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FACING CHAOS, REPARATIONS PARLEY TOLD

MacDonald Warns Nations 'Must Agree' to Avoid World Catastrophe.

BRITISHER IS CHAIRMAN

'No Country is Apart From Rest of World,' He Says in Opening Plea.

BY SAMUEL DASHIEL

United Press Staff Correspondent

LAUSANNE, June 16.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain, just elected chairman of the Lausanne "reparations conference to end reparations," today pleaded with the world's nations to settle the reparations question to "avoid world catastrophe."

"We have met today in the shadow of the most ominous economic crisis that ever afflicted the world in peace time," MacDonald said. "The whole world looks to us to find an agreement to help end existing distress."

"I repeat that in this there is no France, no Italy, no Germany, no United States, no Great Britain apart from the rest of the nations," MacDonald said. "None of us can stay out of the work of restoration and reconstruction, because none of us can stay out of the miseries which are gathering about us."

"We Must Agree"

"Today we meet to consider one part of the cause of our distress, the war's financial inheritance, and we must come to agreement."

Referring to the experts who met at Basle and reported that inter-governmental debts must be adjusted, MacDonald said:

"I can but endorse this appeal, the urgency of which has been supported by all happenings since."

"Engagements solemnly entered into cannot be satisfied by unilateral repudiation," MacDonald said. "That principle, I believe, will not be challenged by anybody here. But it carries with it a corollary—if there is default—to avoid engagements which proved incapable of fulfillment and which must be revised by agreement."

"We Can Not Act Alone"

"A great opportunity now presents itself to put our heads together and to halt active influences now making for general economic deterioration. If we do this, Europe can not act alone," said MacDonald.

"We all must welcome the assurance that after the present phase is over, the United States will encourage us to believe that she will co-operate, in the examination at any rate, of wide problems, and join us in devising a policy of maintenance of civilization based on prosperity of all nations and obtained by busy industry, international exchange and full and happy lives enjoyed by the masses."

After MacDonald's speech, the first plenary session adjourned until 10 a. m. Friday, when the German delegates will present their case.

An Empty Chair

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

Scrivener-Howard Feature Editor

WASHINGTON, June 16.—A vacant chair represents the more than \$22,000,000,000 interest of the American people in the \$27,600,000,000 reparations and war debts parley which began today at Lausanne.

The conference will try, first, to determine if Germany really can not pay reparations, as she claims, and, secondly, what the Allies will do about it if she can't. If she can't, they warn, they will not be able to pay the United States.

The gathering, therefore, is of utmost importance to America. The share of the average American citizen in the full amount of war debts is about \$1,800. The share of the average American family is approximately \$7,500.

Despite these stupendous stakes, the United States will not send even an unofficial observer. The position of Washington is that the Lausanne meeting is purely a European affair—inasmuch as America refused to share in German reparations—so Europe must do whatever she likes about it.

Under the circumstances two outcomes are expected: First, the existing moratorium, due to expire June 30, likely will be extended, thus affording the world a little longer breathing spell, and, second, a world economic conference probably will be called for a later date.

NAME PRO TEM. JUDGES

Five Are Named to Bench for Marion Superior Courts.

Judges pro tem. will preside in Marion county's five superior courts during the summer recess, starting July 5, when regular judges will be on vacation.

Special terms of court, for emergency matters, are scheduled to be held July 5 and Aug. 1.

The pro tem. judges are Hubert Hickam, superior court one; Charles W. Wood, superior two; Charles W. Richards, superior four, and Howard Caughran, superior five.

Here's Dry Law Stand of G. O. P.

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 16.—Text of the Republican party's plank on prohibition:

THE 18TH AMENDMENT

The Republican party always has stood, and stands today, for obedience to and enforcement of the law as the very foundation of orderly government and civilization. There can be no national security otherwise.

The duty of the President of the United States and of the officers of the law is clear. The law must be enforced as they find it enacted by the people.

