

SPROUL AND WOOD BACKED BY LEAGUE

Committee Pledges Its Support First to Governor Then to Army Candidate

EXECUTIVE BODY MEETS

The Leonard Wood League of Pennsylvania adopted a "Sproul first, Wood second" policy at a meeting of the executive committee of the league at the Ritz-Carlton late yesterday.

Senator George Woodward was elected chairman of the committee and William H. Embardt secretary.

The league declared its support "to all candidates who will pledge themselves to stand 'solidly and unequivocally' for the nomination at the May primaries of a delegation which will pledge its support first to Governor Sproul and, second, to General Wood."

Nothing less will satisfy the league, although it is known that Governor Sproul opposes the instruction of delegates to the national Republican convention, as do party leaders throughout the state.

Appointment of Clifford Pinchot as state forester has weakened General Wood's forces in Pennsylvania. It is believed Mr. Pinchot, who attended the meeting of the Wood committee yesterday, contemplated before his appointment running as delegate-at-large pledged to General Wood. It is believed his acceptance of the state appointment will preclude that idea.

The Wood league's statement of principles includes the declaration that the Pennsylvania delegation to the national convention should stand as a unit in support of Governor Sproul for the nomination "as long as there is a prospect for his selection."

"The second choice should be Leonard Wood," the statement adds. "His life, his accomplishments, his splendid executive ability and his ideals, which he shared in common with his lifelong friend, Theodore Roosevelt, pre-eminently fit him for the office of President."

Gen. Wood's Boom Faces Big Test

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opened at one time to make South Dakota impossible for the general.

But recently Wood has made an attack upon Lowden for dodging the training issue and he will press it home this week. The advantage, however, seems to rest with Lowden, for he has organization support and there is no sign yet that any state will break away from the organization where the organization is united.

The contest between Wood and Lowden for South Dakota and the ensuing contest in Illinois have sharpened the issue between these two candidates. Each is at present concentrating his fire upon the other. If Wood could break Lowden's hold upon South Dakota and secure a large vote in Illinois, he would drive the Lowden candidacy to cover as he has already done the Harding candidacy to target.

Johnson Next Target

In a short time the fight will swing from Wood and Lowden to Wood and Johnson. One of the big tests of the campaign will be the initiative of Michigan where Wood and Johnson are

the chief contestants, and after Michigan on April 5, will come Nebraska on April 20, and the battle between Wood and Johnson. If Johnson should beat Wood in both these states he would go a long way toward destroying the Wood movement. If Wood can beat Johnson in both, Johnson will drop back into the favorite son class. In Nebraska Johnson is supposed to have slightly the edge upon the general. In Michigan, the issue is believed to be close. In both states Wood was at one time supposed to be in the lead.

Michigan and Nebraska are two of the pivotal states in the campaign and both come early. The other states which will decide the issue are Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. By winning in Minnesota, South Dakota, Michigan, Nebraska and Indiana, and by showing popular strength enough to discomfit Harding in Ohio and Lowden in Illinois, Wood can force his nomination mixed result of the machine.

Johnson, a better speaker than Wood, taking some, Lowden taking some, and Johnson taking some, will leave the machine free to do as it chooses in the close race and the machine will eliminate Wood.

Hardest Fight of Campaign

The fight between Wood and Johnson, which will begin in Michigan and be continued in Nebraska, will be the hardest fight of the primary campaign, and will result in the state of Michigan, a better speaker than Wood, if any one can break the force of Wood's campaign for popular support Johnson and Wood in these states this week and next in Minnesota and South Dakota the hopes of the machine will be pinned upon Johnson's efforts in Michigan and Nebraska and the other candidates will form alliances with Johnson.

Harding already has done this in effect and the issue will narrow down, so far as the primaries are concerned, to one between Wood and Johnson.

If Wood fails in South Dakota, Michigan and Nebraska he will not be expected to do much damage to Lowden and Johnson. The important Indiana primary will lose its significance or gain a new significance as the machine there looks away from Wood and goes for Lowden or Harding.

Will Give Musical Recital

The service tomorrow afternoon at the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany will consist of a musical recital of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion." The chorus choir will be accompanied by a full string orchestra of six pieces and the soloists will be Mildred Evas, soprano; Clara Young, mezzo-soprano; Dr. Howell S. Zollik, tenor; and Harry C. Saylor, baritone.

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TURKISH PROBLEM WORRIES ENGLAND

Situation Rapidly Developing in Southwestern Asia Causing Much Anxiety

SYRIA'S ACTION IMPORTANT

By the Associated Press

London, March 13.—(Official England is showing evidences of anxiety over the settlement of the Turkish problem and the situation rapidly developing in southwestern Asia. The attitude of indifference or defiance assumed by the Turkish nationalists, signs of unrest throughout the Moslem world and activities of Russian Bolsheviks in Afghanistan combine to give a serious aspect to the issue.

