

HEARST PARTY IMPORTANT FACTOR

Fails to Draw Any Votes From Bryan—Chicago Carmen Vote to Support Democratic Candidate—Gompers' Stand.

By John E. Lathrop, Staff Correspondent.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14.—All eliminations accounted for, the labor vote this year is for Bryan and Kern.

The Hearst party is not accomplishing substantial defections to the Taft ticket, as designed.

Labor as a mass maintains its attitude of hostility towards Taft for his record as a federal judge.

These assertions are the result of one day's solid work of inquiry at both headquarters, and interviewing labor representatives, as well as taking into account various occurrences of late, for instance, 2,000 streetcar men here met and adopted unanimously a resolution of support for Bryan, the resolution giving as a reason the alliance between Hearst and President Roosevelt. Also, 40 editors of labor papers in the middle west had here and voted to support Bryan, only one voting in the negative; that one was a Socialist.

In addition to my own inquiry, I am permitted to incorporate the country-wide observations of Ernest Walker, manager of the Washington bureau of the Boston Herald, who has just completed a tour of the east and the middle west.

Gompers' Plan Agreeable.

Summed up, the situation as stated by Mr. Walker, Editor Allen of the Chicago Federation of Labor and others is:

"Gompers' plan has been agreeable to union labor, and has the endorsement of laboring men not in the unions. A small part of the labor men were won back by the tremendous efforts of the Taft managers, but only a small part. Laborers are disposed also to support Democratic state tickets in common with the national ticket."

Mr. Allen himself said: "At the beginning of the fight I thought the labor vote was about 65 per cent for Bryan. Later I revised my estimate to 50 per cent. Then I think about 50 per cent was won back, leaving about 75 per cent for Bryan."

Taking Chicago, now perhaps the greatest labor center in the country, and analyzing the situation, this seems to be true:

The federation here has about 300,000 members. Of them 10,000 are women, and that in itself is commentary on the conditions of industry, that so large a percentage of the four million who are women compelled to work for a living in the trades, not counting any employed in other ways.

When the federation met August 16 to consider Mr. Gompers' plan, free discussion was had, and there was a full exchange of opinion. Most members were disposed to oppose it. On the final vote, however, they asked not to be recorded on the national ticket, but to cast against the plan.

Labor men know of many former Republican voters who were won back, although some of them impart the information in confidence and seem to be afraid in some instances that if they make it public their employers will attempt the coercive methods so successfully used by Mark Hanna and his managers in 1896.

Railway Men.

The railway men's bureau of men not officially members of the federation is almost solid for Bryan. To get these men to vote for Taft the railroad managers have resorted to every conceivable device, such as trying to raise the wage scale; they have been met with the argument by the men themselves, "We will work with added enthusiasm in order to carry on the battle in Oregon to the best advantage it is necessary to have ample campaign funds for use in Oregon. It is desired that the common people, the great mass of the non-union, who are to be the beneficiaries in the event of Mr. Bryan's election to the presidency should aid him in his battle. It is desired, therefore, that all friends who have an interest in his election aid by their contributions. Small sums are as acceptable as large ones, according to the ability of the contributor. Those who desire to contribute should fill out the attached form, address as indicated therein, and send to The Journal. The receipts of the donations will be acknowledged."

only a small percentage. When Judge Taft came last year the best the managers could do with the railway men was to fill a hall holding 2,000. In the face of the 40,000 union men addressed by Bryan and the 15,000 reviewed by him in their annual parade.

Attempts to attract laborers as to wages has fallen flat in most instances because of high cost of living and the panic of last October.

Non-union men perhaps are even more emphatic than the union men, because they have really suffered more keenly from the panic than unionists, who had greater protection against wage lowering.

"I estimate that heretofore union men were divided about evenly between the two parties, so that there is a distinct gain for the Bryan forces in this movement."

This was Mr. Allen's statement. He proceeded:

"This spring we got into politics here and endorsed 110 nominees locally, of which we nominated 42. This I contend proved that this time labor is holding together with surprising unanimity."

Going over to Republican national headquarters with Mr. Walker, his observations were laid before some of the officials there, with the result that reluctant admissions were made that his estimates were near the truth. They did not claim that more than a medium of the labor men had been won back from the disaffection caused under the Gompers plan.

Gompers' Movement.

Regarding this Gompers' movement, it is apparent that observers are wrong when they state the proposition to the effect that Gompers and his fellow officials of the American Federation of Labor are trying to force its members into the political movement. I am sure that quite the reverse is true, that is, that it is the members who are forcing Mr. Gompers into the movement. This assertion is based on the fair proposition that labor men have the same human nature as other citizens. They are not a sociology mistake on that point. They realize that it is public opinion in the Democratic party which made the Denison platform radical as it is; not the leaders who got the people to permit a radical platform. Likewise they realize that public opinion in the Republican party was for a radical platform this year, and that the leaders refused to shoot from such a platform, and that is the reason why so many Republicans are discontented with their party's position and will make it for yielding to the ultra-conservatives at Chicago.

Labor for Bryan.

It was public sentiment in the ranks of the labor men which forced Gompers and the other officials to take the stand of this year; those officials merely registering the wishes of their followers, not creating opinions for those followers.

This being true, every time Judge Taft brings against Mr. Gompers' plan to deliver the union vote to Bryan, he angers the union men, rank and file, for it is their movement, and Mr. Gompers is their leader. As Mr. Bryan answered the commands of his radical platform as it is; not the leaders who got the people to permit a radical platform. Likewise they realize that public opinion in the Republican party was for a radical platform this year, and that the leaders refused to shoot from such a platform, and that is the reason why so many Republicans are discontented with their party's position and will make it for yielding to the ultra-conservatives at Chicago.

