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HOOVER GAINS POWER FROM DIVIDED FOES

Failure of Opposition to Agree Gives Secretary Added Strength.

FARM FACTION BUSY

Little Sign of East-West Combine That Might Prove Dangerous.

BY JOHN M. GLEISSNER, Scripps-Howard Staff Correspondent

KANSAS CITY, June 9.—Herbert Hoover's position remains unbroken under the concerted attack of the farm belt allies.

The organization formed by the Lowden-Watson-Goff-Curtis groups is exceedingly active. Meetings and conferences are held constantly. Statements are issued, and there are predictions of success and threats of party disaster.

When all is said and done, however, it is impossible to see where the probable outcome of the convention has been changed in any way, or how it can be changed.

Allies Divided

There are no evidences of a coalition between the eastern and western anti-Hoover factions which might bring into being a really formidable organization.

Charles D. Hilles, New York national committeeman, told friends today he has not abandoned his intention of seeking the nomination of President Coolidge in the absence of a new and specific declaration from the President. According to Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, a Lowden leader, there has been nothing done toward uniting the two opposition camps. The differences between them apparently cannot be bridged.

The weaknesses of the allied organization are numerous and many of their efforts are at cross-purposes. They have not agreed on a candidate to whom their strength will be thrown if they succeed in stopping Hoover, and this absence of a definite objective is a handicap. The farm organization leaders are open in their criticism of Coolidge. Lowden and Watson spokesmen insist they are not anti-administration, and that the allies are not concerned in the farm protest.

Curtis Keeps Out

There are evidences that Senator Curtis is not in full sympathy with the allied cause. He has remained away from Kansas City, and has opened no headquarters. Albert Newman, one of the Curtis managers, sits in at meetings the attitude of Curtis is seen as strategy to keep from antagonizing either Hoover or the Administration. Curtis is said to have had a hand in the preparation of a compromise farm plank which will not give offense to the Administration.

Steals \$975 in Hotel

Business and Fun Blend at G. O. P. Parley

By United Press

FOUR sons of former Presidents will be here for the Republican national convention next week. Three of them are delegates. Webster C. Hayes, son of Rutherford B. Hayes; Robert Taft, son of William Howard Taft, and Theodore Roosevelt Jr., are the delegates. James R. Garfield, son of James A. Garfield, is not a delegate, but will be here for the convention.

Kansas City will have the opportunity of hearing only one presidential candidate present his political views in a public gathering. He will be Will Rogers, nominated by the magazine *Life* as a candidate. His platform, he claims, will promise "at least 20 per cent more than any other candidate" and "declare against cold storage chickens being served at banquets."

President Coolidge will be "drafted" only in case of a hopeless deadlock, in the opinion of Representative Will H. Wood of Indiana, who will nominate Senator James E. Watson.

Traveling men, who long have been accustomed to stopping at their favorite hotels, are complaining that they are unable to find accommodations because they failed to make reservations ahead in anticipation of the convention visitors, hotel managers reported.

Believing that bands are the greatest developers of political atmosphere, Conrad H. Mann, chairman of the local arrangements committee, has engaged them to play in dozens of public places during the convention.

The Firestone brothers' famous polo team will participate in a tournament which has been arranged for the entertainment of the Republican visitors. The team is composed of four sons of Harvey S. Firestone, rubber manufacturer.

Will Rogers, humorist and former mayor of Beverly Hills, Calif., will lead his Pacific Coast team against the Wakonda quartet of Des Moines today in the first battle of the tournament.

The weakness of the anti-Hoover drive so far has been its inability to unite in the interests of any one candidate. Partisans of Hoover's opponents are told that Hoover is impossible, but are not advised as to the identity of the man they should support.

Mark Wood, Lincoln, Neb., banker and farmer, said today, that there was a real farm revolt and that 100,000 farmers would attend the convention to demand a farm relief plank in the Republican platform.

Women of sixteen States have arrived to place the demands of the women's national law enforcement committee for a dry plank in the Republican platform, before the convention.

