

WEST'S BURNING G.O.P. TRESPASS LEAGUE DESPITE

Confident Democrats Will Accept Invitation to Make Issue Burning Question of Campaign — Hopes for Definite and Well Defined Platform

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, June 17.—President Wilson, in a special interview given to the New York press today, was published tomorrow morning, said "I was extremely confident that the Democratic convention at San Francisco will welcome the acceptance by the Republican party of my invitation to make the league of nations the issue in this campaign."
"I am even more confident," the president said, "that such a referendum will confirm my faith that the American people desire it above anything else that a political party now may provide and that they will condemn the Republican policy for denying them the consummation of their hopes. No one will recommend a referendum on that issue more than I."
"I suppose I should feel flattered," he said, "in being named as the issue of the presidential campaign by the Republican party. But even the effort of the platform makers at Chicago to center the distinction of being not only a burning but a living issue by canonizing" the president's real issues "will not receive the people."
Claims Effort to Becloud Issues
"The processes by which the Chicago platform was accomplished seemed to me to have been essentially and methodically Prussian in inspiration and method. Instead of quoting Washington and Lincoln, the Republican platform should have quoted Bismarck and Bernhardi because the Republican attitude regarding the supreme issue that cannot be abandoned or disregarded strongly suggests the arbitrary influences that directed the policies of those two eminent persons."
"Every charge directed against me and my administration is obviously designed to becloud and negative the important issues confronting the American people to before their eyes, and responsibility and make violation of the obligations they have assumed to be of small consequence. I sincerely believe that the attempt of the Republican party to win a majority of the American people for its attempted evasion of these obligations will be decisively rebuffed. With one thing I am fully satisfied, that is that the Republican party in its platform has joined me in the suggestion I made in my letter to the guests at the Jackson dinner in Washington in January last. In that letter I expressed the hope that a sincere attempt would be made to determine the attitude of the American people on the league of nations by the resort to the genuinely democratic process of referendum."
Hopes for Clean Cut Platform
"Of course, I have no way of anticipating the probable trend of sentiment that will be expressed in the Democratic national convention at San Francisco or foreacting the ultimate conclusions of that body. But I have every confidence that the delegates who will sit in the hall of the convention will repeat the challenge I issued to the Republican party and express their determination to permit the people to decide between the vague and ambiguous declaration by the Republican party and the definite and positive expression by the Democratic party. Whatever else the Democratic party may do, I hope that its convention at San Francisco will say to the people that we are not ambiguous or evasive in doing so."
"This thing (the league of nations) lies too deep to permit of any political sculduggery. I am sure that the people will evade moral and humanitarian responsibilities much too solemn to treat so lightly or ignore."
"I should venture at this time not to discuss partisan politics, or to venture any prediction as to the probable attitude that the Democratic convention will take on any subject. I sincerely believe, however, that the vast majority of gentlemen who will sit in the San Francisco convention will appreciate the necessity and permanent value of keeping the word that America has given the rest of the world. The thinly veiled rejection of the principle of the league of nations by the Chicago convention will not fool any one. The attitude of Johnson says just what every honest man opposed to it in any form. One of these gentlemen is disingenuous and evasive and the other candidly hostile."
Confident in League
"It must be a trifle disconcerting to some Republicans," he added, "to have their party propose now to repudiate that which was approved a few years ago by some of their most important leaders. I am as confident today as I was when I returned from Paris finally in July last that the people of not only America but of the entire world, are in favor of the league of nations; that they would feel a greater sense of security if its benefits should be guaranteed; that they would not approve of their votes, if the policy of the Republican party, which is wholly political in intent and purpose, to deny them the protection that the league of nations assures."
"The Republican position," he added, "was more significant for evasion of joint responsibility in grappling with the problems that confront the country than for any moral approval of the position which they took. Republican leaders in congress cried aloud for the repeal of some of the measures which they well knew protected the people from more serious evils than they would have the country know."
"The Lever food control act has proved to be one of the most effective agencies in preventing depreciation at the expense of the people that almost any other measure now in operation. Time for repealing is not yet."
Says Public Fully Protected
"Republican charges a ponderous note of protest against the administration enforcement of the espionage act and some other measures that were vital necessities during the war. Yet I defy the Republicans to prove that the power given the government during the war has ever been unjustly appreciated against the people, that a single citizen has been unwarrantedly punished."

