

WAS BOARD TO SAVE PLAN FOR TEACHERS

Body Headed by Bok Wants Committee That Refused Proposal Overruled

NO LEGAL FAULTS ARE SEEN

Following the rejection by the finance and special salary committees of the Board of Education of the plan submitted by the citizens' committee for increasing the salaries of teachers, Edward W. Bok, chairman of the citizens' committee, has asked that a special and public meeting of the board be called before next Tuesday.



GEORGE W. PERKINS Former member of J. P. Morgan & Co. and advocate of industrial reforms, who died this morning in a sanitarium in Stamford, Conn.

George W. Perkins Dies in Sanitarium

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number of big foreign loans. He remained with J. P. Morgan & Co. until 1910, meanwhile becoming a director of numerous large corporations, including the steel and harvesting companies, a number of railroads and the International Mercantile Marine Co.

Retiring from business a few years later, as he said, "to devote myself to other work of a public and semipublic nature." Mr. Perkins wrote and spoke frequently on the subject of industrial justice, and when Colonel Roosevelt became Progressive candidate for the presidency in 1912 he became chairman of the national executive committee of the party. Previously he had been a Republican.

The year before he had urged a revision of the federal corporation laws, and in testifying before a congressional committee investigating the United States Steel Corporation he advocated the fullest publicity for all corporations. Despite the defeat of the colonel Mr. Perkins continued active in his advocacy of Progressive principles.

Mr. Perkins early in the world war interested himself in the matter of American preparedness. He was a severe critic of President Wilson. In a speech in Indianapolis in 1915 he declared the "United States was unprepared for war" and urged immediate action.

After the United States entered the struggle he endeavored to stimulate food production and by large purchases of provisions at distant points sought to avert a wartime shortage in New York city. He was also active in Red Cross, Liberty Loan and other patriotic drives.

After the war Mr. Perkins went to France to investigate charges of waste and inefficiency against the Young Men's Christian Association workers abroad. He reported that while some mistakes had been made there was "little ground for honest criticism."

Silent on Candidates

The President declined to discuss candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. "I have the greatest faith," he said, "in the intelligent appreciation by the delegates who will assemble at San Francisco two weeks hence to write the platform and nominate the standard-bearers of our party. They will have before them the Republican platform and will have estimated the effect of it on the people generally. They will have from whom to select candidates for presidential and vice presidential nominations a number of excellent men."

Wilson's Challenge Accepted by Harding

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ago platform was accomplished seemed to me to have been essentially and scientifically. Prussian in inspiration and method. Instead of quoting Washington and Lincoln, the Republican platform makers have quoted Bismarck and Bernhardi because the Republican attitude regarding the supreme issue that cannot be divinely related, strongly suggests the arbitrary influences that dictated the doctrines of those two eminent persons.

"Every charge directed against me and my administration is obviously designed to lead and negate the prominent issues confronting the people of America, to bring their sense of responsibility and make violation of the obligations they have assumed to be of small consequence. I sincerely believe that the attempt of the Republican party to win the sanction of the American people for its attempted evasion of these obligations will be decisively rebuffed."

"With one thing I am fully satisfied—that is that the Republican party and its platform has failed in the suggestion I made in my letter to the guests at the Jackson Day dinner in Washington in January last. In that letter I expressed the hope that a similar attempt would be decisively rebuffed. The attitude of the American people on the League of Nations by the rejection of the League of Nations by the Chicago convention will not fool any one. The attitude of Senator Lodge and that of Senator Johnson differ only in degree. Both are really opposed to it in any form. One of these gentlemen

is disingenuous and evasive and the other candidly hostile. It must be a trifle disconcerting to some Republicans," he added, "to have their party propose now to repudiate that which was approved a few years ago by some of their most important leaders. I am as confident today as I was when I returned from Paris finally in July last that the people of not only America but of the entire world are in favor of the League of Nations; that they would feel a greater sense of security if its benefits should be guaranteed; that they should not approve their votes of the policy of the Republican party which is wholly political in intent and purpose, to deny them the protection that the League of Nations assures."

"The Republican congressional policy," he added, "was more significant for reason of joint responsibility in grappling with the problems that confront the country than for any moral appreciation of the responsibility itself. Republican leaders in Congress cried aloud for the repeal of any statement of the measures, while they well protected the people from more serious evils than they would have the country know."

"The League of Nations has proved to be one of the most effective agencies in preventing deprivations at the expense of the people than almost any other measure now in operation. Time for expiring it is not yet."

"Republicans charged a ponderous note of protest against the administration enforcement of the espionage act and some other measures that were of vital necessity during the war, yet I defy the Republicans to prove that the power given the government during the war has ever been unjustly used against the people; that a single citizen has been unwarrantably punished for any act of aggression or disloyalty against the nation; that any man has been punished for expressing his opinion. I have read charges to the contrary, but in each instance I have had the matter thoroughly looked into and am in position to controvert the accuracy of any statement that the rights of a single citizen have been unjustly invaded."

