

CALIFORNIA AGAIN MAY BE FOUND IN DEMOCRATIC LINE

By David Lawrence. (Copyright 1920.) Los Angeles, July 10.—History has an annoying way of repeating itself, especially in politics, and if Senator Harding isn't wary and Governor Cox alertly "scoops" his rival publisher on the situation in Southern California, the eastern world may be tensely hanging over telegraph tickers again on election night and watching the returns from Los Angeles county to tell whether California has gone Republican or Democratic.

For while eastern Republicans may profess joy over Senator Johnson's declaration that he will support the Republican ticket, they do not know as yet what the joker is in that statement. The truth is Senator Johnson confidently expects Senator Harding to interpret the Republican platform as a repudiation of the treaty of Versailles, which contains the covenant of the League of Nations, and if the Republican candidate agrees with Johnson or if the California Senate acts as a spokesman out here for Harding on the League of Nations issue, the Republican managers back East may just as well put California in the doubtful column.

NOT BOUND BY PARTY It must not be forgotten that Los Angeles county is ordinarily Republican but that in the recent Hoover-Johnson primaries the former food administrator carried the southern section of the state with a campaign in favor of the League of Nations. Hoover's recent announcement supporting the candidacy of Senator Harding with a statement interpreting the Republican platform as looking toward the ratification of the peace treaty and covenant of the league with distinctions reservations helped to draw Republicans toward Harding, but they are wondering now whether the interpretation of Hoover or Johnson is the correct one, and the views and intentions of the Republican candidate for the presidency.

They won't hesitate a moment here to vote the Democratic ticket if it appears that a progressive heads that ticket or if the moral side of a transcendent issue is with the Democrats.

THEY WANT LEAGUE

The women of California turned the last election and they will figure largely in this contest. Such votes as they didn't turn were diverted by Hiram Johnson's known lack of interest in the Republican nominee. Now Johnson has a big following, especially in Northern California, and he has but to issue a statement recording, as he did the other day, his support of the ticket, and if the candidate doesn't express similar views in speeches, the people who follow Johnson know what to do when election day comes around.

Yet if Senator Harding were to follow Johnson and come out against the League of Nations, which today embraces the principles of the League of Nations, he would alienate the people in Southern California who are strong for a league, as is already in evidence and who do not favor a new gathering at some distant date as some persons have interpreted the meaning of the Republican platform.

ACTUAL STAND UNKNOWN

The Irish voters in San Francisco and that vicinity have been persuaded to believe that the league somehow retards Irish freedom, but should Senator Harding cater to the prejudice of the Irish in Northern California that have been stirred up by Senator Johnson, he will run the risk of losing the pro-league vote in all parts of the state, including the north.

HARDING MUST BE WARY

Of course, Northern California is wet and is already inclined to Cox for that reason. If the Ohio governor makes a campaign which leaves the broad impression that he is for the west side of the argument, he may recruit votes in the northern section of the state irrespective of his views on the League of Nations.

THIRD PARTY MELTING POT IS NOW STEAMING

(Continued From Page One) assembled delegates came 15 minutes after they had gathered in the hall, when cheers were given for National Chairman J. A. H. Hopkins, as he stepped onto the speaker's platform.

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Delegation, the delegates rose and sang "On Wisconsin!" The University of Wisconsin song, as a psychological boost for Senator La Follette. This was followed by a rendition of "The Bowers," whereupon the New York delegation arose and exercised its vocal chords.

At the time the convention opened every seat in the hall was filled and scores of delegates were forced to remain standing at the rear of the hall. The convention was formally called to order at 11:45.

The invocation was given by the Rev. Noble S. Elderdin of the Parkridge Community church, Chicago.

"Give us the courage of those of long ago," he prayed. "Lead us out in a new spirit, a new hope and with a bolder ambition than men have dreamed before."

Chairman Hopkins, following the prayer, said: "We are here today to open up to the American people a channel by which the things nearest to their hearts, the essential job for us to do is to unite our forces upon a common platform and upon a common candidate."

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McCurdy's speech particularly denounced special economic privileges and when he declared that the capital of the United States was in Wall street and not in Washington the delegates stood and cheered.

McCurdy's reference to the Non-partisan defeat of the old political party in North Dakota also was greeted with shouts of approval.

