

NO CANDIDATE IS ENDORSED BY COMMITTEE

Republican State Central Body Confine Efforts to Naming Ticket.
COL. C. B. LITTLE IS SELECTED AS DELEGATE
No Indorsement for National Committeeman Was Made by Members.

Going on record as favoring the freest expression of opinion at the primaries as to a presidential candidate, the Republican state central committee in session at Fargo yesterday confined its efforts toward naming ten delegates and five electors to be selected at the primaries in March. Petitions will be started at once to get the names on the ballot and these candidates will have the backing of the committee.

Those named are:
Delegates to Convention, James McCormick, Church Ferry, John E. Paulson, Hillsboro, Paul T. Kretschmar, Venturia, L. L. Walton, Carrington, C. B. Little, Bismarck, E. Smith Peterson, Park River, Geo. P. Holmes, Crosby, Albert Webber, Towne, C. C. Turner, Gladstone, Henry Hile, Hile.

Presidential Electors, R. Westacock, Grand Forks, C. E. Johnson, Langdon, A. E. Cox, Valley City, Walter Kelley, Hettinger, Albert J. Ross, Stanley.

No candidate for national committeeman was endorsed. Thomas Marshall, present committeeman, was at the meeting and endorsed his selections.
Howard J. Clark, Des Moines, manager for Cummins and Charles A. Rawson, Republican chairman of Iowa, were in Fargo interviewing state leaders in order to get in touch with the political situation.
Mr. Clark refused to give out any statement or admit that there was a working agreement between Cummins and La Follette in this state. He said that they were in Fargo merely to get at the real situation.
R. A. Nestos, appointed as Cummins' manager, but who declined when the Progressive Republican endorsed La Follette, conferred with the Cummins managers. No statement was made relative to the outcome of the conference.

CONGRESS TAKES ACTION TO RELIEVE YUMA DISTRICT

Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 25.—Residents of Yuma were joyous tonight over the announcement that the United States senate had passed a resolution to make available \$50,000 for repair of the government's levee in the Delta river. It was this break which caused the flooding of Yuma Saturday. The water and electric light plants have been repaired. A large number of homeless families still are being cared for. "The Colorado river was falling here and no further danger of flood was apparent."

BIG LOSS IN CALIFORNIA.
San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Storms of rain and snow which for weeks have swept the Pacific coast continued generally today. The toll of human life taken by the storms is reported at a score or more. Property damage was reported to reach from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 in southern California and around Yuma, Ariz. In the north it was less easy to estimate.

GIRL DISGUISED AS BOY WORKS IN ST. PAUL PLANT

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 25.—Last September, George Morgan went to work at the plant of a local refrigerator company. Today a young woman giving the name of Georgiana Morton, and about 19 years old, appeared at the cashier's office and asked for "George's wages," saying she had worked for the company disguised as a boy, but was now going to quit. The girl is said by acquaintances to have "beaten" her way to St. Paul from Milwaukee, about a year ago. Fear of being exposed, it is believed, prompted the girl to discontinue her masquerade.

LUSITANIA MUST BE DISAVOWED INSISTS WILSON

Proposals for Settlement Just Tendered Not Accepted by State Department; Notes to Be Exchanged Until Agreement Is Reached.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The United States is understood to have rejected as being partially unsatisfactory Germany's latest proposal in the Lusitania negotiations.
Secretary Lansing, with the approval of President Wilson, is said to have so informed Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, during a conference late today at the state department.
The ambassador will confer again with the secretary tomorrow. It is understood he will then submit another confidential tentative proposal for a settlement, having embodied in it the requirements of the United States.

After being considered by the president and Secretary Lansing, the matter, unless present plans miscarry, will be transmitted to Berlin for the approval or disapproval of the German government.
Five or six days may elapse before it is known whether the Berlin foreign office will assume a view which coincides with that of the administration.
In many particulars, the suggested form of agreement designed to conclude the controversy, which was submitted through the ambassador is acceptable. It was stated, however, that the United States insists on holding the German government to a strict "accountability" for the loss of more than 100 American lives, and desires that the Berlin government admit, in effect, that it is liable, according to law, for the lives of the neutrals lost in the commission of an act against a vessel of the enemy.

BLOCKADE QUESTION UP BEFORE HOUSE

Indications Are the British Will Strengthen Grip on Control of Cargoes.

London, Jan. 25.—In anticipation of tomorrow's important debate in the house of commons on the blockade question, the British government today issued a four-column statement, challenging and refuting statistics recently published in the Morning Post and Daily Mail, concerning what those newspapers have declared the hugely increased imports into Scandinavia and Holland since the beginning of the war. Beyond this no attempt has been made to draw any conclusion from the figures given, neither is there any change in the government's policy. Despite every expression of opinion on each side, the government may decide to declare an actual blockade, and it is still regarded as possible that the government may only intend to tighten the existing system of controlling cargoes likely to reach countries at war with the Entente powers.
May Oppose Action.
An effective blockade of Germany's Baltic ports would eliminate the objections of the United States to the present operations against British orders-in-council, which are discriminatory to Norway and Sweden.
Recognition of such a blockade, however, would depend upon its actual effectiveness, and officials here indicate moreover that any wholesale destruction of merchant shipping in attempting to effect a blockade with submarines would meet with the opposition of the United States, even though very proper precautions were taken to safeguard the lives of crews and passengers.