To these courses of action, we pledge our nominees.

The Republican party is, and always has been, the party of the Constitution.

Nullification by non-observance by individuals or state action threatens the stability of government.

While the Constitution makers sought a high degree of permanence, they foresaw the need of changes and provided for them. Article V limits the proposals of amendments to two methods:

(1) Two-thirds of both houses of congress may propose amendments; or

(2) On application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states a national convention shall be called by congress to propose amendments.

Thereafter, ratification must be had in one of two ways:

(1) By the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states; or

(2) By conventions held in three-fourths of the several states. Congress is given power to determine the mode of ratification.

Referendum without constitutional sanction can not furnish a decisive answer.

Those who propose them innocently are deluded by false hopes; those who propose them knowingly are deceiving the people.

A nation-wide controversy over the eighteenth amendment now distracts attention from the constructive solution of many pressing national problems.

The principle of national prohibition, as embodied in the amendment, was supported and opposed by members of both great political parties.

It was submitted to the states by members of congress of different political faith and ratified by state legislatures of different political majorities.

It was not then and is not now a partisan political question.

Members of the Republican party hold different opinions with respect to it, and no public official or member of the party should be pledged or forced to choose between his party affiliations and his honest convictions upon this question.

We do not favor a submission limited to the issue of retention or repeal.

For the American nation never in its history has gone backward, and in this case the progress which has been thus far made must be preserved, while the evils must be eliminated.

We, therefore, believe that the people should have an opportunity to pass upon a proposed amendment the provision of which, while retaining in the federal government power to preserve the gains already made in dealing with the evils inherent in the liquor traffic, shall allow states to deal with the problem as their citizens may determine, but subject always to the power of the federal government to protect those states where prohibition may exist and safeguard our citizens everywhere from the return of the saloon and attendant abuses.

Such an amendment should be promptly submitted to the states by congress, to be acted upon by state conventions called for that sole purpose in accordance with the provisions of article V of the Constitution, and adequately safeguarded so as to be truly representative.

Chinese Girl Present

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 16.—On Young Koo, pretty Chinese girl, daughter of the late Chinese secretary of foreign affairs, was in the gallery Wednesday night at the G. O. P. convention. She is en route home to Shanghai, after attending school in this country.

REPEAL PLANK VOTED DOWN, 681 TO 472

'Moist' Plan of Administration Adopted After Stormy Session.

SPEAKERS ARE HECKLED

Boos, Jeers and Cheers Echo During 4-Hour Debate Before Ballot.

BY LYLE C. WILSON

United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, June 16.—The prohibition repeal advocates were defeated early today in a Republican national convention floor fight before a crowd which changed its manners constantly from rowdiness to the calm of boredom.

By a vote of 681 to 472, the convention rejected the minority platform report, proposing submission to the American people of an unqualified question of repeal or retention.

For more than four hours the convention listened to platform planks, oratory and the gay interpolations of an evidently wet gallery. Long after midnight the last orator had his say.

The roll call result never was in doubt from the moment the delegates met at 9 p. m.

Adopt Majority Report

It was inevitable that the delegates would be controlled by combination of administration pressure and anti-repeal sentiment.

When the Bingham repeal or retention plank of the platform minority finally had been rejected, there was immediate adoption of the majority report—providing submission of an amendment, which would allow wet states to be as wet as congress may determine, and dry states to be as dry as congress can make them by assisting in enforcement.

Galleries Boo and Cheer

Boos, jeers and cheers often echoed in the vast stadium. Cash customers in the galleries exercised their privilege of liking the lines of a show, or not liking them.

They did not like the argument of James R. Garfield, chairman of the platform committee, that young people did not today know the horrible saloon conditions of pre-prohibition days.

"Hoot, hoot, hoot," hooted the gallery.

"Boo, boo, boo," continued the chorus of dissent.

Garfield tried again.

