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PRIMARIES WILL BE CALLED FOR EARLY IN FEBRUARY

Republican State Committee Meets in Columbus Today to Thresh out the Question of How the Delegates to the Convention Shall Be Selected.

This is the Solution Proposed for the Taft and Foraker Controversy in Ohio—Both Sides Claim they Will Win—Some Separate Rule May be Made to Apply to Certain Cities and Districts—State Convention May be Held in March With James R. Garfield as Chairman—Taft Men Seem to be in Control in Columbus.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Primaries early in February and state convention early in March, with James R. Garfield as chairman, are on the program for the Republican State committee meeting, which was held Thursday afternoon at the Neil House. The Taft men will control the meeting and will do as they please in so far as the dispute between Foraker and Taft is concerned.

Early primaries will be held to settle the question of whether Ohio favors Taft or Foraker for president. The fight will be upon this one issue alone and the result will be sent out to the nation as the State's choice of native sons. Then, say the Taft men, it doesn't matter when the convention is held, since it will do no more than formally ratify the result of the primaries.

The convention will be held early in March to give the candidates for state offices an opportunity to work among the delegates, irrespective of their choice for the president.

Senator Dick is here but says he will not inflict his personal desires on the committee. Taft members of the committee held a conference with Chairman Brown this morning.

By a vote of at least fifteen to six the Republican state central committee will today issue a call for a general primary election to select delegates to the state convention.

The primaries will be called for early in February, probably the first week, in all the counties of the state and are expected to settle decisively the choice of Ohio Republicans for the presidential nomination as between Secretary of

War Taft and Senator J. B. Foraker.

A statement given yesterday that the call would provide for the selection of delegates at county conventions or there would be exemptions from the primary plan in favor of the five large counties was emphatically denied last night both by officers of the committee and at Taft headquarters.

Overwhelmingly in control of the state committee and the party machinery the Taft adherents will insist upon primaries and a direct expression from the Republicans of the state. The Taft forces will also insist that the issue be put squarely before the voters. They want the call so framed that the rival delegate lists in each county will be headed by the names of the two presidential candidates. The Taft managers believe the state committee can exercise this authority irrespective of any powers lodged in the county committees.

The details of the call will be put before the entire committee for final solution today. The Taft managers want a blanket ticket in each county. How to get the names of delegate candidates on the primary ticket in each county is the stumbling block. Means of safeguarding the primaries from trickery and of preventing all but Republicans from participating are other problems with which the advance guard of the committee was wrestling last night.

Taft leaders believe the primaries will forever settle the question of supremacy as between Taft and Foraker. In consequence they are not now insistent for an immediate convention. The indications are that the convention will be set for a date from two to three weeks after the

primaries. This means that the convention may go over into the first or second week of March. Columbus will be selected unanimously as the meeting place.

The appointment of delegates will be on the basis of the vote for secretary of state at the last election. Each county will be entitled to one delegate from every 500 votes cast for Carmi Thompson at the head of the Republican ticket. This provides for a total of 815 delegates. Of this number the five large counties will have 251, divided as follows: Hamilton, ninety-six, Cuyahoga sixty-three, Franklin thirty-five, Montgomery thirty-three and Lucas twenty-four.

The Taft managers profess the utmost confidence in their control of the situation in the middle counties. With 408 votes necessary to a choice in the convention, the Taft leaders figure they will only have to get 157 delegates exclusive of the five large counties to absolutely control the convention.

The twentieth and twenty-first congressional districts will have a combined state convention delegation of seventy-two. The appointment gives Medina county five and Lake four delegates. The nineteenth district will have a total of thirty-nine delegates, divided as follows: Summit county fourteen. Continued on Page Four.

QUARRELS WITH EVELYN

Rumors Say that Harry and Evelyn Have Had a Fall out.

New York, Jan. 2.—On the eve of Harry Thaw's second trial, rumors are afloat that he has had a disagreement with his wife over some points connected with the defense. Considerable stress is being laid on the fact that Evelyn has ceased her daily visits to the Tombs. It was stated this morning that young Mrs. Thaw would visit her husband late Thursday. If she does it will be her first call since last Sunday.

