

Wood Will Not Resign During Race in Party

Friends Already Active Over Boom Say General Has Refused to Quit His Post Unless He Is Nominated

Illinois Favors Lowden

Backers Tell of Solid Delegations From Several States to Help Cause

Although General Leonard Wood has made no public announcement concerning the possibility of his resignation from the army in order to actively become a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, those in position to speak with knowledge say he will not resign unless he is nominated.

The campaign plans in the interest of General Wood are somewhat nebulous at present, although it is well known that John T. King, Republican national committeeman from Connecticut, is the leading spirit in the work of furthering the general's boom. In addition to Mr. King, Colonel William C. Procter, Cincinnati manufacturer, backed by the Ohio state central committee, it is understood, is also out in the open, and has a headquarters in the Imperial Hotel in this city, with Captain Delaney Jay in charge. Mr. King also has a temporary headquarters alongside the headquarters of the Republican state committee in West Thirty-ninth Street, with Frederick Moore, the former war correspondent, in charge. It is understood that within a few days General Wood, Mr. King and Colonel Procter will confer as to status and jurisdiction, and that the work of each will be specifically defined.

Wood Forces Ready to Act

Meanwhile the Wood men are preparing for work in various states. They seem to have obtained the lead in Nebraska and Michigan, both important states, without "favorite son" candidates whose boom would make it political "bad form" for outsiders to work in them.

Governor Lowden apparently has the support of the entire Illinois delegation in Congress, with the exception of one or two Representatives from Chicago. The Congressmen and Senators met at dinner Thursday night at the Waldorf as the guests of W. E. Hull, of Peoria, one of the original Lowden boosters. The entire delegation will meet again at a dinner to be given by Representative Ira C. Copley in Washington to discuss ways and means of making a big drive for Governor Lowden in states which have no favorite sons. At the dinner on Thursday night Senator Sherman presented a set of resolutions endorsing Governor Lowden as a candidate.

The Lowden men assert they will have practically solid delegations from Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Montana and Oregon, with two-thirds of Michigan and one-half of Wisconsin. Friends are working hard to get Indiana in the Lowden column. It is conceded that Will H. Hays and Governor Goodrich control the Hoosier State, and that Governor Goodrich will, if he wishes, have the support of the state for the Presidential nomination. The Lowden men are confident that by the time the convention is assembled Governor Goodrich will declare himself out of the race, and at that time they expect to "annex" the entire delegation.

Opposition is expected by the Lowden men from Mayor William Hale Thompson of Chicago, and they admit some of the Chicago delegates are likely to get away from them. Governor Lowden, against the wishes of Mayor Thompson, sent soldiers to Chicago to maintain order, and there has been more or less bitterness between them ever since.

Michigan is regarded as fair fighting ground for both Lowden and Wood, and the campaigning is under way there by both sides. A. H. Vanderberg, of "The Grand Rapids Herald," received as a paper favorable to General Wood, completed a canvass of preferences for President a few days ago, and the poll shows General Wood ahead by twice as many votes as for all the other candidates combined. To 500 leaders this question was submitted:

"As the situation stands to-day, who

Society Girls Revive Customs of Wigwam Days



Striking tableaux in the pageant given by the Girls' Friendly Aid Society of New York City, at the 71st Regiment Armory. Miss Mildred White is shown in the rôle of the Indian chief.

do you think should be the Republican Presidential nominee in 1920?"

Wood Leads in Canvass

Some of the 500 did not answer; many answered anonymously; many more attached their signatures to their ballots; a very few replied that their minds were not yet turning in any definite direction. But the sum total of the affirmative replies were as follows:

Leonard Wood	221
Hiram W. Johnson	30
Frank O. Lowden	81
William F. Taft	26
Warren G. Harding	12

Scattering choices were indicated for Governor Coolidge, Senator Lodge, Herbert C. Hoover, ex-Governor Osborn of Michigan, Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania, and Senator Donahoe of Washington. Michigan will have its Presidential primary the first Monday in April, at which time the whole Republican electorate will vote instructions to Michigan's convention delegates, who will subsequently be chosen in state and district conventions.

Despite the apparent lead of General Wood in Michigan and South Dakota, the Lowden men say all of the Northern and Western states are fair battle ground and that when the Lowden men once get under way the Governor's stock will rise rapidly.

"In spite of the noise of the Wood boomers I regard the general's nomination in Chicago in June as extremely unlikely," said W. E. Hull, of Peoria, Ill., to a Tribune reporter yesterday. Mr. Hull was postmaster of Peoria in the McKinley administration and is one of the main supporters of Governor Lowden. "Without in the least disparaging General Wood, I am confident, from what I have learned in various states in the West, that the Republicans will not name an army man for President."

Army Not Favored, He Says

"The conviction seems to be growing all over the country that what we most need for the reconstruction period is a business man of commanding ability. Governor Lowden has demonstrated great business capacity and fully meets the requirements of the nation for the laborious days ahead. He is a true student of economics and law and does his own thinking."

