HARDING WINS WAY TO PEOPLE'S TRUST

Candidate's Manner of Speech Inspires Confidence.

CANDOR CARRIES APPEAL

Talks Delivered With Earnestness But Without Vehemence Always Get Popular Response.

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EN ROUTE WITH SENATOR HARDING, Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Every hour or two when Senator Harding's train reaches one of the smaller cities it stops and Harding, standing on the rear platform, addresses the crowd. On each of these occasions I have gone into the crowd and listened to the speech, trying to estimate the man and trying also to estimate how the man must seem to these crowds of American folks and to give readers something of the same opportunity. I am going to print the bulk of one of these speeches, one of the most characteristic, in which Senator Harding said:

"Government is a very simple thing after all. It is not the work of some superman. Nor does it presuppose that some extraordinary individual directs our destinies. Government is your affair, worked out through perfectly normal human beings who ought to execute your will.

"This government is your government, not that of somebody who is placed in office. The way government is conducted in a republic like ours is that political parties meet and give expression to those principles and policies which they think will work out the best results for all our people, and then you base your judgment on the parties by what they propose to do in their platforms, and if you think one party is going to serve you best in your relationship with one another you vote that party into power, and we who are candidates are only spokesmen for the party temporarily.

Republican Party Responds.

"You clothe us with authority, and we are pleased to execute your will. And one reason I want the republican party to rule once more is because we are responsive to the will of the people of the United States and do not try to tell you that what one man thinks is necessary (applause).

"I make no criticism of any one. I only want to say to you that the republican party has sensed the aspirations and the convictions and the conscience of the American people in this very trying time in American world affairs (applause).

"Civilization is in a fluid state. War has turned everything more or less upside down. Things have become unstable. We have had fevered prosperity and the world must recover its normal way once more. We want the republican party to be charged with this responsibility because we believe we have the capacity and certainly the intent to carry out your will in the conduct of the government.

Government Simple Thing.

"As I said at the outset, government is a very simple thing. Government is only the regulation of our relationship to one another. The government's first task is the protection of the minority against autocracy or the domination of the majority that sometimes forgets the rights of the minority. And I am preaching the gospel of popular representative government in the United States—government that does not know any class anywhere in all this republic (applause, and "that's right").

"We must all be concerned in the common welfare, and I promise you that if I am elected president of the United States (applause and cries of "good" and "you will be elected all right") I will never appeal to one group because it is momentarily powerful, but I am going to try to appeal, as I have always tried to do, to the conscience and the deliberate judgment of all the people of this land, and if God gives me the way to see it, I am going to do my part as your chief executive toward translating the popular will of America into law and in the administration of the affairs of this republic (applause).

"I am very happy to see you all this morning. As I have said, I want you to know me, and I am delighted to know you. We are going to work together for the good of the United States and we are going to hold America first in all our thoughts and in all our actions." (Applause.)

Hearers' Confidence Won.

The train began moving off and Senator Harding concluded by saying: "I wish I could talk to all these children. These boys and girls who are growing up in the best land in the world, and there isn't any reason on the face of the earth why they should not avail themselves of all the many opportunities which our country offers.

"I am sorry that I have not time to say more, but I want to thank you for coming down to greet us and to wish you well." (Applause.)

The reader, of course, can estimate the speech as well as I can, both as an index to the mind of the speaker and as to its probable effect on an audience of average Americans. In a small community you must think of it as delivered with earnestness and yet without vehemence by a speaker whose appearance and manner make almost as much appeal to the instinct for confidence as, let us say those of a typical evangelical bishop.

Probably the over-sophisticated reader and the over-citified reader will say there is nothing new in it, and those who are very much in earnest about new issues will find it disappointing, but if anyone doubts that it expresses both a personality and a point of view that is sympathetic and consoling to great multitudes of average Americans who have been more than a little disturbed by the recent course of the world; if anyone doubts that, he would be convinced by following this party through the country for a day.

We all make a good deal of fun of Harding for coining or digging up from an obsolete dictionary the word "normalcy," but if you would suspect Harding of so subtle an artfulness we might now conclude that he had invented this device for calling conscious attention to a condition which he wants to identify himself with, which, whether for good or ill, expresses the present mood of the American more accurately than any of these other more novel ideas which some of us speak of as aspirations.