ONE THOUSAND COAL MINERS ON A STRIKE
Cincinnati, Ky., Jan. 2.—It is estimated that 1,000 miners are on a strike in the western Kentucky coal field.

SEXTUPLE TRAGEDY

Man Murders His Wife and Four Children and Commits Suicide.

Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Word was received here today of the murder, according to today's advices, by Irving Baker of his wife and four children at Lehigh, Ulster county. Baker then committed suicide, it appears. The six bodies were found at the home, late last night, by neighbors. Baker is thought to have committed the crimes with a large knife, made from an old scythe, found near the bodies. He must have been wildly insane.

The suggested explanation of the sextuple tragedy is that Baker was inflamed by baseless jealousy of his wife.

FINDS STRYCHNINE

Chemist Declares That Rev. Albert Gish Died From Poisoning.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Dr. Haines, today announced that his analysis had determined the presence of strychnine in the stomach of Rev. Albert Gish, of Chambers, Illinois. Upon this report, the brothers of the minister, it is said would ask warrant at Eureka, Illinois, for the arrest of a relative of Rev. Gish. Rev. Gish died at Eureka, December 4, after attending a church meeting. The body was buried and his brothers acting on the words that had been dropped from time to time by the minister, had the body disinterred and an autopsy held.

TERRORISTS REMOVE ANOTHER "UNDESIRABLE CITIZEN"
Camden, N. J., Jan. 2.—Chief Harboff, of the provincial gendarmerie, was shot dead in a crowded street here today. He was a victim of terrorists' vengeance.

ANOTHER CLOSED BANK OPENS FOR BUSINESS

Washington, Jan. 2.—The First National Bank of Mingo Junction, Ohio, which closed its doors November 9 last, was today authorized by the comptroller of currency to re-open for business.

JURY WILL DISAGREE

This is the General Belief of Those Who Have Followed the Powers Case.

Georgetown, Ky., Jan. 2.—The fate of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the Goebel assassination, is now in the hands of the jury. Arguments were completed yesterday and the jury retired to deliberate at 9 o'clock this morning. The general opinion is that the jury will disagree.

FIFTEEN INJURED

Train is Wrecked and Burned but All Passengers Escape.

Barrie, Ont., Jan. 2.—The south-bound Penetang express, on the Grand Trunk railway, was derailed about seven miles north of here last night. The whole train, with the exception of the locomotive, rolled down a 40-foot embankment and made three turns before it reached the bottom.

A stove in the second car set the train on fire and it burned. All the passengers, of whom 15 were injured, were taken out safely. The injured were brought to a hospital here, where it is understood their injuries are not serious.

CANADIAN LINER NOW BELIEVED TO BE LOST

The Mount-Royal is Now Twenty-Five Days Overdue From Antwerp to St. Johns and no Word Has Been Received From Her—No Steamer Has Sighted the Liner—The Mount-Royal Carried One Hundred Passengers.

St. Johns N. B., Jan. 2.—As the hours go by and not a single word is heard of the whereabouts of the big Canadian Pacific liner, Mount Royal, now twenty-five days overdue from Antwerp, the belief is growing that the vessel has foundered in mid-ocean. No vessel arrived during the past three weeks has sighted the missing liner. Ships leaving days after the Mount Royal and following her usual course, saw nothing of her and all report encountering the worst kind of weather.

The Mount Royal carried nearly a hundred passengers. Officials of the line hope that a break in her machinery may be responsible for the delay. Captain Webster of the steamer Lake Champlain, which reached here last night, says he passed a four masted steamer off Sable Island, Monday. There is a faint chance that this may have been the Mount Royal.

WILL PROCEED AGAINST THE HARRIMAN LINES

Department of Justice Will Endeavor to Dissolve the Alleged Combine Between the Union and Southern Pacific, but no Action will be Brought Against E. H. Harriman, Personally.