THIRTY-THREE NIGHT RIDERS HAVE PLEADED GUILTY TO CHARGES

New Madrid, Mo., Jan. 25.—Thirty-three defendants in the night rider trials here pleaded guilty today, thus bringing the trials to a sudden end. All 33 were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and then immediately were paroled on good behavior. Two men, who were on trial today, were allowed to plead guilty and were paroled with the rest.
The sentences of the 18 whose cases had already been disposed of will stand unless the trial judge should parole them.
Twelve of these pleaded guilty and were sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Six went to trial, were convicted and were sentenced to terms varying from three to five years.

NEW SEAPLANE FOR U. S. NAVY

Marblehead, Mass., Jan. 25.—The first war seaplane purchased by the United States navy, claimed by the builders to be the fastest yet constructed for aero marine service here or abroad, was shipped today to the trial grounds at Pensacola, Fla. The machine required by contract a speed of 80 miles an hour in the air, will carry a 1,000 pound load four hours if the specifications are met.

TARIFF BOARD HAS SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT

Abandons Rigid Policy to Provide Against Dumping After War. URGES ACTION AT THIS CONGRESS

War Makes Necessary Steps to Protect American Industries.
Washington, Jan. 25.—Announcement was made tonight that President Wilson favors the creation of an independent non-partisan tariff commission with broad powers to investigate tariff duties, the relations between industries at home and abroad, and the entire tariff and commercial machinery of the world.
The president discussed his plans at length today with Representative Kitchin, chairman of the house ways and means committee, and asked that the committee consider it immediately with the view to getting action during the present session of congress. Tomorrow he expects to lay the matter before Senator Simmons, chairman of the senate finance committee. Later he may address congress on the subject, although tonight it was said this was improbable.
Although the president previously has taken the position that the powers of a tariff commission already are held by existing government bureaus, he told Mr. Kitchin he thought justified in pressing for creation of a separate commission at this time, because of unusual conditions existing in the world and on account of the interest the United States will have in commercial adjustments after the present upheaval.
A new use of a tariff commission proposed by the president would be to discover the possibility of establishing new industries or developing old ones, such as production of dye stuffs by use of scientific and practical methods. Particularly he would have it assist in securing facts on which any "dumping" of cheap foreign products on the American markets and the furthering of unfair competition might be prevented.

MANN IS STRONG FOR PREPAREDNESS

Says He Fears England More Than Germany After the War.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Unqualified non-partisan support of military preparedness was urged today by Minority Leader Mann, in a ringing speech on the floor of the house of representatives. He was heartily and repeatedly applauded by both sides of the chamber.
While it has been understood that most of the Republicans favored army and navy increases, until today none of their leaders had spoken on the subject. Representative Mann based his plea on the ground that it behooves the United States now to prepare for any eventualities that may come as a result of the European war.
"I have much more fear in the end of war with England than I have of war with Germany," he said. "That was his only comment on this phase of the subject.
Later he declined to elaborate on his remarks.
Mr. Mann urged no particular preparedness plan. He said he favored a standing army of 250,000 or 300,000 or half a million men, better coast defenses and a navy which will be able to defend us on the seas."

PREPARE FOR BIG BATTLE IN REGION OF THE SUEZ CANAL



Turkish artillery at Jerusalem; Ezer Pasha, premier of Turkey (left); map showing where war operations are likely to occur in Near East; Field Marshal von der Goltz.
Travellers who have been in the Suez region report preparations for a great battle between a Turkish army led by Field Marshal von der Goltz and a British army. The Turks are said to have constructed a double track railroad leading from Damascus through Jerusalem (A) and Gaza (B) to a point well past the frontier of Egypt. How far it has gone is not revealed. At Gaza 70,000 men are supposed to have been gathered, and at Jerusalem 100,000. The British are said to have 240,000 troops in Egypt and to be landing more constantly. They are strongly fortifying the Suez Canal.

MAN AND SEVEN HORSES BURNED TO DEATH AT FT. CLARK

George Cairns, freighter, Is Victim; His Body Found on Bed in the Office of Livery Stable; Cause of Fire Is Unknown.

George Cairns, freighter, working between Fort Clark and Center, was burned to death early yesterday morning in a fire that destroyed the livery stable at Fort Clark and burned seven horses. Sheriff Charles Herman of Oliver county was in Bismarck last evening, enroute home from the scene of the fire.
No one knows how the fire started, but it is believed that an overheated stove may have been the cause. When Cairns' body, burned beyond recognition, was discovered, it was upon a bed that had been drawn close to a stove. One theory is that because of the cold weather the freighter drew his bunk up to the stove and probably the bedclothes caught fire and that Cairns was overcome before he could cry out for assistance.
The barn was totally destroyed.

