

MOVE MADE TO CLIP WINGS OF MCOMBS

Lack of Harmony Foreseen for Democratic Convention Meeting To-day.

ST. LOUIS CASH FAVORED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Unless there is an overnight upset in plans the Democratic national committee at its meeting tomorrow will choose St. Louis as the place for the national convention next year and will fix June 15 or June 20 as the date on which it will assemble.

St. Louis is the only city that has received serious consideration, it is believed to be out of the running. Objected to the Texas city chiefly on account of its location. The selection of Dallas would put delegates east of Chicago to an expense that would be prohibitive in many cases, according to members of the national committee.

Besides offering \$100,000 cash St. Louis has appealed for the convention on the ground that the situation in Missouri is a little shaky from a Democratic standpoint, and if the party is to win there next year it must have the big gathering to arouse enthusiasm at the outset of the campaign.

The impression is general that Chicago has not gone after the Democratic convention with the eagerness that she has shown in such contests in former years. This has given rise to the belief that an understanding has been reached between the representatives of the two cities that St. Louis will not bid for the Republican convention if the city gets the Democratic nomination.

There is still a remote chance of a fight at the committee meeting. Opposition to Thomas J. Pence of North Carolina to be secretary to the committee has developed. It is understood to be led by friends of William F. McCombs of New York, the national chairman.

The McCombs following, it was said tonight, favors the selection of J. Bruce Kerner of Montana. Mr. Pence is known to be the Administration favorite. As the McCombs people are probably in the minority, the chances are that Pence will be elected.

It is reported that influences on the committee hostile to Chairman McCombs are determined to take from him the work of making arrangements for the next convention. A proposal may be made for a committee on arrangements, which shall not include the chairman.

Chairman McCombs announced that the committee will be held in session to take luncheon with President Wilson at the White House on Wednesday.

Delegates representing the suffragists and the anti-suffragists will be heard at the meeting to-morrow.

BYRAN WILL BE A WITNESS.

Served at Baltimore With Court Papers in Libel Suit.

An order signed by Supreme Court Justice Gieseler was served on ex-Secretary of State Bryan in his apartment at the Biltmore hotel in Baltimore, Md., to testify next Saturday in a libel suit brought by Patros P. Tatanis, a Greek merchant, against the newspaper *Argos*.

The suit is based on articles referring to the plaintiff's employment to buy supplies here for the Greek Government and giving the impression that because Tatanis had been relieved of his authority he sought to cause a diplomatic tangle through making arrangements for the purchase of munitions from the State Department. Minister Schlemmian was recalled soon afterward.

It was reported that Tatanis gave circulation to stories that Mr. Bryan while Secretary of State made improper comments concerning conditions in the East and also spoke of the National Association of Manufacturers in connection with the sale of Greece to two American warships several years ago.

It was understood that Mr. Bryan will not seek to avoid testifying, although he might set up that his conversation with ex-Minister Schlemmian was privileged. Minister Schlemmian, however, has testified and denied that Mr. Bryan ever made such statements.

LABOR URGES WORLD PEACE.

Call for Congress Suggests Human Welfare Banks First.

Fearful of Henry Ford's ability to win the war, the executive council of the American Federation of Labor has sent a letter urging all international trade unions in the country to endorse a call for holding a world labor peace conference.

"Since the welfare of the wage earners of all nations is largely affected by international relations, this field has not been organized and there are few permanent agencies for dealing justly, comprehensively and humanely with international questions and rights. There exists, however, what may be called a nucleus for developing permanent institutions—the Hague Tribunal and that indefinite mass of international customs known as international law."

Complaint is made that there has been no effort to democratize these institutions and to make them directly responsive to the people of the nations represented.

No suggestion of a time or place for holding such a world peace congress is made, but it is intended to make the tribunal one of labor men exclusively is emphasized.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.

Miss May Brown of Bensonhurst Not Named in Story.

Representations have been made on behalf of Miss May Brown of Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, regarding an article which was published in the *Sun* of November 20, 1915, in which it was stated that Miss May Brown, who had been confined in the Madison Hotel on Dyckman street, Manhattan, had attempted to escape.

