

Sprout to Refuse Pledged Delegates

Continued from Page One
Pennsylvania will be a leader in one of the greatest crises of the nation. Pennsylvania will insist on bringing the Pennsylvania Government back to old-American Government principles and fashioning out of the ridiculous Democratic mess now in charge of affairs at Washington.
Governor Sprout's address was given loud applause and he declined to have Pennsylvania's seventy-six delegates to the national convention committed to his candidacy for the presidential nomination.
The delegates will be uncommitted. These were the outstanding facts developed today before the caucus of delegates opened.
Senator Penrose is to be elected chairman of the delegation with Governor Sprout as vice chairman.
It has been planned to have Joseph B. Grady, president of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association, call for a unanimous endorsement of Sprout for President.
With that resolution before the caucus the Governor, according to the advance plans, will announce that he does not want the resolution adopted but that he prefers to rely on the individual conviction of the delegates rather than have them bound by caucus action.

HELPING THE ABINGTON HOSPITAL



Ledger Photo Service.
Miss C. Freeman proved to be an expert as a "bear" trainer yesterday at the baby show and fete held at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club in aid of the Abington Memorial Hospital. Her "bear" was Master Morgan Ross Wallie, who collected much coin.

with the administration of Fort Jay participated in such a plot or conspiracy or were derelict in the performance of any duty devolved upon them which contributed to Bergdoll's escape.
Believing that Bergdoll might be concealed in a house at 329 North Twenty-ninth street, owned by his mother, Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, agents of the Department of Justice searched the dwelling thoroughly last night.
No trace of the fugitive was slacker was found. Suspicion of the federal authorities was aroused by the almost daily visits of Mrs. Bergdoll to the Twenty-ninth street house, which is unoccupied.

Senator Johnson Wins in Clash With Wood

Continued from Page One
-Instead to Major General Wood or counted in support of Governor Lowden. The claim of the latter delegation, headed by Henry Lincoln Johnson, an Atlanta negro, that it is the regularly reported delegation, is disputed by the former delegation known as the Pickett faction, which contends that it should be considered the regularly accredited delegation, as Roscoe Pickett is the accredited state chairman.

Pickett Delegates Contestants
Nevertheless, the official committee list gives the Johnson delegation as the regularly reported one and the Pickett delegation was heard as the contestants. The fight brings before the committee the first clear-cut case in which a gain of delegates for the Wood or Lowden forces is involved.
Political forces are gathering slowly here and, while the pre-convention circle has its usual line of gossip and prediction, no political leader of recognized importance has up to this time been willing to attach his name to a definite prediction of whom the convention will name as its candidate or whom it is likely to do it. The end of the week with the probable adjournment of Congress, however, will bring all the national leaders to Chicago and by Saturday or Sunday convention plans are expected to begin taking definite form.

Militants on Ground
Representatives of the militant branch of the woman suffragists are on the ground preparing to picket the convention hall to force the delegates to a platform declaration calling on the states which have not ratified the woman suffrage amendment to do so at once. The national committee yesterday by unanimous vote called upon all Republican states to act promptly on the ratification. The national committee was in session at the residence of General T. Coleman du Pont, of Delaware, who introduced the resolution. The general's motion called for prompt ratification of the Eighteenth amendment, which is the prohibition amendment. The resolution was passed in that form, but after the mistake was discovered it was corrected.

The Johnson forces are counting on a burst of speed with the arrival of Senator Johnson here tomorrow. A street parade and demonstration have been arranged. A large delegation of service men who saw service with the American forces in Siberia, which the senator fought to have returned home, will be in the escort.
Harding Expected Thursday
Senator Harding is coming also on Thursday. General Wood is here and at his headquarters at Fort Sheridan, and Governor Lowden already here. The names of the candidates for the presidential nomination and the ground conferring with their forces in person and a more definite line of pre-convention speculation probably will be one of the first results.

In the coming convention, the unattached delegates are holding the balance of power, and any plan or proposal that is not supported by a majority of these delegates will be discarded. A caucus of the unattached delegates some time after Sunday is one of the plans being canvassed. Quite irrespective of any decision of the national committee may make on the pending contests, the unattached delegates will still remain in the majority, and the managers of the various candidates are working on plans to bring them to their support.
Such discussions of the platform plank as is going on among the national committees seems to indicate that a majority feel that the prohibition question may be regarded as one not necessarily to be included, because the issue has been written into the constitution and has become the law of the land. Many committees feel that the suffrage question is a parallel one in many respects, because the states which are in the states which the indorsement of the party, and is awaiting ratification.

Plead for "Free Philippines" Plank
The fight for a platform declaration for full independence for the Philippines was taken up today by a delegation from the islands headed by Jaime De Veyra. The Jones law of August 29, 1916, declared Mr. De Veyra, the Philippines were promised their independence as soon as stable government could be established on the islands. The Philippines have that stable government today. America's official representative in the Philippines testified to its existence.
In the field of foreign relations, there seems to be an agreement of opinion that the Mexican plank will follow the pronouncement of four years ago, which the Democratic administration's policy was denounced, and as regards the peace treaty and the League of Nations, the plank adopted by the Indiana state Republican convention may serve as a nucleus for the plank in the national platform. No one on the ground as yet presumes to venture what the labor plank will be, but there seems to be a common agreement that it will probably be the most difficult one to frame.

