

BATTLE IN MAINE BECOMING LIVELY

Election There Counted Significant One.

POLITICAL KICK-OFF SEPT. 13

Partisans Active and Both Parties Confident.

LEAGUE PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Sentiment for and Against Pact Is Noted and Republicans Apparently Face Problem.

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Last Saturday Will Hays went to Augusta, Me., and gave the momentum of his presence to the starting of that three weeks of extraordinary spellbinding which cuts so large a figure every presidential year under the name of "The Maine Campaign."

This week the democrats are beginning their side of it, and from now until Saturday night, September 11, Maine is going to hear the best speakers that both parties can assemble from all over the nation. The democrats have even announced that they are going to give a full week of the extremely valuable time and energy of their vice-presidential candidate, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to stumping this state.

"The Maine election" has come to be an institution. It comes seven weeks before the presidential election and it is supposed to be a sign of how things are going. It is supposed to have a "psychological effect" on the rest of the country. It has some analogy to the kick-off in a football game, and the democrats are warming up of players before a baseball game, which gives the partisans an opportunity to do a little cheering.

Real Test Is in Figures.

Of course, it is not enough for the republicans merely to carry Maine. They nearly always do that. The real test, it is always recognized, lies wholly in the degree of the republican victory. In 1916 the Maine republicans carried the September election by 14,000 and then carried the presidential election in November by only 500.

For the information of anyone who is interested in the kind of deductions that actual politicians make from the Maine election it may be said that if the republicans carry this election for Governor on September 13 by more than 15,000, it will be interpreted as an omen of a substantial Harding victory throughout the country as a whole in November. If the republican majority exceeds a much less than 15,000, it will be interpreted as giving encouragement to Cox.

Without making any predictions in figures, it may be said that as conditions stand today the republicans ought to do better than normal. The republicans are organized, the democrats are not. For weeks the republican managers and candidates have been busy in every village. The democrats, on the other hand, seem to be relying wholly on the whirlwind fling of spellbinding. The democrats have been so restless that they have not troubled to put up especially strong candidates for congress. On the other hand, the four republican candidates for congress are strong, three of them being the sitting members. In one district the democrats allow their congressional nomination to go more or less by default and it was taken by a railroad engineer, running chiefly on the Plumb plan.

Democrats Are Apathetic.

From many parts of Maine your correspondent receives information reflecting this energy on the part of republicans and apathy on the part of democrats. The republicans have the air of hungry persons who see the fat lands of milk and honey, the feasting of success and patronage just ahead of them.

As one competent observer writes: "At this stage of campaign I have never seen the republicans better organized and more interested than now and I have never witnessed the democrats worse. It does not seem possible that the democrats can efficiently organize before election and our conclusion is that they intend to rely on the intensive speaking campaign during the last three weeks. I may truthfully say that up to this date I have heard of no republican who has expressed an intention of supporting the democratic ticket, while on the other hand, there have been towns into which I have gone where I have heard rumors that this or that democrat will either vote the republican ticket or will not vote at all. My belief, however, is that as the campaign warms up the party call will be heard and headed and that what now looks like a republican landslide will be a republican victory exceeding the coverage of late years, but not unprecedented by any means. There seems no doubt that the democrats are suffering among other things from the usual discontent against the party in power."

Many independent voters and some democrats talk of "reckless extravagance" (concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

1 KILLED, 1 HURT WHEN CAR HITS WOOD-SAW

JOHN BOLTZ DIES AS RESULT OF ACCIDENT.

Witnesses Declare Williams Avenue Motorman Had Time to Stop; Investigation Begun.

John Boltz, 55½ Russell street, employed on a wood saw, was fatally injured and C. Yahnke, proprietor of the saw, who lives at the same address, sustained injuries when the wood saw on which they were riding was struck by an inbound Williams-avenue street car at the intersection of Williams avenue and Morris street yesterday morning.

Boltz died several hours after the accident at the St. Vincent's hospital. The body was turned over to the county coroner, who began an investigation of the accident.

The wood saw, under its own power, was being driven across Williams avenue in front of the approaching street car by Yahnke when it was struck. The saw was turned end for end by the force of the shock and was badly damaged.

Boltz, who was riding on the rear end, attempted to save himself by jumping, but was caught by the street car.

The street car was a one-man car, operated by H. R. Peterson. Patrolman Yost of the traffic bureau, said that witnesses told him that the saw could be seen from the street car a distance of more than a hundred feet from the crossing and that the motorman had ample time to avoid the collision.

The police announced that a further investigation would be made.

NON-PARTISAN CHIEF SUED

Townley, Alleged Bankrupt, Said to Have Large Interests.