Washington, Jan. 2.—It was stated at the department of justice today that, probably within ten days action will be begun somewhere west of the Mississippi valley with a view of compelling dissolution of the alleged combination between the Union and Southern Pacific railway systems.

It is intimated also, that the government has decided that it will be futile to begin proceedings against T. H. Harriman, personally.

RECEIVERS NAMED FOR SEABOARD AIR LINE

Slow Collections Following the Financial Crisis is Said to be Responsible for the Failure of the Company to Meet its Obligation—The Bounded Indebtedness of the Company is \$58,000,000.

Danville, Va., Jan. 2.—Davies, Warfield and R. Lancaster Williams have been named by Federal Judge Pritchard as receivers for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company. Judge Pritchard has consented to the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Baltimore, furnishing bonds for the new receivers, who will take charge of the affairs of the railway company at once.

The Seaboard is capitalized at \$62,000,000, operates 2,611 miles of track between Washington and Norfolk, Atlanta and Tampa. Its bonded indebtedness is \$58,000,000.

JAPANESE STAB THREE OF VANCOUVER'S FIREMEN

The Oriental Section is the Scene of Another Serious Clash Between Canadians and Japanese—Police Stop the Rioting and Lock up a Quartet of the Mikado's Subjects.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—A special Japanese in the fight, all trying to get at the white men.

The latter was borne to the ground and cut and slashed until the sidewalk and front of the store were covered with blood.

Only four arrests were made, as nearly all of the Japanese had scattered at the sight of the policemen. Anderson's two companions thought Anderson dead, and had been fighting over his prostrate form when the police came. Anderson's face was marked with many slashes up and down and from one side to the other. From the back of his car to his shoulder was a slit two inches deep that had only missed the jugular vein by a fraction of an inch. His body was also stabbed in half a dozen places. The other two men were cut and bleeding from wounds on their faces and arms. All were taken to the hospital. Three doctors worked over them for hours sewing up their wounds.

Anderson, accompanied by J. Frost and T. McDonald, were passing a Japanese store, when Frost stumbled and fell against the plate glass window front. The glass smashed and the fragments were still rolling on the sidewalk when a score of Japanese appeared from the inside and rushed at the trio of whites. The firemen were in uniform with brass buttons and official caps, but the Japanese knifed them furiously. Within three minutes there were dozens of

HUMOR OF THE OPERATIC STAGE



Caruso and Sembrich in Their Wonderful Impersonations as the Starving Artist and the Consumptive Mimi in "Le Bohème."

MUNCIE. IS THE SCENE OF FIERCE RIOTING

Striking Street Car Men Attack Cars, Wrecking Them and Injuring Passengers—Attack Renewed Today and Sheriffs and Police are Unable to Handle the Mob—Troops Will Probably be Called Out.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 2.—Five persons were injured and two street cars were riddled with stones here late yesterday afternoon in a riot that followed an attempt of the Indiana Union Traction company to run cars manned by strike breakers. The strikers followed the refusal of the company to re-sign the wage agreement that has been in effect for five years.

Realizing that the local police force was unable to cope with the situation Mayor Guthrie last evening appealed to Governor Hanly to send troops to Muncie, but the governor replied that he would send Col. Harry B. Smith to look over the situation and that he would act as the latter's report guided him. Repeated efforts by the sheriff to swear in deputies were fruitless. Not a man would

and Josie Williams, a Chicago strike-breaker, was badly cut. The men manning the cars retreated and were removed to the police station. Clarence Shipp was struck by a wad from a blank cartridge. Three other persons, whose names are unknown, were hurt.

The company has 150 strike-breakers housed for the night.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 2.—Riot was resumed today. The police and sheriffs seemed helpless. A crowd drove the crews from every car and broke out the windows.

The mob, of nearly 3,000, is now on its way to the Union Traction car barns and power station, which it is feared will be burned. Chief of police and fifty deputies are endeavoring to head off the mob.

Shortly after 4 o'clock two cars were started through the business section, but a mob had gathered and a shower of stones filled the air. Every window in the car was shattered

and it is believed the militia will be called out.