

# FORCES LINE UP FOR COMING FIGHT

## Congressional Campaign on in 33 States.

### RESULT PUZZLE TO ALL

#### Character of Next Congress Up to People; Labor Employed but Farmers Are Unhappy.

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Funds for the republicans who had gone to New York was told that he "could not get a dollar for the republican party on Manhattan island." Another was told that he could not get any money out of New England.

Neither of these combinations of threat and prediction turned out to be wholly correct. But in general, it is undoubtedly true that the class of business men who in the past have been relied on for republican campaign funds are dissatisfied with many things the administration has done, and have shown the measure of that dissatisfaction by the smallness of their contributions or their unwillingness to contribute at all. As an incidental result of the feeling among business men, republican campaign funds are low. The amount of money sent into Maine by the republicans this year was smaller than in any previous year that anybody can remember.

Another factor in the industrial situation is the farmer. The farmer is unhappy. He has rather more tangible reason for his unhappiness than the business man. The prices which the farmer is getting for wheat, oats and other commodities are below what he calculates to be the cost of producing them. Whatever is the cause of this does not matter. In politics the blame is laid on the party in power. In some sections of the country, notably California, the producers of certain commodities, like fruits, have been injured by the interruption of train service, so that the results have been disastrous.

Apart from what harm has been caused directly by the railroad strike, there are deep causes for the troubles of the farmer—not only deep causes, but causes that will last a considerable time. But these causes are too large a subject for discussion here. For the purpose of the present article it is only necessary to say that the republican campaign managers are just beginning to be aware of the serious wave of extreme discontent in the farming districts of the west and middle west. It is in these sections that the republican vote in November will show the greatest falling off. In the industrial centers of the east the republicans will do relatively better.

There is one specific aspect of the industrial situation, the most important to affect the republicans adversely, in one degree or another, everywhere. A competent judge of Massachusetts politics has said that Senator Lodge would be safely re-elected, barring one possible condition. That condition would be a cold day on November 7. He said Massachusetts was apprehensive about its coal supply, and if November 7 should be a frigid day a voter with a cold furnace and an empty coal cellar would express his reaction to the combination of weather and coal scarcity by voting against the republicans.

What is true of Massachusetts is true of the country generally. Just how severely the scarcity of coal will be felt on November 7 is a matter of dispute. Those who have charge of the distribution of coal say it is now wholly a case of transportation; that if the railroads can stand up to the increased burden no severe shortage or apprehension of shortage will exist on election day.

Next to these various aspects of the industrial situation, the most important factor bearing on the coming election will be the state of feeling about President Harding. Considerable numbers of voters will want to express their approval or their disapproval of the head of the party in power. There would be more of this kind of voting if the democrats had some personality to contrast with Harding. But the democrats have no such leader, no one man of outstanding personality who is accepted as the responsible head of the democratic party. By virtue of lack among the democrats, the republicans will get a good many votes on November 7 that they would otherwise lose. Even so, a good deal of voting will be determined by popular feeling about the president.

During all last winter and during the month of the state primaries in the spring, up to as late as June 1, it was the observation of the present writer as well as of others who followed these primaries closely, that the public generally made a distinction between, on the one hand, President Harding, his cabinet and his administration, and, on the other hand, congress. At that time it was generally said, and it was undoubtedly true, that there was a state of public feeling which expressed itself by saying, as it was frequently summarized colloquially: "The president is all right, but the house and the senate are pretty unsatisfactory."

In June and July this state of

public feeling began to change, and in August and early September it was convincingly evident that Harding had fallen off in popular favor. One of the republican spellbinders who went into Maine to whip up republican sentiment for the election there September 11, said that in three different places where he spoke the local republican committeeman suggested to him that it might be better not to lay emphasis on the president and his record in connection with the strikes, or the theory that this was a handicap rather than an advantage to the republicans.

It is commonly said that this decline in popular approval of the president began about the time of the strikes, and was caused by what the president did—or failed to do—about them. I suspect a more accurate examination would show that the first jolt to the popular esteem of the president occurred before the strikes began, and was occasioned by the sensational disclosure of the selling of liquor on the ships operated by the government. Harding may not have even known that this was being done, but his failure to stop it promptly as soon as it was exposed, caused widespread criticism.

In any event, so far as the decline in Harding's popularity was caused by his management of the strikes, it was the result of his veto of the soldier's bonus. The same class of persons who were critical during the strike were appeased by the veto of the bonus. As soon as this veto was made public it was instantly reported back to Washington, through messages from party leaders, through newspaper editorials, and through other avenues, that public feeling about the president had begun to change overnight. It was said that whereas Harding had been charged with vacillation and weakness for his course in relation to the strikes, his veto of the bonus bill had restored an impression of firmness and strength.

### MR. BRUMBAUGH LEAVES

Ex-Secretary of Bonus Commission Departs From Salem.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Captain Harry Brumbaugh, who has been acting as secretary of the world war veterans' state aid commission for the last year, severed his connection with that office today and left for Portland, where he will resume his duties with the Portland Railway, Light & Power company.

At the request of Governor Olson, Mr. Brumbaugh was granted a leave of absence by the railroad corporation that he might organize and carry on the work of the state aid commission. Prior to coming here Mr. Brum. had resided in Portland for many years.