Marble and Money Taken From Rooms

An expert hotel thief operated in the Claypool Friday night. He took jewelry and cash totaling \$975.

Rooms of Benjamin J. Brannah, Chicago, and his wife and daughter, were entered and \$200 a diamond-set bar pin valued at \$500 and a wrist watch valued at \$125 taken.

William G. Moore, Philadelphia, Pa., occupying a room on another floor, said he was asleep when the thief entered and took a watch, chain and tie pin, total value \$150.

Thieves Get Two Cars

Autos Worth \$3,600 Taken From Apartment House Garage.

Thieves broke into three garages in the rear of an apartment building at 4901 Washington Blvd. Friday night and stole two automobiles valued at \$3,600.

William P. Rolland valued his Marmon at \$2,000. Paul Y. Davis valued his Nash at \$1,600. Police were told that Guy Lemon's Chrysler also was stolen, but it was learned that Lemon is out of the car, same address. When Shaw yelled the trio escaped in an old automobile, but left a can and hose behind.

THAW QUILTS FIGHT AND STARTS RETURN TO U. S.

By United Press

SOUTHAMPTON, England, June 9.—Harry K. Thaw, barred from England by an order of the home office, sailed for the United States today aboard the S. S. Aquitania, upon which he has been held a virtual prisoner most of this week.

Thaw arrived in Southampton aboard the Aquitania Wednesday evening to spend several weeks touring Europe.

It was said that Thaw's representative had obtained a French visa for him and it had been considered likely Thaw would go to Paris instead of London.

16 STUDENTS ACCUSED

Charged With Illegal Primary Voting at Valparaiso.

By Times Special VALPARAISO, Ind., June 9.—Sixteen Valparaiso students are at liberty under \$100 bond each today following arrest on charges of illegal voting in the May primary. Clarence D. Wood, Republican victor over William Bozarth by three votes in the race for the prosecuting attorney nomination, filed the charges. Bozarth provided the bonds.

Fisherman Drowns

YORKTOWN, Ind., June 9.—Donald M. Burton, 26, was drowned when he fell into White River while fishing near here. The body was recovered.

MAYOR TANGLE LEFT TIED UP BY HIGH COURT

Adjourns for Week With No Action on Slack's Right to Office.

OTHER APPEALS WAITING

Shumaker and Steve Cases Still Are Hanging Fire Before Tribunal.

Whether L. Ert Slack is legally mayor must continue uncertain at least until a week from next Tuesday, perhaps longer.

The State Supreme Court adjourned Friday without having acted upon J. L. Hogue's appeal. Hogue seeks to unseat Slack and seat himself.

The court will hold no sessions next week. It will begin its last two-week session of this term a week from Tuesday. After that, the court, according to custom, will adjourn until Oct. 1.

If no action on the Hogue case is taken during the last session, the court can call a vacation session as it did last August when E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was sentenced for contempt.

Steve, Shumaker Up

The Shumaker case and the D. C. Stephenson murder case appeal also might be decided in the closing days of the term.

Although under sentence, Shumaker has been free for almost a year.

Even should the Supreme Court decide the Hogue suit in the next three weeks, the matter would not necessarily be settled there.

If the court found for Hogue, the case would be remanded to Circuit Court for trial. Either party might find error in the new trial and appeal to Supreme Court again.

Contest Slack's Seat

Slack became mayor Nov. 8, 1927. Hogue and Ira M. Holmes, heir of the mantle of John M. Duval, deposed mayor, immediately contested Slack's claim, which arose through his having been elected by city council.

Holmes' claim was ended by an adverse decision in Appellate Court. Hogue's claim got into Supreme Court Dec. 8, 1927. Final briefs were filed April 4.

Stephenson's case first went to Supreme Court Oct. 27, 1926. Final oral arguments were held April 30, this year.

