

HARDING STRENGTH SAID TO BE EBBING

Mark Sullivan Thinks Democrats Are Gaining.

OCTOBER 4 NOTABLE DATE

Change in Situation Held Largely Due to Senator's Anti-League Speech at Des Moines.

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(Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—The campaign has entered a new phase. That phase is a steady ebb in the republican strength and a corresponding growth in the democratic strength. The day when the campaign can be fixed with almost mathematical certainty.

Cox returned to Dayton from his long tour west of the Mississippi Monday, October 4, and began his campaign in the east the following Thursday. It was on that day that Harding made his first appearance west of the Mississippi and delivered his Des Moines speech.

But the date I have mentioned marked the high tide of the republican strength. Whatever may be the exact result next Tuesday, the republicans must know it will not be as favorable to them as it has been. From that week when Harding crossed the Mississippi westward and Cox crossed it eastward, not only has Cox made gains here but he has also made gains on the east, but also the echo of those gains has reflected itself in a betterment of his fortunes west of the Mississippi. I have expressed the gains of Cox making gains and that is accurate. But it should be additionally expressed in terms of the republicans suffering losses.

The change has been due quite largely to Harding's Des Moines speech and to the distasteful inferences made by the public from the daily contradictions between Senator Johnson and ex-President Taft. Of the substantial quality of the change there can be no doubt. I can name not fewer than four states in which smaller communities which on the day of the Des Moines speech were safely republican, but which now are either probably democratic or else in the doubtful list. One of these states is Utah.

Utah Strongly for League. In Utah there has been from the beginning a strong leaning toward the league. When Wilson first brought the covenant back from Europe a meeting was held in the Mormon tabernacle in Salt Lake City. William H. Taft was the principal speaker, and he gave the league an enthusiastic endorsement. At the close of the meeting a vote was taken, and out of an audience of about 10,000 it was said that 3992 voted "yes" and one voted "no."

In Utah Senator Smoot is having the hardest kind of a fight. He is the senator who has been in the nation can lead the way to lose him. Senator Smoot's attitude on the league has been fairly acceptable to the public, but he will lose not because of anything he has said or done, but because of Harding's Des Moines speech.

Johnson Speeches Follow. I have spoken as if it were Harding's Des Moines speech that started the ebb of the republican tide. That is true, but the tide would not have been so marked in its effect if it had not been followed by the speeches of Senator Johnson, in which Johnson harped back to the Des Moines utterance and planned Senator Harding down to it. On this point there is testimony from a western city:

"A somewhat critical condition arose in the minds of large numbers of people when Senator Harding appeared to have made an outspoken declaration against all leagues of nations and in the same breath was partially corrected by his Omaha speech and largely cured by the statements made by the 31 prominent republicans."

The observer who expressed this judgment is in a position to know what is true of his community. But speaking for the country generally the original impression created by the Des Moines speech was kept steadily alive by the speeches of Senator Johnson, who specifically referred to the statements of the "31 republicans" and flouted them.

Losses Elsewhere Likely. There are several other communities in the west where the revolution from Harding, due to the suspicion that his position and Senator Johnson's are identical, is not necessarily statewide, but might yet be sufficiently strong to affect states heretofore considered safely republican. What the degree of this revolution is we shall never know, because there is no record of how great the republican victory would have been had the election taken place the day preceding the Des Moines speech.

The revolution of course is confined to persons who are in some degree pro-league. Here, again, we have uncertainty, for there is no means of knowing what the division among the voters is between anti-league and pro-league.

It is the misfortune of Cox and the fault of the democratic organization that they will probably not be able to get the full advantage of this revolution. They have not the mechanism to bring to the polls every possible voter who may have been un-

settled by the present phase of the league issue. A voter who at one stage of the campaign has made up his mind to vote for one candidate only rarely goes wholeheartedly over to the point of voting for the opposite candidate. More usually he merely becomes undecided and concludes not to vote at all, to go fishing or to play golf. It is these voters that the Democrats might get to the polls if they had the machinery.

I think it may be said safely that even under normal conditions, omitting this turn of the tide, there is an average of say five democratic voters and five republican voters in every election precinct who will vote or not vote according to whether or not there is an active party worker on the ground to see them on election day and actually take them to the polls. This margin of voters includes voters who are sick, those who are indifferent or prefer a holiday. An effective worker who would undertake to see them at an hour convenient to them and provide an automobile to take them to the polls would get just that many additional votes for his party and the aggregate of five votes in each election precinct would make from 10,000 to 25,000 votes in a state which would change the result in many states.

For the republicans the individual precinct worker necessary to do this will be on hand and have his automobile. For the democrats in most states this worker will not exist.

MRS. PEETE REAPPEARS

CHIEF WITNESS IN DENTON MURDER CASE ARRESTED. Woman Turns Up at Her Hotel Near Los Angeles and Son Is Under Heavy Guard.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 26.—Mrs. Louise Peete, chief witness in the investigation of the murder of Jacob C. Denton, reappeared at her hotel at La Crescenta, near here, about 2 o'clock today. She had been missing since yesterday morning. Word of her reappearance was telephoned to Los Angeles by newspaper representatives. District Attorney Woolwine said earlier in the day that she would be arrested when found.

Mr. Woolwine later telephoned to his office that Mrs. Peete was "under arrest" at the hotel and would remain there overnight "under a heavy guard." The district attorney, however, did not specify the charges under which the arrest was made and no warrant had been issued.

