

PARTY LEADERS AND POLICES UP IN AIR

With Election Year Away, All Is Uncertain.

NEW ALIGNMENTS SURE

Everything Political in Transition Stage—Labor Party Becoming Strong Possibility.

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PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 4.—(Special.)

As far as political party ideas are concerned, the United States today is "up in the air." One year before the election of 1920, none of the leaders of either of the two big parties can forecast what plank of planks will be embodied in the leading platform. The country is between the pillar of public criticism and the post of party sentiment. Politicians are between the "devil and the sea." Candidates there are by the score, but not one complete platform exists. Not even a skeleton of a party platform has been formulated by party leaders.

The campaign thus far is a campaign of candidates for candidates. Issues are being avoided. Personalities alone are being advertised and discussed, despite the fact that every politician knows, or believes, that political parties and party issues will play the premier role in the coming national election. But there is a good reason for this situation. It is due to the fact that party labels no longer describe political groups in this country. Every old party is split. The names "democratic," "republican," "conservative," "prohibition" and "socialist" labor do not fit present conditions. The ranks of the democrats, the republicans and the socialists are divided. Leaders are divided. Organizations are separated along political, industrial and internal lines.

Four Groups Are Visible.

Nevertheless there are visible in the country today four distinct groups of voters and citizens. These are: The conservatives, the liberals (progressives), the radicals and the labor contingent.

If there could be candidates to represent these political groups the American people would have an opportunity to vote as they think next November. But the lines of demarcation will not be so distinct next year unless there is a greater change in political sentiment than is visible today, but four years hence, according to present tendencies, we may see these four new parties.

Despite the fact that the two old parties are dead today, except in name, they probably will cling to the name within reach of the party for another three or four years before they sink.

Possible Lineup Seen.

These new political groups, however, because they represent public sentiment more accurately than the old party names, will make themselves felt in the national election. Judging the party sentiment by the opinions of the old leaders who control the organizations and supply the campaign funds, there will probably be the following lineup in 1920: 1. Republican party—Supported by conservative business and financial leaders on a platform of "law and order."

2. Democratic party—Supported by union labor leaders and the more conservative radicals not of the communist type upon a platform of government ownership or operation of industry and transportation. In making this forecast of the party lineup in the nation, I realize that I am going contrary to a very noticeable tendency within the republican party. There is one faction of the republican striving today to have that party adopt the Roosevelt industrial program of 1912 adjusted to present conditions. There is also another faction, led by Senators Borah and Johnson, who are considered and classed as "progressives and liberals," who would not support a conservative platform, but recently in conversation with leading republicans in New York, who are giving a great deal of consideration to the republican platform for 1920, I was told that every effort will be made next year to frame a platform upon which Wood, Lowden, Borah, Johnson, Lodge, Chamberlain and Hughes can stand. And they may succeed.

Political Ideas Shifting.

I know one prominent republican who has been asked to outline a republican platform for the party at a meeting in Philadelphia this month, and if the party follows his suggestions, it will be the liberal party of 1920.

What I believe is happening behind the scenes is this: Neither the republicans nor the democrats are able to act upon their judgment of public sentiment today. Political and industrial ideas are in a state of transition. Sentiment has not yet crystallized, although a majority of those who talk about politics today take it for granted that the republicans will be victorious, no matter what issue they champion or what candidate they nominate. Some of the democratic aspirants have told me that they did not know whether the next nomination would be worth anything. They have been hit by the wave of republicanism which spreads across the nation.

Still there is a very bitter contest being fought within both old political parties and, while the contest may appear to be in control of the republican organization and the republican party machinery they do not possess the strange hold which once was theirs. The democrats are in an equally uncertain state of mind. Thus where there exists inner party conflicts one year before election almost anything may happen at the next convention. The fight may continue, in fact, until the republicans nominate their candidate. With America in the midst of a political transition period the great decisions may not be taken until the eleventh hour.

Labor Forces Are Moving.

While the democratic and republican are fighting among themselves, always behind the scenes, the forces of labor are moving more and more together and the possibility of a labor party is becoming more and more evident. This tendency, if it continues, may force upon the country a third strong political party, and then the real puzzle of the campaign will be: "From which old party will the labor group take the most votes?" This is the political ghost which disturbs the sleep of the politicians. An answer cannot be given at this time. Everything depends upon the men who lead the old parties and the issues which they support. Much depends also on the manner in which the officials of the national government, the states and the army handle the industrial problems which will be forced

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STRIKE PASSES FOURTH DAY WITHOUT WEAKENING.

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Three Days Allowed in Which to Get Out—Union Officials Send Appeal to Governor.

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- 45105—Kashmir Song, By Lambert Murphy \$1.00
- 45106—Mother, By Lambert Murphy \$1.00
- 45107—Waiting, By Lambert Murphy \$1.00
- 45108—Life and Love, By Lambert Murphy \$1.00
- 45109—This Hour, By Lambert Murphy \$1.00
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NEW YORK MILK RISES

Advance Held Due to Increase in Drivers' Wages.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Retail prices of milk were advanced today on the ground of the increase of wages of wagon drivers which averted a strike.

BRITAIN, CHILE, IN PACT

Both Nations Ratify Arbitration Treaty to Last Five Years.

MEXICAN TRAIN ROBBED

Bandits Kill 29 Guards and Many Passengers Are Wounded.

LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 3.—Details were received here of an attack by Mexican bandits on a train en route from Guadalajara to Mexico City early Saturday near Celaya, state of Guanajuato.

WARD OFFERING ALIBI

DEFENDANT DENIES ROBBERY OF GRANT CLUBROOM.

Confession Alleged by Prosecution Repeated on Ground of Third-Degree Methods by Police.

Although he is alleged to have made several confessions to the police, Julius Ward, on trial for robbery of the club room at Fifth and Oak streets operated by Jack Grant, is offering an alibi in an effort to prove his innocence. His trial was started yesterday before a jury in Circuit Judge Morrow's court.

TEACHER SHORTAGE 113

Higher Pay Lures Oregon Instructors From Schoolrooms.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 4.—(Special.)—Approximately 113 teachers are needed to fill the vacancies in the Oregon schools at the present time, according to reports received by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, from all counties in the state with the exception of Curry, Crook, Malheur and Wheeler.

"DADDIES" TO CELEBRATE

Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors to Observe Armistice Day.

Armistice day will be fittingly celebrated by the Association of Fathers of Soldiers and Sailors of U. S. A., commonly known as the daddies' club, in conjunction with the National American War Mothers. The affair, which will consist of a supper, entertainment and dance, will be held in the daddies' hall, 129 Fourth street, beginning at 8 o'clock on the evening of November 11. It is not open to the public, but is for the members of the

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