"The United States Senate has for eleven months had in its hands the power to end conditions that are unmistakably irksome to a great many of our citizens, because with the ratification of the peace treaty the operation of laws enacted to safeguard the interests of the country in the war would automatically cease."

"As long as these laws are on the statute books they must be enforced. They have been and are being enforced with as little injury to the welfare of the country and rights of individuals as possible. I don't know that I would even care to defend any policy that I have deemed essential to the fullest protection of the national interest. That I would be too much like offering an apology where one is not needed. I do not believe that my course calls for an apology of any kind."

"The Republican and not the Democratic party has been responsible for any bad effects that have resulted from the failure of the Republican Senate to ratify the Versailles treaty and the covenant of the League of Nations. The Republican policy of negotiation has been persisted in for the sole purpose of advancing Republican chances for office at the coming presidential election and has never reflected a sincere desire to ameliorate the effect of measures adopted for protecting the country in time of war. The Republican policy has been rather to exaggerate the effect of these measures."

"In your protest you have raised all the questions taken up in the Cleveland case," he said. "I think it would be very well if the commission suspend judgment on the decision until it has opportunity to hear the city's appeal." Mr. Smyth said. He added that he believed it would simplify and expedite cases in the future.

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party, sacrificed every principle that made attractive the movement of eight years ago, in order to gratify the ambition of some of the present-day leaders to prevent the people of the United States from fulfilling their honest obligations to the rest of the world and to themselves. The abandonment at Chicago of the progressive spirit was woefully tragic. I hope and believe that the tragedy at Chicago will provide the Democratic convention with an object lesson in this direction that will not be overlooked."

Fare-Rise Protest Is Entered by City

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be taken up later. This action is merely precautionary. Mr. Ballard, speaking for the transit company, then addressed the commissioners. He presumed an answer to the protest would be expected from the company, adding that only a few days remain to prepare it. The time before July 1 is very brief, he said, and he doubted if the company could prepare a formal answer in so short a time.

"There are not ten legal days between now and July 1," Mr. Clement said. "But Commissioner Benn and I want to give both sides every opportunity. This is a legal question, therefore, we would like the full commission to hear the argument."

"We will set June 28 at Harrisburg for argument and ask counsel on both sides to file briefs not later than June 25. We will put the case at the head of the list on the 28th."

Mr. Clement added that because of the brief time before the hearing the briefs could be presented in typewritten or printed form. He suggested that both sides exchange briefs in order that counsel would know in advance what would be expected in the way of answers.

He further suggested that the commission hear argument June 28 also in the Cleveland case on demurrers filed by the underlying companies, mentioning the similarity of the cases to Mr. Smyth.

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Hoover Indorses Republican Ticket

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expenditures and the primaries, are not adequately dealt with. "In these times, when the great problems and issues created by the war are new and are so complex, we must select a wide divergence of views among the members of the party as to the methods by which they are to be met. It follows, therefore, that if there was to have been more of the same kind of compromise, it would be a large measure of compromise."

Haven't Reached New Era

"The compromises on the platform and the candidate are proof that we have not arrived at an era of new political and social tendencies, as we have not removed the same divergent groups and the same attitude of compromise will be found in the Democratic convention."

"Nothing could be more disastrous than the development of several party organizations representing the complex of every group in the country. With the legislative and executive functions more widely separated than in any other democracy, the whole process of constructive government will come to an end if we have more than two dominant parties."

"If we should come to this position, there will be no possibility of the American people securing an expression of the will of the majority, and we shall be entirely ruled by log rolling minorities or strong minorities."

"I am convinced that those of us—and I believe they are the majority of the party—who hold more definite views, could not, even were we so inclined, successfully effect the consummation of such views outside the party, and that our duty is to endeavor to bring them to realization within the party organization itself on the issues which are to be heard. The tendency of the party will gain their meaning only from actual administration."

Urges Unity of Liberals

"I am convinced that unity of action among the liberal thinkers of the party, especially if they exert themselves in the current of congressional elections, will insure the country against legislative reaction."

"If the Republican party is not to be irretrievably split, I cannot conceive that Senator Harding will, for one moment, submit the administrative side of the government to the domination of any group or caucus. Furthermore, we have the responsibility of having administrative measures and policies determined by full cabinet responsibility and of having co-operation restored with the legislative side of the government."

"I need not reiterate my conviction that the constructive ability of critically needed for the vigorous business organization of the federal government and to meet the many economic issues before us lies in the Republican party."

"For all these reasons, I believe that those of us who look upon party organization, not from the point of view of partisanship, but solely from the point of view of the usefulness of an agency of maximum service to the country should support the Republican party at the polls."

George Clark, of Canton, O., chairman of the Ohio state Republican advisory committee, called on Senator Harding today to lay before him plans for the Ohio campaign. Republicans in that state, he declared, were ready to go ahead as soon as the Republican nominee had endorsed the plans.

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