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FERGUSON IN CONTROL

PROS DEFEATED IN FIRST CLASH OF CONVENTION

DAVID DECKER, ANTI, IS ELECTED TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN, DEFEATING M. H. WOLFE, SUBMISSION LEADER.

SUBMISSION IS BURIED

No Mention of That Question Will Be Made in the Platform—Wilson's Mexican Policy Will Be Endorsed—All Contesting Ferguson Delegates Seated.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 8.—The Ferguson forces won in a decisive contest at the Democratic state convention and the prohibitionists were defeated in their efforts to have a submission plank adopted. The test vote came on the election of the temporary chairman, the Ferguson faction having David Decker, anti, elected by 494 to 421 for Wolfe, pro leader. R. L. Lange and other pro leaders conceded Decker's election and said the anti leader will be given a fair chance to fight out the issue of prohibition before Congress.

The Ferguson platform was put through without a hitch. The resolution endorsing the action of the Ferguson administration in the impeachment trial, calling for a referendum on the prohibitory law, Dean Bell, Mayor Teal and Bill Hamilton and a resolution for continuing the existence of the convention.

The platform will carry when it is adopted two planks, a strong resolution favoring the Wilson policy in Mexico and a strong anti-lynching resolution will be made. No mention of the Wilson policy is included. Submission will not be mentioned in the platform in any manner and if the submission resolution is adopted it will be through the convention.

The platform will demand $2,000,000 for country schools and will strongly endorse the Ferguson administration.

A number of the special pro candidates held today a joint conference but have refused to be known as the Third Party in this state, to have no organization in each county and have as its mission the adoption of methods to continue the efforts of which the convention battles have been waged.

FIFTY PRUSSIANS KILLED BY POWDER EXPLOSION

Ammunition Depot at Koenigsberg Blown Up With Terrific Effect.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Aug. 8.—Fifty men and twenty women were killed in an explosion in an ammunition depot near Koenigsberg, East Prussia, the explosion was quickly extinguished.

HUGHES' CHARGES BRANDED AS FALSE BY ADMINISTRATION

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE CALLED UPON TO RETRACT GROSS MISREPRESENTATIONS.

CABINET TAKES ACTION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Statements made by Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president, in his Detroit speech last night, were characterized as "false as to facts and of Bunkoing character" today after a long discussion between President Wilson and his cabinet.

Detailed refutation of Hughes charges relating to changes in the army and navy survey, errors in his diplomatic corps and other matters were telegraphed to Hughes with the request that he give the right the same currency as his Detroit statements.

HUGHES CONTINUES ATTACKS.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential candidate in the Coliseum tonight charged the Wilson administration with waste, extravagance, vacillation and declared that Wilson fought 48 "ignominious wars with Mexico, then withdrew from that war ignominiously." He said that the administration had brought the United States nearer to participation in the European war than would have been the case had it "stood for American rights."

He declared that it was no more possible to expect tariff protection from a Democratic congress than to get a "revival sermon out of a disorderly house." The candidate left late tonight for St. Paul.

WEATHER FORECAST.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—East Texas—Wednesday and Thursday unsettled.

FEDERAL BOARD MAY INTERVENE TO STOP STRIKE

PRESIDENT SENDS MEDIATORS TO WORK SO AS TO BE ON THE GROUND WHEN THE CRISIS COMES.

SITUATION LOOKS GLOOMY

American Federation of Labor Standing Squarely Behind the 400,000 Employes of 225 Railroads Especially in Their Eight Hour Day Demands.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—At the conference of President Wilson today members were told by W. B. Hanson of the United States board of mediation left tonight for New York, to be on the ground when representatives of 400,000 railway employes threatened to strike, confer with representatives of the railroads concerned. Martin Knopp, president of the board also is expected to reach New York.

Claims that less than half of the men would be affected by a strike were made today by railroad officials who made public a statement showing that the men had not the support of the public in their demands for an eight hour day.

The American Federation of Labor is standing square in behalf the union demands in the forthcoming conferences, especially for an eight hour day.

NORSE IMMIGRANTS URGED TO RETURN TO THEIR NATIVE LAND

"HOME TO NORWAY" MOVEMENT SWEEPING OVER COUNTRY OF THE VIKINGS

YOUNG MEN ARE NEEDED

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Aug. 5.—(Delayed to Norway Associated Press cable)—The "Home to Norway" movement is now in full swing in the United States and is spreading rapidly among the Norwegians in the country of their adoption and they will return as soon as the war is over, it is said in the last issue of the Norwegian newspaper Morgenbladet, which prints a long article on the movement.