When McCurdy declared that the Democrats and Republicans, after years of secret slavery, had come into the open and revealed themselves to themselves and to the nation as birds of prey, a great yell of approval arose.

COX VICTORY SEEN BY NUGENT, WHO VISITS PORTLAND CONGRESSMEN GO ON OREGON LANDS TO BE RECLAIMED

Progressiveness of the Democratic platform, coupled with popularity of the presidential nominee selected at the San Francisco convention, means continued Democratic supremacy, predicted James R. Nugent of Newark, N. J., Saturday morning.

Nugent, who introduced the anti-prohibition plank to the platform adopted at San Francisco and led the fight for its adoption, arrived on a special section of Southern Pacific train No. 16, together with 75 New Jersey Democrats.

"The Republican platform is reactionary, and the Democratic platform is progressive; so it is not hard to tell which is going to be the most popular this fall," said Nugent.

The New Jersey delegation and every other delegation is pleased with the platform as far as we know, and we are strongly backing Governor James M. Cox of Ohio for president. We cast our votes for Cox after the seventh ballot, prior to that having favored our native son, Governor Edwards of New Jersey.

There were 126 New Jersey Democrats in attendance at the convention, but only 100 of them were present at the convention, which arrived at 9:15 a. m. left immediately for a trip over the Columbia river highway, and will leave at 11 o'clock Saturday evening.

Representatives Wood, Bryns and Egan went with Forest Supervisor N. E. Baker to the lake for some real fishing, of which they had but a taste here Thursday.

Stephen T. Mather, director of the United States national park service, who had been with the party up to this point, went to Ashland and will join the congressmen in Portland.

The tour of the committee is made primarily for the purpose of obtaining first hand information regarding irrigation projects in Oregon and the possibilities of the proposed Benham Falls project, a report upon the inclusion in Crater Lake National park of other natural beauty spots.

Baker County Wants Aid Baker, July 10.—A committee from the Baker county Chamber of Commerce will probably go to Pendleton July 16 to confer with Congressman N. J. Sniott and the house appropriation committee in regard to the development of irrigation in Baker county.

Charge of Plot to Kill Wealthy Man's Wife Is Dismissed Washington, July 10.—(U. P.)—Federal Judge Haddock, at a preliminary hearing Friday, dismissed the charge of a criminal conspiracy against C. A. Snow, wealthy patent attorney, Mrs. Edna Akker, woman detective employed by Snow to shadow his wife, and her chauffeur.

ABOLISH ECONOMIC PRIVILEGES, IS PLEA OF THE PARTY

Chicago, July 10.—(U. P.)—Allen McCurdy, New York city, temporary chairman of the committee of 48 national convention, in his keynote speech proposed as a platform "abolish economic privileges." He spoke as follows:

Diating on that phrase, McCurdy said a host of reforms would follow the victory of a party fighting for that abolition.

McCurdy prefaced his assertion of the necessity for a third party with the statement that the Committee of Forty-eight believes in the two party system, that the two parties now in existence really are but "the right and left wing of the same bird of prey."

The Democratic and Republican parties, he said, concealed under these names an unyielding opposition to the popular will. That they are of the same stock is proven, he said, by the fact that they have made no attempt to unite in North Dakota, unite in their own behalf.

NEW PARTY NOT SOCIALISTIC The new party, he said, offers no panacea for all ills and it is not Socialistic. "Through our platform," McCurdy said, we demand that just as in 1892 the paramount issue in American life was the abolition of special privilege of chattel slavery, so the paramount issue in 1920 is the abolition of economic privilege which has grown more powerful than slavery ever became.

"If we can unite, there is ground to hope that in that union we will have government to fix a definite time limit for which the majority of our fellow citizens can realize a hope too long deferred. Failure will strike a severe blow to the American people, twice disappointed—once by the collapse of the Progressive party and again by the incomprehensible contradiction between the platforms and the deeds of the present administration."

The platforms of the two old parties might have been written by a convention of corporation lawyers and Wall street bankers, McCurdy added.

"Over the trail of these national failures is to be drawn the red herring of international relations. It is an ancient trick of reaction. If it succeeds in diverting the attention of the people to late that they have assumed the position of a man gazing intently at the moon, the American people will more fully relieve him of his possessions.