"I was in South Dakota at the time the so-called proposal conventions declared 88 for Wood as against 82 for Lowden. Willis C. Cook, the national committeeman for that state, a Wood man, told me he was much surprised to find on canvassing returned soldiers that they were not for General Wood or any army man. They want a busi-

ness man for President. He made a canvass of 100 soldiers, and of the forty replies he had received at the time I talked with him thirty-six were against the idea of naming any military man for President. Lowden will grow on the people and General Wood will diminish. We expect to get two-thirds of the Michigan delegates. Northern Michigan probably is for Wood, but the southern part of the state is favorable to Lowden. I have little doubt that we shall have a majority of the delegates from Michigan."

Rabbi Causes Arrests In U. S. Auto Scheme

Two Brothers Accused of Fraud in Plan to Buy U. S. Motor Cars

Rabbi Samuel Landau, of 1042 Southern Boulevard, the Bronx, caused the arrest of two men of the same name yesterday, on charges of having received \$21,500 in a scheme to obtain and sell used army motor cars. The two prisoners, Harry and Herman Landau, are brothers, but the rabbi said they were no relation of his, although Harry lives in the same house. Both denied criminal intent, and asserted their scheme was legitimate. They were held under \$10,000 bail for examination Tuesday in the West Side police court.

Rabbi Landau made complaint on his return from Washington, where, he said, he had accompanied the brothers,

who convinced him there was "big money" in their scheme. He paid over the funds in Baltimore, after the brothers had hurried him away from Washington with the statement that they had had a row with a major involved in the scheme and were forced to threaten the officer with a revolver. The police allege that Herman Landau, whose address was given as 923 Simpson Street, the Bronx, served seventeen months in Atlanta prison for having withheld funds involved in a bankruptcy proceeding.

Mercier Is Honored in Paris Received by Academy of Moral and Political Sciences

PARIS, Dec. 13.—Cardinal Mercier, Primate of Belgium, was received at the Academy of Moral and Political Sciences here this afternoon. The president of the academy, in an address, exalted the heroic attitude in the war of Belgium and her King, and eulogized the patriotic firmness of Cardinal Mercier during the German occupation of the Belgian kingdom.

Cardinal Mercier in response praised King Albert for the leadership of his people, and paid tribute to France and her allies, who, he declared, offered their gold and blood, mixed with the tears of their wives and mothers, in order that respect for the given word, for justice and loyalty, as against passing material interests, might triumph in the world.

Non-partisanship Advocated

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Women Pledge Help in Fight On Wadsworth

Sympathy With Miss Hay Is Voiced by 1,000 Members of City League at a Luncheon in Hotel Astor

Independent View Urged

Mrs. Catt Advises Suffragists to Maintain Their Non-Partisan Attitude

A thousand women who attended the annual luncheon of the New York City League of Women Voters at Hotel Astor yesterday noisily demonstrated their sympathy with Miss Mary Garrett Hay's fight to prevent the renomination of United States Senator James Wadsworth jr. The league's membership takes in women voters of all parties. More than \$20,000 was raised at the luncheon to defray costs of the organization's work in 1920.

After Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt had urged the women to maintain their nonpartisan league, on the ground that they should be more independent of party than are men, Mrs. F. Louis Slade, vice-chairman, sprang a surprise on the program committee, which had scheduled education for citizenship and enrollment of women voters as the topics to be discussed.

"During the war," she began, "Lady Randolph Churchill was riding in a railway coach and a sailor came in. The following conversation ensued: 'Where are you from, my man?' 'From Gallipoli.' 'What do think of Winston Churchill?' 'I think he ought to be hanged.' 'Hanged? But he is my son.' 'Well, lady, I can't help that. He's your trouble.'"

Story Applied at Home

"Now, here in New York," Mrs. Slade continued, "we have a son. We can't help it. He is our trouble. We are not permitted to educate him, but for the future we shall see to it that whoever represents us in the Senate shall be a man, and fit to represent us."

Shouts and laughter interrupted her, and cries of "That's it!" "We're with you," made the goblets rattle, as she turned to Miss Ray and continued, "We know the right you are making within the ranks of the Republican party, and we know that it is not merely a party fight, but it is for all women in all parties. No party can look for our allegiance unless we are given some share in the choice of its representatives."

Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, chairman of the Borough of Manhattan, who followed Mrs. Slade, kept the excitement blazing.

"I happen to be a Democrat," she said, "and so I can say truthfully that I am glad Senator Wadsworth is a Republican. He is your trouble, Republican women, but we are not going to let him be everybody's trouble."

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forms by intellect, and ratify them by conscience."

Mrs. Catt declared that men as well as women were becoming alarmed by the failure of the American government to respond to changing public opinion, and that all thinking people should unite to alter the system which made cowards of politicians.

"Our system permits that a Congressman is always looking forward to being a Senator," she said, "and the Senators want to be President. So they are all made cowards by their ambitions, and dare do nothing but go on the records of their parties."