Shumaker's case first got to Supreme Court, March 10, 1926, when Attorney General Arthur L. Gilham charged Shumaker's 1925 annual report was in contempt. Last August the court found Shumaker guilty and fined him \$250 and sentenced him to sixty days in prison.

The court is expected to rule on the Hogue case in the next few days.

Two of the assistants, Miss Flora Drake and D. T. Weir, said they probably would accept positions assigned them for the sake of harmony. Joseph F. Thornton said he probably would accept, but wanted to know something more definite about his probable assignment before committing himself.

The board is expected to approve recommendation of Superintendent Charles F. Miller that Miss Drake be assigned as a primary teacher and that Weir and Thornton be assigned as instructors at Arsenal Technical and Shortridge High Schools respectively.

Murray A. Dalman, director of research, who it is reported will be reduced to a position as a high school instructor, refused to comment on the change until he obtains more definite information.

A hearing was held last fall and the case was fully briefed Dec. 14, 1927. There has been no move in the case since then.

GRAIN UNIT FORMED

Wheat Growers Subsidiary to Handle Coarse Lines.

Directors of the Central States Soft Wheat Growers Association meeting here Friday approved the organization of a subsidiary to handle coarse grains and provide the members with seed wheat.

The subsidiary will be known as the Central States Grain Corporation and is to start work immediately.

W. H. Settle, president of the Indiana Farm Bureau, is president of the wheat group, which has a membership of 10,000 in Indiana, eastern Illinois and western Ohio, and B. B. Benner is secretary.

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Trio Draining Tank of Auto Flew at Shoot.

D. C. Shaw, Apt. E, 3419 N. Pennsylvania St., was awakened at 1 a.m. today by sounds of men at an automobile parked in front. He saw three men syphoning gasoline from the car owned by C. B. Hamilton, same address. When Shaw yelled the trio escaped in an old automobile, but left a can and hose behind.

In the Stock Market

(By Thomson & McKinnon)

NEW YORK, June 9.—We are gratified to know that with the exception of a few highly speculative issues the rest of the market has declined in a very orderly fashion, which has permitted traders to select levels at which they wish to dispose of their holdings. At the same time we would like to impress upon those who labor under the impression that orderliness of decline is an indication of improved market position that the truth of the matter is the market is in more vulnerable position than ever for whatever liquidation has appeared during the week was of voluntary character only. The point we wish to bring out is that as liquidation continues and prices recede, many who are still watching their profits disappear will be convinced that they are on the wrong side and begin selling. This will add momentum to the decline so in view of these obvious conditions we are firmly convinced that those who liquidate at current levels will be thoroughly satisfied with their good judgment.

Hourly Temperatures

7 a. m.... 66 9 a. m.... 67

8 a. m.... 67 10 a. m.... 66

Hope for Life

Ray of Optimism Lights Way for Radium Poison Victims.

By United Press

ORANGE, N. J., June 9.—Dr. S. A. Vonsochko, physician and chemist, who is a victim of radium poisoning, held hope today to the five women whom physicians have said would be dead within two years of a malady contracted in the plant of the United States Radium corporation.

Their systems gradually are eliminating the poison, he said, "and since they have survived the attacks of much larger amounts of the radioactive substance, it is reasonable to suppose they will live for several years."

Vonsochko, who has lost several teeth because of the poisoning, was infected through the pores of his skin while experimenting with paint in the radium corporation's plant.

STATE STREAMS OUT OF BANKS

Flood Closes Coal Mine at Bicknell.

By Times Special

Flood stages are prevalent in several Indiana streams as a week of exceptionally heavy rainfall ends.

Hundreds of men are out of work at Bicknell through closing of the Knox coal mine, which became flooded.

Barren and Green Rivers, in the Evansville district, are at flood stages.

Lowlands near Anderson are under water, due to overflowing of Fall and Killbuck Creeks. Total rainfall for the week was 3.22 inches.

High wind accompanied heavy rainfall at Oxford Friday, causing damage. Small buildings were shifted on foundations, trees blown down and windows broken. Electricity and telephone service were crippled.

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