

PROGRAM ADOPTED

Bosses of the Republican Convention Frame Up the Final Plans.

POLITICIANS ARRIVE

Committee Will Begin This Morning to Hear Forty Contests Involving the Right of Sixty-two Delegates to Sit in the Convention, and Expects to Conclude Its Work Saturday. So a Temporary Roll of Delegates May Be Prepared—Permanent Organization of Convention Will Occur on Thursday, Then Fireworks Begin.

CHICAGO, May 31.—Members of the republican national committee will meet in the Coliseum at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow to hear 40 contests involving the right of 62 delegates to sit in the convention.

The committee will hold daily sessions and expects to conclude its work Saturday so that the temporary roll of delegates may be prepared by Secretary James B. Reynolds of the national committee. Four years ago the seats of nearly half the delegates in the convention were in dispute and the national committee was obliged to sit for more than three weeks to decide the contests.

Comparatively little interest is manifested in the contests this time, as a majority of them are in southern states and the result is not expected seriously to affect the chances of the presidential candidates.

Final plans for the convention were approved by the sub-committee of the committee on arrangements of the national committee, which held its last meeting today. The sub-committee approved the following program for the first two days of the convention:

Wednesday, June 1.—Convention called to order at 11 a. m. by Charles D. Hillis of New York, chairman of the republican national committee.

Prayer by Rev. John Timothy Stone of Chicago.

Call for convention read by James B. Reynolds of Massachusetts, secretary of the republican national committee.

Election of temporary chairman.

Election of temporary officers.

Selection of committees on credentials, permanent organization, rules and order of business and resolutions.

Miscellaneous business.

Meeting of committees on credentials will be held in the national committee rooms, Coliseum Annex, following the adjournment of the first session.

Notice of meeting place of other committees will be announced later.

Thursday, June 2.—Convention called to order by temporary chairman.

Prayer by Right Rev. F. C. Kelley of Chicago.

Report of committee on credentials. After the convention has acted on the report of the committee on credentials, the report of the committee on permanent organization will be called for.

Permanent organization of the convention.

Address by permanent chairman.

Report of committee on rules and order of business, action upon which by the convention will determine the order of further proceedings of the convention.

Sergeant-at-Arms: William F. Stone of Baltimore announced the appointment of the following:

Chief assistant sergeant-at-arms, E. P. Thayer of Indiana; second assistant chief sergeant-at-arms, Guy V. Howland of Minnesota.

Principal assistant sergeant-at-arms, E. J. Kelly of Iowa; John J. Lyons of New York; Harry Van Ness of Kansas; John W. Smith of Michigan; A. W. White of North Carolina; John R. Flavel of New Jersey; Alvah H. Martin Jr. of Virginia; Frank K. Flowers of New York; Charles A. Ackerson of Oregon; Ben E. Chapen of New Hampshire; and Hugh L. Martin of Missouri.

New York, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, Indiana and Pennsylvania delegations again will occupy seats in the front row nearest the platform.

George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee and a

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PAY A TRIBUTE TO THE HEROES

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES CARRIED OUT TUESDAY AT THE MYRTLE THEATER.

ORATION BY THE REV. H. P. CREGO

Five hundred people joined in paying a fitting tribute to America's soldier dead at the Myrtle theater Tuesday afternoon. The theater platform was decorated appropriately with the Stars and Stripes and Attorney E. G. Worden, a member of the Sons of Veterans, presided at the services dedicated to Memorial day. The Rev. E. L. Kechley opened the program with prayer and following this Miss Edith Foley sang "The Vacant Chair." Mr. Worden, in introducing the speaker of the day, briefly voiced some excellent sentiments regarding patriotism and the need of patriotic citizens.