U. S. STEEL CO. CUTS MELON

Declares Regular Dividend of 5 Percent on Common Stock.

New York, Jan. 25.—United States Steel common shares were restored to their regular dividend status of 5 per cent today, when the directors unanimously declared a quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent out of earnings for the last quarter of 1915. Total earnings of \$51,232,788 for the three months were the largest for any similar period in the history of the corporation, exceeding the previous record made in the second quarter of 1907, by \$5,729,083.
The corporation's financial position may be judged from the fact that it now has cash in banks amounting to \$105,000,000, while its surplus for the last quarter of 1915 amounts to more than \$23,000,000, as against a deficit of \$5,606,000 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

INVITATIONS ARE OUT FOR RELAY CARNIVAL

Philadelphia, Jan. 25.—The University of Pennsylvania Athletic association has just sent out to the various colleges invitation letters to the relay carnival, which takes place this year on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Pennsylvania's relay carnival has come to be regarded as one of the greatest athletic meets of the year. Last April more than 80 colleges and 250 schools attend the games.
Already assurances have been sent the management from all over the country and another record-breaking set of games is expected this year.

WAR CORRESPONDENT DESCRIBES EMPEROR

Says German Emperor Has Aged Greatly in Past Eight Years; Hair Is White.

London, Jan. 25.—The Daily Mail's correspondent, who arrived at Nish January 18, describes what he saw of the German emperor at close range on several occasions at Nish, and what happened at the royal banquet where the emperor was the guest of King Ferdinand.
"I was face to face with the emperor directly after I left the train," said the correspondent. "It was eight years since I had last seen the emperor."
"What a change! The emperor is not a tall man, as represented in his photographs, and beside the great massive figure of the hawk-nosed Ferdinand, who has a curious duck-like waddle, the great war lord seemed almost diminutive. His hair is white, although his mustache is suspiciously dark. There was an absence of the old activity of gesture.
"He has greatly aged. He held in his hand a handkerchief, which he was perpetually using and I noticed later at the banquet that he seems to require it to use to assuage the continual coughing. Certainly he spent more time coughing than eating."

BRITISH RELIEF EXPEDITION IS BADLY DEFEATED

Turks' Administer Severe Defeat to Forces Operating in Mesopotamia. MONTENEGRIN ARMY IS BEING DISARMED

Russian Advance in East Continues; 4,000 Turks Captured at Erzerum.
Berlin, Jan. 25.—The British force going to the relief of the troops surrounded by Turks at Kurt-el-Amara, attacked the Turkish position near Menlari on January 21, but were repulsed after an engagement lasting six hours, according to an official report issued by the Turkish headquarters staff.
The British, the announcement says, left about 3,000 dead on the field.
"The Turkish losses were comparatively slight."
"General Aylmer, commander of the British forces, asked and obtained one day's truce in order to bury the dead.
Many Prisoners Taken.
"British soldiers taken prisoners stated that the British column also had lost 3,000 men in dead and wounded in the preceding engagements near Sheik Sard.
"The Turks attacked another British detachment advancing to the west of Korna, from Nun Teski, which caused the British to retreat. The British left 100 dead."
To Aid Armenians.
Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, today asked the government of the United States to take steps to send relief to the Armenians, who, he states, have been driven by the Turks into the desert of Syria and Mesopotamia.

WILSON WANTS CONGRESS THROUGH BY NEXT JUNE

Washington, Jan. 25.—Agitation for greater congressional activity on the administration's legislative problems received new impetus today, when President Wilson asked Majority Leader Major Kitchin to "speed up" work in the house and made arrangements for discussing the subject with other leaders of both houses tomorrow. The president is anxious that congress finish its work and adjourn in June before the political conventions.

SHOOT SHERIFF THEN TRIES DIETZ'S PLAN OF DEFENSE

Barron, Wis., Jan. 25.—Wenzel Baranek, alleged slayer of Sheriff Matt Olson, and who barricaded himself and family in his barn, declaring he would kill anyone attempting to arrest him, late today surrendered when apprised over a telephone that to offer resistance to an armed posse would probably result in the killing of himself and wife.
An armed mob is reported to be coming from Prairie Farm, Olson's former home, for the purpose of lynching Baranek. Army guards are patrolling the vicinity of the jail. Feeling against Baranek runs high. The situation appears critical. Baranek was accused of the theft of a coat. Sheriff Olson, with Deputy Steve Hulbert, attempted to enter Baranek's barn to search for the coat. Baranek opened fire with a rifle from his house and Olson fell with a bullet through his heart.
Hulbert escaped unhurt and returned to Barron and organized a posse of 150 armed men.

SEEK SEPARATE PEACE

Germany is continuing her efforts to conclude a separate peace with Serbia, according to the Athens correspondent of the Daily Mail.
A Berlin dispatch forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News (Continued on Page Two)

THE WEATHER

For North Dakota: Unsettled and continued cold Wednesday; Thursday fair and continued cold.