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OUR NEED GOD'S OPPORTUNITY. Hungry and thirsty, their soul faint in them. They cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. Psalm 107:5, 6.

Although we have nothing quite so spectacular as two new hotels, the new building this year is covering just as much or more space in the enlarged business district as it did last. Growth continues; times are getting better.

Hoover's nomination was taken for granted, of course, as the republican convention approached the nominating session last night. The notable thing about the vote was the overwhelming swing to the commerce secretary once the balloting started. A total of 837 votes on the first ballot is no mean achievement and, with a solid vote in most states and a fair showing in practically all others, indicates that the party will forget its brief difference over farm relief and will be 100 per cent behind Hoover in November. The republicans' strongest candidate is going to do the leading. And we are confident the party will have nothing to apologize for as time goes on. Personally, The Observer would have been as well satisfied with Dawes, as well satisfied with Lowden except for his age, and less satisfied with Coolidge. Hoover's remarkable executive ability, his success with big problems commend him to a practical, efficiency-loving American people. His popularity will grow.

A UNITED CHINA AT LAST?

It begins to look as if a new era were about to dawn in China. Evacuation of Peking by the Manchurians, and its occupation by the Nationalists, opens the way for a new deal for this tremendous, but feeble, eastern nation.

Potentially, China is one of the greatest countries on earth. There is a great wealth of natural resources—metals, oil, timber, fertile soil, water power. The population is amazingly numerous—probably 400,000,000 people, at the very least. Furthermore, the Chinese people are intelligent and industrious. There is no natural reason why China cannot take a place among the great powers of the world.

Yet during the last century China has been the prey of every European nation that cared to send a few gunboats over there. England, France, Russia, Germany—all took turns in seizing ports and setting up their own rule. Japan, with less than a sixth of China's population, has helped herself to whatever she wanted, restrained in her plundering solely by a regard for the opinions of the other great powers.

This has been because of China's lack of unity, as much as anything. Each province has been to all intents and purposes a separate country; indeed, of recent years each city has been pretty much a law unto itself. The citizens of Canton cared not what happened to the people of Tientsin; the Chinese of the interior neither knew nor worried about the depredations of the foreigner on the seacoast. At times some ruler or other would resist foreign encroachment; but not one ever could muster more than a fraction of China's potential strength.

Now, however, the way seems to be clear for a more unified, centralized government than China has enjoyed since the heyday of the late empire. The last resistance to the Nationalist regime has collapsed. For the first time the Chinese seem to be feeling an emotion akin to national patriotism.

A tremendous opportunity is facing the Nationalist leaders. If they are wise, able and determined enough they can take advantage of this new national consciousness and make China something other than the "sleeping giant" she has been so long. Let an aggressive, enlightened government once take hold of China, resolved to develop her natural resources and gain an equality with other nations, and the spectacle would be worth watching.

Herbert Hoover Sidelights

- 1874—Born at West Branch, Ia., son of a blacksmith.
- 1886—Left an orphan and taken in by relatives in West Branch.
- 1886—Moved to Newburg, Ore., to live with an uncle.
- 1888—Went to Portland, Ore., to shift for himself, working as clerk in a real estate office.
- 1891—Enrolled at Leland Stanford university, working his way through.
- 1895—Graduated from Leland Stanford and went to work in a California gold mine, later joining the mining firm of Louis Janin.
- 1897—Went to Australia as mining engineer for a British syndicate.
- 1899—Married Miss Lois Henry of Monterey, Cal., and went to China as mining expert for the Chinese government.
- 1900—Helped other Americans defend Tientsin during the Boxer rebellion.
- 1903—Entered partnership with a group of mining engineers in London.
- 1906—Changed his legal residence to Palo Alto, Cal.
- 1911—In London when war broke out, was appointed to take charge of relief work in Belgium.
- 1917—Returned to the United States to become food administrator.
- 1919—Made director general of relief work by allied powers and organized American Relief Administration.
- 1920—Ran successfully for Republican nomination for president.
- 1921—Made secretary of commerce in President Harding's cabinet.
- 1927—Directed relief work in Mississippi flood.
- 1928—Became a candidate for Republican nomination for president.

ABE MARTIN



I used to think I was rich. I'd buy a leather's chair I lay in, but now I believe I'd buy a big, solid iron automobile. Houston hotels don't expect to break even on a first ballot nomination. What they're counting on is a big three of four weeks' fight over a wet an' dry plank.

HOOVER WINS NOMINATION BY BIG VOTE

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convention style. A similar ovation greeted the actual presentation of Hoover's name at the end of the speech and there was a deafening thunderclap of cheering when the result of the first and only ballot was announced toward midnight.