Memorial C. State Librarian Helena speaker, delivered a mass entirely in keeping with the stately occasion. He drew from the history of the world and of the United States several great lessons for the problems which this country is facing today. History has shown us that a mighty unrest politically, educationally, economically, such as the United States is experiencing today, precedes some great crisis, and in the United States should be the uplift, salvation and peace of the entire world. History has shown that great crises have given birth to great men, and our own Memorial day, typical as it is of what American history has been, should serve to ever increase the obligation of what America should stand for in the future.

The history of the past is something definite upon which to base lessons which should sink deep into the heart of every American. First, patriotism and America above all. Second, a love for the flag and those things it symbolizes—purity, truth and sacrifice. Third, a reliance in God—the God that Abraham Lincoln trusted when he said:

"I do not doubt; I have not doubted for a moment that our country would finally come through safe and undaunted. I do not know how it can be. I do not rely on the patriotism of our people, although no people have rallied around their king as ours have rallied around me. I do not trust in the bravery and devotion of the boys in blue, though God never gave a general such an army as he has given me. Nor yet do I rely on the loyalty and skill of generals, although I believe we have the best generals in the world at the head of our armies. But the God of our fathers, who raised up this country to be a refuge and an asylum for the oppressed of all nations. He will not let it perish now."

Preparedness for Peace. In closing, Mr. Crego stated that he believed in preparedness with all his heart, but not the kind of preparedness which will make more of the kind of army and navy that we now have. It is essential that we have a great army and a great navy, but the man is greater than his munitions and the man is greater than the ship. Preparedness should begin with war against intemperance and vice; against waste and graft. Patriotism should be that of good morals before all, for, as the poet says, it is brave, high-minded men that constitute a state and it is the man behind the gun rather than the guns themselves.

When the speaker had closed his address the audience sang "America" and were once more deeply moved when Miss Foley sang, as a closing song, "Just Before the Battle, Mother."

The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Kechley.

Final Tribute. Immediately after the services the Judith Basin band, which had rendered a patriotic concert just preceding the services, led a procession of veterans, members of the Rifle association and others to the graveyard, where, as a final tribute to the soldiers buried there, a salute was fired and "taps" was sounded by buglers from the Elks trumpet corps. It was an impressive ceremony and one which did honor to the heroes who have passed beyond.

SUNDAY EVENING UNION SERVICE

The regular Memorial day exercises were preceded by the Sunday evening union service of Presbyterian church, where a large audience heard the address by Rev. C. M. Donaldson. A large group of old soldiers, Spanish-

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GERMANY WOULD WELCOME MEDIATION, BUT NOT PRESIDENT WILSON AS MEDIATOR

BERLIN, May 30.—(1 p. m.)—Via London, May 31.—(9:40 p. m.)—At the session of the Reichstag today Dr. Gustav Stresemann, national liberal, in an address rejected the idea that President Wilson would be available as a peace mediator.

"If you take a vote of the German people," said Dr. Stresemann, "only a small minority would accept President Wilson as a mediator after he has rendered it possible for our enemies to keep going in a military way by intensifying the possibility for the manufacture of munitions, after he has done nothing whatever to utilize the vast power of a great world state to guarantee the shipment of provisions to Germany; after we have found that he has ever raised his hand threateningly and proceeded against us with all his power when we tried to defend ourselves against the miserable starving out war."

"We would not reject the peace mediation of a really neutral power, possibly the president of Switzerland, but President Wilson's hand we reject and we believe a great mass of the German people approve our rejection of it."

The speaker's words were greeted with loud applause, mingled with many shouts of disapproval from the socialists.

Herr Hirsch, conservative, very sharply attacked the government, accusing it of weakness in dealing with the United States. He was answered sharply by Dr. Karl Helfferich, speaking for the first time as secretary of the interior.

Herr Hirsch, national liberal, asked: "Do you believe seriously that President Wilson wants to do anything favorable to Germany? You know he

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TO REACH A CLIMAX

Burleson Will Hear Testimony Given by His Fourth Assistant.