The *Sun* takes this opportunity to say that the article, which was received from police sources, did not refer to Miss Brown. Neither the name nor the address of the woman who called herself Miss May Brown is correct. Miss May Brown of Bensonhurst was in no way connected with the events that led to this publication. The article, which has lived all her life at her present address with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brown, and her active worker in her church and Sunday school.

SUFFRAGES PETITION, PARADE AND PLEAD FOR VOTES; WILSON PROMISES TO THINK IT OVER ONCE AGAIN



The Suffragettes carrying their petition up the steps of the Capitol.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Suffrage leaders who signaled the opening of Congress by descending on the Capitol with a huge petition asking for the adoption of the Susan B. Anthony amendment found encouragement in the speech with which they were welcomed by the President. Instead of meeting with the statement that the problem was one for the individual States to consider the President said he was open minded and promised to confer with his colleagues on the proposition.

This was sufficient for the crusaders, who went away jubilant to prepare for the opening of the first annual convention of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, which is to remain in session until December 14.

Members of the Senate and House of Representatives had scarcely assembled to-day before strains of martial music announced the approach of the suffrage parade, escorting Mrs. Sarah Harbfield of Oregon and Miss Frances Joliffe of California, seated in the motor car with which they had made the trip of 3,000 miles across the continent. They were followed by the women's liberty bell, borne on a mammoth truck, and a petition signed by hundreds of thousands of women voters entrusted to a bevy of young women guardians.

A cold northwest wind whipped across the Capitol plaza, but this did not diminish the ardor of the paraders or deter the group of Senators and Representatives who bared their heads in honor of the marchers.

Between the lines of young women bearing shepherd's crooks decked with yellow chrysanthemums the petition was carried to the Capitol steps and laid at the feet of the Representatives from the suffrage States. Dr. Corn Smith King of Washington presented the envoys to Senator Sutherland and Representative Mondell. Miss Joliffe and Mrs. Field told them that suffrage was a paramount issue and pleaded for an opportunity to be heard on the floor of the House.

Mr. Mondell, in replying to the address, expressed the hope that Congress would not find the pressure of other matters so great that it could not deal with the proposed constitutional amendment.

The parade reformed and with banners fluttering made its way to the White House, where the marchers gathered in the east room to await the coming of the President. Mrs. Woodhull, Miss Anne Martin of Nevada, who presented the demand of the suffragists to the President, spoke as follows:

"You have told all previous deputations, Mr. President, that you could not speak for your party. We ask you therefore to speak for your party and as the leader of that party to impress upon Congress in your forthcoming message the importance of passing the national suffrage amendment in the sixty-fourth Congress that the women of America receive the dignity and simple justice of enfranchisement by the Constitution of our country."

"All I can say with regard to what you are urging at present is this: I hope I shall always have an open mind, and I shall certainly take the greatest pleasure in conferring in the most serious way with my colleagues in regard to what is the right thing to do at this time concerning this great matter. I am always restrained, as some of you will remember, by the consciousness that I must speak for others as well as for myself so long as I occupy my present office, and therefore I do not like to speak for others until I consult others and see what I am justified in saying."

Suffrage leaders bared their heads to-night saying the President's utterance would change his mind.

The frank suggestion also was made to the President that having changed his mind on the question of national preparedness he also might change it on the suffrage question.

Among those at the meeting were Mrs. William Barclay Parsons, Mrs. Hamilton Fish Keen, Mrs. Henry Seligman, Miss Anne Sands, Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mrs. George W. Wickersham, Mrs. Robert Sturgis, Mrs. Harold de Kaulstrop and Mrs. William G. Sullivan, an assistant district attorney.

The National Association opposed to Woman Suffrage will hold its annual meeting in Washington beginning December 12 and a large delegation is expected to represent New York, to be expected to leave here Sunday afternoon.

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The report from Washington that Judge Lacombe had submitted his resignation caused no surprise in the Federal Building yesterday. That Judge Lacombe intended to leave the bench on January 30 has been known to his fellow judges for some time.