Advisers stating Prince Faisal, son of the king of the Hedjaz, has been proclaimed king of Syria, add another element to the situation in which may easily lead to trouble in that region. Allied governments have not indicated what their attitude toward the new kingdom and its ruler may be, as the movement was ignored or underestimated by officials up until the last few days.

Turks in Constantinople are apparently ignoring allied plans for enforcing the terms of peace with their country and protecting non-Moslem peoples, reports declare, and the fact that there is a strong demand for the expulsion of the sultan from Europe has caused hardly a ripple at the Turkish capital.

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P.)—Greek, Italian and French forces of occupation in Smyrna, Adalia and Adana, Asia Minor, are holding their own with difficulty against Turkish nationalist troops, it is indicated in reports received here. The strength of Mustafa Kemal, nationalist leader, is rapidly growing in the interior and advisers state that the Arabs, Kurds and other tribes are carrying on guerilla warfare. Failure of the French to reach Diarbekr is pointed out by nationalists as being typical of the experience any occupying army may encounter.

Fifty thousand allied troops are in Constantinople and vicinity, it is estimated, this force being sufficient to protect the city, the straits and the sea of Marmora, with the co-operation of naval units here. Turkish leaders, however, scout the idea the Allies could send a large punitive expedition into Asia Minor to enforce their demands.

At present allied soldiers are guarding the old fortifications along the straits, while the British have thrown strong forces about the terminus of the Bagdad Railway at Irbid, fifty-six miles southeast of this city. Searches of houses and shops here is constantly uncovering stores of arms and ammunition.



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The building which young Jaskier is said to have entered was that occupied on the first floor by the Outlet Department Store, 4256-58 Main street. Shoes, neckties, shirts and a hat were part of the boy's booty, according to the police. He will have a hearing today.



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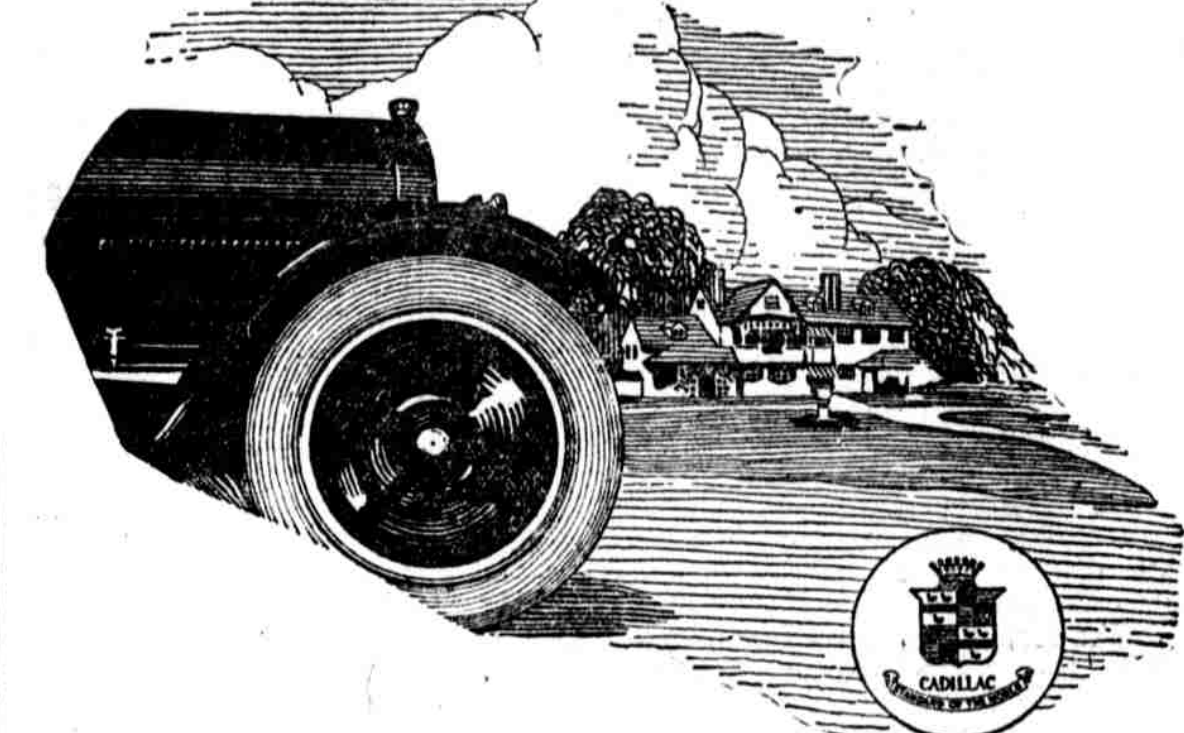
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