

COX AND HARDING NOTIFICATIONS IN MARKED CONTRAST

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Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 10.—Comparison of the Cox and Harding notification ceremonies would be as valueless as an attempt to compare the respective qualities of the two candidates. They can be contrasted, but not compared. And just as each candidate is a different type of man, so was the notification ceremony in each case a different type of affair.

The Harding exercises were harmonious with the small town celebration idea. The Cox notification was distinctly a big city function—indeed, very much like a state fair with big crowds, plenty of bands, marching clubs and cheers.

DEMOCRATS JAZZ UP
The Republican managers depended for their stage effects on simplicity and solemnity and publicity opportunities outside of Ohio. The Democratic managers depended for the stage effects on jazz and concentrated their attention on Ohio.

Delivery of the speech by Governor Cox was secondary to the instilling of enthusiasm into thousands of workers who went back to all parts of Ohio with plenty of ginger and fighting spirit. The speech itself has been printed in the newspapers of the country. When the governor started speaking the parade was about the biggest thing of its kind in 20 years.

If one could close his eyes for a moment and forget the names of the parties which have nominated Cox and Harding, the contrast, involuntarily, would mean that Cox was the Republican nominee; the business man, the aggressive defender of the League of Nations on the basis of economic advantages and the foe of high taxation with splendid special organization and lease of street parades.

FITS DEMOCRATIC STYLE
Harding would normally fit in with the Democratic style of campaigning, with its Jeffersonian simplicity; with the appeal to the masses as an unpretentious citizen who wants "common counsel" in government, and with the anti-expansion cries voiced by Bryan in 1896, when America got the Philippines and became a world power.

Really, leaving the party labels aside, the notification ceremonies were so big and well organized that they reminded one of Republican functions of bygone days.

Governor Cox himself stood in the reviewing stand and waved his hat as Roosevelt used to do at every marcher in the parade. The same affection came up out of the marching thousands as they yelled for "Jimmy" Cox, and he would yell back first names galore.

Anybody who sat and watched the parade go by for two hours could not but have observed the deep-rooted loyalty of the marchers to Cox. They cheered him again and again as if he were some military hero, rather than a mere candidate.

Even the coal miners, who came with their torches in their hats, tried by their cheers to express their gratitude for Governor Cox's interest in legislation benefiting their working conditions.

A special effort was made to bring folks from Marion, Senator Harding's home town, and about 1500 people from that town, mostly laborers and their families, marched in the parade—for, normally, the town of Marion is about evenly divided as between Republican and Democratic voters.

All this amused the crowd and certainly astounded this correspondent, who in the past week tried hard to find a single window in Marion without a Harding picture in it.

SPEAKER WOUND UP
The one big defect in the ceremony was the long speech of introduction by Senator Joseph Robinson of Arkansas, permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention, who took a long while to tell the governor he had been nominated. Indeed, after Robinson had spent considerable time denouncing the senate rules for permitting unlimited debate and filibustering, he managed to filibuster the crowd into weariness while it waited patiently for the main speaker of the day.

The Harding managers did much better. They curtailed Senator Lodge's speech and gave Harding all the time he needed. But the latter spoke in a small pavilion where oratory and eloquence could be practiced with dramatic effect while Governor Cox stood in the open air under skies that sprinkled a shower of rain intermittently or else poured hot rays of sunlight on a sweltering crowd.

The parade of democratic strength was the thing, the speech of acceptance was secondary. In fact, the Cox managers must have realized that the delivery of the address could not be accomplished impressively, for they had copies of the speech printed and distributed in the crowd so that folks could take them home to read or perhaps could follow the remarks as the governor spoke.

Only the small crowd of a few thousand who had seats in the covered stand could really enjoy the spoken words. They evidently liked the speech for, after several hours of speaking they shouted for "more" and almost compelled a speech from Franklin Roosevelt, vice-presidential candidate, after Governor Cox had concluded. Applause came frequently and with unquestioned spontaneity.

As the governor compared President Wilson with the soldier who died wounded in the world war, declaring that one fell in the trenches while the other broke down with the overwhelming labors of the war, there was an unmistakable response from the crowd.

The League of Nations, too, got as much applause as any part of the speech especially as the governor outlined his two vital reservations, and then said he was in favor of going in the league.

Every reference to the removal of high taxes was cheered, and if the attitude of this crowd is an index of what Ohio folks like, it is apparent that they want to hear more about reducing taxes.

AFFAIR IS SUCCESS
From a political point of view the affair was a success, the speech satisfied the Democratic committeemen and committeewomen who had come from many different states, and it stimulated the Ohio Democrats to redoubled efforts. It was more of a jollification and political festival than the Harding ceremony.

But, there again comparisons are difficult. The Cox managers used the opportunity to open the campaign in this doubtful state of 24 electoral votes. The Harding affair was staged for psychological effect whereas a repetition of the McKinley style of campaigning and the notification ceremonies in each case reflected exactly the type of campaign that is coming, with Harding mostly on the front porch in a quiet little town and Cox traveling around for big political affairs, pounding in his arguments in a militant fashion before large audiences with street demonstrations and all the arts known to the stump.

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MISSING YOUTHS FIND CAMP AFTER 24-HOUR ABSENCE

Arthur Rober and Charles Guarasell, Portland boys, lost on Mount Hood for more than 24 hours, surprised searching parties when they walked into Zigzag ranger station Monday afternoon.