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From time to time he has also sat on the bench as president of the technical traction litigation, involving the financial troubles of the Metropolitan Street Railway Company and the New York City Railway Company.

There is a feeling of deep regret among Federal judges and officials generally over Judge Lacombe's intention to leave the bench. Judge Henry W. Rogers, former dean of Yale law school, who was recently appointed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals bench, said yesterday:

"His resignation will be a great loss to the bench. That cannot be emphasized too strongly. Those who were fortunate enough to acquire a first hand knowledge of Judge Lacombe's exceptional qualifications as a jurist can not help feeling a keen sense of regret at his proposed resignation."

Judge Lacombe was born in this city in 1846. He was graduated fourth highest in his class in Columbia at the age of 17. Two years later he was graduated from the Columbia law school in 1864. He was admitted to the bar in 1867 and continued in the general practice of law until 1875, when he became an Assistant Corporation Counsel. He was appointed to the bar in 1887 and remained in that capacity until he was appointed to the Federal bench later in 1887. He is a veteran of the Seventh Regiment, N. G. N. Y., and is a member of the University, Metropolitan and Delta Phi clubs.

WHITMAN WORKING TO SMOKE ROOT OUT

Quiet Conferences for Delegate Pledges Stir Senator's Friends.

FEW CAN SEE ANY BOOM

Gov. Whitman is moving to get his Presidential boom aloft. He is said to be proceeding on the theory that ex-Senator Root will not be a candidate.

Some of the Republican leaders intimate that unless Mr. Root's friends form an organized force and an open campaign for his nomination they may soon wake up to find that Gov. Whitman has obtained personal pledges from some of the men who may sit in the next national convention as delegates from New York.

There is a well authenticated story that the Governor is quietly campaigning to pledge delegates to the next meeting of up-State leaders who have been invited to Albany to dine with Mr. Whitman, and in the quiet conference that followed the dinner, when everybody was supposed to be ready to agree in advance of being selected as delegates to support him for President if he becomes a candidate.

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FORD TRIP RIDICULED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Lord Robert Cecil Says the Peace Pilgrims Are of No Importance.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—In the House of Commons to-day Sir Edwin A. Cornwall, Liberal, requested that word be sent to Henry Ford and William Jennings Bryan that a mission to England would be "frustrating and unwelcome at the present time."

Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply said that as the passengers in the peace delegates had been issued only for neutral countries the contingency did not arise.

"Many members advised the Under Secretary that as 'these people left amid a storm of ridicule' he sent them in whatever neutral country they might be the intimation that they are not wanted here at any time. Lord Robert Cecil parried the question, saying:

"I have not seen the statement that Mr. Ford is coming to England. 'Speaking for myself I think it would be in the highest degree undignified for the Government of this country to send any intimation to a lot of ladies and gentlemen who whatever their merits may be, are of no particular importance.'"

Discussion of the subject closed in laughter, aroused by Will Crooks, Labor member from Warrick, who asked: "If they have the right of asylum here can we certify them to be insane?"

TWENTY TO JOIN FORD. Leftovers From Original Party to Go on Frederik VIII.

There will be many disappointed pacifists left on the pier when the Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII. sails to-morrow with reinforcements for Henry Ford's expedition. Only twenty are to be taken, and fully fifty have made application.

Theodore Delavigne, one of the Ford representatives, reopened suite 717 at the Biltmore yesterday for business, and set about arranging for the second party to sail. He had difficulties, however, for Mr. Ford had left word that he would pay for no more than twenty additional passengers, and these must be persons who had been invited to sail on the Oscar II, but had missed the ship.

Mr. Delavigne waded through the long list of new applicants, most of whom are college students and newspaper men, and then said that he would give out at 3 o'clock the names of those of the many who sailed who had been chosen. At 2 o'clock he decided to defer the announcement until to-day.

JANE ADDAMS ESCAPES KNIFE. Consultation Shows That Operation Can Be Avoided.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Miss Jane Addams, who is ill at the Presbyterian Hospital, probably will not be operated upon.