FARGO, N. D., Aug. 24.—Charges that A. C. Townley, president of the Non-Partisan league, owns the controlling interest in a steel company at Miami, Fla., are contained in a suit filed today by James R. Waters, former manager of the Bank of North Dakota.

Waters demands payment of \$5000 which he alleges was the annual salary promised him by Townley for handling the latter's interests in the steel company. Mr. Townley recently testified in bankruptcy proceedings that he had no interest of any kind in any property.

WOMAN PATROLS FOREST

40,000 Acres in Lane County Are Covered Daily in Saddle.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Lane county has the only forest fire patrol in the United States, Mrs. N. F. Madouff of the Cascade forest office here yesterday.

She is Mrs. Nellie Edwards of Blue River, who has charge of patrol work for a lumber workers' association. Mrs. Edwards rides over her territory of over 40,000 acres each day on horseback, covering country seldom entered by any other human being. Mrs. Edwards took up this work as a patriotic service during the war.

COREA FEARS BAD PLOT

Troops Ordered to Guard Visiting U. S. Congressmen.

HONOLULU, Aug. 24.—Rumors of Korean plots to kidnap the American congressmen touring the orient, have caused the governor-general of Korea to order out the entire gendarmery of Seoul and five battalions of troops to guard the house in which the visitors will stay, according to a Tokyo call to the Nippon Jiji, Japanese language newspaper.

The congressmen arrived in Mukden Monday and were due in Seoul Tuesday night.

FLIER DISCOVERS BODY

Others Searching for Drowned Woman Work in Vain.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 24.—From an airplane piloted by Lieutenant A. M. Hamer, of a local aircraft company, the body of Miss Pearl Rommel, who was swept from her horse yesterday and drowned, while attempting to swim the Spokane river was discovered lying in shallow water today and a few minutes later was recovered.

Other searchers had worked in vain.

STAR RESULT OF CLASH

Newcomer Ascribed to Collision of Comet and Sun.

VAILLEJO, Cal., Aug. 24.—The new star in the constellation Cygnus, reported yesterday at Harvard observatory, was caused by a collision in the heavens between a large comet and a sun, comparatively dim.

Captain Thomas J. J. See of the naval observatory at Mare Island announced today that he had received information today this effect from Professor Charles C. Conroy of Los Angeles.

FLIER'S BODY SENT SOUTH

Funeral of Clifford Progger to Be Held in Los Angeles.

REDWOOD CITY, Cal., Aug. 24.—The body of Clifford Progger of Los Angeles, killed in an airplane accident here, with two others, Sunday, was sent to his home today.

Progger, who was a British test aviator, originally came from Bristol, England. His father lives in Fife, Mont.

SANDY WAY CHOICE FOR MT. HOOD LOOP

Highway Commission Settles Moot Question.

SOUTHERN ROUTE IS SHORTER

Unanimous Decision Given After Arguments Are Heard.

\$1,500,000 IN BONDS SOLD

Bid Is Higher Than Previous Issue—Bids Also Received on More Road Work.

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The state highway commission yesterday disposed of a large amount of business at a session which began at 10 A. M. and continued through the entire day.

The morning session was characterized by the sale of \$1,500,000 of highway bonds to a group of bidders represented by Carl S. Keity and Pinlay D. McNaughton, for a price of \$1,251,200, a bid \$10,000 higher than was paid for a like issue July 29, and which is figured to yield 5.47 per cent.

The syndicate that takes the bonds is composed of the Continental & Commercial Trust & Savings bank and Harris Trust & Savings bank of Chicago, the National City company of New York, and the Lumbermen's Trust company of Portland. The bonds bear interest at the rate of 4½ per cent and will be issued in denominations of \$1000 each, except that each thirty-eight bond will be of \$500 denomination. Beginning October 1, 1925, \$37,500 will mature serially October 1 and April 1 of each year until the full amount is redeemed.

The forenoon session was taken up with arguments of the spokesmen.

CITY RAILWAY LOSES

Tacoma Faces \$5010.38 Deficit on Municipal Lines.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Tacoma's municipal street-railway line lost \$5010.38 in July. The operating revenue amounted to \$1,379.23 and the operating expenses were \$15,918.54, making an operating deficit of \$2025.85. Interest on the investment and other charges against the line ran the deficit to more than \$5000.

The city still is pursuing the policy of paying the majority of motorman and conductors for a full day's work, although they put in but from two to four hours. Commissioner Harrison thinks he can overcome the difficulty by operating one-man cars, now under construction.

SOMETHING ELSE WITH A KICK IN IT.