Uncertain on Chairman
The selection of a permanent chairman seems to have made no progress in the last three or four days. There is now less talk among national committees of the selection of former Attorney General Palmer. Judge Eugene Bonniwell, a Democratic leader in Pennsylvania, was asked to appear and tell what he knew of expenditures in behalf of Mr. Palmer's candidacy.
Congress to Probe Bergdoll Escape
Continued from Page One
returned to his place of confinement, Fort Jay.
"So far as I have been able to discover the permit did not allow the prisoner to go to his mother's house," Kahn charged.
"Who is responsible for these evasions of this military permit? How was it in escaping from his guards' escape the punishment meted out to him, as had been meted out to other men guilty of draft law violations. These are things that should be made known."

Judge Bonniwell Summoned
The committee also expected to turn again to its inquiry into the campaign which caused the delay of several months in the trial of Senator Palmer. Judge Eugene Bonniwell, a Democratic leader in Pennsylvania, was asked to appear and tell what he knew of expenditures in behalf of Mr. Palmer's candidacy.
Start Search for Boy
"Kidnapping never entered my mind. When I told my wife that Blakely was not in his crib, she thought he might have been picked up by one of the servants or his older brothers in an effort to quiet him.
"My wife and I hurried up to the third floor. When we found that no one knew Blakely was missing we became really alarmed."
"I hurried down to the nursery again. It was not until I had searched every room that I discovered the ladder tilted against Blakely's window.
"We then called the Norristown police and began the search. All we could find was Blakely's nursing bottle at the bottom of the ladder. There was a clear moon and I scanned the countryside for some distance in every direction. I could find no trace of an automobile. But the abductors had been given simple time to be more than a mile away from the house."

To Learn if Plot Existed
"My resolution calls for the appointment of a select committee of five members of the House by the speaker to investigate and procure all facts relevant to fixing responsibility for the escape of Bergdoll and particularly to determine whether relatives, friends, counsel or attorneys of Bergdoll participated in a plot of conspiracy to effect or give aid to his escape or prevent his recapture."
"It also seeks to ascertain whether any commissioned or noncommissioned officers or privates of the army or other persons connected with the army or

Women Watch Proceedings

As the state committee assembled a group of women, members of the Republican women's state committee, occupied seats in the gallery and watched proceedings with deep interest. They included Mrs. Greenville Montgomery, chairman of the Montgomery county branch; Mrs. Elmer E. Melick, Swarthmore; Mrs. E. W. Parker, this city; Mrs. A. A. Zulick, 2029 Chestnut street; Mrs. Mason Hurch, Thirty-ninth and Chestnut streets; Mrs. Wilmer Krusen, representing the women of the Third Senatorial district, and Mrs. I. H. O'Hara, 3301 Locust street.

Among the early arrivals for the state committee meeting and the caucus were Governor Sprout, Senator Crow, Max Leslie, Penrose leader of Allegheny county and Mayor E. V. Babcock, of Pittsburgh.
Mayor Babcock was well prepared for a warm session. He wore a palm beach suit and a Panama hat. The Pittsburgh mayor was asked his view of the situation throughout the country.

Pittsburghers on Ground
"The issue is somewhat beleaguered," he said. "I had an early admiration for Governor Sprout which has not diminished. Senator Knox is well-equipped also for the presidency. The thing to do is to forget local splits and tie up to a man who can be nominated and elected."
Among the Allegheny county politicians who were early arrivals were State Representative Heber Dietrich, Harry Ester, state committeeman; Harrison Beck, state committeeman; E. J. Trent, state committeeman; Robert S. Cochran, state committeeman; Dr. E. E. Frederick, alternate delegate; Edward N. Kenny, L. P. Lincoln, Charles M. Shrof, John Sauer, Samuel D. Foster, Norval R. Daugherty and W. S. Haddock, sheriff of Allegheny county.

Abductors Steal Norristown Child
Continued from Page One
woman crept into the child's room and spirited him away.
Reward Will Be Offered
Mr. Watt said that a reward would be offered immediately for the child's safe return, or for the arrest of his abductors.
Shortly before noon, Chief Pifer telephoned to Captain of Detectives Souder in Philadelphia requesting a fingerprint expert be sent to the Coughlin home.
It is believed the abductors left their mark on the window sill and on the nursing bottle.
Blakely's father described the child as thirteen months old, weighing thirty pounds, with large blue eyes and light hair. He said the baby was large for his age.
The child's father told the story of the abduction this morning.
"At 2 o'clock," he said, "my wife was startled from her sleep. She listened several minutes, and everything was quiet, she dozed again.
"A moment later we heard Blakely cry. "See what is the matter," my wife, who was now fully awake, said. I hurried into baby's nursery and switched on the light.
"Blakely's crib was empty and there was no sign of him anywhere. We were not alarmed—immediately alarmed. We then called the Norristown police and several precious minutes in starting the hunt."
Start Search for Boy
"Kidnapping never entered my mind. When I told my wife that Blakely was not in his crib, she thought he might have been picked up by one of the servants or his older brothers in an effort to quiet him.
"My wife and I hurried up to the third floor. When we found that no one knew Blakely was missing we became really alarmed."
"I hurried down to the nursery again. It was not until I had searched every room that I discovered the ladder tilted against Blakely's window.
"We then called the Norristown police and began the search. All we could find was Blakely's nursing bottle at the bottom of the ladder. There was a clear moon and I scanned the countryside for some distance in every direction. I could find no trace of an automobile. But the abductors had been given simple time to be more than a mile away from the house."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

