

PARTY CONVENTION SCHEME IS KILLED

Senator Elton R. Brown Administers Death Blow to Own Measure.

SEES DANGER TO STATE

Declares Government Problems Can Be Solved Only at Conferences.

Special Despatch to The Sun. ALBANY, April 12.—With the warning of danger ahead because of what he termed the "great disorganization in relation to public issues" resulting from the lack of a stronger party government, Senator Elton R. Brown, majority leader of the Senate, today laid down the curtain on his plan to restore the party nominating conventions. His convention bill was one of the first introduced in the Legislature this year and had hoped against hope to gain enough strength to pass it. It was known that Governor Whitman would veto it, but some of the Republicans had hoped to force it through over the Governor's veto. Senator Brown confessed that he had failed, and he sorrowfully wrapped up his dream in a funeral vestment by moving to recommit it. At this late date such a motion means a quiet and humane method of administering a death blow.

"I discovered that the bill would not pass the Senate," he said, "except through the exertion of personal influence on my part, and I therefore ceased to pursue it further because I scorn, on a question of this kind, to secure votes through personal solicitation."

Need of Reorganization.

"This is in spite of the fact that a large majority of the Senators informed me they thought the State convention should be reestablished. I was anxious that the legislation should be passed, for several reasons. One was that I had perceived there had been great disorganization in relation to public issues in the State as we were attempting to solve them through party government. I will illustrate by the subjects of municipal ownership and taxation, now wrapped substantially unsolved. Upon these questions there is no party alignment. There has been no opportunity for the parties of the State to declare themselves upon these issues. "We have no system of government other than the system of government by parties. We are not electing our representatives intelligently or in a representative way unless we have deliberation, and parties where they consist of a couple of million voters cannot deliberate except upon the representative plan. "We are entirely wanting now in any such representative plan. Neither the voters of the Democratic nor the Republican party have any effective means of deliberating in this State to-day in relation to any of these great State or great national issues. They will be worse off when they are confronted with the conditions that arise at the close of the war."

Pension Bill Passes. The Assembly passed today the bill of Senator Farnkopf providing pensions for the Queens Street Cleaning Department. "Do I understand that there are no objections to this bill from the Democrats after the vote had been announced?" "The bill has been passed," replied the Speaker.

Other bills along this line that got through within the last few days are Senator Wagner's giving pensions to the teachers of Hunter's College; Senator Bunting's giving pensions to municipal court employees, and Assemblyman Wells's giving pensions to county court employees in Kings, Democratic legislators here, however, insist that the fact that there was little opposition to them does not indicate any difference between Mayor Hylan and the Tammany men in the Legislature. Under an emergency message from the Governor the Senate passed today the bill of Senator Knight to restore to the inheritance tax law the provision taxing non-resident owners of the stock of domestic corporations. The Governor said that the bill would result in a large increase in the revenues of the State. The Senate also passed the Knight bill subjecting to an inheritance tax bequest to charitable and educational institutions in the State, except where such States have a reciprocal law.

By a vote of 42 to 6 the Senate passed the concurrent resolution of Assemblyman Kenyon, permitting the killing of dead and down timber in the State's forest preserve in the Adirondacks. The Senate passed the bill of E. A. Johnson providing that there shall be no distinction because of race in the right of employment. It amends the civil rights law.

Cat Bill is Repealed. Senator Robinson today came to the rescue of the cat bill of Assemblyman Hooper. It permits the killing of cats caught hunting the birds of the State in the face of considerable opposition by a vote of 27 to 13. "The only organization against the cat bill this year," said Senator Robinson, "is the Woman's League for Cats' Rights, or something of that sort."

Opposition particularly from Democrats held up the bill in the Senate. Assemblyman Bourke to permit Justice Erlanger of New York to retain as his clerk a man who lives in New Jersey. On Senator Dowling's protest action was put over until to-morrow, which probably kills it.