HARDING STILL IN LEAD

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This cut down the feminine vote to a small fraction of the actual number of women employed.

Many of the women voting showed appointed by President Nickerson of the labor council.

If Governor Cox is depending on the working girls to give him the victory in Oregon at the coming election he is doomed to disappointment, judging from the results of a straw vote taken among the girls of the two plants of the Hirsch-Weis Manufacturing company yesterday.

The girls in these plants voted three to one for Senator Harding in preference to Governor Cox as their candidate for president. The vote among the girls stood 24 for Harding and 8 for Cox. Two voted for Debs.

The men of the same plants, also included in the vote, showed an even greater preference for the republican nominee. Ten cast ballots for Harding and but two for Cox.

This made the total vote in the two plants 34 for Harding and 10 for Cox.

The vote at the two plants was light, owing to the fact that an effort was made to limit it to actual voters only. Of more than 100 girls employed in the two establishments, some are too young to vote, others have not resided here long enough and still others had failed to register. a decided preference for the republican candidate and were not backward in telling of their preference.

"What do I look like?" one inquired when asked to vote her preference for president. "I am a republican and have always been one," she declared.

The women considered the question of the presidential race as they shoved goods through the various sewing machines in the factory or were busily engaged in piling completed garments. In spite of this many of them showed a good knowledge of the question at issue, indicating that they were voting as their convictions dictated.

"I am not for liquor and so I am not for Cox," asserted one who threaded her machine and prepared to shove another garment into its maw as she spoke.

Personal Interest Felt.

Another declared the present administration had failed to do anything for her and she intended to give her support to the republican administration.

"I hope we get a chance to see what the republicans can do for the working girl," she said.

Another declared she had supported Wilson at the last election, but that she was sick of Wilson policies now.

"We thought he was keeping us out of war," she declared, "but he wasn't."

Another held that the present administration was worrying too much about Europe and European conditions and was not paying enough attention to the people at home.

"What we need is a government that cleans up at home first," she continued.

One woman declared her sentiments for Cox is no uncertain terms.

"We need a man who is for the people, and I think Cox is the man," she declared.

The men in the factories commented little upon their voting, but the majority of them did not hesitate in expressing their preference for Harding. One declared he intended to support the laboring man's candidate, but that he did not know who that man was.

A feature of the vote taken at the two factories was the fact that a straw vote taken there previous to the last presidential election indicated a Wilson victory.

A poll of the office in the Selling building likewise resulted in a sweeping victory for the republican candidate. Of 83 votes cast 61 were for Senator Harding and only 18 were for Governor Cox. Three votes were cast for Debs and one for Christensen.

Selling Vote Significant.

The offices in the Selling building are mostly held by physicians and their employes and the vote taken showed the sentiment of that class to be strongly for the republican candidate. The women voting in the building registered almost as strongly for Senator Harding as did the men.

In the Selling building vote 35 men voted for Harding and 9 for Cox. The vote among the women was 26 for Harding and 9 for Cox. Very few refused to vote, the majority of the refusals being among women who said they had not registered.

The comment made in this poll was strongly for the republican candidate. The sentiment was generally expressed that Harding was the man who could be more fully trusted at the helm of the government at this period.

One physician who expressed a preference for the democratic candidate declared that "we might be able to get light wines and beer."

Harding Generally Strong.

Polls taken at the Portland Flouring Mills company and among the proprietors and employes of the wholesale produce firms on Front street likewise showed a strong sentiment in favor of Senator Harding. The Portland Flouring Mills company vote stood 61 for Harding and 15 for Cox and the Front street vote 83 for Harding and 29 for Cox.

At the Portland Flouring Mills 44 men voted for the republican candidate compared to 3 for the democratic candidate. The women voted 17 for Senator Harding and 9 for Governor Cox.

The Front street masculine vote was 74 for the republican candidate and 26 for the democratic. The women along Front street showed Harding to be a three to one favorite. Nine of them voted for Harding and 3 for Cox.

The democratic candidate was the favorite in the vote of the day shift at the Benson hotel. Six men voted for Cox and one for Harding.

CROOK'S WORK REPORTED

Foreign Rooming House Owner Defrauded of $25.

