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General Avers Charge That Stock Gamblers Backed His Candidacy, Malicious Falsehood.

Attack Is Cowardly One and Inspired by Self-Seeking Motives, He Asserts in His Reply.

Chicago, June 15.—Major General Leonard Wood, in a signed statement Tuesday night characterized as "a vicious and malicious falsehood" a declaration by Nicholas Murray Butler that a "motley group of stock gamblers, oil and mining promoters, munition makers and other like persons" backed the general's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

General Wood said he regretted to make the statement, but it was necessary to "brand a fakir and to denounce a lie." Declaring that the men who managed his campaign were of "extraordinary high character," he said that the attack upon them "is infamous," and that Mr. Butler's action was "an attempt to ingratiate himself with certain elements which exercised a determining influence at the convention."

Wood's Statement. The statement follows: "I have just read the statement issued in New York by Nicholas Murray Butler to the effect that a 'motley group of stock gamblers' and others tried to buy the presidential nomination for me and that the forces who were defeated in their insolent attempt to buy the nomination represent all that is worst in American business and political life. The statement is a vicious and malicious falsehood. I would ignore it if it were directed at me alone, but I cannot remain silent when my loyal friends and supporters are vilified.

"Colonel William Cooper Proctor, who was chairman of my campaign committee, is a man of extraordinary high character, known through the length and breadth of the land for his integrity and honesty.

"His associates were men of like character, most of whom responded to their country's call during the war. They typify a group of progressive Americans. The attack upon them is infamous.

"The forces which brought me before the convention with preponderant forces were hundreds of thousands of patriotic men and women in every walk of life who have endorsed me at national-wide state conventions, nation-wide state primaries and in a nation-wide poll of unprecedented size.

"It is a self-seeking cowardly attack, made under the cloak of an alleged public service, which was never intended or received.

"I regret to make a statement of this kind, but it is necessary in this instance to brand a fakir and to denounce a lie."

Kill Homeless Cats as Health Measure in New York, Is Plan

New York, June 15.—Plans to rid this city of thousands of cats, forced into vagabondage by the summer absence of their owners, have been announced by the department of health, which will be aided in the anti-cat crusade by the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The department it was also announced will conduct a crusade to exterminate rats, particularly those invading ships, as a preventive against bubonic plague. The holds of all incoming ships will be fumigated with cyanide gas, it was said.

Bankers Complimented for Efforts to Halt Wave of Extravagance

Boston, June 15.—The bankers of the country were complimented on their attitude toward the depreciated dollar and the increased appetite for spending it in the address of Gardner B. Perry, of Albany, N. Y., as president of the American Institute of Banking, which began its annual convention here Tuesday.

Friends of Soviet Denied Permission to File Articles

New York, June 15.—The supreme court Tuesday denied incorporation to a society calling itself the Institute for Industrial and Technical Aid to Soviet Russia. The application for incorporation gave as the object of the society the "mental, cultural and technical development of the members of the Russian colony in the United States."

JOHNSON ASKED TO BOLT PARTY BY OREGONIANS

5,000 Sign Petitions Requesting He Run Independent.

Portland, Ore., June 15.—More than 5,000 signatures were secured to a petition circulated in Oregon Tuesday which asked United States Senator Hiram Johnson to repudiate the platform adopted by the Republican national convention in Chicago and to announce himself as an independent candidate for the presidency, according to a telegram sent to Senator Johnson by W. P. Adams, Portland attorney.

Washington, June 15.—Notification that 5,000 persons in Oregon had signed a petition asking Senator Johnson, of California, to repudiate the Republican platform and make an independent contest for the presidency, as contained in a message sent by W. P. Adams, Portland attorney, had not reached the senator's office when it closed for the day.

Senator Johnson, who returned from Chicago Monday night, did not appear at the capital Tuesday, and at his office it was said he was resting at his home at Riverdale, Md.

NO LOANS TO CHINA UNTIL CONSORTIUM FORMS SAYS LAMONT

European and American Bankers Will Meet to Organize in September.

New York, June 15.—The first organization meeting for the consortium for China, consisting of British, French, Japanese and American banking groups, will be held in New York the middle of September, it was announced Tuesday night by Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan and company. Mr. Lamont has just returned from a four months' trip to the Orient as representative of an American banking group acting in conjunction with British and French financiers.

