

COMING PRIMARIES REALLY INDECISIVE

Standing of G. O. P. Candidates Unlikely to Be Altered Next Week

FOUR STATES WILL VOTE

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, May 1.—There will take place next week four important primaries, Maryland, in which Johnson and Wood are the contestants; Indiana, in which all four leading Republican candidates are entered, but which will really be a fight between Johnson and Wood; California, in which Hoover and Wood are the contestants; Texas, where Senator Bailey is running on an anti-Wilson platform.

The Republican primaries will hardly alter the situation. If Johnson carries all three states, which seems the most likely result, it will not nominate him. Indeed, if he carries all three, he will be likely to get the delegates of only one, California. If Wood carries the two in which he is running, he will be likely to get the delegates of only one, Maryland, Indiana requiring a majority vote to instruct and no one can get a majority in Indiana with four candidates in the field.

Boom for Knox Latest to Stir Up Republicans

The Anti-Saloon League has designated Lowden as an acceptable candidate for President.

Penrose has started a Knox boom which finds some support in Chicago and elsewhere.

Johnson managers have applied for a recount in New Jersey, where Wood won the preferential primary.

The issue in the California primary next Tuesday is between Hoover and Johnson.

Lacks Newspaper Support

Johnson lacks strong newspaper support in both states. But he seems to have a better chance to carry both states than he did New Jersey.

BAVARIA REVOLTING AGAINST PRUSSIA

All South Germany Supports Clamor to Break Up Empire

EX-KING LUDWIG RETURNS

By B. F. KOSPTH

Geneva, May 1.—Will the German empire break up after all?

Ever since the war ended all the energy of the kaiser's "republican" successors has been concentrated on preserving its political unity under Prussian predominance.

To prevent the dismemberment of Germany, which would reduce Prussia to impotence and thereby definitely renege their secret plans of military revenge, the Berlin rulers have stopped short at nothing, not even murder.

Anti-Socialist and Anti-Semitic This new menace to German unity is far more serious than that which led to the Socialist-Eisner's assassination, and the Berlin government is at its wits' end how to meet it.

Munich Opposes Berlin There can be scarcely any doubt that the new Munich government wishes to a definite break. One of its first acts was to pass a law providing for the deportation of "aliens" from Bavaria—Prussians being included among the "aliens."

enough, South Germany has become the stronghold of German monarchism after Kapp's coup, while Berlin is in continual danger of being captured by extreme socialism.

Of course, monarchism in southern Germany was always extremely democratic compared with kaiserism, but the fact remains that even the Prussian monarchists are now looking with hope over to Bavaria and that many of them believe that the next best thing to a restoration of the Hohenzollerns would be the return of the Wittelsbachs and their ultimate promotion to the imperial throne.

At the present moment, a monarchist restoration in Munich, which several members of the new government undoubtedly secretly favor, must infallibly precipitate Bavaria's separation from the empire.

It is also certain that if Bavaria secedes the smaller south German states will follow her lead. The attitude of the Wuerttemberg government toward Berlin is scarcely less aggressive than that of the Munich cabinet.

Soldiers Hate Socialism Munich is full of Bavarian reichwehr troops, some of whom have returned from the Ruhr district, whence they had to be withdrawn because the ferocity they displayed in fighting the Prussian Reds exceeded even the limits of German military law.

As it is, they have just left Switzerland, where they had lived since the revolution of 1918, and have re-established themselves in one of the royal castles in Bavaria. Thus, strangely

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