ARIZONA INDIAN LAND INSPECTOR KILLED BY AUTO

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 17.—John J. Torrell, United States inspector of Indian lands at San Carlos, Ariz., died here late today of injuries received Monday evening when he was struck by an automobile driven by an unidentified man. Torrell had been negotiating for a site in Shasta county as a home for some of the Arizona Indians and was on his way home to Arizona when he was injured here.

OFFICERS FLED IN ELWELL CASE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, June 17.—A 5 a. m. visit by a man and a woman to the home of Joseph B. Elwell, sportsman and whist player last Friday, the morning following the police investigation by the police today, seeking to unravel the mystery which so far has baffled all inquiry. The police and members of the district attorney's office were unwilling to admit the investigation by the police today, seeking to unravel the mystery which so far has baffled all inquiry. The police and members of the district attorney's office were unwilling to admit the investigation by the police today, seeking to unravel the mystery which so far has baffled all inquiry.

According to another chauffeur's version of the story, which he said was told him, the unnamed driver waited outside the Elwell house, which he, the couple entered, until a moment later the scream of a woman inside the house frightened him and he drove away.
Owner of Lingerie Frequent Visitor
Mrs. Larsen, Elwell's housekeeper, under vigorous questioning, told Assistant District Attorney Dooling that a young woman had come to the Elwell house shortly after the explosion and was discovered dying from the bullet wound in his head. Mrs. Larsen said this woman had visited Elwell several times before and was the reputed owner of the pink silk lingerie found in Elwell's bedroom.

District Attorney Swan admitted his belief that the woman was bent upon getting possession of the garments and other evidence of female occupancy of the Elwell apartment. He said that he had no reason to believe she was connected with the shooting.
For seven hours today Victor Von Schlegel, divorced husband of Mrs. Viola Kraus, was questioned in the district attorney's office regarding his movements on the night of the murder and the days preceding. According to Assistant District Attorney Dooling, Von Schlegel admitted having an revolver in his apartment, which he said he had never used, did not know whether it was loaded and could not tell its calibre. He had no knowledge of the whereabouts of the gun, he said.

Mr. Von Schlegel has accounted for practically every minute of the time from the Sunday before the murder up to the present time, and Mr. Dooling said Von Schlegel was examined in the presence of Lytle Fox, attorney for Mrs. Walter Lewisohn and her sister, Miss Kraus, who died with the victim before his death. Von Schlegel also had dined at the Ritz the same night with a woman companion, whose identity he revealed to his attorney but which has not been made public.

Accounts for Whereabouts
Von Schlegel, who is vice-president of a rubber company, told Mr. Dooling he returned to his apartment in the Knickerbocker chamber, 516 Second street near Fifth avenue about 11 o'clock Thursday night, went to bed and got up at 7:30 the next morning, having fasted in honor of his wife's death. The murder was discovered Friday at 8:30 a. m. by Elwell's housekeeper.

Asked whether Von Schlegel had seen Elwell on the night of the murder, he recognized Von Schlegel's greeting on the floor, Mr. Dooling replied: "I don't know. We are more interested in Elwell's murder than in some of the things that are cropping out."
District Attorney Swan announced tonight that Miss Kraus and Mrs. Larsen, the housekeeper, would be on the stand against tomorrow. He said the identity of the woman who owned the pink silk negligee, boudoir cap and slippers found in Elwell's home is still doubtful.

For any act of aggression or display against the nation, that any man has been punished for expressing his opinion. I have read charges to the contrary, but in each instance I have had the matter thoroughly looked into and I would care to defend any policy that I have deemed essential to the fullest protection of the national interest. That would be too much like offering to the country what I do not believe that I have deemed essential to the fullest protection of the national interest.

"The Republican and not the Democratic policy has been responsible for the failure of the Republican senate to ratify the Versailles treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations. The Republican policy of negotiation has been persisted in for the sole purpose of advancing Republican chances for winning the coming presidential election and has never reflected a sincere desire to ameliorate the effect of measures adopted for protecting the country in time of war. The Republican policy has been rather to exaggerate the effect of these measures."

Silent on Presidential Possibilities.
The president declined to discuss any possibility of a Democratic presidential nomination.