The idea of inaugurating a campaign in America with the object of making young Norwegians, now employed with the prosperous emigrants of their own country in Uncle Sam's dominions, acquainted with the life of New Land society with the view of inducing them to return to Norway and aid in the development of the country, is being taken up in earnest by the Norwegian-American societies.

The most recent government census shows that of the population of 2,000,000 some 15,000 are returned Norwegian Americans, 1,700 of whom were born in the United States. The majority of these people have been engaged in farming on their own account, using as their capital money they had saved while working for others in America.

A new emigration law is under consideration which will provide for the control of emigration agents and for steamship lines and making it easier for emigrants to return to Norway by giving them dispensation from military service if they have been away from Norway for a certain number of years and at the same time facilitating the restoration of their Norwegian citizenship.

NOTABLE GAINS MADE BY ALLIES ON ALL FRONTS

FRENCH AND BRITISH ADVANCE THEIR LINES IN FRANCE WHILE RUSSIANS CONTINUE DRIVE IN GALICIA.

ITALIANS TAKE GORITZIA

Bridgehead That Has Been the Scene of Many Desperate Battles Finally Lost by Austrians, Opening the Road to City of Trieste.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The capture of Gorizia, the main fortress of Austria on the Italian front, is reported officially by the Italians from Rome. The capture was made yesterday, the announcement says.

In Russian Galicia the Russians are still advancing, Petrograd reports say. Lemberg is now in the Russian hands, it is reported in the Teutonic words, while Austrian and German forces are in full retreat toward the Vistula.

The British on the Somme front have continued successful local attacks, Berlin reports.

The Russians are pressing hard after retreating Austrians in Galicia, Petrograd reports, and are now in the vicinity of Stanislau, where they took half a score officers and 1,000 men, Austro-Hungarian prisoners. In all, the Russians have captured, since July 1, 2,000 officers and 100,000 men, it is stated.

Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, which was occupied from the Teutons and Austrians by the Russians early in June, is now being fortified by the Austrians, according to Berlin reports received here today.

Czernowitz, capital of Austrian Bukowina, has fallen into the hands of the Russians, Berlin reports say.

German Zeppelins, for the first time, came to Trieste last night, British naval officer have reported. The Zeppelins, said to be four either have bombed the Italians and the city of Gorizia, or tried to drop bombs on the Austrian dreadnaught Viribus Unitis, in the Adriatic, according to this Italian look night. Only minor damage is being reported in either case.

Austrian dispatches say the Austrians have withdrawn to the eastern bank of the Isonzo, it is reported, but say that they retained a bridgehead on the western bank.

A conflagration, particularly the destruction of Lemberg was feared by the capital of Galicia, it is reported, unless the Austrian authorities in the city surrender to the Russians.

WHITE RIBBONERS SERVE FORMAL NOTICE ON J. FRANK HANLY

HOOSIER POLITICIAN OFFICIALLY TOLD OF NOMINATION BY PROHIBITIONISTS.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC FLAYED

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 8.—Prohibition leaders declared today that the United States "accounted to be completely today for the first time since the country was formed" is when J. Frank Hanly, former governor of Indiana, was formally notified of his nomination for the presidency on the prohibition ticket.

Hanly's acceptance was made in a speech in which he said that the liquor traffic is fundamentally wrong. Complete eradication rather than treatment to alleviate what he calls the evils of the traffic was advocated.

Mr. Hanly said: "That the liquor traffic produces evil consequences, and only evil, and that its legalization for revenue is wrong is no longer an open question. No one defends it and even the trade itself is trying out for help to curb its evil tendencies.

"We have placed the lives of our own citizens upon the auction block until our manhood is depleted to the extent that 68 per cent of those who serve the country in the army and navy are physically incompetent to serve."

Summarizing effects of the use of liquor Mr. Hanly said: "A million men in our country according to modern science are supplied an irremediable disease in their appetite for strong drink which fastens upon them more the galling chains that bound the black man of the south. The direct system of dealing with the liquor problem gives happiness to no one.

"I believe the problem for success for universal world-wide prohibition is simply the problem of convincing the world that it never pays to join hands and share the spoils of those who do

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Hanly Is Candidate Of Prohibitionists For Presidency

J. FRANK HANLY.

J. Frank Hanly, nominated for the presidency by the Prohibitionists assembled in convention in St. Paul, was formerly a Republican and as such was elected governor of Indiana in 1908, serving until 1912. He was born near a village of the Indiana dunes, son of the pioneer home of northwestern and was for the United States senate in 1906. Mr. Hanly is a native of Illinois and is fifty-three years of age. He is a lawyer and has his office and his home in Indianapolis.