TESTIMONY ON FUNDS BY COX IS DEMANDED

REPRESENTATIVE FESS HOLDS NO EXCUSE IS VALID.

Vituperation and Misstatements by Both Democratic Nominations Declared Evident.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—With the declaration that Governor Cox can make no valid excuse for not testifying before the senate committee which is investigating campaign fund matters, Representative S. D. Fess of Ohio, chairman of the national republican congressional committee, at republican headquarters today said the committee should insist on his appearance.

Mr. Fess said: "The investigation is timely, and I am glad the senatorial committee has taken this step to clear up the financial charges. Such loose talk as is indulged in by Governor Cox will not be taken so seriously in Ohio, where he is known, but it is too serious to go unchallenged."

"Governor Cox can make no valid excuse for not personally appearing before the committee and testifying under oath, just as other witnesses will testify. The committee should so insist."

"The campaign of vituperation and misstatements of Governor Cox and P. D. Roosevelt carry their own condemnation. It confesses its inherent weakness and signifies its certain defeat."

"Let the committee in this proper manner and at this early stage put an end to this twaddle of democratic candidates."

RAIN CURBS SMOKE PALL

First Fall in Months Welcomed and More Showers Due.

White shoes were tucked regretfully away on shelves yesterday while their owners brought forth umbrellas with which to greet the first autumnal shower that paid a visit to the city early in the morning. By 10 o'clock J. Pluyvis finished teasing the web-footers and put his sprinkling can away for the day. However, more showers are promised during the week by the weather bureau.

Rain, if the slight sprinkle can be called such, had not fallen in this city since July 21. It had the beneficial effect of doing away with a portion of the smoke that has hung like a heavy blanket over Portland the past week.

ILWACO CENSUS IS 787

Population of Bakersfield, Cal., Announced as 18,638.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—Ilwaco, Pacific county, Washington, has a population of 787, according to census figures announced today. This was a gain of 123 over ten years ago.

Bakersfield, Cal., census was given as 18,638, an increase of 5911 or 46.4 per cent.

FUGITIVE NOW PENITENT

Convict Who Escaped From Idaho Penitentiary Returning.

OGDEN, Utah, Aug. 24.—Leon Deem, who escaped from the Idaho state penitentiary at Boise last October while serving a 20-year sentence for kidnaping, was on his way back to prison today.

He surrendered here Sunday.

CASHIER DISCOVERS YEGGS BUSY IN BANK

TWO CRY "HANDS UP," THEN BACK OUT OF DOOR.

Townpeople Aroused, Chase Follows, One Captured, Other Hiding in Wheat Field.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The time lock on the safe of the bank at Pine City, a few miles west of Rosalia, Wash., saved the bankroll this morning from two robbers.

"I went to work this morning about 7:30 o'clock," said Cashier Henry Smith over the long-distance telephone. "When I opened the front door I saw two men behind the cage in the act of putting on masks. They had been searching the tills and drawers and were making preparations to blow the vault."

"In response to their command, 'Hands up!' I shot my hands into the air while they backed out of the door and fairly evaporated. As quickly as I could I recovered from the shock I rushed to the street and in less than five minutes townpeople were on their trail."

"The younger of the pair was trapped as he was about to enter a 400-acre wheat field. O. A. Giles and my brother Emmett fired at the fleeing yeggman. He dropped his gun and ran toward Giles and my brother. The other outlaw sailed through thin air into my brother's wheat field. He may get away tonight, but everybody down here is on his trail, and I wouldn't be surprised if he was caught soon."

The robbers gained entrance to the bank at night by pulling off a screen and opening a window. The captured robber gives the name of John Caspar. He says he is a Pole. The men are believed to be amateurs.

The other burglar skirted the Harphill wheat field and entered the wheat field belonging to Emmett and Henry Smith and two other brothers.

The Smith wheat field is surrounded by Whitman and Spokan county deputy sheriffs and citizens of Pine City and Whitman county, all of whom are armed. The yeggs has two guns, his own and the one dropped by his partner when he threw up his hands in response to shots fired by Smith and Giles as he was entering the Harphill field.

RETURN TO DIRECT PRIMARY OPPOSED

Idaho Republican Convention Beats Motion.

ACTION ENDS LONG DEBATE

Platform, However, Favors Changes in Law.

NIGHT SESSION IS HELD

Nominations Are Not Reached. Committee Reports Made at Afternoon Session.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Aug. 24.—(Special.)—The republican state convention met today at noon, organized, held an all-day session and after defeating a motion tonight for a plank favoring the return to the direct primary in this state, adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow.

