

## WILSON BLAMED FOR RAILROAD STRIKES

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### MYSTERY BOOM FOR McADOO STILL ALIVE

Arrival of William Jennings Bryan Expected to Start Wet and Dry Fireworks

SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—First guns of the Democratic national convention were fired today when the national committee met to draw up the temporary roll of delegates. Three contests had been called to the committee's attention but only one, that involving the Missouri seat, was given the delegation from that state, promised more than routine interest. A one contest struggle from Georgia, has been officially filed with the committee.

The Georgia contest results were expected by party leaders to be settled in favor of delegates friendly to the candidacy of Attorney General Palmer for the presidential nomination, the decision being made by the nomination of Clark Howell as national committee man from that state. There appeared to be no question as to the result in what was described as a "clear case" where statutory provisions in the state and party rules dictated the course of the committee.

The third contest, from Oregon, was not regarded as a serious one and might not be made material at all. In fact, national committee officials did not know before they assembled to examine credentials whether appearance was to be made in any of the contest cases.

Overnight developments showed two matters that have been in a nebulous state since the Democratic leaders arrived here to be approaching more definite shape. These were the mysterious and persistent boom for nomination of William Jennings Bryan, and the expected deadlock between the leading candidates, Palmer and Governor Cox of Ohio, should develop.

Plans for McAdoo. McAdoo adherents were said early today to be shaping their plans to withhold his name from the balloting throughout the early part of the convention. They have learned that the former secretary of the treasury has still a strong following, but are said to feel that in view of his attitude it would not be expedient to present his name as one of the expected deadlock between the leading candidates, Palmer and Governor Cox of Ohio, should develop.

On the prohibition enforcement question, heretofore the most prominent subject in discussion in convention circles, there developed yesterday a sudden movement to ignore the question entirely in the platform. Suggestions of this nature came to Chairman Cummings of the national committee from camps representing various shades of opinion ranging from home-dry to abstemious. It is said that these feelings toward a harmony program were not clear enough, however, to show that all parties to the contest had agreed on a resolution that such a course would be wise.

While it was pointed out that the Virginia Democrats had followed the course of silence on the prohibition subject in framing the platform which President Wilson has approved, which might indicate the administration attitude, it was suggested, much depends on the course W. J. Bryan plans to follow on his arrival today. He is credited with having determined to carry the war in the enemy's country in meeting the "wet" element at the platform which began more than a week ago, and offer an emphatic home-dry declaration on his own account.

The movement for platform silence on the prohibition measure is said to have sprung in part from consideration of this report as to the Nebraskaian's plans. Some at least of his advocates are said to desire now to head off a vote on such a home-dry program as a matter of expediency. If the issue were forced to a conclusion on the platform struggle, these strategists argued, it might be more prejudicial to their hopes for modification of the Volstead act than beneficial, while complete silence would leave party representatives in Congress free to act.

There was increasing activity on all sides today among workers for various presidential candidates. The first of the large delegations will arrive within the next two days and preparations for missionary work among the members were in progress. Various combinations for the ticket were being talked over with a view to arranging to secure for this or that aspirant votes to be brought to the standard through a pre-arranged agreement as to the vice-presidency. None of these tentative tickets appeared, however, to have more behind it than speculation of campaign managers.

## MUST RATIFY TREATY HOOVER SAYS BURNS SAVES SPURNED WOMAN MURDERED ELWELL

### FUR COAT THEFT EPIDEMIC LEADS TO DISCLOSURES

NEW YORK, June 25.—An epidemic of thefts of heavily insured fur coats just at the time when their owners had no further immediate need for them, has resulted in an investigation which will bring many of the owners to trial on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, R. R. Brown, vice president of the American Surety company, announced today.

### GREEKS CAPTURE THOUSANDS OF TURKISH TROOPS

### Entire Army Corps Surrounded and Seized With Guns and War Supplies

LONDON, June 25.—The Greek legation here has received official information that the Greeks campaigning against the Turkish nationalists in Smyrna district, surrounded a Turkish army corps in Philadelphia (Ais-Shehr, 33 miles east of Smyrna), taking 8,900 prisoners with guns and other booty.

