

# BOB WOODS TIPS UP BAL

### Delegates Realize People Won't Accept "Slush Fund" Candidate in Face of H. C. L.

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CHICAGO, June 8.—The question uppermost in the minds of the delegates today seems to be the question of campaign expenditures.

There are those who still believe that notwithstanding the exposure upon the part of two of the candidates as to their campaign expenditures, they should be nominated, and they are willing to take the risk of having them elected.

Relying on what they believe to be the unpopularity of the present Administration, they insist that their candidate could be elected notwithstanding the intolerable amount of money which they have expended to get the nomination.

Delegates Think Differently.  
But it is manifest that this idea does not prevail among the delegates generally. They not only feel that it would imperil the election, but they feel that it would imperil the election of the next Congress and the members of the Senate.

Furthermore, the delegates do not hesitate to express themselves to the effect that the party should not be compelled to bear the odium which would attach to it in the campaign and follow it on through the election.

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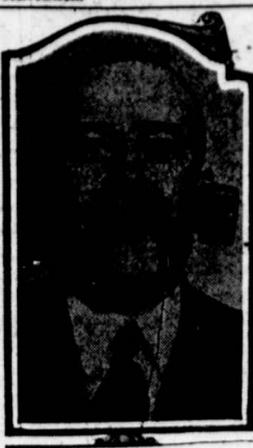
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## CHESLEY H. SEARCY, Republican State chairman of Kentucky, smoking his convention cob. Delegate Searcy and his ever-ready cornob have already lived-ready things at the Chicago convention.



## SIDELIGHTS on the REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

COLISEUM, CHICAGO, June 8.—There was not the helter-skelter rush for the Coliseum this morning as in former years. Secure in the knowledge that the precious tickets were safe and space protected, the delegates and visitors took their time about arriving.

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Today the Johnson forces were trying to round them up and were hopeful of success, having landed Miss Anna M. Anderson, Helena newspaper, who seems to be leader of the band.

The local weather bureau predicts good weather for the week and the ticket speculators are stocking up more cheerfully. A pair of good seats for the week finds a ready market at \$150 if the "specs" cannot buy for less. The selling price quoted is \$200, of as much more as the speculator will bear. With a deep blue dress, a hat with a hard finish, the rainy week leaving them with bunches of tickets on their hands when the show closed.

## Tabloid Summary of Speech Delivered By Senator Lodge

Draws word picture of the World War, its triumphs and its tragedies, and sketches briefly the reconstruction period with which the world is now face to face.

Says spirit of restlessness and discontent is product of war and greatest foe of work of reconstruction. Charges that Democratic party is incapable of coping with problem and that Republicans alone can save situation.

Denounces President Wilson and "his dynasty" for displaying autocratic power, indirectly assailing the Constitution, and undermining American principles. Urges government "of the people, by the people, and for the people" to maintain law and order.

Says vital economic measures are impossible with a "Democratic free trader of Socialistic proclivities in the White House."

Reviews constructive legislation enacted by Republican Congress and declares it is merely a beginning of what the party would like to do.

Says ample punitive laws now exist for punishment of profiteers, but that they should be enforced and that "pirates" should be prosecuted, "not in the headlines of newspapers, after the manner of the present Attorney General, but quietly, thoroughly, and efficiently in the courts," and additional laws enacted if needed.

Blames high prices principally upon abnormal increase per capita of the circulating medium. Says principal remedy for high cost of living lies in production, which cannot be reached directly by statutes. Calls high cost of living problem the most important now before the country.

Denounces Government ownership of public utilities as wasteful and inefficient and points to return of railroads to private ownership as great constructive act of Republicans.

Reviews outrages in Mexico, denounces Wilson administration for failing to protect American interests, and urges a strong, definite policy for the solution of the Mexican problem.

Plays President Wilson for Armenian mandate proposal, and says America had better center its attention on affairs closer at home—for instance, in Mexico.

