

WILL IT BE WAR, OR WILL IT BE PEACE?

Progressive and Republican Conventions Meet To-day Again and No One Knows Whether There Will be Harmony or not in the Republican Party Progressive and Republican Committee Met Last Night Without Results.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Chicago, June 9.—Delegates to the Republican and Progressive national conventions reassembled at the Coliseum and the Auditorium here to-day facing a situation unprecedented in recent American political party history. The Progressives met at ten o'clock and the Republicans resumed their deliberations at 11 o'clock.

Uncertainty as thick and obdurate as the murky weather that has hung over Chicago for three days, prevailed, and all eyes were strained to catch the first possible clearing of the political clouds.

HARMONY OR DISAGREEMENT.

No man on the ground was able to predict on a basis of fact, what the next 24 hours might bring out of the haze; whether it would be harmony and a re-united Republican party or disagreement and dual nominations by the two big conventions. The day was ushered in by a midnight conference of "peace" committees from the

Progressives and Republican conventions which took place at the Chicago Club on Michigan boulevard. The conference adjourned before 1 o'clock without definite results it was said, and details of its deliberations were withheld.

THE COMMITTEE.

The Republican committee was composed of Senator Reed Smoot of Utah, chairman, former Senator W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho; Nicholas Murray Butler of New York and A. R. Johnson of Ohio. Of these, three are rated as strong Hughes men, one as bitterly anti-Roosevelt, and one for Burton of Ohio.

The Progressive committee had G. W. Perkins, of New York for chairman, and the other members were Governor Hiram W. Johnson, of California, Horace B. Wilkinson, of New York, Charles J. Bonaparte of Maryland and John M. Parker of New Orleans, all supposed to be hos-

READY FOR ANYTHING

Dutch Army General Headquarters State Army is Thoroughly Prepared.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, June 9, 11.43 a.m.—A Keuter despatch from Amsterdam says that a statement has been issued from the Dutch army general headquarters stating that the army is thoroughly prepared and equipped for any possible war.

tile to any candidate except that of Col. Roosevelt.

MET FOR TWO HOURS.

For more than two hours the conference discussed the points at issue between the Progressives and the Republicans and took up details of the peace plans projected earlier in the day by two conventions when the conference committees on harmony had been appointed. Who adjournment came it was announced that "we report progress" and the statement was made that the members of the two committees would not get together again until after the sessions of the conventions to-day. They prepared reports, which are being presented to their respective conventions. There is considerable doubt as to just how these reports will be received by the delegates and whether leaders in the two conventions can hold the body of delegates under control while further harmony deliberations are being held.

NO NOMINATIONS TO-DAY.

"It is understood," said Senator Borah after last night's conference had concluded, "that while nominating speeches will be made in each convention to-day no nominations will be made."

"And," said another member of the convention, "we will resume negotiations in the afternoon or evening." Leaders of both parties sat up most of the night discussing numerous possibilities that might develop and making plans to handle the situation should efforts be made to stamper either convention for another candidate or against further delay in making nominations.

HUGHES STILL STRONG.

Those advocating the nomination by the Republican convention of Justice Charles E. Hughes of the Supreme court, declared that nothing had occurred to weaken their position; stated that they believed their candidate could be nominated to-day and prepared to press for action on a nomination without delay.

Managers for the various "favorite son" candidates, insisted the harmony conference programme had greatly improved the chances for their men, and it was predicted early to-day that neither the name of Hughes or Roosevelt could appear upon the Republican ticket.

CABLE SERVICE INTERRUPTED.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, June 9.—The Commercial Cable Company announced to-day that communication over its direct line to Fu-Chow, China, and Formosa had been interrupted. Code messages are subjected to delay, only plain language messages may be routed by way of Hong-Kong and without unusual delay, subject, however, to censorship at sender's risk.

NOT DISCOURAGED OVER THE FALL OF FORT VAUX

Germany Has Advanced Its Line One Mile During Last Week.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, June 9.—The fall of Fort Vaux, with its gallant little band of defenders is regretted, but public opinion is not discouraged.

The withdrawal of the French line to the inner defences of Verdun on the right bank of the Meuse, which was forecasted by military writers as a natural consequence of the capture of Vaux, has not yet taken place. The French have resisted the furious and repeated efforts of the enemy to compel this retirement. Violent onslaughts both in the Thiaumont region and on the trenches in the vicinity of Vaux, were made by the Germans in the last twenty-four hours, but, according to the latest reports received by the French war office, all of these attacks were repulsed.