FOCH TO UNVEIL STATUE

French President Will Accept Gift From Knights of Columbus
New York, June 2.—(By A. P.)—Marshal Ferdinand Foch, of France, has accepted the invitation of the Knights of Columbus to unveil the statue of Lafayette, which the knights will present to France in August. Supreme Knight James Flaherty, of the order, announced here today. The unveiling will take place at Metz on August 21 and President Douhaud will accept the statue in behalf of France.

Calls Liquor Men Palmer's Allies

Continued from Page One
cratic votes. Bruce Sterling was directing the fight.
Plumb Plan an Issue
The Plumb plan for tripartite control of the railroads in the United States will be made an issue in this year's presidential campaign. A statement to this effect was made today before the committee by Edward Keating, formerly a member of the House of Representatives from Colorado, and at present manager Plumb plan league.
The league has made no contributions to any of the candidates now in the field, Mr. Keating said, and is taking no part in the campaign, except as it is distributing information through its weekly paper, Labor.
"I've rather gathered the impression that your paper is supporting McAdoo for the Democratic nomination and Senator Johnson for the Republican," said Chairman Kenyon.
Mr. Keating replied that the paper probably had been more "critical of the other candidates than these." He added that the sixteen railroad labor unions had a campaign committee which is supporting the league.
Mr. Keating said this committee might have sent out "information as to the attitude of presidential candidates, but that was all up to date boys."
"You have a plan as to the future then?" asked Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri.
"Yes, sir," was Mr. Keating's reply. "We have reported to our organization that to do future work in this campaign we will need \$10,000 and they have undertaken to ask for a contribution of one cent from each of their members."
"We also have suggested that central committees be formed in each district and that they get in touch with liberal people, with farmers and agricultural labor, flannan and formed in local communities, asking the boys to chip in enough for headquarters. All we can give them is advice as to the best way to organize in politics."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

Plumb League Explained
Asked to explain the Plumb Plan League and its methods, Mr. Keating said there were 4000 railroad unions each paying \$10 a year, and getting ten copies of "Labor," and "something more than 200,000 individuals" each giving \$1 a year and receiving the paper. The surplus over the cost of getting out the weekly was devoted to propaganda, he said, and supported six field men.
Glenn E. Plumb, he said, was on a salary, but he objected to giving the amount, declaring that the question was outside the scope of the investigation. Senator Reed insisted, and Mr. Keating said Plumb received \$1000 a month, about one-half of his usual income, as a lawyer in private practice, now abandoned.
"Do you intend to make the Plumb plan a national issue in this election?" Senator Reed asked, referring to the plan for tripartite control of the railroads.
Mr. Keating agreed that the league's activities "would be directed toward getting the plan in actual operation and that this had to be done by effort in political fields."

BLAUNER'S
833-35 Market Street

30% off

FUR SALE

Well---

Although these Furs bear reductions, in many cases, they have not yet been marked down for this Sale—

But you will be right here when we take 30% right off these original prices, at time of purchase!

This is literally a "knock-out" blow to the ever-soaring, High-Cost of Furs. Here as a Star Feature of the Great June Sales, we are offering \$60,000 worth of all kinds of stoles, scarfs, bows, coatees, etc.—every piece at 30% off.

This Great Initial Movement will bring the prices of Furs within the reach of every one. Think of it! We are taking our own fine, guaranteed Furs—Furs of the best quality pelt and finest workmanship and marking them, every one 30% off for this Price-Breaking Movement.

Don't forget! These already reduced prices will be lowered by 30% right before your eyes at time of purchase!

AND 50% OFF ON 15 KIT CONEY COATS

The reduced price on these Coats is now 79.50—yet tomorrow when you buy them they will be 50% off this price, making them 39.75.

A Fur Coat at 39.75! That's the astounding news about these ¾-length Kit Coney Coats. The models feature rippled backs, belted fronts, cape collars and large cuffs. Remember—there are only 15 of these wonderful values.

39.75

NOTICE TO CHARGE CUSTOMERS
Our Credit Department is arranging A SPECIAL PAYMENT PLAN for our charge customers. Phone, write or call Credit Department to open a Charge Account quickly.

FREE STORAGE OF FURS
We will insure and store your Fur purchases free of charge until you want them sent to you. Take advantage of this truly unique opportunity of buying Furs at 30% discount.