WASHINGTON NEWS

House Takes Up Work on General Revenue Legislation in Earnest. Three Bills Being Submitted Which Raise Approximately \$190,000,000 Additional Revenue—Export Statistics Assembled Indicate That Munition Shipments to Europe Will Pass the \$500,000,000 Mark Before the War Has Gone Two Years.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The clash between postoffice department officials and the senate postoffice committee is expected to reach a climax tomorrow when a special subcommittee of the full committee will lay before Postmaster General Burleson the testimony taken on the charge of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Blakeslee that the committee "had surrendered to the railroad" in framing the postoffice appropriation bill. Senators Bankhead and Townsend have arranged for an interview with Mr. Burleson at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Immediately afterwards a meeting of the full committee will be held to take action if the postmaster general's attitude is not satisfactory. Information reaching the capitol today was to the effect that Mr. Burleson would decline to reprimand his assistant or to ask for his resignation. In the event the committee plans to lay the matter before President Wilson.

The postmaster general was in conference in the afternoon for nearly an hour in the vice president's chamber, first with Vice President Marshall and later with Senator Swanson, who has been a warm supporter of the department's policies. It was denied later that the Blakeslee incident was the subject of either of the conferences.

REVENUE LEGISLATION.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Work on general revenue legislation was taken up in earnest today by the house ways and means committee democrats. Representative Hull of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, submitted drafts of three bills for the committee's consideration. One would increase the sur-tax of the income tax so as to raise approximately \$100,000,000 additional; another is designed to raise about \$50,000,000 by means of a tax on inheritances, and the third proposes a tax on munition plants through which some \$40,000,000 would be raised.

No conclusions were reached today. The democrats of the committee already have adopted the tariff commission plan, the anti-dumping clause and a provision designed to prevent unfair price discriminations in the sale of foreign-made goods.

WAR MUNITIONS.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Export statistics assembled today in the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce indicate that munition shipments to Europe will pass the \$500,000,000 mark before the war has gone two years. At the end of April guns and ammunition valued at \$388,000,000 had been exported.

AMENDMENTS TO NAVAL BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Amendments to the naval appropriation bill to provide for a \$11,000,000 armor plate plant, for \$3,500,000, instead of \$2,000,000, worth of aeroplanes for 273 additional sailors and for a bonus system to encourage the speedy private construction of warships, were adopted today by the house sitting as a committee of the whole.

Party lines were broken down on every vote. Twenty-three republicans and two progressives joined the democrats in voting for the armor plate proposal, the final vote being 165 to 91. Thirteen democrats lined up with the republicans on the additional aeroplanes amendment, which was carried, 129 to 103. The bonus and increased personnel amendments were adopted overwhelmingly without roll call.

Debate on the armor plate amendment, which already had been passed

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SIR KNIGHTS TO ATTEND CHURCH

ALL KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ASCENSION SUNDAY SERVICES.

AT ST. JAMES' NEXT SUNDAY

The Knights Templar of Lewistown commandery No. 14 will assemble at their asylum Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and prepare to attend the Ascension Sunday services at St. James church in full uniform, the order everywhere turning out on this occasion.

Eminent Commander W. D. Symmes will, on Sunday, be in command of the knights for the first time as the duly elected commander. The list of past commanders, all of whom will be in the line Sunday, is: E. Sir J. D. Waite; E. Sir J. W. Seiden; E. Sir Alexander B. Lehman; E. Sir Frank E. Wright; E. Sir O. F. Wasmandorf; E. Sir G. J. Wiedeman; E. Sir James E. Lane.

The newly elected officers assisting Eminent Commander Symmes are: C. E. Copeland, generalissimo; H. C. Brown, captain general; G. J. Wiedeman, prelate; Julian A. Sutter, senior warden; Burton R. Cole, junior warden; Samuel Phillips, treasurer; Rodney J. Anderson, recorder; Francis W. Sharpe, standard bearer; Albert W. Gates, sword bearer; Harry L. Fitton, warden; C. E. McKelvin, William Gardner, H. J. Clark, guards; H. J. Clark, sentinel.

