

TOWNEY'S LEAGUE HAS ITS DEFENDERS

Portland Ad Club Hears Spirited Debate Over National Non-Partisan League.

C. C. CHAPMAN ASSAILANT

J. D. Brown, President of Farmers' Union and Leader of Movement to Organize Branch in Oregon, Defends Organization.

When C. C. Chapman quoted some of the recent unpatriotic public utterances of A. C. Townley, president of the National Non-Partisan League, before the Portland Ad Club at its weekly luncheon at the Benson Hotel yesterday, J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' Union and one of the leaders of the movement to organize such a league in this state, lost his temper and accused Mr. Chapman of deliberately making statements he knew were not true.

The incident occurred in conjunction with a joint debate between Mr. Brown and Mr. Chapman before the Ad Club, the subject for discussion being: "Resolved, That the non-partisan movement is desirable for Oregon at this time."

Townley stoutly defended. Mr. Brown presented the affirmative side of the argument. He devoted practically all of the time allotted to a defense of the charges of disloyalty, which had been brought against Mr. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, president and secretary-organizer, respectively, of the National organization and of which Mr. Gilbert was found guilty and sentenced to jail. He praised Mr. Townley for his ability as an organizer and leader.

At the outset Mr. Brown enlightened his auditors by saying that the movement in Oregon was not associated with the North Dakota organization and that when organized it would be an independent organization. He frankly admitted that eventually, however, the body to be formed in this state in all probability would co-ordinate its forces and co-operate with the National organization, headed by Townley and Gilbert. He professed to be surprised by the leader in this state should not submit to the general plan of operation outlined and being followed by the National Non-Partisan League.

Disloyalty Discarded. "Attempts to discredit the Non-Partisan League by charging that it is disloyal are foolish," declared Mr. Brown, "and amount to an indictment of three-fourths of the voters of North Dakota who in the last election voted for Governor Wilson."

Mr. Townley has been charged with advising the farmers not to increase the production of wheat and otherwise refrain from supporting the war. He may have said some unwise things, under circumstances when one was not to say things he should not have said, but the general tenor of his remarks always has been of the most patriotic character. He has never uttered a word in which he has not always supported the President as to the best method of financing the war, and in that he differed honestly with President Wilson.

Regarding the arrest, conviction and jail sentence of Secretary Gilbert, Mr. Brown admitted that Gilbert had made some "rash" statements. "But he was not arrested for making those remarks," continued Mr. Brown, "but on the charge of causing a unlawful assembly, the 'big interests' of the country had for more than a year been hounding and badgering both Gilbert and Townley because they had reason to fear the success of the non-partisan movement. Under the circumstances I am not surprised that both Townley and Gilbert may have said some things they should not have said. As for Gilbert, he was virtually thrown into jail without a trial, for

in his case a fair trial was impossible."

Townley's Character Assailed. Mr. Chapman vigorously assailed the Non-Partisan League and its leadership by such men as Townley and Gilbert and their associates. He denounced Townley as "a man who was registered as a Socialist, was identified with the I. W. W., himself a bankrupt and a reckless financier." He charged that the Non-Partisan League movement was a sort of "religious fanaticism with hypnotic influence," by which, under the leadership of an adventurer like Townley, the farmers of North Dakota and surrounding states had been deceived and had lost more than \$2,500,000 in dues which had been turned over to Townley and his associates, who had rendered no accounts for their expenditures.

"If this man Townley today possesses any patriotism it is of very recent origin," charged Mr. Chapman. "At the very time, food conservation and liberty loan campaigns were being conducted throughout the west, he was

deducted throughout the United States, the public statements of Townley were such as to discourage the planting of wheat, conservation of food, liberty wheat, and other patriotic movements. It was not until the question of his patriotism was raised that Townley ever advocated increased crop production or otherwise endorsed the general policy of the President in conducting the war.

Pro-Germans Are Leaguers. "I do not wish to be understood as charging that all of the people of North Dakota are unpatriotic, but I do find in that state one pro-German farmer who is not identified with the National Non-Partisan League. This same farmer exists in Idaho, where the non-partisan movement has gained a foothold. In that state you will find it is in the pro-German neighborhoods that the league is strongest."

Mr. Chapman quoted to some extent from different public utterances of Townley, in which the president of the National Non-Partisan League made statements closely akin to the seditious comments of Floyd Ramp, the Oregon Socialist, who was recently convicted in the Federal Court for violation of the espionage law.

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L. M. Prindle and H. G. Ferguson, geologists of the United States Geological Survey, sometime ago visited practically every hydraulic mining district in this region, and instructed the placer miners how to save the platinum and osmium, is quoted at a price three or four times that of gold. The miners now appreciate the value of this metal and the output is increasing.

Y. W. C. A. Fund Falls Short.

BEND, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The committee working here for the Y. W. C. A. war fund has closed its campaign and sent its collection, amounting to \$511, to headquarters. This amount falls short of the county quota of \$500, but subscriptions will still be taken, although there will be no more active canvassing. The amounts are as follows: Bend, \$423.50; Redmond, \$38; Sisters, \$5.75; Gist, \$4, and Terrebonne, \$31.

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