

G. O. P. WELCOMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMERICANIZING PEACE TREATY, SENATOR HARDING TELLS HOMEFOLK

Buckeye Solon Declares Wilson Solely Responsible for Senate Delay in Ratifying Pact—Asserts President Stood Alone in Negotiating the Surrender of Sovereignty

Columbus, O., Feb. 23.—The republican party "will welcome" responsibility for the Americanizing of the peace treaty, U. S. Senator Warren G. Harding told a rally of his home state republicans here today. He held President Wilson solely responsible for the senate delay in ratifying the treaty.

"Essentially alone he negotiated the surrender of American nationality, and still essentially alone one of a hundred million he bolted its final disposition," Harding said.

SOUTH FOR PROTECTION

While democratic senators from the south generally have supported the president in this stand, Harding said the people of the south generally are for the protection of American rights.

FAILURE OF PLOT

But the plot failed, the senator said through the action of the people in 1918, ignoring "the white house edit." Had the people obeyed that edict, Harding declared "we might be democratic subjects of the autocratic council of nine, with the old world passing on the obligations of this republic."

DEFINES G. O. P. PLANKS

Senator Harding enumerated a number of things which he declared the republican platform should contain. Chief among these were:

- Perfect Americanization to be held "rejoicingly American" here after.
- Adequate defense, with an ample navy as a first line of defense.
- World leadership in aviation.
- A stronger army than heretofore.
- Voluntary training for young men.
- Repeat of every extraordinary war measure.
- End of bureaucracy "crowded with authority."
- Opposition to government ownership and nationalization of industry.
- Curbing of government extravagance and getting to thinking again in "millions instead of incomprehensible billions."
- Commenting on military training Senator Harding declared himself against its being made compulsory. He said it should be supported in schools and colleges and in the national guard and that it should be made so pleasant and healthy that "it would be accepted as a privilege rather than be considered as a duty."
- The question of the wage-earner declared to be pressing "because there is the attempted development of class conscience, which is always a peril to popular government."
- Declaring elevated scales of life and higher rewards for workmen to be the surest index for advancing civilization, he said there must be no return to prewar standards.

HOOVER TALKS OF PEACE

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 23.—Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, today declared in an address at the John Hopkins university his opposition to making the treaty with Germany an issue in the presidential campaign. He insisted the injection of the argument for and against reservations would "obscure our pressing domestic issues by conflict over a question on which the country already has made up its mind," and added, "it is my impression there is no party credit in this position."

HOPE FOR IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION

The treaty rested, he said, in the acceptance by the "lesser reservationists" of the proposal of the "mild reservationists." The two combined, he said, could secure ratification.

THE DANGER IN EUROPE

The present danger in Europe is fact, Mr. Hoover said, is not so much of a revolutionary cataclysm as the "steady degeneration of the forces of stability."

RESTORED PRODUCTIVITY HE INSISTED IS ESSENTIAL

If the allies are to receive the maximum reparation, "if only then we shall not have real peace," he said. "It will be delayed as long as we hang the treaty in the air, for we are a part of it."

REBUILDING OF KILLDEER BEGUN

Killdeer, Feb. 23.—The firm of Colvin & Noviesky have made a deal for the Cusky lot adjoining the Odd Fellow lots and are trying to secure eleven feet from the Odd Fellows. They contemplate erecting a store building and going into the hardware business and possibly gear earl merchandise. This together with the other buildings to be erected this spring will make Killdeer grown up from her ruins a bigger and a better little city than ever before.

There are now 11 strikes before the Department of Labor for settlement and 23 controversies which have not yet reached the strike stage.

BOLOS SEIZE MURNANSK AND MUCH SHIPPING

Russian Vessel Escaping to Norwegian Port Tells of Revolution

London, Feb. 23.—Bolshevik forces have seized Murnansk and shipping in the harbor there, following a revolution which broke out at that port Saturday afternoon, according to a dispatch from Vardo, Norway. The news was brought to Vardo in a Russian steamer from Murnansk. It was the only vessel to escape seizure, but was riddled with machine gun fire.

LABOR PARTY MEANS DEFEAT SAYS GOMPERS

Political Organization Playing Directly Into Hands of Enemies

WARNS AGAINST DISASTER

Declares Votes Going to Workers' Candidate May Defeat Best Man

Washington, Feb. 23.—Formation of a political labor party would be "detrimental to the interests of labor and exactly in line with that which is most ardently desired by those who seek to oppress labor," Samuel Gompers declared in a letter to William Mitchell of Indianapolis, a leader of the Indiana state labor party, made public here today.

Mr. Gompers wrote in reply to a telegram from Mitchell and his associates supporting the action of the Indiana state labor party in opposing the political declaration of the American Federation of Labor, calling on organized working men to elect their friends and defeat their enemies. Mitchell's telegram declared in favor of making the fight solely through a labor party.