Ford retained his grasp of the inventor's hand, and shook again and again: "You must stay on board, you must stay on board," Ford then leaned an inch away from Edison's ear and said: "I'll give you \$1,000,000 if you'll come."

"Edison's deafness prevented him from catching the words," Ford repeated. "I'll give you \$1,000,000 if you'll come with us."

"Edison smiled and shook his head," McCALL SEES G. O. P. WIN WEST.

Governor-elect Had Not Heard of Presidential Boom for Him.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—Governor-elect McCall arrived home to-day from a four weeks vacation trip in the West. Regarding the political situation there he said:

"While the Democratic Administration was not responsible for the food crops and for the good press it certainly will not suffer from them in the next national election. However, the Republicans I am impressed with confidence the opinion that the States on the Pacific slope would vote Republican next year."

Mr. McCall has no intention of entering the Republican primaries against Senator Lodge and he said he knew nothing of any Presidential boom for him.

Come and see the Making and Cooking of Perfect Waffles. NOTHING is quite so good as Waffles providing they are properly made and cooked. Every day this week—in the Gas Offices mentioned below—we are demonstrating to Housewives how "perfectly delicious" Waffles should be made and cooked. We would like to have you see the process. It is very instructive. The Waffle-Iron used by our Demonstrators sells regularly for \$1.00. This week it will be sold for 89 cents. We are continuing the sale of 25-cent "Toasters" for 19 cents, and Cake Griddles (regular price, 90 cents) for 79 cents. Demonstrations only in these Gas Offices: No. 157 Heister Street No. 284 Third Avenue No. 130 E. 15th Street No. 281 Lenox Avenue No. 36 Union Square No. 32 West 125th Street No. 112 W. 42d Street No. 1909 Amsterdam Ave. Courtlandt Av. & 148th St. No. 1815 Webster Avenue No. 173 Hunter Avenue, Long Island City "The Right Way Is the Gas Way" Consolidated Gas Company of New York GEO. B. CORTELYOU, President

WANT GROUT DISBARRED.

Union Bank Affidavit is Basis of the Application.

A motion to disbar ex-City Comptroller Edward M. Grout because of his conviction of perjury was made before the Appellate Division in Brooklyn yesterday by Assistant District Attorney Hemphreest, acting for District Attorney Crossen, but argument was adjourned until to-day, as Presiding Judge Jenks did not care to participate in the case. Justice Jenks was a former law partner of Mr. Grout. He announced that neither he nor Justice Carr would sit when the case is argued.

The perjury of which Mr. Grout was convicted consisted in swearing to an oversight of the assets of the Union Bank while president of that institution. A jury found him guilty on July 24. On October 14 Justice Swayne granted him a certificate of reasonable doubt. The existence of this certificate has called the attention of the Appellate Division in a memorandum opposing the disbarment of the banker lawyer.

Whitman Will Not Save Ponton.

ALBANY, Dec. 6.—Gov. Whitman can see no reason for interfering with the election of Antonio Ponton, the candidate of the Republican party, who is a law student, who numbers Miss Bertha Kromer in Schenectady a year ago. Gov. Whitman said tonight that a plea of insanity had been passed upon by the court and disallowed.

JUDGE LACOMBE TO QUIT BENCH AT 70

U. S. Circuit Jurist Hands Informal Resignation to Attorney-General.

IN SERVICE SINCE 1887

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Attorney-General Gregory to-day received the informal resignation of E. Henry Lacombe, United States Circuit Judge. The formal resignation, it is believed, will be submitted January 31 next.

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M'CALL REMOVED BECAUSE OF STOCK

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Public Service Commissioner he received from the Union Signal Company for helping it to secure a contract with the Kansas City, Clay County and St. Joseph Railroad. When Senator Thompson asked him if the committee's accountants might examine the records of the New Jersey bank where the \$1,500 check was deposited, the Commissioner refused to answer.

The purpose of the testimony taken yesterday was to ascertain if Commissioner Wood in his official actions failed to secure from the company which he had done business before he came on the commission. He said yesterday that his relations with the Union Signal Company were established through Sydney J. Johnson and Mr. Prout, president of the company. When these men, acting for the Union Signal Company, failed to secure from Commissioner Wood the contract for installing signals in the Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, subway they lost their jobs. Later they were employed with the General Railway Signal Company, the successful bidder for the Fourth avenue work.