Special Service. For this occasion the rector, the Rev. George Hirst, will deliver a special address to the knights and the Templar service will be carried out. Under the direction of T. P. Haller, organist, and Miss Edith Foley, the choir will carry out a special musical program.

It is the expectation of the eminent commander that every knight in the city on Sunday will assemble at the asylum at 10 a. m. without further notice.

MURDER TRIAL STARTS TODAY

PAT BERGER, CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE TO FACE JURY.

The first murder trial held in Fergus county in some time will begin this morning before Judge Ayers, when Pat Berger, charged with the murder of George Crawford last March, will be placed on trial for his life.

The state's case is pretty well understood through the testimony taken at the inquest. The theory of the defense will not be developed until the trial is begun, although the fact that Berger was formerly an inmate of the insane asylum, from which he escaped is expected to play a more or less important part in the trial. The state will be represented by County Attorney Frank A. Wright and his assistant, Raymond Dockery, while Merle C. Groene will have charge of the defense.

BALL FANS TO MEET AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce office there will be a meeting of all the baseball fans of the city, for the purpose of planning an amusement company. The building of baseball park equipment will be one of the chief topics of discussion and anyone interested who has teams or implements which he will loan for such work is requested to be on hand tonight and tell what he will do.

In conjunction with the baseball question, there will be another meeting on Saturday or Monday of all the managers of the various baseball clubs of the county. At that time a schedule will be outlined and plans made for an active county league.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Sunday was the twelfth birthday of Frieda Brinkman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brinkman, and to celebrate it she gave a party, inviting 12 of her girl friends. They spent the afternoon most enjoyably in playing games, and following this a dainty lunch was served.

Joseph A. Oron of Grass Range is a guest at the Fergus hotel.

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NEW NOTE WRITTEN

Carranza Renews His Previous Request to Withdraw Troops.

SAYS IT'S INVASION

Note Declares When the Second Expedition Crossed the Line After the Glenn Springs Incident, the Act Can Only Be Considered as One of Invasion, and He Invites the United States to Bring to an End This Unsupportable Situation by an Immediate Withdrawal of the American Troops—Other Mexican Matters.

MEXICO CITY, May 31.—Claiming that the words and protests of the United States have been entirely in contradiction of their acts in and in spite of protests not to interfere in the affairs of Mexico, soldiers of the United States have gone into Mexico without the consent of Mexico and in violation of Mexico's sovereignty, the Mexican government has asked for immediate withdrawal of the American troops. The request is made in a 12,000-word note, made public at the foreign office today about noon.

The note recites that the American troops crossed the border after the Columbus incident without the permission of the Mexican government. The act was not considered one of invasion then solely because the United States said it had misinterpreted the attitude of the Mexican government.

When the second expedition crossed the line after the Glenn Springs incident, the note maintains, the plea that this was done with the consent of the Mexican consul at Del Rio, Texas, is untenable and that act can only be considered as one of invasion.

"The Mexican government, therefore, invites the United States to bring to an end this unsupportable situation," the note concludes, "and to support its protestations and declarations of friendship by an immediate withdrawal of American troops."

Maintaining that the protestations of friendship by the United States and the expressed desire for non-intervention have been contradicted by the acts of the Washington government, the note says the time has arrived when Washington must declare itself clearly and unequivocally as to its future intentions toward Mexico.

After reciting the facts which led to the first crossing of the frontier by American troops, after the Villa raid at Columbus, the note insists that, in contradiction of the word of Generals Scott and Funston, another expedition crossed the boundary line, thus violating all the precepts of international law and committing an act of invasion.

"The American government," says the note, "has admitted that the work of the expedition which entered after the Columbus raid now is over. But in spite of this fact American troops still remain on Mexican soil. To contend that political disorder in this country justifies this act of the American military forces is in conflict with the repeated professions of the Washington government relating to non-interference."

The note points out that much of the trouble in Mexico is due to "the attitude of the United States in not punishing conspirators in the United States who have plotted the downfall of the present constitutional government and to the acts of Washington in refusing to permit the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico."

