

VOICING "E BLOC" VIEWERS WITH ALARM

Political Leaders Complain
Without Understanding.

PARTY DISCIPLINE FAILS

New System of Alignment Brought
About by Weakness of Leader-
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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—(Special.)—There is some justification for the appearance of the new word "bloc" in our political vocabulary. Like most things, it is "viewed with alarm," and maybe the alarm is justified. The political leaders base their alarm on the complaint that "it threatens to weaken party leadership."

In that complaint the cart is before the horse. Party leadership is not weak because the bloc has arisen. The very contrary is true. The bloc has arisen because party leadership is weak. The western senators and congressmen, both democrats and republicans, get together as democrats or as republicans. They do this because there isn't enough strength of leadership and not enough party discipline either in the democratic organization or the republican organization to hold them in line.

TRIAL FOR ARSON BEGUN

SPOKANE CHAUFFEUR FACES
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Power of Leaders Weak.

The same is true of the so-called labor bloc and the ex-soldier bloc. It all represents the centrifugal disintegration that comes from lack of strength at the center of party organization.

There is in Washington today no Aldrich, no Duffell, no Roosevelt, no Cannon and none are here in the flesh, but they are not here in power. The times that everybody is now looking back to for comparison were the periods when men followed leaders.

The way things were done years ago is illustrated by a story of the Illinois senator who filled a portion of the public eye some ten years ago under the name of Lorimer. It used to be said that Lorimer took little interest in the debate of the senate and did not spend much time on the floor. When the buzzer hit his office rang to notify him that there was a roll call. He would stroll leisurely on the senate floor. In the roll call his name came about middle. It followed directly after La Follette's name.

Old Leadership Illustrated.

It used to be said that Lorimer's way of making up his mind how to vote was to try to be in time to hear how La Follette and Lodge voted. All three of these being republicans, although, as everybody knows, La Follette was really an independent. If as was usually the case, La Follette voted yea and Lodge voted nay or vice versa, then Lorimer's task was easy. He voted the way Lodge had voted and went back to the comforts of his office with a sense of duty well done. Those were the days of leadership, Lodge and La Follette were still in the senate, Lodge, in fact, through the passage of time and his talent, not unimportant talent at that, for getting himself re-elected more continually than any other senator, is now republican leader of the senate.

Officially, the republican leader is in the way of leadership, he is the official republican floor leader. He is chairman of the republican steering committee and he is chairman of the republican caucus.

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But Lodge has no such grip on the other republican senators and no such power to discipline the republican as La Follette used to have and used to practice. This lack of powerful and aggressive leadership is being made up by a strong sense of party discipline, the most noticeable feature of both senate and house. In the house the official republican leader is Mondell, and from one philosophy of leadership he is an extremely good one. The theory upon which Mondell goes in that a leader should be a man who will of his own, but should be so to speak, the spokesman of the aggregate will of the majority.

Mondell is the easiest of easy bosses. His method of leadership is to move about the floor himself and to have other members of the steering committee move about the floor and sound out the members and get their aggregate sentiment and then let his position as leader express that aggregate sentiment.

Logical Effect Foreseen.

From some points of view and from one conception of the philosophy of leadership this is the best, but in times of stress, when the waves are high and the winds begin to blow, it lacks the cohesion and force of strong discipline.

There are conditions that have given rise to what is undoubtedly the appreciable beginnings of a system of "bloc" voting, in which men vote not according to their party affiliations nor according to the wishes of the party leaders, but according to the interests of the geographical or economic or sentimental background that they happen to have.

It will be interesting to see how far this "bloc" idea will go and what part it will take, if any, in the coming tariff debates. The logical effect of "bloc" voting on a tariff measure would seem to be an excited joggling in which each group gets what it wants and lets every other group get what it wants, with a result of about the highest tariff that ever happened.

Allen may be Secretary.

University of Washington Graduate's Name Mentioned for Office.

HONOLULU, T. H., June 14.—(Special.)—President's rumor of local political circles, that Wallace R. Farrington, general manager of the evening newspaper here, has been nominated as governor, has been confirmed by Riley H. Allen, formerly of Seattle, to be the new secretary of the territory.

Allen was at one time editor of the evening newspaper of which Farrington is manager. Allen also served in Siberia as a major in the Red Cross. He is well known in the northwest, being a University of Washington graduate.