Commissioner Wood denied again and again that he "went to the front" for either of these men, either with the Public Service Commission or with the signal company.

Senator Thompson commented at length yesterday on the fact that the Brooklyn Trust Company had agreed to pay the salaries of the accountants of the Public Service Commissioner Williams. This followed the opinion of Edgar M. Cullen, former Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, that the committee had a perfect right to the books.

Chairman McCall refused to let the Bankers Trust Company show his accountants to the committee on the theory that they were a private and confidential matter.

The hearing will continue this morning.

RAILROAD REVENUES JUMP.

Net Increase Per Mile in October Was \$120 for Country.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—An increase in the net revenue per mile for the railroads of the United States for the month of October is shown in a summary of official reports published by the Interstate Commerce Commission to-day. As compared with October of last year operating revenues for 134 roads increased from \$220,951,539 to \$225,574,507, representing an increase in net revenue from \$71,856,784 to \$76,698,208.

The greatest increase per mile is disclosed in Eastern territory, which was \$52 for October, 1915, as compared with \$39 in 1914. The increase is much less in the Western and Southern districts. For the four months ending with October the increase in net revenue for the railroads of the country was from \$1,527,194 to \$1,926 in 1915.

Similar reports of express companies for the month of August show an increase in some cases and a decrease in others as compared with August, 1914.

A. J. POWERS URGED FOR POSTMASTER

City's Congress Delegation Puts His Name Before Burlinson.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Representative D. J. Rorand, representing all the Democratic members of the House from New York city, called on Postmaster-General Burlinson to-day and recommended the appointment of A. J. Powers, former Assistant District Attorney under William Travers Jerome, as Postmaster for New York city. Mr. Rorand expects also to see Secretary McAdoo to urge Mr. Powers' appointment.

Meanwhile Senator O'Gorman, who has been asked by the Postmaster-General to indicate a choice, has not yet expressed his preference, and the Senator to-day said he had not suggested to any of the men mentioned for the office. He intimated that when he did make a recommendation he might name some one not heretofore mentioned.

Friends of Powers were hopeful to-day. They said their candidate had many strong business endorsements in New York and that he was approved by Justice Victor J. Dowling and Sheriff Alfred E. Smith. It was said the organization would not indicate a preference, but that individuals were free to indicate their choice and most of them favored Powers.

Tom McCarthy, marshal for the Southern district of New York, who was in Washington to-day, declared any ambition to fill the office of postmaster. A movement had been started, he said, but he had not time to-day to advise Senator O'Gorman and the House delegation that he was out of the race.

Since names of possible successors to Postmaster Morgan began to be mentioned Tammany Hall men have sought to make it clear that the Democratic Party would not attempt to swing the choice to one of its favorites. To make still plainer the attitude of the Hall toward this matter Secretary William F. Smith made public last night a letter of Charles F. Murphy to the Rev. Milo Gates of the Chapel of the Intercession.

While Mr. Murphy was at Hot Springs, Va., last month he received a letter from Mr. Gates, enclosing letters which had been sent to President Wilson, Secretary Tamm and Secretary of State Lansing, a college classmate of the clergyman, and urging Mr. Murphy to withdraw his assumed interest. In replying to Mr. Morgan's removal. To this letter Mr. Murphy replied as follows:

"Replying to yours of recent date, permit me to assure you that your informant is in error in assuming that either the Democratic city committee of the county of New York or myself has recommended anybody for the postmasterhip. Neither have we sought the position."

Stern Brothers 42nd and 43rd Streets, West of Fifth Avenue. Announce for To-morrow, Wednesday, an Unusually Important Sale of High Grade Furs and Fur Garments FOR MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, AT EXCEPTIONAL PRICE ECONOMIES. Included are Fur and Fur-lined Garments, Muffs, Neckpieces and Separate Skirts, very appropriate for Christmas gifts. Details will be published in this evening's papers