginia, and asking an investigation by the department of justice.

GAMBLERS ORDERED TO LEAVE SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Cal., May 11.—Admitting themselves to be gamblers, but claiming to be operating in Tia Juana only, J. C. Adams and John McCormick were arrested today when boarding a train for that town. After confessing to the police that they intended to manage a mammoth gambling resort, but had been "double-crossed" by Tia Juana conspirators and their money taken from them, Police Chief Wilson administered a scathing denunciation, ordered them to deposit \$50 each bail on a vagrancy charge and leave the city. This the men were glad to do. Chief Wilson says the men gave valuable information on actions of the Pacific coast gamblers and said that they had been south as agents for a gambling trust.