Both houses have passed the Martin bill providing for an investigation of the rural schools by a commission to report to the next Legislature. This measure resulted from the controversy over the school township law, which is to be repealed. The Walters bill permitting the State or any subdivision to cancel contracts made with private concerns for public work prior to the war has passed the House. The bill was introduced to relieve contractors from losses resulting from the conditions brought on by the war. Local authorities are permitted to say whether a local contract can be cancelled.

Tenement Bill Advances.

The Dowling bill, which would permit the reconstruction of the hundreds of old single family residences in New York into four story tenement houses, was advanced in the Senate and is expected to pass. Both houses passed the bill of Senator Sage appropriating \$1,000,000 for the repair of State roads damaged by heavy war motor trucks within the last two months.

The Assembly passed the bill of Senator Farnkopf providing a boulevard across Jamaica Bay, shortening the distance between the Rockaways and New York by ten miles, and Senator Lockwood's bill creating a commission to investigate pensions for State and municipal employees.

Gov. Whitman sent a message to the Assembly today urging the passage of the Sage bill permitting the State Canal

Board to dispose of the surplus waters of the large canal. The bill has passed the Senate.

The bill of Senator Walters creating two distinct boards of elections in each election district of New York city was advanced in the Senate and will be pushed for passage to-morrow. One board is to take the vote while the polls are open and the other is to canvass the votes after they are cast. One provision in the measure protects women from stating their exact age. The Senate unanimously confirmed Gov. Whitman's nomination of Jerome L. Cheney of Syracuse to succeed the late William Temple Emmet as a member of the Second District Public Service Commission. Politics figured in a short debate, however. Senator Theodore Douglas Robinson said he wished to remind the Senate that two days ago Francis Hendricks of Syracuse, the Republican candidate, had come out for the renomination of Gov. Whitman.

New 6 Cent Fare Hearing.

Special Despatch to The Sun. ALBANY, April 12.—The State Public Service Commission will give a hearing on the petitions of twenty-one railway seeking permission to increase the rate of fares to 6 cents on Thursday, April 14. The hearing will be held to obtain the views of attorneys representing these railways upon the recent decision of the Court of Appeals enjoining the commission from determining New York railway's 6 cent fare application. This decision was that the commission had no jurisdiction where a 5 cent fare was fixed in the franchise.

PLAN TO EXEMPT FARMERS IN DRAFT

Stirs Up Opposition in House and Vote on Bill Goes Over.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The proposal of an amendment to exempt farmers as a class from the operations of the selective draft law stirred up opposition in the House to-day so that passage of the draft quota bill which had been discussed for two days was again delayed. Representative Harwood, an Iowa spokesman for a coterie of members representing rural communities, offered the amendment.

Representative Fields (Ky.), in charge of the draft bill and the Democratic floor leader, Mr. Kitchin, both moved an adjournment until the House had voted on the classification of farmers over unemployment. Under the Harwood amendment bona fide farmers would be included in the deferred classes so long as they remain in agricultural pursuits. The amendment is not expected to pass.

With the tacit consent of the President one change was made in the draft quota bill to-day. This provides that in determining quotas under the new plan of the Provost Marshal General volunteers in the military and naval service shall be credited to the draft subdivision. The House heard before it the Senate bill passed on March 1, and for which the War Department has long waited, providing that hereafter draft quotas shall be based on the number actually liable to military service and not on the population of the State and subdivision involved. It would also empower the President to call out all of Class 1 of the entire country before invading Class 2, and would further empower him to draft into service skilled experts in industry or agriculture who have been given deferred classifications by local boards.

Representative Shallenberger (Nebraska) led the opposition to the Crowder plan. That part of his amendment seeking to preserve the population equation in determining quotas was defeated, 244 to 113, but the House adopted that portion relating to volunteers and readjusting. "Credit shall be given on its quotas to any State, Territory or the District of Columbia or any subdivision thereof for the number who have entered the military or naval service of the United States from such State, Territory or the District of Columbia or subdivision thereof since April 1, 1917, including members of the National Guard who were in Federal service on that date."