"The consortium," Mr. Lamont said, "has no plan of exploitation laid out for China, nor will it undertake to function except at the earnest desire and with the hearty co-operation of the Chinese people."

Until the arrival here of the British, French and Japanese banking groups for their first conference with the American financiers, Mr. Lamont said he did not expect to hear any great activity in the way of loans to China.

Restoration of normal transportation conditions by rail and by water, however, officials conversant with the situation said, would not bring complete relief from the coal shortage and, for this reason, the question of an embargo similar to that in effect during last fall's coal strike is considered.

Means of dealing with rail congestion and marine labor troubles were understood to have been agreed upon although no statement was issued.

Agents of Bela Kun Charged With Murder Are to Face Courts

Budapest, June 15.—Order is being restored and preparations are in progress for the trial of 20 "people's commissaries" who were in authority during the dictatorship of Bela Kun, on the charge of murder. A thousand witnesses have been summoned. Approximately a thousand minor offenders will be brought to trial later. The commissaries will be tried before a royal court sitting in Budapest. The indictment covering murder through the organization of revolutionary tribunals cover 200 pages.

400 Students Enroll at State Normal Is Report of Chancellor

Helena, June 15.—"Before the summer quarter is completed at the state normal school at Dillon we will have an enrollment of 500 students judging from the enrollment of 400 already," said E. C. Elliot, chancellor of the university, Tuesday.

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DELEGATES FAIL IN ATTEMPT TO COMMIT UNIONS TO SUPPORT

Committee Report Sustaining United States in Blockade of Russia and Denouncing Militarism Meets Approval.

Montreal, June 15.—Movement to call upon the United States to recognize the soviet government or lift blockades against soviet Russia was blocked in the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor Tuesday after a heated debate. James A. Duncan, of the Seattle Central Labor council, led the fight in

committee said it had ascertained on the "highest authority" that the soviet government is an autocratic, militaristic government that does not believe in democracy, and is ruling by the iron hand of dictatorship. Extracts from Lenin's speeches which he read showed, Mr. Frey declared, that Lenin believed in making "trades unions subservient to the soviet government and labor compulsory."

Opposition to the report, he said, "might indicate that the bolsheviks had infested the ranks of organized labor in America with its propaganda. Mr. Duncan said the committee had made a 'camouflage report' to deceive the workers of the country as to the true situation in Russia. Conditions there were much better than reported in this country, he said, and added that President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George approved recognition of the soviet government, "but had not the courage of their convictions to stand up and declare for it."

Soviet Declared Autocrat John Frey, chairman of the resolutions

Secretary Colby Is Quoted. James Duncan of Washington, first vice president of the federation, answered in defense of the committee report. He read a telegram from Secretary of State Colby which said the existing government did not "represent the will or consent of any considerable proportion of the Russian people."

Coal Embargo Plan to Head Full Shortage Government Departments Plan to Put Check on Exports.

Washington, June 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—An embargo on coal exports as a means of relieving serious fuel shortages in various sections of the country, notably in New England, was taken up for consideration Tuesday by several departments of the government.

Reports from New England received in the last few days by the interstate commerce commission have told of a coal shortage so serious that in some municipalities only two days' supply is on hand. Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts has made repeated requests for relief to the commission.

Other sections of the country are said to be facing similar problems although relief has been effected in some cases. The railway congestion from which the country has not fully recovered and the strike of marine workers in a number of Atlantic ports are held to be the principal contributing factors to the present situation.

Eradication of the harmful influence of these two factors was the subject of a conference between Attorney General Palmer and members of the interstate commerce commission.

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Trotsky Is Alive and So Is Lenin; Wire Their Agent

Constantinople, June 15.—Maxim Litvinoff, assistant commissary for foreign affairs in the Russian bolshevik government has received telegrams from Leon Trotsky and Nikolai Lenin, respectively bolshevik minister of war and premier. This appears to dispel rumors that Trotsky has been murdered and that Lenin has fled from Moscow. "As far as I remember," remarked M. Litvinoff, "this is only the eighth time Trotsky has been murdered."

IDAHO BOURBON PARLEY FAVORS DRY AMENDMENT

Delegates Instructed to Support Clear Declaration.

Lewiston, Idaho, June 15.—Unexpected injection of the liquor question into the deliberations of the Idaho Democratic state convention here Tuesday night precipitated the only open disagreement on the convention floor that had arisen up to that time.