The session was taken after a night meeting marked by several debates and closed a day devoted almost entirely to routine. The convention was called to order by John Thomas, state chairman.

Joseph H. Peterson of Pocatello, ex-attorney general of the state, was chosen temporary chairman by acclamation. Chairman Peterson then appointed committees on resolutions, credentials and order of business, after which the convention recessed until 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

At the afternoon session reports of all of the committees, except resolutions, were heard and the convention again adjourned to the night session at 8 o'clock.

NOMINATIONS NOT REACHED

It had been expected that the convention would receive the final report of the resolutions committee and that the delegates then would proceed with the nominations of a congressional, judicial and state ticket, but most of the night session was devoted to discussion of the plank reported by the platform committee, recommending that the present convention section law stand, but be strengthened by amendments.

The amendment declaring for a return to the direct primary was offered by James Gibson of Canyon county.

The members of the platform committee defended their plank, asserting that it created party interest and influence. They charged that the primary resulted in loss of party influence and caused friction among members of the party.

STRONG INFLUENCE EXERTED

Strong influence came from party leaders for a return to the direct primary.

The debate was bitter and heated during the evening and was participated in by many delegates. Frawley and Keyser of Ada county, Hodgkin of Twin Falls and Mrs. Conannon of Boise, who defended the substitute motion to return to the direct primary. Taylor and Perrony of Ada county, Fless of Elmore, Dampier of Mindoka, Walker of Boundary and Hogenbath of Jefferson defended the original plank.

STATE CHAIRMAN THOMAS BROUGHT DELEGATES TO THEIR FEET WITH A CHEER

When he declared that next November the electors of the United States will ratify the nominations of Senator Harding and Governor Coolidge at the polls. The demonstration lasted for several minutes.

A hard fight is being made on Miss Ethel Beardsley for state superintendent of public instruction and her nomination is by no means certain. Her Idaho board record is being attacked. Miss Leona Logie is her opponent.

NORTHERN IDAHO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO GAIN ON ONE CANDIDATE FOR THE LONG TERM ON THE SUPREME COURT BENCH

Frederick S. Randall of Lewiston and District Judge Robert N. Dunn of Coeur d'Alene are both in the race for it.

Captain Connor and C. W. Beale are also dividing the north for senator.

If Gooding is not nominated on the first or second ballot, the north will probably pool its strength on Connor in the hope of putting him over. If Gooding is not nominated it will probably mean the defeat of Governor Davis also.

SCHOOL BARS FREE LOVER

University of California Wants to Know Student's Moral Code.

BERKELEY, Cal., Aug. 24.—A statement was issued today from the office of President David P. Barrows that Arnold Roth would not be permitted to resume his studies in music in the University of California until he had explained his moral code to the president. Mr. and Mrs. Roth were students in the university during the existence of their free-love arrangement which preceded their recent marriage. Roth declared today he would not interview President Barrows or seek re-admittance to his classes. He said he "was getting nothing of value from the university courses."

Mrs. Roth has gone to her former home at Los Angeles to seek employment. Roth explained that she did not care to be his "economic dependent," but that their affection for each other had not waned.

CREDITORS OF PONZI FACE LOSS OF HALF

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS ARE ESTIMATED OFFICIALLY.

Debts Are Estimated at \$7,000,000 and Securities Are Put at Less Than \$3,000,000.

BOSTON, Aug. 24.—A payment of less than 50 cents on the dollar to the creditors of Charles Ponzi, if official estimates of his liabilities are correct, was indicated by his statement of assets at the receiver's hearing today. Assuming the federal receivers declared were not worth anywhere near \$3,000,000.

The official estimate of his liabilities stands at \$7,000,000. Ponzi claimed that he was solvent and had nearly \$4,000,000 of assets to meet his liabilities, which he set at \$3,000,000. The hearing was stormy at times.

Daniel H. Coakley, counsel for Ponzi, surrendered to the receivers to assist in meeting creditors' claims checks for \$25,000 each which had been given him and to an associate counsel as retaining fees. He said that when he took the money he thought Ponzi was a millionaire. He called the receivers and their counsel to join with him in working without fee, but his challenge was not accepted.

Edward A. Thurston, one of the receivers, remarked:

"If you thought this man had a million dollars left, do you suppose anybody thinks you would have got only \$25,000?"

"You are a liar when you suggest anything like that," exclaimed Mr. Coakley, jumping to his feet.

Ponzi told of loans of \$20,000 each to Henry Chmielewski, president, and William S. McNary, treasurer of the Hanover Trust company, which was Ponzi's principal depository and which went to the wall with his collapse. He announced that he had loaned \$10,000 to Daniel F. Demond, treasurer of the Lawrence Trust company of Lawrence, and this was followed by Demond's resignation later in the day.