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BRYAN PROSPECTS VERY BRIGHT IN OREGON

Reports from the national campaign committee indicate that the cause of Bryan and Kern is in the ascendancy and that the prospects for their election are brighter now than ever before. Reports come in from all sections of the state indicating that Oregon is a debatable ground and that there is a strong fighting chance of carrying the state for Bryan.

Bryan workers are, therefore, much encouraged and are bending to the campaign work with added enthusiasm. In order to carry on the battle in Oregon to the best advantage it is necessary to have ample campaign funds for use in Oregon. It is desired that the common people, the great mass of the non-union, who are to be the beneficiaries in the event of Mr. Bryan's election to the presidency should aid him in his battle. It is desired, therefore, that all friends who have an interest in his election aid by their contributions. Small sums are as acceptable as large ones, according to the ability of the contributor. Those who desire to contribute should fill out the attached form, address as indicated therein, and send to The Journal. The receipts of the donations will be acknowledged."

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(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Oct. 14.—The Mills building, taken up standing on the real estate roster of the city of San Francisco, is the property of O. G. Mills and Elizabeth Mills Reid, wife of Whitelaw Reid, American ambassador to England, a daughter of D. O. Mills through the filing of a deed of gift by D. O. Mills yesterday. Herbert H. Reid, the son of the donor, has owned the annex of the building, the main office being the property of the donor.

The deed which was signed in New York on October 1 and witnessed by George H. Core, names as consideration for the property an exchange of love and affection. Further declaring that the transfer is for the better maintenance, support, protection and livelihood of the grantee's children.

OUTLAWS DEFEY STATE TROOPS



Governor Swanson of Virginia.

Richmond, Va., Oct. 14.—One hundred outlaws and their families have strongly fortified their position in the forest and defy state authorities. Governor Swanson has been appealed to and may send state troops.

Commonwealth's Attorney Edmund W. Hubbard and Sheriff L. W. Williams left for Arvon today with an armed force for the purpose of tracking down the Thomas Zimmerman gang of outlaws, now in hiding in the fastnesses between the James and State rivers, and who, after shooting N. W. Gregory and threatening to burn the town of Arvon and lynch the citizens, are prepared to resist arrest.

The outlaws, 100 strong, have carefully fortified their position and are now awaiting the attack of the armed citizens. Their wives and other women folk are with them.

Governor Swanson was appealed to today by wire to help the citizens to crush out the outlaw band. Fearing that the desperadoes may make an attack upon Arvon, the women and children are being hastily removed to more protected communities.

A cordon of citizens is surrounding Arvon tonight, prepared to shoot to kill if an attack is made on the place.

The present trouble grew out of the shooting on Saturday night of N. W. Gregory, a wealthy citizen, who was instrumental in procuring the evidence on which the Zimmermans and Thomases were recently convicted. Unfortunately one of the quartet was admitted to bail. He returned and assisted in liberating his companions. The threats against Arvon were then made and were followed by the shooting of Gregory, the women meeting him on the road and giving the signal to

ALASKA PAPERS ROAST A JUDGE

Reid Denounced as Oklahoma Carpet Bagger, and Possibly Worse.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Oct. 14.—According to a special dispatch from Juneau, Alaska, the Sitka way-Alaskan, the Ridge-top Miner, the Tappan Tribune and the Juneau Record are all found in their criticism of Judge Elias Reid for having been away from the territory for a long time and allowing business to pile up in his court. The newspapers refer to him as "an Oklahoma carpet-bagger, and are bitter over the appointment of his brother-in-law, Goodwin, as receiver for the Alaska Central railroad."

President A. E. Frost of the road criticizes the appointment in severe terms. He says he cannot understand the appointment of a receiver for the road at all, when it has \$4,000,000 and does not owe a dollar.

"It is ridiculous," he is reported to have said, "for a receiver to have been appointed at all, and more so for the judge to have appointed his brother-in-law."

NEGROES BUYING OLD ARMY GUNS

Five Hundred Springfield Cashed in Chicago, From Fear of Possible Mobs.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Oct. 14.—Detectives in the negro section are seeking caches of rifles that have been secreted by the blacks in anticipation of race riots. Suspicion was aroused by the discovery that negroes have bought 500 old Springfield rifles discarded by the army. Further sales will take place and detectives have been detailed to question purchasers. One negro is quoted as saying that the dentists of the "black belt" have taken the advice of their preachers and are arming for self-protection. He asserted that the negroes were not looking for trouble, but that they did not wish to be caught unprepared, as were the negroes of Springfield.

FOURTEEN YEARS OF DESERTION FOR JOHN

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 14.—That his wife beat him to it on the bidding of fond farewells and that when he went to tell her good-bye before leaving for a long cruise at sea, he found she had "packed up bag and baggage and left" as the complaint is worded, is the claim of John E. Urbanek, who yesterday filed suit for divorce against his wife. The desertion, he says, occurred in 1894, at Hoboken, N. J., and he has not seen the woman since.

POACHERS KILL TAME DEER; HOT CHASE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Oct. 14.—Three poachers, who gave their names as Fred Meyers, Will Schubert and Ralph Knappert, were captured yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Bert Dehaven and Special Deputy Shelley outside the city limits, west of Squallum creek, after an exciting chase along the shore by the

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