This was adopted 252 to 63. The President's letter read by Chairman Bent of the Military Committee, containing nervous Democratic vote for this modification of the War Department bill. In his letter the President said: "Dear Mr. Bent: After my brief conference the other day with you and two of your colleagues of the Military Affairs Committee I laid the matter we then discussed before the Acting Secretary. We have had a very debatable but on the whole I think the weight of the debate lies on the side of the contention of the War Department. "It may be as they say that in giving credits for voluntary enlistment under the draft no 'useful purpose' would be served, but I think nevertheless that it would be perfectly proper to include such enlistments in the new law."

"Cordially and sincerely yours, "WOODROW WILSON."

WILSON FIRM FOR \$2.20 WHEAT

Administration Forces to Fight Action for \$2.50 Rate.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—All of the Administration forces in the House are to be lined up against the Senate action for \$2.50 wheat, and a bitter fight, one that may result in the defeat of the Agricultural Appropriation bill, is in prospect. President Wilson is firm for \$2.20 wheat. He will not recede from his position, and it is indicated that if the House fails him he will veto the measure.

The President's position was made clear at a lengthy conference at the White House this afternoon with Chairman Lever of the House Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Lever reported to him the failure of the House and Senate conference to agree on the wheat price provision and asked for instructions. After the conference he stated that the House would be asked to reaffirm its position in regard to the price and to refuse to meet the Senate.

CREW TAKEN OFF THE MEADE.

Old Transport in Peril on Way to This Port.

The transport Meade, originally the City of Berlin of the German line, which more than forty years ago distinguished herself as a transatlantic steamer, ran into heavy weather off the New England coast Thursday when in tow for this port to be used as a training ship for the United States Shipping Board recruiting service. She was forced to anchor, after breaking away from the tug bringing her this way.

Last night the Meade's crew was taken off by one of several naval vessels summoned by wireless. It was said the Meade was in no immediate danger, but that the naval craft would stand by to render aid if necessary. It was expected that a shift of wind off shore soon would effect the old transport out of danger.

HOBOS ENLISTING, THEIR KING SAYS

Jeff Davis, Back Again, Reports Jersey Slim and Missouri Kid Reformed.

Jeff Davis hit New York yesterday with a budget of hobo news. Jeff was King of the Hoboes when he founded the Hotel de Gink in New York, but has cast aside the ermine for patriotic reasons and is now the Hobo Ace. He's still president of the International Itinerant Workers Union of America. He vouchsafed the following: "His union has 67,718 members, each of whom carries a card. All have either gone to war or are working at home except a few thousand who are by and by or ailments produced by the wild, free life of the road. Jersey Slim and the Missouri Kid are off the road and doing fine. One of the boys has saved up \$5,000 from earnings in a munition plant. Another has bought his mother a \$2,500 home. Only the miners have more members in the army and navy. The case that Pancho Villa gave Jeff, which was stolen in New York four years ago and recovered by the police in his wanderings in the army and navy, Jeff feels that it's gone for good. In his wanderings since the Hotel de Gink days Jeff has eschewed vaudeville offers, but has figured in a Cuban revolution.

All the unionized hoboes are going to contribute \$1 a year to be spent in buying land; this enterprise engages the Hobo Ace's attention just now. The hoboes realize that they've got to get back to the land. Not bread nor soup stations nor Hotel de Ginks are to be their refuge in times of future embarrassment, but old Earth, mother of men. Each city local of the union will collect the dollars and buy farm land where the brethren may turn their hands for toil to refreshing and profitable account. No tramps or bums will apply. The hobo secretary won't work. The hobo is enlisted to help the United States in the war and after.