Convict Labor To Aid Harvest Kansas Decides

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
TOPEKA, Kan., June 17.—After a conference today with Warden J. R. Codring, a state conference of the Kansas State Penitentiary, Gov. H. J. Allen announced that plans have been made for harvest time parole of state convicts.
They will be sent direct to farmers upon request and their employer will be required to report daily. The money earned by convicts is to be turned over directly to the employer. Convicts who will not be exempted from the list, it was said, but only men of approved behavior records will be paroled.

PLANS TO BRING WAY TO MAKE CHICAGO U. S. WOOL CENTER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CHICAGO, June 17.—Steps to make Chicago the wool center of America were taken here today at a conference of wool growers and bankers with decision to name a committee to place the question before officials at Washington. The committee will be appointed by William J. Williams, president of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association, who presided.

Under the proposition approved by the meeting called by representatives of the American Wool Growers' association, the movement of the wool clip for 1920 would be financed by Chicago bankers, which would require \$100,000,000 annually. Heretofore this has been done by Boston banks, who have been compelled, it was said, to relinquish their financial support due to demands for funds from other sources.

It was announced that the plan was favorably received by Chicago financiers, who, it was added, desired cooperation and support of western bankers in the extension of the credits requested. The fund, it was stated, would be used to finance warehouses, where the bulk of the product is stored, pending better market conditions.

Senators Hitchcock of Nebraska, Walsh of Montana, Pittman of Nevada, Chamberlain of Oregon, and Kingsley of Utah, in calling the conference. Conditions in the wool market, they said, in summing the bankers and growers, were similar to those prevailing with cotton in 1914, there being neither actual or speculative demand, with the wool growers unable to obtain loans to finance their awaiting a profitable market.

CLAIM MEXICAN TREASURY SHORT 1,800,000 PESOS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MEXICO, June 17.—There is a shortage of 1,800,000 pesos in the treasury as a result of currency devaluation during the Carranza administration, "by the superior command" to Gen. Francisco Murguira, former minister of war; Luis Cabrera, former minister of finance; General Alvarez, General Beltranga and others, according to an official statement issued today.
Brig. Gen. P. Elias Calles, minister of war, has ordered the military government to return to the railroad administration within 72 hours under severe penalties. The army has more than 5000 cars, according to El Universal today.

The military leaders are in favor of a reduction in the army to 50,000 men, according to a symposium in El Demócrata, quoting President de la Huerta, General Calles, General Obregon, General Alvarado, General Trevino and other military men. These chiefs say the soldiers should lay down their rifles and take to the plow.
General Covarrubias was named today as secretary for foreign relations.

100 SINN FEINERS STORM BARRACKS OF POLICE; CAPTURE 2

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
COOKSTOWN, Ireland, June 17.—A hundred Sinn Fein men today stormed the police barracks here and drove the police to the upper part of the building. They captured two police constables and withdrew after two hours' fighting.
Cookstown is a strong Tyrone unionist center. Ulster volunteers were aroused by the gunfire and mobilized, but were not asked to assist. They were ready to assist if the Sinn Fein constable was severely wounded by fusillades by the raiders.
Dungannon police later intercepted a Sinn Fein party, who were returning to town, and arrested a man suffering from dangerous gunshot wounds. The police assert that two other raiders were shot.

Request Nominees To State Position On Prohibition Act

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
CHICAGO, June 17.—Senator W. G. Harding and Governor Calvin Coolidge, nominees of the Republican national convention, have been requested to state the stand they will take on prohibition, according to an announcement made tonight by Virgil G. Hinshaw, chairman of the prohibition national committee. A telegram, he said, was sent to each yesterday reading as follows:

Do you favor increasing the percentage of alcoholic content beyond one-half of one per cent in refraction of intoxicating liquors now on federal statute books?
Mr. Hinshaw added that Senator Harding's secretary, in reply, had wired that the senator "declines to discuss any issue until he makes his formal acceptance in July."
No answer has been received from Governor Coolidge.
BELGIAN ASSAULTS EX-KAISER
DORP, Belgium, June 17.—There are persistent rumors in the village that the former German emperor has been assaulted by a Belgian, who showing a forced pass, gained admittance to Dorp castle, it is asserted that the former emperor was wounded in the jaw and that the Belgian was arrested. It has been impossible thus far to ascertain whether these rumors are true.

GOMPERS BEATEN BY F. O. L. IN VOTE FOR GOVT RAIL OWNERSHIP

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
MONTREAL, June 17.—The American Federation of Labor's endorsement today of government ownership of the railroads at its annual convention here, was declared by labor leaders tonight to have been the first genuine defeat Samuel Gompers, its veteran president, has suffered in years. The final vote was 29,569 for government ownership and 8,349 against.