CREAGER TO LEAD TEXAS REPUBLICANS

BROWNSVILLE MAN NOMINATED FOR GOVERNOR BY SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Aug. 8.—The state Republican convention today nominated H. B. Creager of Brownsville for governor, and A. W. Atkinson of Dallas, for United States senator. The platform endorses Hughes' acceptance speech.

RANGE IN GOOD CONDITION.

PLEASANTON, Aug. 8.—The range is and around Pleasanton is better than it has been for years. Cattle are getting fat and there is an abundance of water, numerous point to more rain. This means prosperity for the Pleasanton section the approaching fall and winter.

CHILD LABOR BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Law Becomes Effective One Year After Its Enactment.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The senate late today passed the child protection interstate commerce in products of child labor by a vote of 53 to 15. The measure, which already has passed the house, has President Wilson's backing, opposition to the measure came chiefly from southern Democrats, on the ground that it was an infringement on states rights.

The law becomes effective one year after enactment.

JAPANESE ANARCHISTS SENTENCED FOR LIFE

RINGLEADERS IN ATTEMPT ON PREMIER'S LIFE GIVEN EXTREME PENALTY.

TOKIO, Aug. 8.—A sentence of penal servitude for life has been imposed on the two ring leaders of the bomb attempt on the life of Premier Count Okuma on January 1. The aged prime minister was returning to his home in an automobile following a reception to the Grand Duke Michaelovitch of Russia, when one hidden in a by-way rushed out and hurled two explosive machines. The car was damaged but Count Okuma escaped unhurt.

Those sentenced for life were Wagoro Fukuda, a former journalist, and Denzaro Shimomura, occupation unknown. Two accomplices, Jujiro Onizuka and Masakichi Wada and Takashi Iida, were acquitted.

The trial of the case brought out a wide-sweeping plot existed for the assassination of leading personages in the political world of Japan.

BIG NAVY MEN BELIEVE THEIR FIGHT IS WON

OPPOSITION FADES WHEN PRESIDENT TELLS LEADERS THAT NEED OF MORE FIGHTING SHIPS IS IMPERATIVE.

HOUSE TO ACT TUESDAY

Chairman Padgett of Naval Committee, Who Has Led Opposition to Senate Building Program Announces He Will Move Its Adoption.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Administration leaders believe tonight that they have won the field for the administration of the big naval building program including four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers next year. Miquel Leader Kitchin and others after conferring with President Wilson, now said the larger program is imperatively called for in the house today that the bill would be called up Tuesday and that Chairman Padgett, of the house naval committee, who has bitterly opposed the senate program, would move to accept the senate construction plan.

The leaders made a careful canvass of the situation today and are now convinced that the house will adopt also the senate's proposed increase in speed and the continuous building policy. Chairman Padgett's announcement in favor of the senate bill came as a surprise to the opponents of the measure, who will not admit defeat.

The senate, without debate, approved late last afternoon a navy bill. It goes to the house tomorrow, where formal action is expected.

AVIATOR BACK FROM WAR.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—Jerrold Ward, a Canadian aviator, who was forced to land in Holland after his aeroplane had been damaged by the Germans arrived here today on the steamer Noordam up parole. He has given his word to the Dutch government that he would not take any further part in the war if they would let him return to Canada.

City Wins Opening Skirmish In Bond Injunction Contest

COURT OVERRULES AMENDED PETITION FILED BY PLAINTIFFS ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW CHARTER OF CORPUS CHRISTI ON THE GROUND THAT IT WAS FRAUDENTLY OBTAINED.

OTHER DILATORY ALLEGATIONS MEET SAME FATE

Judge Kennon at Columbus Blocks Effort to Inject Matters That Would Indefinitely Prolong Litigation and Will Try the Case on Its Merits—Presentation of Evidence Probably Will Consume All of Today.

COLUMBUS, Texas, Aug. 8.—When the Corpus Christi bond injunction case was called this morning before District Judge Kennon, the plaintiffs filed an amendment to their original petition, setting up three new grounds, viz:

First. That the Charter of the city of Corpus Christi was void, as same had been obtained fraudulently, alleging that the census had been illegally and fraudulently taken and that the city did not have a population of ten thousand as shown by that census; second, that the election was void because the city commissioners ordered that election to be held in only one election precinct, and third, that the election was void on account of the polling place being less than one hundred feet from entrance to the city hall, where said election was held.

The defendants' general demurrer to these three allegations was sustained by the court, plaintiffs excepting to this ruling.