By a week of uninterrupted attacks in which it is said a number of divisions were destroyed, the Germans have advanced their lines about one mile. They have taken the southern part of Callette wood, part of The Chapelle wood, Dunlop village and now Vaux Fort. In past years the enemy's progress on the right would compel the French to fall back automatically from the Douaumont-Thiaumont lines, but under the present conditions it has been found that such a saw-toothed front can be held. The French found this to their disadvantage in the great Champagne offensive. Before the enemy will be able to make full use of his week's conquests, he will have to enlarge his front by the capture of Souville fort. This fort crowns a height of 388 metres which is situated to the southwest. Its guns sweep the line of the crests running from Vaux to Douaumont and its seizure will be a hard task which will entail desperate fighting and heavy sacrifices.

Major Stewart Killed

Was an American Soldier Who Joined a Canadian Contingent.

New York, June 9.—Major Charles W. Stewart, Canadian infantry, was killed in action in Flanders, according to information received here by Bureau. Major Stewart was a first lieutenant of the Fifth United States cavalry, but resigned to join the Canadian forces, saying that he was a professional soldier and wished to have wide experience. He was born in Montreal, was thirty-six years old and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati. His family lives in England.

No Time For a Change

Present Time Inopportune, Says Irish Unionist Alliance.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Dublin, June 9.—(New York Sun cable)—The Irish Unionist Alliance has adopted a resolution to the effect that the present time is inopportune for any large change in the government of Ireland, as that would encourage the sedition element and courage the British empire. It is absolutely necessary the resolution says that martial law be continued for some time.

OLD FINANCIERS.

Wall street with its strenuous life should bear out the Osler theory. Adams, writing in the Boston News Bureau, gives a list of prominent business men who not only give the lie to the Osler theory that a man's usefulness ends at sixty, but are so far discounting that, that men of twice that age are actively engaged in financial affairs. Levi P. Morton, of the Morton Trust Company, recently celebrated his 92nd birthday. The two Rockefellers, John D. and William, are far past the allotted "three score and ten" of the Psalmist and yet are big factors in the financial life of Wall Street, as was Jas. J. Hill, the railroad magnate, and many others. Going back a few years he calls to mind the fact that Russell Sage was over eighty, William R. Travers and Frank Work also doubled the age limit for usefulness set by Osler.

FRANZ JOSEPH AND THE POPE

It would be very much like the verdict of Nemesis if the Kaiser of the Austrians and the Kaiser of the Germans fell out before the war was finished. It is reported anyhow, that there is a wide difference between the Emperor of Austria's views on peace and that of the German Emperor. The Austrian is all for placating the Allies and not making the abrogation of their blockade a sine qua non of peace. He has written to the Emperor and the Pope to that effect, and as that agrees with the Pope's own view, it may be that the Kaiser is about to receive the biggest diplomatic snub of his life.

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ALL EXCITED

Greek Populace Angry at Own Government Because of the Allied Blockade.

London, June 9 (New York Times cable)—A despatch to The Morning Post from Saloniki says:

The announcement of the commercial blockade of all Greek ports caused great excitement among the population here. The anger, however, was directed, not against the allies, but against the present Athens' Government.

Some leading Venizelists assure me that the Entente powers have at last adopted the only effective method to force the country to declare itself one way or the other. They anticipate that the blockade will not last over a week.

NEW GERMAN MINISTER.

Dr. Charles Helfferich, who has just been transferred from the post of Minister of Finance to Minister of the Interior at Berlin and Vice-Chancellor of the Empire, is one of the best known financial men in Germany being a director of the Deutsche Bank and also a director of Germany's railroad enterprises in Mesopotamia. For some years he was stationed at Constantinople as Germany's railroad and financial representative. It is said that he is one of the few men in Germany who foresaw the magnitude of the present conflict. He is regarded as a particularly competent official.

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Newark	19	17
Baltimore	19	18
Montreal	18	18
Richmond	18	18
Buffalo	16	18
Rochester	14	20
Toronto	12	18

Thursday Scores.

Buffalo 4, Toronto 3.
Richmond 12, Newark 4.
Baltimore 6, Providence 1.
Montreal 8, Rochester 6.

Friday Games

Buffalo at Toronto; Rochester at Montreal; Providence at Baltimore; Newark at Richmond.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Clubs	Won.	L.
Brooklyn	24	13
New York	22	18
Philadelphia	23	19
Chicago	22	24
Boston	20	22
Cincinnati	22	25
Pittsburg	20	23
St. Louis	20	27

All Thursday games postponed account of rain.

Friday Games

Pittsburg at New York; Cincinnati at Brooklyn; Chicago at Philadelphia; St. Louis at Boston.

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