Some unknown young crook with a mustache patterned after Charley Chaplin is being sought by the police for mulcting foreign lodging house owners by impersonating a deputy sheriff.

According to a report received yesterday at the police detective bureau Louis Filippi, lodging house proprietor at 50½ North Second street, complains that the man flashed a deputy sheriff's star and sheaf of papers on him late Wednesday and demanded $25 for taxes. Filippi says he was not aware that he owed anything for taxes, but the stranger was so insistent and made his star show so prominently that the money was paid over to him.

The police report says that the man is attempting to collect money from others in the north end by the same method.

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COX SPEAKS NINE TIMES IN KANSAS

Senate Oligarchy Harangue Is Continued.

LODGE COMES IN FOR RAP

Democratic Nominee Says Senator Is "Narrow-Minded Bigot Who Wrote Hymn of Hate."

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 30.—Domestic and international subjects were mingled with the paramount league of nations issue by Governor Cox in nine addresses today in Kansas, with the finale of the candidate's state campaign a large meeting here tonight at the Forum.

Besides the league, the governor gave his views on the Mexican question and the Russian problem and amplified his discussion of prohibition. Many of his remarks were inspired at what he termed "town meetings"—informal talks with his audiences, in which he invited questioning.

"Oligarchy" Again Denounced.

The governor again denounced the "senatorial oligarchy," characterizing Senator Lodge of Massachusetts as the "arch conspirator of the world" and a "narrow-minded bigot, the man who wrote the hymn of hate against Woodrow Wilson." He also flayed the arrest of a man who interrupted Senator Harding's Baltimore speech and asked: "Is this America or Russia?"

Asked how the league would be more effectual than The Hague tribunal in preventing war, the governor said:

"The four greatest wars in history happened under it (The Hague tribunal) and it lasted only 15 years—the Boer war, the Balkan war, the war between Russia and Japan, and the world war."

The governor continued: "Somebody had sense enough to lock it up during the war. I will tell why it failed: Theodore Roosevelt called attention to it—there was no police power behind its decrees."

Oklahoma Speeches Billed.

Leaving here early tomorrow the governor was billed for a number of speeches in Oklahoma.

In response to a question on Mexico, the governor referred to statements of Senator Harding regarding "protecting" American citizens and interests, and added: "It's one thing to talk about protecting American citizens no matter where they might be, but when an adventurer goes into a hornet's nest and knows where he is going, the United States ought not to send a brigade of soldiers with him."

Governor Cox was quizzed regarding prohibition at Hutchinson and Newton and again characterizing Senator Harding as a "brewer," declared that the senator had upon senate prohibition measures "voted wet 32 times and dry two times." The governor added that under similar circumstances he would have duplicated the senator's dry votes. A man asked why President Wilson vetoed the Volstead enforcement law and the governor replied sharply:

"He gave his own reasons. And let me add, Wilson isn't running for president this year; Cox is running for president."

No Disrespect Intended.

When applause subsided, the governor added that he intended no disrespect "to the man who will take his place in history with Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln."

Russia, the candidate declared, should be admitted to the league as soon as its requirements could be met. Asked regarding the league's attitude toward Russia if this nation was a member, the governor replied:

"The league would be compelled to keep hands off Russia and permit the Russian people to work out their own salvation, and Russia will."

Germany, Turkey and all other nonmember nations, the speaker added, should be invited in when possible.

To his audiences in Kansas agricultural communities the governor reiterated his plan to place agriculturists in more governmental positions, again defended the causes for the non-partisan league movement, advocated repeal of many war taxes and modification of "most" others and promised federal regulation of the meat packers' and cold storage interests.

COX GIVES 10 REASONS WHY

Democratic Nominee Appeals for Vote of Ex-Service Men.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Ten reasons why former service men should support the democratic national ticket, prepared by Governor Cox, were made public tonight by the democratic national committee.

The ten arguments were included by the democratic presidential candidate in the following letter to the Argonne Post Weekly of Des Moines, Iowa:

"Because they have constantly talked the broadest principles of progressive development, conforming to the spirit of the century for independent political judgment.

"Because its candidates have never said and never believed that sentiment recently uttered by Senator Harding when he said 'too much is heard of independence in politics.'

"Because in this year the democratic party represents the honor of the country; because it believes in keeping faith with the living and faith with the dead; faith with our allies and faith with our foes.