DIXON LEADS IN MONTANA

Six Candidates Seek Republican Nomination for Governor.

HELENA, Mont., Aug. 25.—On the face of complete and incomplete returns from 111 precincts scattered in 23 counties in various parts of Montana, ex-United States Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Missoula was leading a field of six candidates for the republican nomination for governor in today's primary election.

Ex-Senator Dixon had 2784 votes from the precincts reported, while Harry L. Wilson of Billings was second with 1312. Attorney-General S. C. Ford was third with 1259. Ronald Higgins, with 135 votes, was fourth. Robert Lee Clinton, with 155, was fifth and Daniel W. Slayton was sixth with 120.

Ex-United States District Attorney Wheeler on the same returns led his two opponents for the democratic nomination for governor with 826 votes. Lieutenant-Governor W. W. Thomas, with 688, was second and Thomas A. Carey was third with 165. Wheeler is the Non-Partisan league candidate.

AMERICA WORLD'S HOPE

Mr. Hughes said the American people did not want for president a "trickster or a shrewd politician," nor one who would be isolated from the currents of popular thought, but "a man of courage, possessed of sound common sense and who has an appreciation of American institutions."

"There is no hope for the world," said Mr. Hughes, "unless America can protect and defend its institutions. The world cannot survive unless America survives."

The entertainment programme kept the crowd cheering and the nominee bowing for an hour. There were banquets and speeches by Hon. Dixey, Blanche Ring, Leo Carillo, Zena Keefe, Eugene O'Brien, Helen Moyer, Texas Gulnan, Lew Gody and Margaret Namara, with many impromptu capers by Al Johnson and others.

Afterward the entire party enjoyed a chicken dinner and lawn party at the farm of Dr. C. E. Sawyer near Marion.

LESS THAN MILLION RAISED

Treasurer Gives Figures on Republican Campaign Fund.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the republican national committee, said today that since the Chicago convention less than \$1,000,000 had been raised by his party for the national campaign.

The exact sum shown on the treasurer's books as collected for the national fund, Mr. Upham said, was \$943,523. He added that Mr. Hay's estimation of \$3,900,000 as the total required to carry on the campaign was "quite correct."

MAN DIES IN CONVEYOR

Accident at Raymond Mill Fatal to Andrew Speedie.

RAYMOND, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Andrew Speedie, 60, employee of the Raymond Lumber company, was killed by falling into a sawdust conveyor.

No one knew of the accident until the conveyor became choked, failed to discharge the sawdust into the boiler room. A fireman in ascertaining the reason discovered the body of the man, which had been terribly mangled and which had clogged the machine until it finally stopped.

He has a wife in Seattle.

HARDING GREET THEATRICAL FOLK

Delegation of Players Pledges Support.

VISITORS BRING JAZZ BAND

Senator in Address Draws Moral From Stage.

ALL-STAR CAST DESIRED

Country Wants Change, Says Candidate, Permitting Every One to Play His Part.

MARION, O., Aug. 25.—A group of theatrical folk brought a touch of Broadway to Senator Harding's front porch today and in a day filled with jazz pledged their support to the republican nominee.

About 20 actors and actresses were in the delegation and they presented their regards to Marion and the Hardings in a succession of characteristic fetes. In a short front-porch speech the senator expressed his appreciation and suggested that in the drama of American politics the country wanted a change of bill to do away with "one-lead activities" and to let every citizen play his fair part.

Mr. Hughes Also Calls.

Charles Evans Hughes was another guest at the Harding home and he made a brief talk at the front porch session, predicting Senator Harding's election. In a conference of several hours with the nominee and Colonel George Harvey of New York, Mr. Hughes talked over many aspects of the campaign. He declined afterward to make any statement.

The theatrical delegation came here under the auspices of the Harding and Coolidge Theatrical League. They brought their own orchestra and band of 100 pieces besides and began their day with a parade through the downtown section. Shortly before noon they arrived at the Harding home and were cheered along to the front porch through the biggest crowd that had gathered on the lawn since notification day.

Al Johnson is Chairman.

Al Johnson, president of the Theatrical League, did the honors as "permanent chairman" of the league. They introduced campaign songs, introduced nine or ten others, who put on character stunts, and then, turning to the nominee, said:

"And now, Mr. President-to-be, what have you to say for yourself?"

Senator Harding's reply was devoted to a serious discussion of the influence of the stage. He pleaded for a high standard for the American theater and in addition to suggest the elimination of one-lead politics, he declared against the tendency to forget American citizenship and to long to become "citizens of the world."