How dare we permit foreign relations to dominate this campaign? Exploited ourselves, shall we give the power to exist other people to our own exploiters?"

"The Republican bid is bold. It reads out of its councils every man and woman who ever stood for any form of human rights, adopts a platform that evades, equivocates or straddles every living issue; paves the way for a war by which in exchange for the lives and treasure of the people, we are to be delivered to the interests; increases the infamous Eech-Cummins bill over the protests of farmers, workers and informed citizens, and consistently crowns its works by basing its candidates for the presidency a proven, steady wheel-horse politician guaranteed to stand without hitching.

DEMOCRATIC BID BRAZEN "The Democratic bid is more than bold; it is brazen. The mild terms of its platform, its only claim to a partisan credit which belongs to the whole nation, for fighting and winning the war, but it declares it administered the conduct of that war with a complete scandal. And the ghosts of Hog Island, aircraft and shipbuilding and cantment construction and nitrate plant appropriations are still stalking through the land.

"It is that all. Failure to protect a people against profiteering in time of war might be forgiven, but to break the faith of the whole nation would be given. That the bitter experience of these past years. We all remember with gratitude the words that thrilled our hearts and kindled a fervent hope that we were ready in the work of a new day. We felt the inspiration of a leader who was to guide us into a more complete realization of the things we had always held nearest our hearts.

"Yet, if it is any measure of the Democratic party, we will be judged. By these words it is weighed in the balance and found unworthy of human confidence. For into the expectant hope went the devastating cause of the distress of this people is economic in its nature and can be removed only by economic action.

"No reference is made to any political reform," McCurdy said. "With privilege abolished, there will not be needed. Other needed improvements in the organization of government will afford no relief until after privilege is abolished."

UNION LABOR INDORSER McCurdy said the Committee of Forty-eight indorses the right of labor to bargain collectively and denounces the use of injunctions in labor cases. "The greatest need of labor," he said, "is the greatest need of the whole country; not more laws, but more liberty. The farmers have already discovered and have acted upon this fact. Not until the farmers of North Dakota united on a program did the farmers obtain relief.

AUTOISTS WARNED THAT RATIONING OF GASOLINE LIKELY

Los Angeles, July 10.—(I. N. S.)—Further warning to consumers of the existing shortage of gasoline in California was issued today by Secretary H. H. Maxson of the Independent Petroleum Marketers' association, coincident with which he announced that he had wired to Texas for six carloads of "canehead" gas to be used in increasing the local supply.

"Gasoline production is about 25 cent below normal at the present time," declared Maxson. "There are approximately 500,000 motor cars in California, the third largest number in any state of the Union, and it is largely up to the consumers and motoring public to help solve the situation."

"It appears that rationing of gasoline may ultimately be necessary." The matter of seeking federal control in a system of rationing has been discussed as one means of coping with the acute shortage.

Warm Welcome to Wilson, New Head Of Woodmen Order

J. O. Wilson, head manager of the Woodmen of the World, received a rousing welcome Friday night at the Union station, when more than 500 members of the order, mostly of his home camp, Multnomah No. 77, greeted him. He was escorted to the hall at 112 East Sixth street by a procession of 103 automobiles, headed by the chief of police, followed by the degree team and citizens. The reception committee included M. D. George, L. B. Smith and W. B. Jett, Roscoe F. Hurst, past command commander of the camp, and the address of welcome before over 1200 members.

Wilson has been clerk of Multnomah camp since 1916, and his recent election as head manager of the order is recognition of another Portland working man who has made good.

Unfilled Tonnage of Steel Is 10,978,817

New York, July 10.—(U. P.)—Unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel corporation, announced today, totaled 10,978,817 on June 30 against 6,646,494 on May 31, 16,359,747 an April 30 and 4,892,855 on June 30, 1919.

Aviator and Woman Passenger Are Killed

Salisbury, Beach, Mass., July 10.—(I. N. S.)—Gordon H. Groh of Lynn, exhibition aviator, was killed and Mrs. Richard H. Long of Framingham, wife of the former Democratic candidate for governor, fatally injured when an airplane driven by Groh crashed 150 feet to the waterfront today. Mrs. Long was a passenger in the machine. She died later.

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