Curtis of Kansas also was besieged with the lusty lunged denigration from the Sunflower state and were joined by the delegates of Oklahoma in a parade around the hall. There were lesser ovations for all of the others placed in nomination and in many cases the Hoover delegates' generous in their security, helped the fun along to the discomfort of the presiding officer, Senator Moses, whose overgrown wooden gavel was not big enough to crash through the continuing barrage of noise from the floor and restore order.

HOOVER SENDS MESSAGE

WASHINGTON, June 15 (AP)—Secretary Hoover today sent the following message to George H. Moses, chairman of the republican national convention at Kansas City: "I have your telegram and I sincerely appreciate the confidence which the party has shown in me and the honor bestowed upon me. You convey too great a compliment when you say I have earned the right to the presidential nomination. No man can establish an obligation upon any part of the American people. My country owes me no debt. It gave me, as it gives every boy and girl, a chance. It gave me schooling, independence of action, opportunity for service and honor. In no other land could a boy from a country village, without inheritance or influential friends, look forward with unbounded hope.

Indebted to U. S. "My whole life has taught me that America means, I am indebted to my country beyond any human power to repay. It conferred upon me the mission to administer America's response to the appeal of afflicted nations during the war. It has called me into two cabinets of two presidents. By these experiences I have observed the burdens and responsibilities of the greatest office in the world. That office touches the happiness of every home. It deals with the peace of nations. No man should hold it except in terms of solemn consecration.

"You ask me for a message. A new era and new forces have come into our economic life and our sitting among nations of the World. These forces demand of us constant study and effort, if prosperity, peace and contentment shall be maintained.

Stands on Platform

"This convention, like those which have preceded it for two generations, have affirmed the principles of our party and defined its policy upon the problems which now confront us. I stand upon that platform. At a later date I shall discuss it fully, but in the meantime will say that under these principles the victory of the party will assure national defense, maintain economy in the administration of the government, protect American workers, farmers and business men alike from competition arising out of lower standards of living abroad, foster individual initiative, insure stability of business and employment, promote our foreign commerce and develop our national resources. You have manifested a deep concern in the problems of agriculture. You have pledged the party to support specific and constructive relief upon a nationwide scale backed by the resources of the federal government. We must and will find a sound solution that will bring security and contentment to the great section of our people.

Many Problems

"But the problems of the next four years are more than economic. In a profound sense they are moral and spiritual. This convention has founded a note of moral leadership. Shall the world have peace? Shall prosperity in this nation be more thoroughly established? Shall we build zealously toward the ideal opportunity to all our people? Shall there be secured that obedience to law which is the essential assurance of life at our institutions? Shall honesty and righteousness in government and business confirm the confidence of the people in their institutions and their laws? Government must contribute to

leadership in answer to these questions. The government is more than an administration; it is power for leadership and co-operation with the forces of business and cultural life in city, town and countryside. The presidency is more than executive responsibility. It is the inspiring symbol of all that is highest in America's purposes and ideals.

"It is vital to the welfare of the United States that the republican party should continue to administer the government.

"It is essential that our party should be continued in organization and in strength in order that it may perpetuate its great principles in our national life.

"I elected by my fellow countrymen I shall give the best within me to advance the moral and material welfare of all our people and uphold the traditions of the republican party, so effectively exemplified by Calvin Coolidge.

(Signed) Herbert Hoover.

Farm Leaders Plan To March Upon Houston

KANSAS CITY, June 15 (AP)—Defeated in their attempt to write the equalization fee principle into the republican party platform farm leaders of the middle west plan to carry their fight to the democratic convention at Houston. Frank W. Murphy, of Wheaton, Minn., a delegate to the convention here who made a speech on the floor on behalf of the minority farm plank, attacked the convention farm action here in a statement today and said his group would go on to the Texas convention in an effort to obtain the relief "denied them" by the republicans. "I am speaking for the farmers," he said, "when I say they must accept the vote on the farm relief plank as notice to them that the

republican party is not big enough to take them into the protective system and that their vote is not regarded as necessary to party success."

CONVENTION ADJOURNS AT 2:22 O'CLOCK

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CITY, June 15 (AP)—Hoover and Curtis' so reads the republican ticket. In a landslide of proportions even outdoing that in which Herbert Hoover himself was nominated last night for president the republican national convention at its concluding session today selected Charles Curtis of Kansas as his running mate.

East and west and south joined in a great rivalry to give the tribute and confidence of their support to the swarthy Kansan, of Indian descent, once a jockey, now the leader of his party in the



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United States senate. His selection stood by the president. He himself had been a candidate for the presidency with the support of the presidential nominee and the McNary-Haugen farm bloc which was so overwhelmingly beaten yesterday in an attempt to write the equalization fee into the platform. Senator Curtis voted for both the McNary-Haugen bills which were vetoed by President Coolidge. When the attempt was made three weeks ago to pass the 12% bill over the telegram of congratulation to Mr. Hoover, however, the Kansas senator

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