The tramps and bums are still tramping and bumming. Jeff sees in the Bowery the same old crowd he saw there fifteen years ago. They're no good and never were. But the hoboes are going to farm it and raise a lot of food. They've always said they were patriots and they want to prove it. Old hobo hangout look as if they had been curried. Walk down the streets in Seattle, Nine and Eighth streets in Philadelphia, Kearny street in San Francisco (S. F. papers please copy) and you'll find the boys all gone, nothing left but the tramps and bums.

Union organizers are to be sent into the schools, not to recruit, but to admonish. Every hobo when he gets along to 35 or 40 would give all the fun he ever had to a school kid's chance again. It's your chance now, kids. Don't turn into bums. The class sends runaways home to their ma's. Its members retrieved 800 young adventurers last year.

The Hobettes have been started in Cleveland and have grown to 5,000 members. They're women who have been up against it. They have formed an endless chain to help other women out of peril. They take them into good homes, call them "friend" and start them off in another direction.

Toledo Sheriff Bob Gardner, in treasurer of the hobo local, No. 57. That's about all the news Jeff Davis had yesterday. He said he would keep this column informed as to further developments all along the line.

AIMS TO CHECK SPENDTHRIFT.

Wife Wants Committee to Care for G. H. Robinson's Estate.

George Hyatt Robinson, who at the age of 21 has inherited two fortunes and gone through much of them, has asked a divorce and has been himself divorced after being sued for alienation and then remarried, has been in an asylum and returned again as a defendant in court yesterday. His present wife, who was Miss Mary Marlor before her marriage and who lives at 414 West 118th street, in an affidavit submitted to Justice Hendricks in the Supreme Court today why she believed a committee should be named to care for Robinson's estate. In it she quoted her husband's first wife, who was Mrs. Marion Hall Purdy before she became Mrs. Robinson, and who obtained a divorce in 1912, as saying: "George Hyatt Robinson is an inveterate drunkard, an idler and a spendthrift. He has not done a stroke of work in his years. He is a man of no home life, no business experience, impractical, idle. When drunk he is absolutely irresponsible, and he is drunk most of the time."

The present Mrs. Robinson alleges in the affidavit that she and her late husband has said, regretting that her own experience has not caused her to find modification of the statement necessary on her part. "Young Robinson inherited \$200,000 from his mother, Agnes Hyatt Robinson, who died March 27, 1902. May 12, 1912, he came into \$200,000 upon the death of his aunt, Augusta Hyatt, in an asylum.

Walter R. Byrne, who says he was Robinson's secretary for twelve years, asserts that both of the estates the young man inherited are "tied up by reason of the incompetency and improvidence of the said Robinson and the attitude and acts of trustees and attorneys." Byrne says his employer continually borrowed money on his interest in the two estates, "which interest he has from time to time bartered away for almost nothing."

Byrne's affidavit says that Robinson in 1908 borrowed \$40,000 from the Eagle staff and company. The case, he says, is now before the Court of Appeals. "He paying no attention whatever to it," Byrne says Robinson will be unable to pay the claim if the judgment of the lower courts in his favor is reversed.

In 1909 Robinson was committed to the Amityville sanitarium by his first wife. He was released on a writ of habeas corpus.

TO EXCEL GERMAN EFFICIENCY

U. S. War Animals to Have Manes Clipped and Hair Preserved.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The American Army is about to outdo the Germans as an exponent of efficiency at least in one direction. An order issued to-day from the War Department directs that the manes of all draft animals shall be clipped or roached and that the hair removed must be preserved to be disposed of according to instructions to be issued later.

Instructions for Radio Operators.

Part of the Board of Education's war work program has been successfully carried out and is still under way at an evening trade school at Sixteenth street and First avenue, where radio operators are being instructed. Principal T. Harry Knox is in charge. The Government requirements of ability to master the continental code are being observed. Twenty words a minute is the required speaking speed. The school has turned out many graduates with certificates recommending them for the Signal Corps. The Government allows 300 hours in which to complete the course, but many of the students have done the work in twenty-eight to sixty hours. Draft men may be admitted.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN CITY'S CHURCHES

Variety of Subjects Announced—New Liberty Anthem Will Be Sung.