"Yah, yah, yah," drowned his words.

determined man, Garfield again returned to the first word of the offending sentence and the gallery gods again would have none of it.

There was racket from the delegates, too, and for some moments the disorder and uproarious disregard for national business of making a national party platform seemed to approach in fury some of the demonstrations of past political gatherings.

Garfield Is Heckled

Permanent Chairman Bertrand H. Snell, appropriating or not, banged for order during the prohibition dispute, not with the shiny gavel intended for the purpose, but with a bung starter. The frayed ends of that homely implement attested the starting of many a bung with a flash of a beverage perhaps non-alcoholic. The regular gavel was lost.

"You are guests of this convention," bellowed Snell to the rebellious galleries.

"We're the voters and we paid to get in," was the cheery response.

Garfield finally rather shamelessly heckled with a brief sarcastic appreciation of the galleries' courtesy and fairness.

Except for one or two speakers evidently considered by delegates and gallery auditors alike to be below par orators, there were no further continued hostile interruptions.

Speakers came in bewildering rapidity with Snell apportioning the limited time finally in parcels as scant as a minute each.

"I come from Nevada where men are men, and the women are glad they feel the same resentment toward Hoover they did when he framed a dry report to congress after the Wickersham commission had declared against the eighteenth amendment."

Again Party Standard-Bearer



Herbert Hoover

KIDNAPER GETS LIFE IN PRISON

Admitted Abducting Rich Kansas City Woman.

By United Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 16.—Martin Dewey pleaded guilty to participation in the kidnapping of Mrs. Nell Donnelly, wealthy garment manufacturer, on Dec. 16, and was sentenced to life imprisonment today in the criminal division of the circuit court here.

William Lacy Browning pleaded guilty to the same charge and was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.

COOLIDGE KEEPS COOL

By United Press

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 16.—Nominating day at the Republican convention in Chicago today found Calvin Coolidge quietly engaged in his work-day tasks as a private citizen at his modest office here in his home city.

Following his daily schedule, Coolidge motored the mile from his home to his office in the Masonic block on Main street, looked over his mail, perused the morning newspapers, and later worked on a magazine article.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. 65 10 a. m. 73
7 a. m. 68 11 a. m. 74
8 a. m. 70 12 (noon) 71
9 a. m. 73 1 p. m. 75

HOOVER STAYS AT RADIO

President Has No Comment on Prohibition Plank.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, June 16.—President Hoover sat beside his radio until the early hours of today, listening to the proceedings at the Republican national convention.

White House officials, when asked whether the prohibition plank was satisfactory to the President, replied:

"There is no comment to make at this time."

GIRL BORN TO ACTRESS

By United Press

Mary Astor Gives Birth to Daughter in Honolulu Hospital.

HONOLULU, June 16.—Mary Astor of the screen, who is Mrs. Franklin Thorpe, wife of a Los Angeles physician, in private life, gave birth to a daughter today in a Honolulu hospital. The Thorpes arrived several weeks ago in their yacht.

HELEN ENGLISH PRINCE DIES IN LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Helen English Prince died early today in a Los Angeles hospital after a brief illness.

Friends were notified early this morning of her critical illness, and a half hour later were informed of her death.

Included in the estate is the English theater and hotel and a country estate at English park, which is to be devoted to charitable purposes.

Her marriage to Frank J. Prince took place in the early part of 1928.

LIGHTNING BOLT KILLS 2 BOYS

Six Other Youths Under Tree Are Injured.

By United Press

YOUNGSTOWN, O., June 16.—Two boys were killed and six others injured when struck by lightning during a storm near here today. The group had been fishing and sought shelter under a tree when the storm broke.

Suicide Attempt Fails

By United Press

Mrs. Birdie Richardson, 58, of 1605 Bates street, is recovering at city hospital today following an attempt to commit suicide Wednesday night by swallowing a chemical. No reason for the act was stated.