### METHODISTS SEND PARTY OF 86 MISSIONARIES

NEW YORK, June 25.—Eighty-six missionaries, the largest number ever sent out in one year by the Methodist Episcopal church, will sail from New York in a few days, it was announced, to aid in the working out of the century program in foreign lands. They will go to posts in Africa, China, India, Malaya and other missionary fields.

### WOMAN AND 3 CHILDREN BOMBED BY STRIKERS

WATERBURY, Conn., June 25.—Five workers who had persistently refused to join a strike of local machinists and three children, miraculously escaped death this morning when a bomb was hurled through the window in the dwelling at 23 1-2 Railroad Hill street, blowing out all the windows in the house and demolishing one side of the structure.

### RUMANIAN PRINCE LANDS FOR JAPANESE WELCOME

TOKIO, June 23.—Prince Carol of Rumania, who will make a formal visit to Japan, arrived today and was received with royal honors.

### FAMOUS SLEUTH HAS THEORY OF N. Y. MURDER

### Detective Says Woman Could Easily Have Pulled Trigger of Automatic

POINTS TO ELWELL'S MODE OF LIVING Burns Declares Slain Man's Housekeeper Could Tell More About Killing

By JAMES HENLE, N. E. A. Staff Correspondent. NEW YORK, June 25.—There is no great mystery about the Elwell murder, William J. Burns, internationally famous detective said to me today.

"It was committed in all probability by a woman, and by a woman who had spent the greater part of the night in Elwell's home pleading with him not to shoot her off."

"The fact that the murder was committed with a 45 calibre automatic does not remove the possibility of a woman being responsible," said Burns. "The trigger of an automatic pulls very easily and the necessary is a slight pressure, and indeed it is a weapon that a desperate, infuriated woman might well be supposed to have used. It is the situation in your mind and discard the unnecessary features."

"Elwell has lived a free and easy life with women. Then the report circulates that he is about to re-marry. He even goes so far as to engage a home for the Saratoga racing season in the name of 'Mr. and Mrs. Elwell.'"

"The woman who has been on intimate terms and who possesses the key to his city house. She comes there the night preceding the murder. She waits for him until he gets home."

### DEMOCRATS GET DEMANDS FROM 750,000 FARMERS

### George P. Hampton Presents Program Which Agriculturists Want Party to Adopt

By MAX STERN, Staff Correspondent. SAN FRANCISCO, June 25.—George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, is in San Francisco to tell the Democrats what 750,000 American farmers want.

His program, practical, rejected at Chicago, is constructive, but radical enough to have won the enmity of the 25,000 men whom Hampton says "control one-third of the wealth of the United States."

Their plans consist of five main planks, and any party that wants the support of the great farmers' organizations, banded under the council's head must nail them on its platform.

1. Government ownership of railways and merchant marine. 2. Control of the packers through such legislation as the Kenyon-Anderson bill laying special stress on the meat sector which provides a scientific development of a new marketing system.

3. Adequate and cheap credits through the broadening of the Farm Loan banks. 4. Liquidation of the war debt by taxation of privilege instead of industry.

5. The continuance of the Federal Trade commission, which has been of the greatest help to the people in their fight against the high cost of living, the packers' domination of food and other matters.

### ELIMINATION OF ARTICLE 10 OF LEAGUE URGED

### Hoover Says Talk of Negotiating New Treaty of Peace Is "Bunk"

HE'D REMOVE THREAT OF MILITARY ACTION Substitution of "Moral and Economic Power" for Sol-dieri Favored by Herbert

NEW YORK, June 25.—Speedy elimination of the treaty of Versailles, after the elimination of Article X of the league of nations covenant, was urged by Herbert Hoover in a statement published today in the New York Evening Post as the platform on which the Republican party should stand in the coming presidential election.

Mr. Hoover took the stand that the implied threat of employment of military force to guarantee the integrity of foreign states was out of place in a league which he declared was "the product of the liberal ideals of the world."

"It appears to me to be time to raise the question," said Mr. Hoover, "as to whether this same cause is to be guaranteed by the use of military force that has brought about the dissolution in the United States is not also undermining the league."