TEMPLE BETH-EL, Fifth avenue at Seventy-sixth street.—Dr. Samuel Schulman will speak to-morrow on "The War and Moral Reform." COLLEGIATE CHURCH, West End avenue at Seventy-seventh street.—11 A. M., the Rev. William I. Chamberlain, D. D., will preach, 4:30 P. M., the Rev. Thomas of Ohio School, which will sing selections from Blaine's variata. "The Daughter of Jarius." CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH.—The subject of the lesson sermon to-morrow will be "Are Sin, Disease and Death Really Evil?" DR. F. W. BEARS, Criterion Theatre—11 o'clock, "The Lost World."

HARLEM COLLEGIATE CHURCH.—Fifth avenue at Twenty-ninth street.—Morning, "A Conversation With Scripture," evening, "The Heart of the Matter." SOCIETY FOR ETHICAL CULTURE, Central Park West at Sixty-fourth street.—11 o'clock, M., "The One-Spiritualism." CHURCH OF THE BELOVED DISCIPLE, East Eighty-ninth street.—The Rev. H. Everett Carr in the evening. The pastor's offering address will be "The Holy Spirit." COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, Fifth avenue at Forty-eighth street.—Rev. MacLeod will preach at 11 A. M. and 4 P. M.

CHURCH OF DIVINE PATERNITY, Central Park West at Sixty-third street.—The pastor, Frank Oliver Hall, D. D., will preach at 11 A. M. on "The Reasoned Judgment to Come." TWILIGHT RECITALS have been discontinued. CALvary CHAPEL, West Ninety-second street.—The Rev. Dr. W. W. Bellinger will preach at 11 A. M. and 8 o'clock. CALvary PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Fourth avenue at Twenty-first street.—At the morning service the pastor, the Rev. Theodore Sedgwick, will preach. In the evening at 8 o'clock Father Huntington, superior of the Holy Name "Hobnob" talk in the interests of the Church Mission of Help.

CALvary METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Seventh avenue at 129th street.—The Rev. J. W. H. Morgan will preach. The subject of the sermon is "The Holy Spirit." REV. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, West End avenue at Eighty-sixth street.—At 2 P. M., Dr. J. K. George will preach on "The War and the Church." WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, West End avenue at Ninety-third street.—The Rev. J. K. George will preach morning and evening. Special music by the choir. The pastor's offering address will be "The Liberty Loan and the Nation's Morale." This service will be sung both services.

UNITY SOCIETY, 25 West Seventy-second street.—A worker from Kansas City headquarters is expected to change headquarters here. FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, West Forty-sixth street.—George S. Sage will lead the service. The class at 8:40; topic, "Sacrifice and Loyalty." NEW CHURCH (Swedenborgian), East Thirty-third street.—The Rev. J. K. Smyth, pastor, will preach to-morrow morning on "Some Things Which Must Not Grow Again."

Compton's Nephew Loses Suit. A jury before Justice McAvoy in the Bronx Supreme Court decided yesterday against Louis Compton of 443 East 155th street. He was permitted by him to recover \$10,000 from Edward De Ray of 540 West 135th street for injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Compton is the nephew of Samuel Compton, the alleged defendant De Ray took him and six other guests for an auto ride to Camp Upton October 12. On the return trip the accident occurred and the return over, Compton sustained several broken ribs and other injuries.

RELIGIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

BAPTIST. FIFTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, 110 E. 5th St. and 4th St. Rev. E. Herbert Dalton, D. D., pastor. Sunday School, 9 A. M. and 11 A. M. George S. Sage, addresses Men's Society, 8:40 P. M. (Class 8:40).