It was because the women of the West, when they first were given the vote, had allowed themselves to be lost in the great political parties, Mrs. Catt said, that they were unable now to hasten ratification of the Federal amendment.

"As soon as they got the vote they joined the parties of their choice," she said, "and therefore, when a subject like suffrage comes up, in which all women are interested, they have no vehicle in which all can work together without exciting party jealousies."

All women of the United States will vote for the next President, in spite of the lagging West, Mrs. Catt predicted. Twenty-three states already have ratified, and more special sessions are pledged for January 1.

Each election district chairman pledged \$400 for the year's budget, and the following other pledges were made: Mrs. Herbert Pratt, \$1,200; Mrs. Willard Straight, \$1,000; Mrs. Elion H. Hooker, \$1,000; Miss Rosina Hoyt, \$1,000; Mrs. Louis Lade, \$500; Richard Aldrich, \$250; Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, \$500, and Mrs. John Hays Hammond, \$250.

'Liberals' May Nominate Bryan for Presidency

J. A. H. Hopkins, of New Jersey, Also Among Those Mentioned in Committee

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—The Committee of Forty-eight of the National Conference of Liberals, which closed its four-day session here last night, purposes to enter the national political field in the 1920 campaign, in an effort to unite the "progressive" and "constructive" elements of the country opposed to the Republican and Democratic parties.

It was understood to-day from members of the executive committee that William Jennings Bryan was suggested at an informal conference this week at the most logical candidate. Other candidates mentioned were Governor Lynn Frazier of North Dakota; James Mannahan, former Representative from Minnesota; J. A. H. Hopkins, of Morristown, N. J., chairman of the executive committee of the Committee of Forty-eight; and George L. Record, chairman of the platform committee of the Liberal organization.

To carry the national political plans into effect delegates will meet in convention before next July 1 to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency. The country will be organized into five districts. Choice of the convention city was left to the executive committee, which will make its decision within thirty days. It is understood that either Minneapolis or St. Louis will be chosen.

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Marshall Reported Out of National Democratic Race

Vice-President, It Is Believed, Will Be a Candidate for Senate in Opposition to Watson

Special Correspondence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—The latest in state political circles is that Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall will not seek a national office in the 1920 campaign, and that he will request his Indiana friends not to allow his name to go before the national convention of the Democratic party, either for the Presidency or the Vice-Presidential nomination. However, it is declared that Mr. Marshall may consent to make the race for the United States Senate in the 1920 election.

It virtually is assured that Senator James E. Watson will not be opposed for the Republican nomination and the Democratic leaders are anxious to put up the strongest possible candidate against him. Back of the movement to run Mr. Marshall has been the hand of Thomas Taggart, formerly United States Senator, still an important factor in state Democratic politics. It was Mr. Taggart who took charge of the Marshall interests when the latter was first nominated for the vice-presidency. Mr. Marshall's name was presented as Indiana's choice for the Presidency and the Indiana delegation voted for him solidly at the Baltimore convention until the time was ripe for the vote to be thrown to Woodrow Wilson, and then it was easy sailing to land the vice-presidential nomination for Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Taggart has been holding a silent hand in Democratic politics in Indiana for some time, but there is every indication now that he is staging a "come-back." Although other names were presented and urged before the state central committee for successor to Frederick Van Nuise as state chairman of the Democratic party, A.

C. Sallee of this city, formerly private secretary to Mr. Taggart, was named for the position. Mr. Taggart was a conspicuous figure at the gathering and there is every indication now that he will have a big "say-so" in Indiana politics throughout the 1920 campaign.

Caruso Joins Benjamin Family Council of War Will Lead Fight to Annul Father-in-Law's Adoption of Grown Woman

A family council, consisting of Enrico Caruso, Mrs. Caruso and Park Benjamin jr., was held last evening in the apartments of Mr. Caruso at the Knickerbocker Hotel, at which the controversy between Park Benjamin and his children over his legal adoption of Miss Anna M. Bolchi was discussed. Plans were outlined to combat the elder Benjamin's action.

Mr. and Mrs. Caruso and her brother, Park Benjamin jr., went into conference on their return from the Metropolitan Opera House, where Caruso sang "Marta." Mr. Caruso announced that he will lead the fight on the side of Benjamin for the annulment of Miss Bolchi's adoption. Mr. Caruso added that he acted in behalf of his wife, and expressed indignation at the manner in which the elder Benjamin is treating Mrs. Benjamin, who is in a sanitarium at Goshen, N. Y. Later Mr. Caruso made the following statement:

"I wish to make my position in this matter perfectly plain and in doing so I speak for my wife. The chief reason I objected originally to this projected adoption and the reason that still obtains is the effect such an act by Mr. Benjamin would have upon the health of his wife. The question of money now or in the future does not enter this family difficulty. My wife, as you know, is in delicate health, but fortunately this news from Pennsylvania has only made her intensely indignant. We are not worried about her in the least."

"It does not seem just to Mrs. Benjamin that her husband should adopt this grown woman when he has five children and several grandchildren. My personal relations with my father-in-law have not been genial. I must say."

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