GARDNER REPORTED SEEN

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Fast at the Royal restaurant there, the scene of the hunt for him, which had centered at Kelo since the capture of his partner in the escape, H. H. Pyron, shifted to Castle Rock this morning.

Mrs. Harry Williamson, wife of the proprietor of the restaurant, suspected that the man might be Gardner and she watched him until he disappeared from sight down the street

toward the south town limits of Castle Rock. She at once notified Deputy Sheriff Clarence Dunbar of Castle Rock, who took up the hunt with civilian officers.

Mr. Dunbar proceeded south as far as Ostrander, five miles, but could find no trace of Gardner, and it was thought he is hiding in the heavy brush along the slopes of the rock, which was surrounded by a cordon of officers.

Sheriff Hoggett was notified at once at Kalamia and the officers at Kelo were notified. Sheriff Hoggett and an auto load of deputies from Kalamia and four carloads of federal, railway and civilian officers from Kelo proceeded at once to Castle Rock to assist the local authorities there in searching the rock and all adjacent country where Gardner might have gone into hiding.

The daring entrance into Castle Rock would be only a duplication of Gardner's actions on former occasions when he was being sought by the officers. On one occasion he sat and chatted in a California town for an hour or more with a sheriff who was looking for him, and was not apprehended.

Last night a group of officers went to Silver Lake to check upon a story that Gardner had been seen in that vicinity. J. H. Paine of Silver Lake reported that a stranger with a tattooed arm had been observed at a funeral at the lake Sunday afternoon, and his son, Lloyd Paine, 17, raised a stranger on the road near Silver Lake about dusk Sunday night. Young Paine was afraid of the man and thought it might have been Gardner, but there was no certain clew. Watches have been set on all the roads leading away from Silver Lake, and residents in the route river country have been notified by telephone to maintain a close watch for Gardner in that direction. The officers expect that if the traveler eluded into the hill country he will soon be apprehended.

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Delegates From Practically All American Cities of Importance Present at Opening.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Problems of credit, of general conditions in domestic industry and of foreign trade were discussed at the opening session here today of the 24th annual convention of the National Association of Credit Men. Credit experts were present from nearly every important city in the country.

Various views regarding the return of business conditions to normal were expressed by speakers. A. P. Maxwell of the National Bankers' association, president of the San Francisco chamber of commerce, declared the nation now is entering the period of reconstruction of American foreign trade depends upon extension of long-term credits.

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E. A. Ross, Portland, Or., recommended organization of adjustment bureaus in every city. Through these bureaus, he said, weak firms can be helped and many losses averted.

Tonight the annual president's ball was held.

Invitations to visit Seattle, Fresno, Los Angeles and other western cities on their way home was extended to the western delegates. One big banquet, "Go home by way of Seattle," hung in the convention hall.

Many Messages Received.

Telegrams from President Harding, Secretary Hoover and Secretary Weeks were received today at the opening session of the convention. James Rolph, mayor of San Francisco, and others made addresses of welcome.

President Harding, in his telegram said:

"The place of the credit men in the organization of national business is just now a more difficult and responsible one than it has been in some time past. The most onerous burdens are imposed upon the credit men, which call for the exercise of the wisest and understanding, and most thoughtful consideration of many unusual factors. There are indeed few groups of men who are qualified to render more valuable service at this time."

"I know that we all agreed that our country and its business are fundamentally perfectly sound. I bespeak in behalf of the business community a continuance of that broad and intelligent attitude which the credit men have always assumed toward the requirements of business."

Hoover Would Co-operate.

Secretary Hoover's telegram said: "The members of your association play a conspicuous part in the conduct of commercial affairs, foreign and domestic, and at a time when your good judgment was never more deeply needed than at the present. Please express the desire of this department to co-operate in your activities in every helpful way."

Secretary Weeks said:

"I wish it were practical for me to join you. In fact, I never needed credit more than I do at present and I am sure I should find in your association something beside a broken record upon which to lean. I wish the association the happiest and most successful meeting in its career."

W. H. Pouch, New York, president of the Pouch Terminal company, was named chairman of the convention committee on resolutions and H. A. Sedgewick, Duluth, Minn., vice-chairman. Western members of the committee include E. W. Johnston, Portland, Or.; P. T. Padgett, Seattle, and C. H. Glass, Tacoma, Wash.

Curtis R. Burnett, Newark, N. J., was appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions. Western members of the committee include J. T. Young, Pocatello, Idaho.

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