The decisive vote, it is reported, prompted the labor chief to state before the convention late today that he was not "quite sure" he would be a candidate for re-election.
Mr. Gompers fought hard against the convention's endorsement of government ownership of the railroads. He received only a mild ovation.

The United Mine Workers and the power of the railroad workers' organization combined to bring about Mr. Gompers' defeat. They also had the support of the machinists' union and the metal trade organization, all powerful voting blocs.
Endorse Executive Council
The carpenters' union and the building trades organization stood loyally by Gompers, but were overwhelmed by the opposition's action. The executive council whose members supported Mr. Gompers, are said to be placed in an embarrassing position. They may resign or, if they are not so disposed, they will have to resign, it was stated.

Supporters of Mr. Gompers declared tonight that they would give him the leadership of the federation and stand up for re-election for the thirtieth time.
Despite the protests and desires of Mr. Gompers, the convention increased his salary as president from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year. In making an appeal to the delegates not to give him an honorarium, Mr. Gompers declared that \$10,000 is all sufficient for a man living in the ordinary modes of life to satisfy him and his needs.

The salary of secretary Frank Morrison also was increased from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year. Organizers' wages were increased from \$48 to \$50 per week and the traveling allowance from \$4 to \$8 per day. This was declared to be necessary owing to the high cost of living.
The convention called up congress to amend the constitution to establish a permanent bureau in the department of labor, with ample appropriations, to be under the jurisdiction of the executive council was instructed to render all possible assistance to "abolish present unreasonable speed tests, time measurements and other regulations in the postal service."
The council will aid civil service employees to obtain the right to a hearing and appeal from the judgment of officials in cases involving demotion or dismissal.

Condemns Military Training in Schools
The federal senate today adopted a decision that the rights of free speech and free press and assembly are inalienable ones and are beyond the power of any judicial, legislative body or administrative agency to qualify, modify, abrogate or suspend.
The proposal of James Duncan of Quincy, Mass., for an initiative and referendum on the whole membership of the organization upon demand of five per cent of the local unions.

Military training in the schools was condemned as a menace to the development of mechanical and unquestioning obedience which results in the killing of initiative. Compulsory military training was also declared "unnecessary, undesirable and un-American."
"The moral support" of the federation was voted to the 10,000 striking miners and coal miners and the constitution was defeated after a lively debate. The proposal would have permitted the submission of any general proposition to the whole membership of the organization upon demand of five per cent of the local unions.

CONTINUE MARTENS' HEARING TO JULY 8
[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Absence of former Senator Hardwick caused for Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, and presentation of a lengthy statement in behalf of the Soviet agent prevented completion today of the deportation hearing of Martens at the department of labor.
Continuation of the hearing was postponed until July 8 to give the government opportunity to examine Martens' statements and to permit the presence of Hardwick at the final session.

FATE OF "POCKET VETO" MEASURES STILL A MYSTERY

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The ten-day period afforded President Wilson under a ruling by Attorney General Palmer to approve or veto ten measures enacted by congress during the closing days of the recent session expired tonight without announcement from the White House as to action taken.
White House officials said tonight that the fate of the ten measures, together with the action on the water power bill, the time limit on which expired Friday, might be revealed tomorrow.

White House is Costly Luxury For 1919 Year

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Governmental expenditures from July 1, 1919, to May 31, 1920, amounted to \$20,775,535,858, according to a statement tonight of the treasury. Expenditures were heaviest during September when \$4,475,937,701 was spent, and lightest in November, when \$611,307,764 left the treasury. Exclusive of \$1,503,947,752 expended by the treasury, \$951,224,703 charged to federal control of railroads and the transportation act of 1920 was the largest single item of the departmental expenditure.

The navy department stood third in the list of expenditures for the period with a total of \$723,717,269 and the department of labor last with \$5,064,246. White House expenses were listed as \$6,702,833 and congressional at \$17,656,112. Payments on the public debt amounted to \$14,846,554,373.

BALFOUR OUTLINES LEAGUE WORK AND PLANS FOR FUTURE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LONDON, June 17.—A. J. Balfour, lord president of the council, outlining the work of the league of nations today, said that the league would be the work done towards setting up the organization of the league of nations in its present position, and its prospects in the immediate future, said that the league had already been able to perform considerable service to the committee of nations. The secretary was now, broadly speaking, adequate for the immediate duties of the council and an office had been organized for the registration of treaties.