"Because the democratic party stands for a league of nations, the existing league, to end war; to compose differences by adjustment of wrongs through the processes of world opinion.

"Because only through the league can order be brought to the world and because the failure of the league will cause us to revert to international breeders of war.

"Because the democratic candidates despise the appeal to racial bigotry.

"Because the republican party leaders have unblushingly appealed to the disloyalists of the United States and are unashamed to hold their power in the United States senate by reason of the vote of a man found guilty of violating the law in obtaining his seat in that body, Senator Newberry of Michigan.

"Because the democratic administration wrote into the laws of the country the federal reserve act, the farm loan act and other pieces of legislation that enabled it to muster the resources of the country at a critical time, so that all Americans, regardless of party, might win the greatest of all wars for humanity and for high principles.

"Because, notwithstanding that many conditions are not ideal, America is at this hour the safest place in which to live, the most desirable and the best from every standpoint, and because it will come through progressive evolution to a still higher plane of development, despite the attempts of reactionaries like Senator Harding to stop it."

WOMEN CLASH OVER LEAGUE

Republican Worker Charged With Deliberate Perversion.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Mrs. George Bass, chairman of the women's bureau of the democratic national committee, in a statement issued at headquarters here today asserted that Mrs. Arthur Livermore, chairman of the republican women's state executive committee, had deliberately and willfully perverted the English language in her attack at Somerville, N. J., last night upon the league of nations and its provision in relation to traffic in women and children.

Raymond B. Fosdick, former secretary-general of the league of nations, in a statement tonight denied that Article 23 of the league covenant was an attempt to "legalize the traffic in women and girls." Mr. Fosdick said that for eight months he had charge "of this particular activity" of the league and that the work "was aimed at the ultimate suppression of the traffic in women and girls."

Article 23 was placed in the covenant, he declared, at the solicitation of the American Social Hygiene association, the International League for the Abolition of the White Slave Traffic and similar organizations.

VOTE TREND TO HARDING

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secret of Harding's great following among the women. It is the stars, says Professor Mayer.

According to Mr. Meyer, Senator Harding's nomination at 6:15 P. M., Chicago time, 7:15 planetary time, could not have been more propitious. Also, says the professor, it was Venus' hour, indicating that Harding will probably get the women's vote. The nomination of Cox, on the contrary, Meyer says, was accomplished on the worst possible time. He predicts many disasters for the democratic candidate, including the loss of the most of his support at the eleventh hour.

Soldiers Are Homeward Bound.

HONOLULU, T. H., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Some 1200 Czech soldiers and 170 Hungarian prisoners of war are on board the U. S. army transport Heffron, here now on their way home to their respective countries. They came from Siberia, half of them starved and emancipated, and with hardly any clothes.

Peace Arch Dedication Postponed.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 30.—Dedication of a peace arch over the boundary line between the United States and Canada at Blaine, Wash., will be postponed from October 20, the date originally set, it was announced here recently. The date conflicts with a plebiscite on prohibition to be held in British Columbia October 20.

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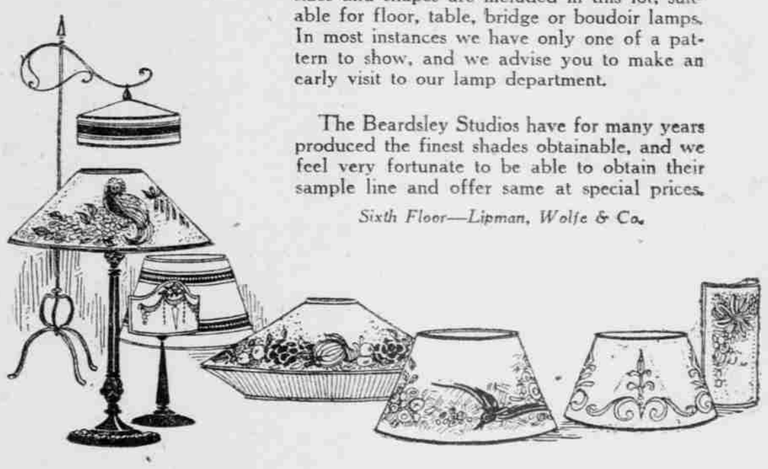

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