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. Services are held in the following churches: CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH, 110 E. 5th St. Wednesday, 4 P. M. First Church, 110 E. 5th St. and 4th St. Second Church, Central Park W. at 68th St. Third Church, 125th St. and East Washington St. Fourth Church, 135th St. and East Washington St. Fifth Church, 145th St. and East Washington St. Sixth Church, 155th St. and East Washington St. Seventh Church, 165th St. and East Washington St. Eighth Church, 175th St. and East Washington St. Ninth Church, 185th St. and East Washington St. Tenth Church, 195th St. and East Washington St.

EVANGELIST. GOSPEL TABERNACLE CHURCH, 8th Ave. and 44th St. Rev. A. B. SIMPSON, Pastor. 10:30 A. M.—Preaching by W. M. Turnbull, and Monthly Communion Service. 8 P. M.—Evangelistic Service, Rev. E. B. PITCH.

BETH-EL TEMPLE. FIFTH AVENUE at 10th Street. DR. SAMUEL SCHULMAN, Pastor. SUNDAY MORNING (Sermon), 10:30. EVENING MORNING (Sermon), 8:30. "THE WAR AND MORAL EDUCATION." FREE SYNAGOGUE. Carnegie Hall, Sunday at 10:45. DR. WINKEL, Views and Uses, Right and Wrong of Love, Marriage, Friendship. All A. A. Welcome.

PRESBYTERIAN. FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Fifth Ave. and Fifty-fifth St. REV. J. H. JOWETT, D. D., Pastor. Rev. JAMES PALMER, Ph.D., Associate Pastor. Rev. Jowett will preach in the morning and evening. The Rev. Jowett will preach in the afternoon. Offering for Evangelistic Tent Work in New York. Men's Bible Class at 10 A. M. The midweek service in the Chapel on Sunday at 1:15 P. M. will be conducted by Dr. Palmer.

BRICK CHURCH. FIFTH AVENUE at 10th Street. Minister: William Florman Merrill. DR. MERHILL, preaches at 11 and 4. Men's Bible Class at 10:15. NOONDAY SERVICE daily at 12:30. CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Madison Ave. and 57th St. Rev. Wilton Marie-Smith, D.D., Pastor. 11 A. M.—Preaching by the Pastor. 4:30 P. M.—Rev. MITCHELL B. B. B. RUTGERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Broadway and 132 St. Rev. DANIEL RUSSELL, D.D., Pastor. Will preach at 11:30 A. M. and 8 P. M.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL. St. George's Church 16 on 15th Street East of 3d Avenue. All Seats Free. KARL REILAND, Rector. SUNDAY SERVICES 8:30 (Dean Postroko) and 9.

St. Thomas's Church Fifth Ave. and 52d St. Rev. RENE STILES, D. D., Rector. 8 A. M. Holy Communion. 11:30 Rev. George William Douglas, D. D. Preaching and Address (Rectors). 4 P. M. Hour of Organ Music.

Church of Zion & St. Timothy 434 West 57th Street. Rector: Rev. HENRY LUDWIG, D. C. L. 8:11 and 9 (Rev. F. Burgess, Jr.). GRACE CHURCH, Broadway and 10th St. Rev. Charles Lewis Hays, D. D., Rector. 8:11 (The Rector); 4 (G. F. S. Service); 8 (Bishop F. E. Johnson).

ON THE FIRING LINE IN FLANDERS. Dr. Thomas Travis, recently returned from the front. Sunday, 10:30. OTHER SERVICES. Old Chinese Theatre. 1000 Broadway Street. Wide Awake Gospel Service, Nightly, 10 P. M. T. J. Noonan, Superintendent. PSYCHOLOGICAL RESEARCH SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INC., 193 W. 57th St. Public Meetings, Sun. at 10:30 A. M. Admission free. Phenomenal demonstrations. Address: John Henry Tracy, The Bard of Tarleton, and Co., Mortuary.

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