The note, which is addressed to Secretary Lansing, reads, in part, as follows:

"The Mexican government has just received advice that a group of American troops has crossed the frontier and penetrated Mexican territory, and at present is near a place called El Pino, some 70 miles to the south of the frontier. This newly effected passage of troops without the consent of the Mexican government places in grave danger the harmony and good relations which ought to exist between the governments of the United States and Mexico."

"This government must consider

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FATAL ACCIDENT AT BARNES-KING

DAVID LINDSAY AND JAMES McLEAN CRUSHED TO DEATH IN CAVE-IN AT THAT MINE.

ONE BODY BROUGHT TO THE CITY

At 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a cave-in of considerable size occurred in the workings of Barnes-King mine at Kendall, catching two well-known miners, James McLean and David Lindsay and crushing them to death, while another miner, named Wilson, was struck by some of the falling rock and injured, but not seriously.

A telephone message from Kendall to telephone message from Kendall stated that his arm was broken.

Coroner George Creel was notified of the accident along in the afternoon and at once went out to the camp by auto. The body of David Lindsay was recovered during the day and was brought to Lewistown by Mr. Creel Tuesday. At last report the body of James McLean had not been recovered, but a crew of men were preparing to work all night if necessary to uncover his remains.

The men who were killed both have families residing in Kendall. Lindsay is survived by a wife and two children and McLean by a wife and one child.

Coroner George Creel will go out to Kendall today to conduct the inquest in the case of James M. McLean and David Lindsay, the two miners who were crushed to death Tuesday in a cave-in at the Barnes-King mine.

Arrangements for the funerals have already been completed. There will be one service for the two victims of the accident, held at the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. tomorrow (Friday).

Mr. McLean was a member of the Masonic lodge at Coleman, Canada, and Dr. Frank Hagstrom, master of the Lewistown lodge, is in telegraphic communication with the master of the Coleman lodge. The local Masons will assemble at 1 p. m. and go to the church in a body and conduct the ritual of the order at the cemetery. Mr. Lindsay was an Eagle and the local lodge of that order will likewise attend the funeral.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TONIGHT

Denton lodge, No. 61, Knights of Pythias, the baby lodge of Montana, and one of the healthiest, will send in a big delegation of knights, together with two candidates, tonight, for initiation. All members of the Lewistown lodge and all visiting Knights of Pythias are urged to attend the meeting. At the request of Denton, Judith lodge, No. 30, will conduct the initiation, although the local knights insist that Denton has one of the best teams in the state.

Following the work, there will be a social session in the banquet room, when refreshments will be served.

WILL BE DOUBLE FUNERAL.

BILLINGS, May 31.—Holding tightly to her breast a dead baby, whose death she had concealed for hours fearing that she would be compelled to leave the train, Mrs. Hilda Alford of Viedel, Neb., arrived at Huntley, a small town near here, this morning to attend the funeral of her mother, and then collapsed. The mother, Mrs. Agnes McLean, wife of a rancher near Huntley, died yesterday morning and the daughter hesitated to start on the journey because her 5-month-old baby was in delicate health. Deciding that the baby could stand the trip she started for Huntley, but shortly before midnight the baby became violently ill and in spite of all her efforts to save it, died. Fearing to let the fact be known, the anguished mother held the little form tight to her for five hours until the journey's end. A double funeral will be held.

MRS. HARMON RETURNS.

Mrs. Belle Harmon returned Friday evening from Helena, where she has been attending the state Sunday school convention, which convened in Helena Thursday and Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Harmon states that this was the biggest convention of this kind that has ever convened in the state. Some of the speakers included Professor Locker, Mary Bryner and Professor Waite. Mrs. DeWolf and Miss Munroe, who accompanied Mrs. Harmon returned Saturday.

County Superintendent Lelia Baker has gone to Roy and that section to visit schools, and will return Saturday.

DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES.