The question came up on a motion by Harry Kessler of Boise to substitute for a declaration in the report of the resolutions committee in favor of enforcement of the Volstead act, a resolution which had been presented to the resolutions committee and tabled by the committee. He was warmly seconded by a number of speakers who demanded a more sweeping declaration by the party.

Resolution Favors Law. After a viva voce vote had failed to determine the issue and a motion for a roll call on Mr. Kessler's motion had been carried he modified his substitute to the apparent satisfaction of a majority of the delegates, and it was adopted by an aye and nay vote.

The resolution as adopted instructed the delegates to the San Francisco convention to stand for a clear and positive declaration favoring the eighteenth amendment and the support of the Volstead enforcement act.

Former Governor James H. Hawley was placed on the running for the vice presidential nomination over his own objection when the convention adopted a resolution instructing the delegates to San Francisco to support him for that office.

Peace Pact Is Approved. Other resolutions adopted endorsed President Wilson's administration and the Versailles treaty with the League of Nations, endorsed Senator Nugent's record and pledged him support for reelection and condemned the record of the present congress.

The convention voted to elect 16 delegates to the national convention at San Francisco, with half a vote each, and eight alternates from among whom any vacancy on the delegation might be filled.

HARDING IS OPPOSED TO "BARNSTORMING" CAMPAIGN. HE AVERS

Tells Newspapermen He Much Prefers Dignified "Front Porch" Method of Work.

Washington, June 15.—Senator Harding, the Republican candidate for the presidency, indicated in a conference Tuesday with newspaper men his opposition to a "barn-storming" campaign. His preference on the other hand would be for somewhat of a "front porch" campaign from his home in Marion, O., with a limited number of set speeches on specific occasions.

Friends of the senator declared he believed the office of chief executive was too high and too important to be sought through a continuous series of whirlwind campaign tours.

The work of preparing his speech of acceptance has not been started and it is expected he will defer it until after the conference with Chairman Hays and other party leaders.

"Great care must be taken in preparing this speech," Senator Harding said. "It represents the candidate's interpretation of the platform."

Danish Explorer Is to Visit Eskimos in Far North Country

Copenhagen, June 15.—Knud Rasmussen, Danish explorer, and Peter Freuchen, his cartographer, are preparing an expedition to visit the northernmost American Eskimos. Rasmussen declared today the expedition probably would be the longest one he ever made. He plans to take provisions enough to last five years, but considers it more likely the trip will last seven. Fourteen men will comprise the party.

JAIL STORMED BY 5,000 MEN; POLICE DEFIED

Take Hose From Firemen and Turn It Upon Officers When Water Used in Effort to Disperse Crowd; Mock Trial Convicts Trio and Frees Equal Number; National Guard in Camp at Fort Snelling Ordered Out by Governor.

Duluth, Minn., June 15.—Three negroes were lynched here Tuesday night by a mob estimated at 5,000 persons which overpowered the police, took possession of police headquarters and seized the negroes, who were held in connection with an attack on a young white girl. Not a shot was fired in the attack on the police station, the members of the mob using bricks and other missiles and in the final stages of the fight streams of water from fire hose taken from the police themselves. A mock trial was held by the mob in the station and three negroes were found guilty and three others also held in connection with the assault were acquitted and turned back to the police.

Shortly after midnight the mob still surrounded the police station but there was no indication of further trouble. The police believe the mob would disperse in a few hours without other disorder.

The first negro lynched was taken about two blocks from the police station to the corner of First Street and Second Avenue, East, where a rope was thrown over a telephone pole. As the negro was yanked into the air the rope broke and he tumbled to the ground. He was held until another rope was procured and the execution proceeded without further interruption.

The attack on the girl is alleged to have occurred last night at the circus grounds here. The negroes, employed with a circus, were rounded up by the police after the girl's story had been told. Four other negroes, it was said, were arrested several miles from here.

Start After Others. It was reported that three or four trucks and automobiles loaded with members of the mob had started at midnight toward Virginia, where it was said other negroes had been arrested in connection with the same case.

The circus with which the negroes were roustabouts was in Virginia Tuesday and it was said eight negroes were taken into custody there, but only four held.

One report was that the Virginia authorities and John Murphy, Duluth's chief of police, had started back to Duluth with these four suspects before the mob trouble broke out here, but it was understood that the party had been diverted to another city.