Says President Wilson "has kept the United States out of peace" by stubbornly insisting on the acceptance of his League of Nations plan, a plan which would rob the American Government of its sovereignty and subject the country to the possibility of numerous wars in which we would have no real interest. Urges policy of Americanism and nationalism as opposed to internationalism.

Warns party against promising any millennium or pledging faith to the performance of impossibilities.

Urges putting aside differences as to means and methods and courting of unity to assure victory at polls in November.

## Finds Women Doing Real Platform Work While Men Just Talk

By NELLIE BLY,  
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CHICAGO, June 8.—This, the Republican convention, is really a woman's convention. It's really the women who are doing the greater part of the work. Handsome women, splendidly gowned, predominated in the great crowds that surged in and around the political headquarters all day.

Men don't seem to count for much, but I presume they are off in their corners, hatching real political schemes.

The women were on deck early in the day. Mr. Harding was at the Harding headquarters a little after 9. She was as bright and cheery as if she hadn't been up half the night. She looked very gentle and sweet in a blue polka dot outfit and a small black turban. She went about shaking hands with everybody, calling them by name and smiling. A smile goes a long way with the crowd.

"Everybody" seemed to take it easy this morning," she confided in me, "but I am a great believer in personal contact. I say, if you want a thing you must go to the people who have it to give, and ask for it. I saw and heard that each one left as a real Johnson booster."

I met William J. Bryan as I was coming out of the Congress Hall. He had on the funniest little hat in Chicago. It was so tall and thin that it looked like a pencil. He had a quarter of an inch of a brim.

"You don't have to hurry here as you did on your last trip around the world," he said as we parted. "Too many people, and then what's the use? I don't have to break my own record."

Everybody's entertaining everybody. Clubs, societies, and private homes pay for teachers, universal eight-hour work law, equal pay for equal service, reduction of taxation and stringent laws on profiteering.

They haven't said anything about money nor bargained for offices. "I didn't hear a H used during the whole time of my visit to Hoover's headquarters. I was rather amused hearing the men greet each other with the well-known English slang: "Hello, old thing, how are you?" "I'm 'er provincial in my choice of slang."

Among the women I have not heard the word "lady" used; it is always the good old true term "woman."

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## NEW MD. AUTO LAW HITS POTOMAC BOAT CLUBS

Members Uncertain How Far Off Road They Can Park Cars and Escape Sheriff.

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CHICAGO, June 8.—Tell me not in mournful numbers 'tis the absence of Barleycorn, the dead departed, that casts a gloom over this community. In the first place, he isn't absent, as plenty of first-class evidence attests, and I guess that in the last forty-eight hours I have had breathed on me enough full, rich whiskey breaths to come pretty near knowing.

And in the next place if Old Bacchus himself were to prance down Michigan avenue, crowded with green vine leaves and bearing a wine sack on each shoulder he couldn't stir more than a passing interest in this solemn gathering. It seems to have on its mind something more important than wine bibbing.

There's an area of low pressure in this region. All the old-timers know it and admit it, and shake their heads over it, and agree that it means something if we could only find out what on earth it is.

The center is around the Congress Hotel, where the hum of the party is on the street, flows listlessly around the lobby, listlessly down one side of Peacock alley and up the other, and ebbs listlessly into the street again, saying acquired meanings some odors of tobacco smoke and some additional weariness, but apparently nothing else. It is to them but a punk show we're giving. They don't care a cent for it.

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No chances can be taken. It is not the intention of the men who are making this roundup to nominate either Wood or Johnson, and they are making sure that neither Wood nor Johnson can nominate themselves.

They need more than 500 trustees of the Republican convention, because they figure the high water mark of Wood will be somewhat in excess of 300 votes, and the best strength Johnson can show is not more than 150 votes, or 400 together. If a combination could be made on that basis, there would be danger of a majority following promptly, but there is where the human equation comes in. Such a combination is held impossible because of the impossibilities have happened in national conventions. Hence, to be on the safe side, the leaders intend to sew up some 500 delegates, which will hold Wood and Johnson as well as these.