Probably the most important aspect of the pact, said Mr. Balfour, was that in the future no contracts between nations would be valid unless open to inspection and the change to open diplomacy, he thought, would be beneficial.
"If the league fails to promote a diminution in armaments," Mr. Balfour continued, "much of its value will be gone and we will have to admit that it has failed to carry out the great expectations entertained with regard to its future activities."

Mr. Balfour's statement, Cecil Harmsworth, under secretary of foreign affairs, answering a question, said that 175,000 pounds had been contributed for the use of the league of nations by its members to June 15. No information was forthcoming as to the amount contributed by each member.

Galveston Youth Bubonic Plague Victim, Report

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
GALVESTON, Texas, June 17.—The death of a 17-year-old youth here yesterday after a brief illness, "probably due to bubonic plague," according to a diagnosis made public tonight by Dr. M. F. Boyd, professor of bacteriology at the State Medical college, led to a dispatch health service report here to help prevent possible spread of the disease. In a statement to the public tonight, the committee in charge asks citizens to catch all rats and mice and to dispatch health service reports here to help prevent possible spread of the disease.

Following a conference this afternoon, presided over by Mayor H. O. Sappington, it was decided to ask Surgeon General Cummings at Washington to dispatch health service reports here to help prevent possible spread of the disease. In a statement to the public tonight, the committee in charge asks citizens to catch all rats and mice and to dispatch health service reports here to help prevent possible spread of the disease.

Defeat Changes In Membership Clauses

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
DES MOINES, June 17.—Proposed changes in the membership clauses of the General Federation of Women's clubs were rejected this afternoon at the federation's biennial convention. There was considerable discussion before the vote was taken. The opposition had a large majority.
The proposed change was that membership in the general federation be by individual clubs, cease and hereafter all clubs should first be affiliated with their respective state organizations and through them with the national federation.
The plan was read by Mrs. George W. Plummer and thrown open immediately to discussion. There were few advocates of the change.

Editors Organize To Purchase Paper Is Bubonic Plague

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
NEW YORK, June 17.—One hundred daily newspapers of the country "without print paper supply and largely dependent on open market purchases," have arranged to organize the publishers' purchasing corporation under the laws of the state of Delaware for the purpose of co-operative buying of print paper and paper mills. It was announced by the officers of the new corporation included:
W. J. Pape, Waterbury, Republican; President; W. W. Weaver, Durham; C. S. Sun, vice president; Jason Rogers, New York Globe, treasurer; G. W. Marble, Fort Scott (Kan.) Tribune-Monitor, secretary. An executive committee to carry on the work with Jason Rogers as chairman was elected.

TOY TELEPHONE KILLS THREE
FAIRMONT, Va., June 17.—Martin Debeskey and his two children were electrocuted and Mrs. Debeskey was injured near their home at Monongahela, Va., today when wires leading from a toy telephone, with which the children were playing, came in contact with a high-tension traction wire.

TURKISH-SOVIET ALLIANCE FOR REVOLUTION AGAINST BRITISH RULE UNEARTHED

[Republican Associated Press Leased Wire]
WASHINGTON, June 17.—Details of the much heralded uprisings in the Mohammedan world against British rule and in favor of Turkish nationalists and Bolsheviks were received here today in official advices.

The reports confirm advices from Moscow and Munich which were received some time ago by the state department. Enver Pasha, Djemal Pasha and Talat Pasha, Turkish nationalist leaders, were reported to have conferred with Vladimir Lenin and Leonid Brezhnev at Moscow. Plans for uprisings in the Mohammedan world coincident with a Bolshevik thrust on Persia and India were said to have been laid at these meetings. A force of 150,000 troops, commanded by General Kuropatkin, was promised the Mohammedan world by Lenin at Moscow, it has been reported.

Train Turks for Uprising
Following the two conferences, a training school was established at Moscow for representatives of the Turkish nationalists, according to the official dispatch propagated today. From this school, after a rigorous course of instruction in the plans and objects of the conspiracy, groups of from 10 to 20 and 50 of the "young Turks," it is said, were sent to Persia, Afghanistan, India, Egypt, Georgia, Azerbaijan and Bulgaria to promote the intrigue and make ready for the march southeastward of the Bolshevik army from Persia to India and southwestward toward Egypt.