W. M. Ford, Los Angeles attorney, announced this morning that Mr. Peete had communicated with him and arranged for a conference later in the day for the purpose of engaging him as counsel.

MEDICAL FUNDS SOUGHT

University of Oregon Wants Share of Rockefeller Foundation Sum. Prospects for the University of Oregon medical school to share in the \$20,000,000 fund made available for scientific medical research through the Rockefeller foundation are good, according to Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the medical school, who leaves today in company with P. L. Campbell, president of the university, and Dr. Harry B. Torrey of the medical school to lay the case of the Portland institution before the general education board of the Rockefeller foundation.

METHODIST BODY BIG ONE

World Census Just Completed Shows 46,622,190 Adherents. CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—A census of Methodists, compiled by Dr. H. H. Carroll, formerly of the census bureau for the centenary celebration committee of the Methodist Episcopal church, shows 46,622,190 Methodists in the world, according to figures made public today.

There are 9,322,197 members of the church, the remainder being adherents and probationers who are members of Methodist families. The increase in the total of Methodists during the last nine years is given as 2,925,241.

AMERICANISM ISSUE, SAYS MR. COOLIDGE

Plea Made for Government of Laws, Not Men.

PARTY IS HELD WORTHY

Democrats Declared to Have Forsaken Constitution for Mirage of Sustenance and Life.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—"The republican party walks the high road to American government for Americans and the American people walk with that party," Governor Coolidge declared in a final pre-election statement made public here tonight. The republican vice-presidential candidate said the issues of the campaign, in the minds of most Americans, have been reduced to one, the question whether our government shall or shall not be a constitutional government, government of laws and not of men.

"The republican party," he asserted, "stands upon the foundation of our American constitution. It will not depart from it. The democratic party, under the spell of a dominating personality, has stepped down from that foundation and points to a mirage in which there is no sustenance and no life."

"The shores of history are strewn with the wreckage of republics which fell before the ambitions of selfish despots, or which disintegrated beneath the blight of an unwise personal exaltation."

One Vital Question Raised. Governor Coolidge's statement follows: "The issues of this campaign are so simple and they are so well understood by the people that there can be no doubt of the verdict which the voters will give November 2. These issues may be condensed, and in the minds of most Americans have been condensed into one. That is the question whether our government shall or shall not be a constitutional government, a government of laws and not of men."

"Our own government can continue only upon the basis upon which it is built. And we can see through the world and particularly we can see at this time, the penalties exacted from those who let untrained and unthinking desires stampede the people from paths of sanity and those who would falsely, in the betrayed name of freedom, substitute a personal dictatorship for a government of, and for, the people."

"It matters little in the final consequences what may be the professions or the motives of those who seek by personal aggression to displace the authority of a free people elected through tested and proven channels of representative and constitutional government. For constitutional government once destroyed cannot easily be restored. Retardations of disaster must be heeded, lest the fatal growth beyond the reach of cure."

Two Parties Contrasted. "The republican party stands upon the foundation of our American constitution. It will not depart from it. The democratic party, under the spell of a dominating personality, has stepped down from that foundation and points to a mirage in which there is no sustenance and no life."

"The republican party demands correction of all the ills which have been bred in the false doctrine of constitutional government. It demands removal of burdens placed upon the people through disregard of the same functions of government, functions which must be directed with wisdom and encompassed with thrift."

"The republican party believes, as it always has believed, that American labor is entitled to receive from the government a fair return for labor performed and that it is entitled to reasonable protection against aggressions from a competition based upon a scale of social existence alien and repugnant to American ideas of self-respect and American demands of material comfort."

"Much has been said of Americanism as the need of America, and this is a commonplace fact. For no nation can exert either a material or a moral leadership in the world or can find contentment for its people at

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home unless it keeps alive and flaming the inspiring fires of an honest nationalism. So we here in America need a deeper understanding of Americanism and a firm practice of it.

Constitution Must Stand. "For such an Americanism the republican party stands. It is the republicanism of the American constitution, the belief that our government should fulfill the guarantees of our declaration of independence; that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness should be as much in the mind of modern statesmen as they were in the minds of the pioneers of American liberty."

There is but one ark upon which our national faith may rest securely. It is our constitution. Departure from that, whatever the profession of motive, is a journey toward the precipice beyond which is national disaster.

The republican party walks the high road of American government for Americans. The American people walk with that party."

Clarkamas Has 16,640 Voters. VANCOUVER, Oct. 26.—(Special.)—The following shows the total registration for Clarkamas county for each party, both male and female: Republican, male 2156, female 4238, total 6394; Democratic, male 2630, female 1664, total 4294; Prohibition, male 36, female 179, total 215; Socialist, male 226, female 119, total 345; Miscellaneous, male 319, female 483, total 802. Total for all parties, male 19,236; female 6329, total, 35,565.

Land Agent Transferred. Transfer of C. R. Arundell, special agent of the general land office, department of the interior, from the Portland field division to the bureau of internal revenue, Washington, D. C., is announced by the local land office.

Armistice Parade Planned. VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Smith-Reynolds post, American Legion, will have charge of the celebration of Armistice day and will be assisted by the Spanish War veterans, the Grand Army and Women's Relief corps. After marching in the business section, the parade will disband at Thirtieth street and Broadway, where exercises will be held on the site to be used for the erection of the legion's permanent home.

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