QUESTIONS CONCLUSIONS

"By what right," Mr. Gompers wrote, "do you assume to declare the work and the policy of the American Federation of Labor to be impractical. Surely the results achieved in the interests of the workers demonstrate the utter fallacy of your assumption."

"My your declaration you assert the practicability of the course you declare you had with your political party upon which to base so assured a claim.

EFFECT WOULD BE DISASTROUS

"The effect of a separate political labor party can only be disastrous to the wage earners of our country and to the interests of all forward-looking people. The votes that would go to a labor party candidate would, in the absence of such candidate, go to the best man in the field. In no case would they go to an enemy of labor."

"There can be no hope for success of labor party candidates. The effect, therefore, of a political labor party will be to defeat our friends and to elect our enemies. Labor can look upon the formation of a political labor party only as an act detrimental to the interests of labor, and exactly in line with that which is most ardently desired by those who seek to oppress labor."

RUSHING TO DISASTER

"Those who are determined to be blind to the facts of the present and past will, of course, rush on to disaster and calamity. This the American labor movement will not do. It rejects and repudiates the fallacies of blind theories and will have nothing to do with those treacherous followers that are suited only to the purposes of labor's enemies."

"Your telegram is an affront to the labor movement and an assault upon the interests of that great body of Americans who are determined that the present campaign shall result, not in the destruction of our liberties. In the opening of the way to national progress and the enlargement of opportunities for human welfare, safety and happiness."

FIRST INDICATION OF POLITICAL SPLIT



Missouri suffragists lead donkey and elephant into convention.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Missouri delegation to the National American Woman Suffrage association convention in Chicago won applause by its appearance, headed by the republican elephant and the democratic donkey. This was taken as the first indication of the fact that the women's party has split into political parties.

ARMED FEDERAL PROHIBITION FORCE SENT TO UPPER MICHIGAN TO QUELL WHISKEY REBELLION RAGING THERE

County Officials Overwhelm U. S. Enforcement Officers and State Constabulary and Rescue Wine Seized By Them for Confiscation—Prosecutor Assumes Responsibility

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 23.—Armed federal prohibition officers of the central states today were en route to Iron county in the upper peninsula of Michigan to quell what the revenue officers regarded as an incipient "key rebellion." The prohibition officials were informed last night that the county was in open revolt against federal authority, after reports that prohibition agents leading a detachment of Michigan constabulary were held up February 18 by Iron county officials and wine they had confiscated taken from them.

PROSECUTOR RESPONSIBLE

P. A. McDonough, prosecuting attorney of Iron county, in a statement issued last night, assumed "all responsibility for taking the wine from the federal agents," and denied that the county was in open revolt.

Iron River is a small village in the mining country a few miles north of the Wisconsin line. The population of Iron county largely is composed of Italians and Sicilians and much bootlegging has been reported there recently.

FORCE IS PICKED

Major A. V. Dalmryple, federal prohibition director of the six central states, gathered 30 picked agents here today preparatory to leading an expedition into Iron county, Mich., to "clean up" the county and arrest county officials who are said to have interfered with a federal liquor raid last week.

Federal officials in Washington have been requested to instruct Federal Commissioner Hatch to issue warrants for the arrest of the Iron county prosecuting attorney, two deputies and the chief of police and two officers at Iron River on charges of obstructing the enforcement of the law.

As soon as warrants are issued the federal agents from here will go to Negaunee, Mich., where they will be joined by a half troop of the Michigan state constabulary. Major Dalmryple said. His plan of campaign is to descend on Iron county from the north and stamp out what he told Mr. Cramer was an "open revolt against federal authority."

ALL QUIET TODAY

Crystal Falls, Mich., Feb. 23.—The situation in Iron county was reported quiet today, according to reports of federal agents of an incipient whiskey rebellion there.

MANY SIGNING PETITIONS FOR L. H. HEATON TO BE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR

No difficulty is being experienced in securing sufficient signatures to the petitions of L. E. Heaton to be a presidential elector on the republican ticket from Burleigh county to the republican convention. Petitions requesting that Heaton be placed on the ballot are being circulated and the necessary number of signatures will undoubtedly be obtained long before the end of the time limit.

WILSON'S REPLY TO ENTENTE SOON TO BE ON ITS WAY

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—President Wilson's rejoined to the entente premier in the Adriatic situation was expected today to be on its way tonight. The state department finished its work this morning on the document, which was to be returned to President Wilson for final review.

RAIL BILL HAS RIGHT OF WAY IN THE SENATE

Speedy Action on Important Measure Predicted by House Leaders

LABOR FORCES ASSEMBLE

Union Chiefs to Give Consideration to Wilson's Wage Proposals

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—With the supporters predicting a speedy enactment, the compromise railroad bill as passed in the house Saturday by a substantial majority today was given the right of way in the senate.

