

TWO TYPES OF MEN LOOM FOR PRESIDENT

Proved Executive Has Shade
Over Military Leader.

TAFT SENTIMENT IS FOUND

Colonel Wood and General Pershing
Also Strong Possibilities in
Republican Ranks.

Two types of candidate arise in the mist of conjecture concerning possible presidential nominees on the republican ticket, but the odds are that the choice will fall to one of proved executive worth rather than to a military leader.

Such is the opinion of David Lawrence, of New York Evening Post, who represented that paper and a syndicate of publications at the Paris peace conference and who is now touring America for the preparation of series of articles dealing with economic, industrial and political conditions in the larger cities. Upon his return from France five weeks ago Mr. Lawrence turned at once to his new assignment and since then has visited 22 cities of the east, middle west and northwest. He arrived in Portland yesterday.

McAdoo Strong Possibility.
He believes, from impressions gathered on this trip, that McAdoo is a strong democratic possibility and that, in the event of his nomination, the republican party must choose scrupulously from the best men available if it is to produce a candidate that will have the qualifications essential to victory.

Republican party leaders have a large field of candidates before them, Mr. Lawrence has observed, and sentiment thus far has not crystallized on any particular one. Rather, it is the party policy to boost them all for the cumulative effect that makes for party success.

In the strong Roosevelt districts of other years—Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Washington and Utah—he had found much talk of General Leonard Wood, the friend and protege of the late Colonel Roosevelt. In these states the sentiment for the candidacy of General Wood is much farther advanced than in the east, where, as Mr. Lawrence phrased it, "there is a great deal of noise for Wood, but with little headway."

Wood Boom Under Way.
The strength of General Wood will lie, in the opinion of Mr. Lawrence, in his aggressive personality, the fact that he seems the logical heir to the Roosevelt strength, and the acquaintance formed with the hosts of young Americans who met him in the training camps, and who believe that he is a man who would do things.

"The boom for General Wood seems to have gotten further ahead than that of any other republican possibility," said Mr. Lawrence. "That doesn't mean, of course, that he will be nominated." He added that it is likely that Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., will soon make public his stand for General Wood, thus disposing of any conjecture regarding himself.

Mr. Lawrence admits that General Pershing may also be in the running, particularly if he arrives from overseas just before the 1920 convention and tours the country. All party leaders with whom he had talked are warm in their praises of both Wood and Pershing—but there is a reservation about their ability to handle the huge economic problems of reconstruction.

Taft Sentiment in East.
The fear is felt that military men have been trained too exclusively in one science, and that they might not be competent to cope with fiscal affairs, or the problems attendant on the return of the railroads, for example.

Mr. Lawrence predicts that the man who will be apt to control the republican delegations, the man whom the party leaders will seek for, will be one who combines business judgment and capacity with a record of executive ability in the administration of public affairs. Though the choice may fall to a military man, either Wood or Pershing, Mr. Wallace expressed doubt that such will prove to be the case.

In the east and central west he found strong sentiment for ex-President Taft, inspired by Mr. Taft's neutral attitude toward the administration and support of war policies throughout the war period and by his national attitude on the league of nations question. Another republican possibility, though not very likely to gain the required strength, he names as Senator Harding, of Ohio.

Baker's Chances Wane.
If the situation seems to call for one to cope with important fiscal and economic problems, Mr. Lawrence thinks it not unlikely that the republicans will choose for their candidate such a man as Governor Frank Lowden of Illinois, whose name is widely acclaimed in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. Senator Kanyon of Iowa is also frequently spoken of.

There are but three likely candidates in the democratic party ranks, believes Mr. Lawrence. These are Mr. McAdoo, Attorney-General Palmer and Secretary Baker. The Baker boom he holds to have been considerably dampened by criticism of the war department, and believes that the nomination lies between McAdoo and Palmer.

"McAdoo would put up a stiff, aggressive fight," said Mr. Lawrence. "If the appeal is for a business candidate, the democrats will undoubtedly advance him. The 'son-in-law' situation would militate against him to some extent, but he has a large following of railroad men and laborers. The republicans will have to choose carefully and put up a strong candidate to beat him."

TROOPS AT SAN FRANCISCO

Contingent of 269 Arrives to Be Demobilized at Presidio.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Two hundred and sixty-nine members of the 34th machine gun battalion of the 1st division arrived here today from overseas duty. They are to be demobilized at the Presidio.

Many of the men wore decorations received for gallantry in action in the battle of the Argonne.

Maccabees Meet Here Today.

Members of the Women's Benefit association of the Ladies of the Maccabees, from every lodge in Oregon, are gathering in Portland today for the opening session of their annual state convention, which convenes at the Hotel Portland. The convention is honored by the presence of the supreme commander of the order, Miss Mona M. West, of Port Huron, Mich., who arrived yesterday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth J. West. Other nationally prominent Maccabees in attendance are Mrs. Minnie W. Aydelotte of Oakland, Cal., and Mrs. J. Fitch, M. D., of Tacoma, Wash.

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