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MAD TUMULT BREAKS OUT IN CONVENTION WHEN NAME OF PRESIDENT IS PRESENTED

Cheering Goes on for Nearly Half Hour, Carefully Controlled by Managers Who Had Prepared Long Demonstration.

EJECT FRANCE FROM PLATFORM

Ex-Maryland Senator Led Away by Sergeants-at-Arms When He Seeks to Boom Coolidge, as Own Candidacy Is Pressed.

By United Press

CHICAGO, June 16.—Herbert Hoover was nominated on the first ballot today as the candidate of the Republican party to succeed himself as President of the United States.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER

United Press Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, June 16.—The Republican national convention broke its quiet and burst forth today in mad tumult when Joseph L. Scott, eloquent Californian, placed in nomination for the presidency the name of Herbert Hoover.

With C. S. Hudson of Los Angeles standing on the platform signaling showmen stationed over the hall, delegates marched, tossed hats in the air, screamed and shouted.

Two orchestras and the great auditorium organ blared forth stirring music—"California, Here I Come" and "On Wisconsin," college football songs, and patriotic airs.

Friends of the President, including one of his secretaries, Walter Newton, Colonel Frank Knox of Chicago, Congresswoman Ruth Pratt and scores of persons whose political fortunes and those of Mr. Hoover are closely allied, looked on beaming.

Scott, whose oratory has stirred many gatherings in his years before juries and in public life, nominated Mr. Hoover as the pilot who "through the last long, grueling four years has stood at the helm as the captain of our ship of state, and has steered the vessel safely through fog and hurricane and passed the terrors of the lee shore."

"Babylon and Nineveh and ancient Rome wallowed in the wealth of material prosperity, stood naked and unashamed in their perdition and succumbed," he cried. "But the human lamp posts of Nero, the men, women and children thrown to the lions of the coliseum for a Roman holiday. Christianity, that rule the world, while the splendors of Rome are almost forgotten memories."

Release Hundreds of Balloons

"Why, therefore be frightened. Why stand frozen and trembling like the slaves of old? . . . stretch forth strong arms and stout hearts and be worthy of our patrimony."

It was 12:20 p. m. when Scott completed his address. The California delegation sprang to its feet, holding banners aloft. The two orchestras and the great organ launched into "California, Here I Come" and the demonstration was away.

Hundreds of vari-colored balloons were released from nests high in the bunting-draped ceiling, and showered down slowly over the crowd.

A flag, which covered a great portrait of the President back of the speakers' stand, was pulled aside and the lights were cast on the picture, a life-like portrait from which the President seemed looking down, pleased, upon the scene.

Under Perfect Control

The demonstration was under perfect control of its managers. None seemed to remember the disagreement of Wednesday night over prohibition or to pay the slightest attention to the fact that other names were to come before the convention.

Just as the demonstration was ending the voice of President Hoover was brought into the stadium through a motion picture sound reel. It was the speech he had pledged to the senate for tax bill passage recently.

The organ blared "Onward Christian Soldiers," the battle song of the Bull Moose campaign of 1912. Then, at 12:47 p. m. the demonstration ended—the stage manager having run his list of signals—after having run for twenty-seven minutes.

Eject France From Platform

When the convention proceeded with the roll call of states, the name of former Senator Joseph Francis of Maryland was placed before the convention and led to a disturbance when France attempted to force his way to the platform personally.

Outside he said he had "to place the name of Calvin Coolidge before the convention."

A dozen policemen finally escorted him away while he protested his party chiefs were denying him his rights.

France came to the platform while G. L. Smedley of Portland, Ore., was making a speech nominating him (France) for the presidency.

"Where are the sergeants-at-arms?" shouted James Francis Burke, counsel of the Republican national committee, as he saw France, plainly excited, coming to the platform.

Insists Upon His Rights

The guards rushed to bar the former senator's way. The crowd began to yell.