Despite the statements that union labor forces would carry their fight into the senate, leaders expressed the belief there would be little debate and the vote would come quickly.

LOWDEN WILL NOT FILE IN NORTH DAKOTA

Chicagoan Only Candidate Yet According to Request of State Convention

Petitions for the nomination of presidential candidates to be placed before the voters in the presidential primary of March 16, must be filed prior to March 1.

Major Gen. Leonard Wood's campaign managers, have not yet determined what position they will take on the request of the republican state convention that he does not file in the state presidential preference primary election of March 16.

STUDENTS QUIT VARSITY UNTIL KANE IS O. K.'d

Grand Forks, N. D., Feb. 23.—Students of the University of North Dakota today refused in a body to pay their registration fees and enroll for the second semester pending an assurance from the state board of administration that the demand for the resignation of Pres. T. E. Kane would be withdrawn.

Up to noon today only one student had completed his registration. The board is in session this afternoon with a committee of students. It has been announced that they will leave for Fargo tonight or Tuesday morning and a statement of some kind may be forthcoming before that time.

LEMKE CALLS MEETING OF G. O. P. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HERE NEXT FRIDAY TO ENDORSE TICKET

Nonpartisan League Chairman of Republican Organization in North Dakota Asks Fellow Townleyites to Enter Fight Against Two Slates Already Named at Olson Convention January 28 and Young Love Feast February 17—Situation in State Mixed

The presidential situation for North Dakota republicans was further complicated Saturday, when William Lemke, vice president of the National Nonpartisan League, and chairman of the republican state central committee, issued the following call for a meeting of that organization in Bismarck on Friday, February 27:

"Since the McKenzie-Young-Soviet representatives of special privilege attempted to burglarize the Republican party, hundreds of Republicans of all factions who believe in government by majorities, have requested me, as chairman, to call the state central committee together for the purpose of informing a candidate for president, a national committeeman, national delegates, and presidential electors.

"These Republicans were surprised at the audacity, and ignorance of the political hacks, who, surrounded by their ancient pals, forgetting that they are living in 1920 and proceeding as if this were the year 1891 when their will was supreme and the people be damned" the slogan, declared vacant the positions of the 49 state central committeemen, the over 250 county central committeemen, and the over 1,800 precinct committeemen, all of whom hold their positions by the sovereign will of the people, and even ordered that none of the candidates for president obey the law of the state.

"Since Hiram Johnson, candidate for president, has refused to comply with their unlawful request, and respecting, as I always do, the will of the majority, I therefore call a meeting of the state central Republican committee to meet at Bismarck at 2 p. m. Friday, February 27, 1920. I respectfully request that every member who believes in honest and progressive government, and who feels that whatever our difference of opinions may be on state issues, on national issues we can stand united, attend this meeting."

STARK COUNTY POLITICS WILL BE SOME WARM

Unusual Interest in Local Affairs Develops in Slope Shire

Dickinson, Feb. 23.—The old political pot is beginning to sizzle in Stark county, and this year's campaign promises to become one of the hardest fought political battles in the history of the county.

There is a superabundance of material for the office of sheriff, and the end is not yet. George Brown, who held the office prior to "Red" Hays, is a strong favorite, and his splendid record as sheriff will prove a great factor in his campaign. George Nolan and P. H. McGrath, deputy sheriffs, both aspire to executive honors, and James Soules, pioneer Dickinson business man, Adolph Janssen, a local carpenter, and Paul Zimmerman, also have their "chests in the ring."

Rumor has it that John Hunter, Jr., former county treasurer, is out after Frank Wanner's scalp for clerk of court. It is also predicted that Otto Thress will attempt to wrest the state's attorneyship from J. P. Cam, but very little credence is given to this story.

To date no opposition has developed against J. L. Hughes, county auditor. John Leask, registrar of deeds; H. C. Turner, treasurer; or C. E. Ward, county superintendent of schools. There is a persistent rumor, however, that the Townleyites will attempt to put across an entire ticket for county officers.

THE BRINTON LETTER

The Brinton letter was declared by Wilcox, state manager for Johnson, an effort on the part of the league to "frame" on Johnson.

FAMOUS CASE ENDS AFTER TEN YEARS IN STATE COURTS

Litigation Has Interested Attorneys All Over Missouri Slope Region

An interesting law suit which has been in litigation in North Dakota courts, including three separate hearings before the state supreme court, has just been decided by the federal circuit court of appeals. The action was brought by the Stoddard Land and Investment Co. against John Johnston over a contract to purchase a quarter section of land in Golden Valley county. Johnston was upheld in the circuit court's decision.

The case was filled with knotty legal problems and had interested members of the legal fraternity and others interested in land litigation. It had been heard before various courts in the Missouri slope and as an indication of the difficulties involved in making a decision, the case was argued before the federal circuit court of appeals eight months ago and the decision only handed down last week.