Mr. Hoover declared that sooner or later the United States must ratify the treaty of Versailles in some form and that talk of negotiating a new treaty was "bunk."

"The treaty of Versailles," he said, "is the charter of independence of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland and the warrant of increased national territory of several great nations."

### HAIL, AS LARGE AS APPLES, SHATTERS WYOMING HOUSES

### Cheyenne, Wyo., June 25.—Hailstones as large as apples crashed through roofs at Hillsdale, twelve miles from here and reduced two farm buildings near there to kindling wood, according to telephone reports last night.

No injuries were reported. Some of the hail stones were said to be eighteen inches in circumference. Emile Busch, a Cheyenne motorcyclist, rode into the storm but was compelled to dismount and crawl under the side car. Motorists were forced to crawl under their cars, the tops offering no protection.

### SNIPERS STILL BUSY DESPITE TROOPS' ARRIVAL

### Soldiers Dispersed Looters and Fired Upon Disorderly Londonderry Crowds

LONDONDERRY, June 25.—Londonderry, since Friday last, the scene of violent street warfare between unionist nationalists and Sinn Fein factions, has returned to normal conditions. The banks and many shops were open and people ventured into the streets. The food supply was short, however, and the town still was without gas.

Snipers Still Busy. Snipers were busy in Londonderry during the past night, according to a Central News dispatch from that city. Troops fired on disorderly elements several times and also dispersed looters.

Series of Outrages. BANTRY, County Cork, Ireland, June 25.—What was apparently a concerted series of outrages against Sinn Feiners occurred here last night, one death and the burning of several houses and several shops resulting.

Right to Decide. SCARBOROUGH, Eng., June 25.—At the labor party conference here a resolution was adopted declaring that the Irish people have the right to decide for themselves what their form of government shall be.

### ONE BIG UNION IS MENACE, SAYS TRAINMEN HEAD

### Recognized Railway Union Officials Meet in Chicago to Discuss Situation

CHICAGO, June 25.—Heads of fifteen railway men's organizations in conference here today declared the rail situation the most menacing they have been called upon to face since the war and expressed doubt of their ability to prevent complete "paralysis of transportation" unless they are given co-operation by the railway labor board now considering wage demands.

The men have reached the breaking point in patience, declared W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. "Demands of my organization have been presented more than a year but the daily-dallying policy of the administration has them still pending. In the meantime the men are leaving railroad work for more than 100,000 or are being expelled from the industry."

Effort is made to keep men in line. President W. G. Lee warns "Powers that Be" of what "Can Be Expected."

President Lee said no strike is contemplated by union officials. "It is becoming increasingly more difficult to find one member of the Brotherhood, however," he said. "They are becoming prey to red propaganda."

One of the biggest dangers to be faced now, Mr. Lee said, is the one big union idea, propaganda of which is responsible for the sporadic strikes now going on. It is up to the powers to decide whether they want the one big union, which was called strike in 1894, or whether they want the strong, sane organizations which have kept the men in a reasonable mood for many years.

FIST FIGHT ON FLOOR STOPS SOCIALIST MEETING. MADRID, June 25.—The fourth day of the socialist congress was productive of an uproar when the socialist deputy, Prieto, accused the syndicalists of interfering in politics, contrary to their principles. Wurttemberg socialists who were in the galleries immediately descended to the floor and fighting, in which fists and canes were freely used by both delegates and spectators, ensued.

STATE OF SIEGE AFTER RIOTS IN GERMAN CITY. LONDON, June 25.—A state of siege has been proclaimed in Ulm, Germany, where numerous persons were killed during Tuesday's food riots, says a dispatch from the London Times. In Leiden, Holland, a detachment of citizens defense force was attacked by communists, who seized all their rifles. The municipal officers there are being supervised by communists.

JAP LAW STUDENT HELD FOR SELLING WAR MAPS. TOKYO, June 23.—A law student named Sekizawa was arrested on a charge of selling war maps and an alleged accomplice whose name is also being detained. The maps the men are said to have sold concerned Siberia where Oyama was employed by the government surveying party.



Geo P. Hampton