Governor S. V. Sewart, Ex-Governor E. L. Norris of Great Falls and Dave Hilger of Lewistown have planned to meet in Billings June 10 and go from there via the Burlington to St. Louis, where they will meet Harry Gallaway, who is already in the east. The democratic national convention, where they are attending as delegates, will convene June 14. Other delegates from Montana will go at different times.

W. Barrere of Benchland is in the city on business.

MORTAL REMAINS OF J. J. HILL ARE BURIED ON FARM HE LOVED SO WELL

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 31.—Funeral services for James J. Hill were held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Mr. Hill's Summit avenue residence in the presence of members of the family and friends. Thousands of people lined the streets in the neighborhood of the home. Contrary to first arrangements, the services at the home were not private, several hundred friends and former business associates being admitted. Others thronged the grounds, unable to find standing room indoors.

At the conclusion of the services the body was taken by automobile to North Oaks farm, five miles north-

east of St. Paul, where burial was made on the shore of Pleasant lake. Hundreds of automobiles followed the body to the burial place.

At the home, two hymns, "Lead, Kindly Light," and "Just As I Am," were sung, and the Rev. Thomas J. Gibbons, pastor of the St. Paul cathedral, delivered a short sermon. He then read the ritual burial service of the Catholic church.

Among the prominent men who attended the funeral were Hale Holden, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; W. P. Clough,

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FRENCH ATTACK

Turn Offensive Against Germans and Capture Strong Position.

USE LARGE SHELLS

Seven Machine Guns and 225 Prisoners Are Taken When French Drive Germans From Slopes Southwest of Le Mort Homme—Austrians Have Taken Additional Points of Vantage From the Italians—Lake Region on the Russian Front Again Is Scene of Heavy Bombardments—No News From Greek Invasion.

The French troops northwest of Verdun in the region of Le Mort Homme have turned the offensive against the Germans and in a spirited attack have captured a strongly organized position on the slopes southwest of Le Mort Homme. Seven machine guns and 225 prisoners were taken in the attack, which was the only infantry fighting on Wednesday reported in the last French official communication. The town of Avocourt and Hill 304, in this immediate vicinity are under a heavy bombardment and shells of large caliber are being used. Bombardments are also in progress north of Verdun from the Meuse river to Fort Vaux and in the Hartmann's Weilerkopf region of the Vosges mountains.

On the Asiago-Ariano sector of the Austro-Italian front the Austrians have taken additional points of vantage from the Italians and put down attempts by King Victor Emmanuel's men to recover lost ground. According to the Austrian communications, during the present offensive they have captured 31,082 Italians and 298 cannon. The Italian war office admits the evacuation of positions at Monte Piavina and Punta Cordin, on the Asiago plateau.

The Lake region south of Divink, on the Russian front, again is the scene of heavy bombardments, probably due to more infantry fighting. Farther south, on the Volhynian front and along the Hemsarabian border there is increased activity by the Teutons and Russians.

Petrograd reports the capture of a Russian position in the region of Diarbekr, but says the Russians in a counter attack ejected the invaders.

Nothing new has come through concerning the invasion of Greek Macedonia by the Bulgarians and Germans, but in the extreme western part of the Balkan front the Austrians along the Vovousa river, in Albania, have pursued Italian patrols.

The British invasion of German East Africa continues, and has reached a strongly entrenched German position between the Egera mountains and the Tagnit river, where a fight seems very probable.

C. M. HALL SUCCEEDS MR. MORRIS AS WELLS FARGO AGENT

C. M. Hall yesterday took charge of the Wells Fargo express office here as agent, succeeding P. T. Morris, who leaves with his family today for Seattle, having been transferred to that important point to become commercial agent for the company.

Mr. Hall is direct from the superintendent's office at Seattle. He is a valued employee of the company and has had a thorough training in the express business.

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T. R. SAYS HE CANNOT JOIN FORD AND BRYAN IN WILD MENTAL JOY RIDES