### Farm Traded for City Block

CHEHALIS, Wash., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—E. N. Blockell of Laumas prairie neighborhood, 14 miles south of Chehalis, has traded his 160-acre farm for a Centralia business block belonging to Chester Palmer, the deal aggregating \$25,000. George Vetter of Portland bought 29 acres near Forest, seven miles southeast of Chehalis, for \$4000, from Mr. Burrows of Tacoma.

### Americans Win at Polo

WESTBURY, N. Y., Sept. 30.—The Shelburne polo four, an American quartet, won the Monty Waterbury memorial cup today by defeating Eastcott, Anglo-American teams, 7 goals to 6, in a keenly contested match on the Meadowbrook's international field.

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# ARMS ADMITTEDLY GONE

## OFFICIALS CONFESS MUNITIONS HAVE VANISHED.

### Officer in Charge of Supplies Is Arrested and Facing Court-martial; Probe Ordered.

TOKIO, Sept. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official investigations have confirmed reports of the disappearance of large quantities of arms in Siberia, according to a statement today from most reliable authority. One consignment of 32 truckloads is known to have gone to Mukden, headquarters of Chang Tso-Lin, the "uncrowned king" of Manchuria.

Nineteen truckloads of the missing arms belong to the Czecho-Slovak troops who evacuated Siberia two years ago after fighting their way across the country from European Russia.

These arms had been placed in the custody of the Japanese. The Japanese officer in charge of them when they were dropped from sight was arrested and is facing court-martial.

The mystery of the missing war material was made public several days ago by a Tokyo newspaper, the Kokumin Shimbun, which made the first charge that General Dietrichs, in command at Vladivostok, was secretly transferring relinquished Japanese arms to Chang Tso-Lin, in furtherance of a pact between the two to combine against forces friendly to the soviet government of Moscow. The paper asserted that a "military clique" in Japan was abetting the plot.

The war office at first denied the charges, but later a full investigation was ordered, complete with the statement from the foreign office that the results of the inquiry would be made public.

### INDEPENDENT PARTY OUT

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During the candidacy of a Umatilla county man for the congressional nomination against N. J. Sinnott in May.

In Lane county an independent has been brought out for the legislature and report says that the man the independent is intended to defeat is F. L. Chambers, who won the republican nomination by one vote in Clatsop county. Tom T. Bennett, unopposed in the primaries, now has an independent opponent for representative. In Clatsop county James Mott, republican nominee for representative, is opposed by an independent, brought out at almost the last minute.

There is a woman offered as an independent in Jackson county. In this case the backing is different from that of other independents. There are a number of men in Jackson county who are fighting the Ku Klux Klan and they are old-line republicans and democrats who have pooled issues in a common cause and these are said to be sponsors for the woman independent.

In at least two counties the independent movement has brought out candidates for county commissioner.

Ordinarily an independent would not "get to first base," but if there is an organization or organizations behind the independents now running it is within the cards for them to make a good showing, if not better. Before November 7, the date of election, it will be known fairly definitely and conclusively who, if anyone, is behind the various independents.

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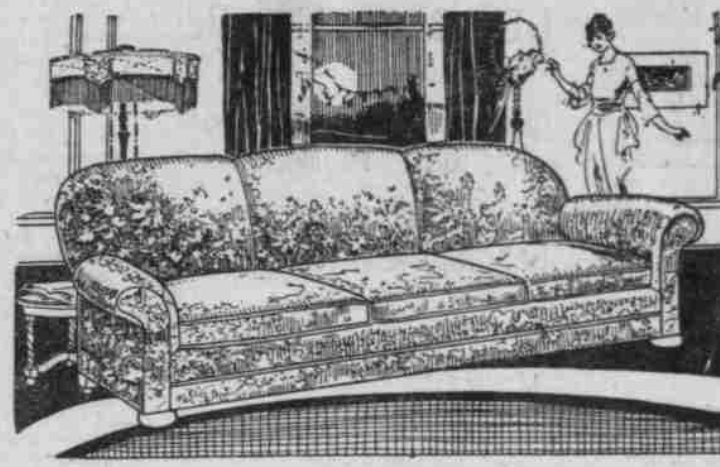
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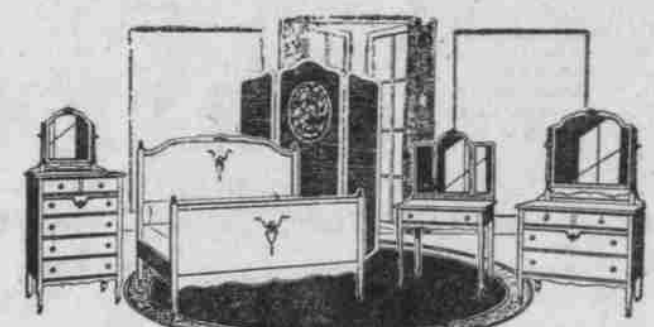
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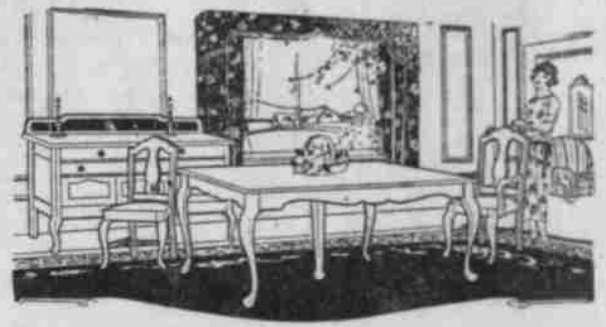
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