The hearing thereupon proceeded on allegations in affect the same as contained in plaintiffs' original petition on which the temporary writ of injunction was granted. Plaintiffs were represented by Dawson and Anderson, the defendants by Kleberg, Stayton and Dixon and Russell Savage. Plaintiffs' witnesses here are Charles A. Mealy, W. F. Cottingham, John Grant and Tom Dunn, defendants' witnesses present are F. J. Mulligan and O. O. Wright.

Judge Kennon held the only question in the case for determination was whether or not the six hundred and ten voters named by the plaintiffs were legal voters and that the only evidence he would hear would be as to whether or not they were property taxpayers and qualified to vote in a bond election. On the question of his jurisdiction and disqualification of Judge Hopkins, Judge Kennon held he had jurisdiction and that Judge Hopkins was disqualified.

The court at four o'clock took a recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning to give counsel an opportunity to agree as to facts in the case. The outlook is that the case will be concluded tomorrow.

Judge Kennon's rulings on all important points except jurisdiction have been in favor of defendants' contentions.

CUBAN CONGRESSMEN REMAIN IN SESSION TO AVOID ARREST

ISLAND LEGISLATORS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT ATTEMPTING TO DO ANY WORK.

ARE MERELY DRAWING PAY

HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 8.—The Cuban congress, which has essentially ended its active session, has achieved hardly any serious legislation. There have been many weeks when a quorum was not present and the few sessions recently held have been devoted to such bills as seemed likely to be vetoed by the president. One such was so compel the president to divest himself of his functions of office sixty-five days before election, which the president vetoed and another was to provide for the payment of claims of soldiers and civilians in connection with the revolution of 1895, which the president has indicated his intention to veto in case it passes the senate.

It appears probable that congress, while not transacting any business, will remain theoretically in session until after the elections in November. The reason is that the members hold, by a curious interpretation of the constitution, that their congressional immunity from arrest extends to all civil and criminal offenses so long as the body remains in session.

Representatives of British oil interests in Mexico are here for the purpose, it is said, of influencing the passage of legislation for the admission of petroleum into Cuba free of duty. As congress is unlikely to transact any business until the election is over, it is improbable that there will be any discussion of the proposition until the next session.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Local forecast for today: Generally fair; Light variable winds.

At the Theaters.

Amuse—Metro presents Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in "A Million a Minute," a five-part drama.

Rex—Universal program of five reels.

Today's Local Program.

Business meeting City Federation of Women, Nueces hotel this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Meeting of Corpus Christi Rifle club at the Council hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

AMERICANS HELD IN BRITISH HARBOR OBSERVE THE 4TH

SUBJECTS OF OTHER NEUTRAL NATIONS ABOARD SHIP JOINED IN JOLLIFICATION.

HAD THREE INTERRUPTION

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Aug. 8.—Americans who arrived in Scandinavia recently on the steamer Bergensfjord told of a decidedly unique celebration of the Fourth of July on board that vessel. On the third of July, the Bergensfjord, a Norwegian ship, was "captured" by a British cruiser and escorted into Kirkwall for the customary examination of cargo and passengers. Despite the fact that they were to be "captives" over the Fourth in a British harbor the passengers decided to hold a fitting celebration and to read anew the Declaration of Independence. All the neutrals on board decided to join the Americans and Captain Irgens, of the Bergensfjord appointed a committee to arrange everything.

The hour set for the ceremonies was 11 o'clock the morning of the fourth. It was found at that time, however, that the British authorities required the presence of all first class passengers and the reading of the Declaration was postponed until 2 o'clock. At this hour the ceremonies were begun anew. "America," was sung, a short prayer was offered and then Captain Irgens arose.

"I regret it very much," he announced, "but the Declaration of Independence must again be postponed as the British authorities require the presence of the second class passengers in their dining room."

At 3 o'clock the ship's company assembled again to hear proclaimed the principles of a free and independent people. But again Captain Irgens arose.

"I regret again to have to announce a further postponement of the Declaration of Independence, but the British authorities, who do not recognize the Fourth of July as a holiday, say they must have the third class passengers in their dining saloon at once."

Forty-five minutes later the British authorities had concluded their examination of the neutrals and the time the Declaration was read amid great enthusiasm.

The Bergensfjord, however, and the Americans aboard her, remained in "captivity" until the afternoon of the fifth.

PROMOTED BY MIKADO.

SEOUL, Korea, Aug. 8.—Governor General Count Terauchi has been promoted by Emperor Yoshihito to the rank of field marshal in the Japanese army.