Enver Pasha, chief of the Turkish nationalist conspirators, it was reported, arrived in Berlin for a second visit last week, acting as the chief liaison officer between the Bolshevik, German revolutionists and "young Turks." Djemal Pasha was reported in press dispatches yesterday to be in Moscow and Talat Pasha for the present is making Switzerland his headquarters. According to the official reports, the Turkish nationalist and Bolshevik propaganda has been particularly effective among the political Egyptian tribesmen, the Senouzi, in the Libyan desert. The situation there is reported critical.

Official reports received here for several months have told of unrest in India and the effectiveness of the "young Turks' propaganda there. Complete cessation of business as a protest against the British policy of the Kalkatta was observed recently by Hindus, Parsees, and Moslems alike, resulting in what was described as "an unprecedented general strike."
Plans Carefully Laid
Generally the plans of the Bolsheviks were said to include the diversion of British attention from Mesopotamia to Egypt and Persia. It was reported that their sweep eastward at the moment when the Bolsheviks were prepared to push into Persia. Occupation of Thrace by Greek troops would be taken as a sign of the British policy of the Balkans and local disturbances in Syria and Palestine have been prepared to supplement the major outbreaks in India and Egypt.

Officials here also reported that the Bolsheviks are reported to be pledged to give any military support necessary to Turkey to advance their policy of the already formidable Bolshevik Turkish nationalist-German plot against the Mohammedan dominions of the British empire.

COULD NOT ATTEND S. S. CONVENTION TO FURTHER CANDIDACY

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]
LOS ANGELES, June 17.—Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, candidate for the Democratic nomination for president, will not attend the Democratic national convention at St. Louis, it was announced here tonight by Edward Moore, national campaign manager for Governor Cox.
Mr. Moore said it had been decided it would be impracticable for Governor Cox to leave his office in an effort to obtain the presidential nomination.
Mr. Moore and Norman E. Mack, Democratic national committee man from New York, were here a few hours en route to San Francisco, where they will attend the convention. Mr. Moore said that he had been criticized the platform adopted by the Republican party at Chicago. Failure to deal with the Irish question he characterized as "stupid." Mr. Moore said that rumor that Governor Cox would accept the Democratic nomination for vice president were without foundation. It is reported that Mr. Moore will be in Chicago for Governor Cox. Mr. Moore announced.
W. J. Jamieson of Shenandoah, Iowa, director of finance for the Democratic national committee, arrived here today from Chicago. He will leave for San Francisco Saturday.

INCREASED FREIGHT RATES OPPOSED BY FARMERS-TRADERS

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Farmers and grain traders presented differing views as to the effect proposed freight rate increases, asked by the railroad commission, on the interstate commerce commission, in a hearing today.
Urging the commission to reach its decision which "discriminates against agriculture or in favor of any other industry," E. Needham of Lane, Kan., representing the Kansas State Grains and Kansas Agricultural Council, opposed any flat rate increase on grain. Protesting against the application of percentage advances and contending against any disturbance of rate relationships, A. E. Vandegriff of Louisville, Ky., presented a petition asking the commission to preserve the equalizations on grain between the markets of Cairo, Ill., Cincinnati, Evansville, Ind., Henderson, Ky., Memphis, St. Louis, New Orleans, Omaha, Kansas City, Nashville and Louisville.

"Farmers do not ask discrimination in rates on farm products," Mr. Vandegriff declared, "but we vigorously protest against discrimination in favor of any other commodity, and we wish to express our disapproval of these demands heard here in which many of the great, most influential of the United States have been seeking selfish advantages."
NOT TO SCRAP TURKISH TREATY
LONDON, June 17.—There is no intention of scrapping the Turkish treaty, as has been reported, so far as the British government is concerned, it was learned today. But it was intimated that the British are willing to make important modifications in the hope of stabilizing the near east situation.

Conditions in that part of the world are rapidly becoming worse from a British standpoint, and the British ministers are declared to be willing to change some of the clauses of the treaty, most of which are in the hands of the British, in order to make important modifications in the hope of stabilizing the near east situation.

STEAMERS FAST IN ICE
SEATTLE, Wash., June 17.—The steamers Victoria, Corvina and Ethel Thompson, pioneers of this season's attempts to reach Bering sea ports, are fast in the ice 60 miles northward from St. Michaels, Alaska, according to wireless reports received here today. They are said to be in no danger.