All Protest Innocent. The negroes hanged were Isaac McGhie, Elmer Jackson and Nate Green, all about 22 years old. They were lynched in the order named at 11:30 p. m., 11:38 p. m. and 11:45 p. m., respectively. All professed their innocence.

First indications the downtown district received of the trouble brewing came at 7 o'clock, when trucks loaded with men dashed up and down the principal streets, the men calling for volunteers to avenge the wrong done the white girl.

There was ready response and it was estimated that the mob numbered 5,000 shortly after 8 o'clock. Then the storm broke and the mob gathered, surging toward both front and rear entrances simultaneously. Word of its coming had reached the police and preparations had been made to put up a fight with streams of water from fire hose.

Attack From Rear. The first concerted attack was made on the rear entrance. Near the building was a pile of bricks, used on a construction job, and of this the mob took quick advantage. Bricks were sent flying through windows and against the rear door, which finally gave in.

This let the mob into the basement, and as it started up the stairs to the first floor, strong streams of water washed its members back.

Bricks again were brought into play and as the battle waged at the rear of the building other members of the mob obtained a section of fire hose, made a connection at a hydrant and started an assault on the front entrance.

Mob Cuts Hose. Here too, the police were prepared to fight back, but the water with which the mob was deluged was cut off by the mob.

After entrance had been forced from the front the police offered no further resistance, realizing, they said, that attempts to use fire hose would turn the disturbance into a riot of even more serious proportions, and probably cause extensive loss of life.

Batter Down Doors. Within the police station the mob faced two heavy steel doors, barring the way to the prisoners' cells. With a large timber the steel doors were battered down after an hour's attack. It took only a few minutes to force open the cages and gain possession of the negro suspects.

On the second floor of the station a mock trial was held. The three blacks declared guilty were taken from the building to Second avenue east and First street about one and a half blocks from the police station.

MARSHALL NOT CANDIDATE HE SAYS ON COAST

"Wouldn't Have Nomination on a Platter" He Tells Interviewers on Arrival in Frisco.

Republicans Not So Well Pleased With Harding as They Were Saturday Night, He Declares.

San Francisco, June 15.—Thomas Riley Marshall, vice president of the United States, arrived here Tuesday to attend the Democratic national convention as a delegate from his home state, Indiana.

One of Mr. Marshall's first statements to interviewers who greeted him was that he "wouldn't accept the nomination for president on a silver platter."

"I am an old man who has torn his hair for Bryan, slaved for Parker, and done his hardest for Wilson, and I am about ready to retire from politics," the vice president said.

Party Very Much Alive. "The Republicans are making the mistake in their lives in thinking of the November election as a foregone conclusion and of the Democrats as a disorganized, defeated party. They are going to find us very much alive in November."

Asked his opinion of the Republicans' selection of Warren G. Harding as standard bearer, he said: "The Republicans are not so well pleased now as they were on Saturday night. Personally, I have a high regard for Senator Harding. I would do anything for him except vote for him."

Wants No Wet Plank. As a delegate, Mr. Marshall said he would not work for a wet plank in the Democratic platform. In connection with the prohibition amendment, he said: "Nothing is so detrimental to the country as the passage of law and the ignoring of the same laws."

President Wilson would not want a third term, I believe," he stated. "He could have it, though, if he desired it."

Regarding the League of Nations he was non-committal.

Questioned regarding the probable action of the convention on the Irish question, Marshall said: "There is no Irish question so far as the convention is concerned. Perhaps 95 per cent of Americans are in sympathy with the cause of Ireland, but less than 1 per cent would be willing to bear arms to help her win freedom."

Higher Rates Futile as Solution of R. R. Problems, Says Expert

Washington, June 15.—While urging substantial freight rate increases by the railroads, R. C. Fulbright, of Houston, Tex., representing the Southwestern Interstate Traffic League, told the interstate Commerce commission on Tuesday that rate increases alone would solve the nation's transportation problem, and that the full 31 per cent increase asked by the western roads was not necessary.

The railroad faces three major problems, Mr. Fulbright declared. First, the labor problem, second, the revenue problem, and third, the tax problem. Increased rates will not solve the labor question under existing conditions, he said, declaring that the conditions themselves must be changed.

UNIFORM AUTO LAWS ENACTED BY DEALERS

St. Louis, June 15.—A campaign for enactment of uniform automobile laws in all states was authorized at a meeting of directors of the National Automobile Dealers' association Tuesday. The proposed campaign is expected to begin next September.