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Expert traffickers are on every hand, expert organization traffickers, taught the business by the old guard. They say that in forty-eight hours, before the balloting begins on Thursday, they will have their band of willing workers all secured to the organization dock, hawsered and anchored, and ready for whatever may come.

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## BIG QUESTION MARK OVER SITUATION

As Sessions Open Choice of Delegates for Nominee Remains Perplexing Puzzle.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS,  
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CHICAGO, June 8.—A titanic question mark seemed to loom over the Coliseum as it opened its doors here today to receive the Republican hosts come to nominate their candidate for the Presidency. And the query of all who entered was: "What is the situation?"

Governor Frank Lowden seemed, on paper, to lead the field, with Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood and Senator Hiram Johnson neck and neck close behind, as the various delegations met and held their respective caucuses. But even over this seeming impending victory of Lowden hung the biggest question mark of all. Would the Republican old guard leaders, without whose aid his nomination would be well nigh out of the question, dare take the risk after the revelations before the Kenyon committee in Washington?

The answer is said to be ready and the understanding is that it will be "no."

Nevertheless Lowden's supporters today appeared unusually confident.

They insist he is far from being out of the race. They cite such instances as the Colorado delegation vote as a sample of what is going on. Colorado, on the first ballot, gave Wood 7; Lowden, 4, and Harding, 1. On the second ballot she gave Lowden 11; Wood, 10, and Harding, 1. Several other such cases were cited.

## CLIMATE

Weather Bureau's Figures and Gardeners' Convictions Do Not Agree.

DREYEST MAY KNOWN

Instruments Show Nearly Normal Month—Coal Pile and Flannels Indicate Differently.

Cold shivers and cold figures don't correspond.

This hasn't been an abnormal spring.

May was only 5 degrees below the average temperature of fifty preceding Mays.

On one of the driest Mays on record.

The season is just as far advanced as the average.

You couldn't tell this to the amateur gardeners on Potomac drive, where the plants now who judge a spring by the coal pile and the moths in their winter flannels will quarrel with the statement.

49-Year Record.

The only record there is for the settlement is the record of a brief frost, which was six days later than normal.

Temperature Perverse.

In the way of normal temperature, however, May did show up rather perversely, for there were groups of days on which the temperature was mean in the gardeners' eyes, but not normal on the Weather Bureau's chart.

From May 2 to 6, the average daily temperature was anywhere from 8 to 10 degrees below normal. From May 13 to 17 it was off all the way, the thermometer on the 24th it had another slump of 10 degrees.

There were only thirteen days on which any rain fell, and on four of these only a trace of rain, which was 1.42 inches, which was 2.41 inches less than normal, or only about two-fifths of what might have been expected.

The gardeners say it is so wet they had trouble with their vegetables. Dr. P. C. Day, climatologist was told.

"Figures don't indicate it," he replied.

## Thinks Martians Tried to Talk to Us, But Gave It Up as Hopeless Stunt

PARIS, June 7.—M. Camille Flammarion, the famous astronomer, after discussing the habitability of Mars, states:

"The aspect of this nearby world makes us feel that it is not rash to suppose it inhabited by intelligent beings, and even to admit that they might try to communicate with us."

"Are they intelligent like us?" our infantile simplicity sometimes asks.

"The present state of the world's civilization answers this question, it seems to me. Human folly is so vast, so formidable, so universal, that it seems difficult to admit that they are not more advanced than we, especially if, as is probable, Mars is older by several million of years than the earth."

"For my part it seems to me that if the citizens of Mars wanted to send signals to us they tried it long ago, perhaps a hundred thousand years ago, and that they failed, not because they were not becoming convinced that they were wasting their time on people incapable of responding."

## 15 or 20 Candidates To Share First Ballot

CHICAGO, June 8.—All indications here today were that, unless a dramatic and unexpected change comes about beforehand, the first ballot in the Republican National Convention on Wednesday will record votes for between fifteen and twenty Presidential aspirants, with scarcely more than half enough to nominate any of the "Big Three"—Wood, Lowden or Johnson.