L. F. Fridenson, proprietor of the Government Camp hotel and host to all mountain-climbers, came to Portland Monday to recruit a party of volunteer searchers, and had called much help when the pair was reported safe.

Rober and Guarasell went from Government camp to the timber line Saturday night with four companions, and Sunday morning started the climb, without a guide, for the summit.

At Crater rock, more than half way up the mountain, the two quit the climb, when they turned back on the walk down the mountain.

Party Leaders Laud Cox Stand on League And Other Issues

Dayton, Ohio, Aug. 10.—(U. P.)—Unanimous approval of Governor Cox's speech of acceptance was given by party leaders in telegrams received at the nominee's office today.

Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, who was in Dayton today, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph Robinson, permanent chairman of the Democratic national convention, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Charles McNary, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph B. Foraker, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph G. Cannon, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph H. Chamberlain, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph D. Eastland, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph E. Ransdell, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

Senator Joseph F. Tamm, also telegraphed his approval of Governor Cox's speech.

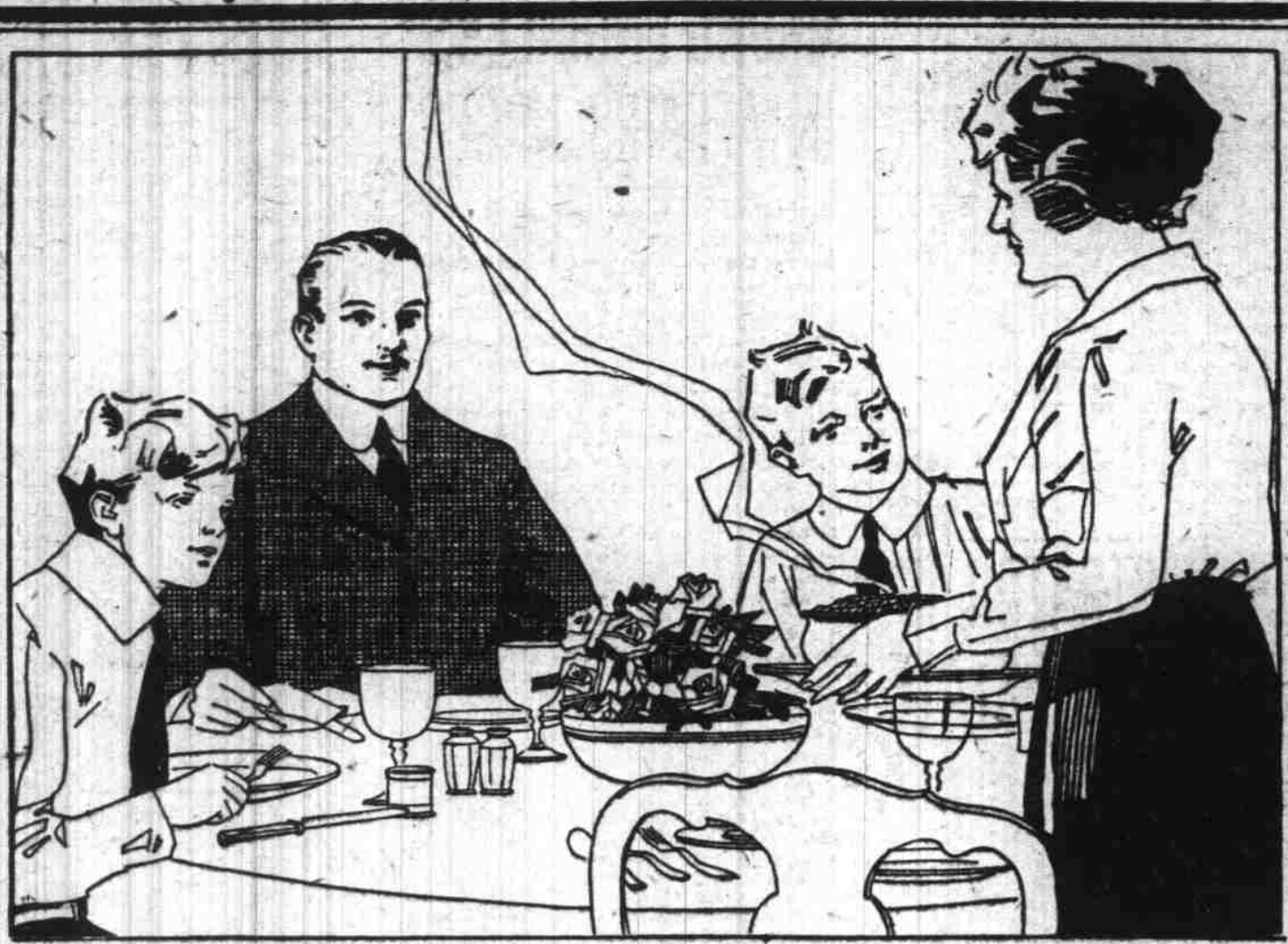
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Homers S. Cummings, former national chairman of the Democratic committee; Senator Hitchcock, administration leader in the treaty fight; former Governor

Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, Representative Byrnes, Mrs. Antoinette Funk, South Carolina, and hundreds of others joined in praising the speech.

The outstanding feature of the messages was commendation for the nominee's stand on the league, and his declaration that he will fight reaction.



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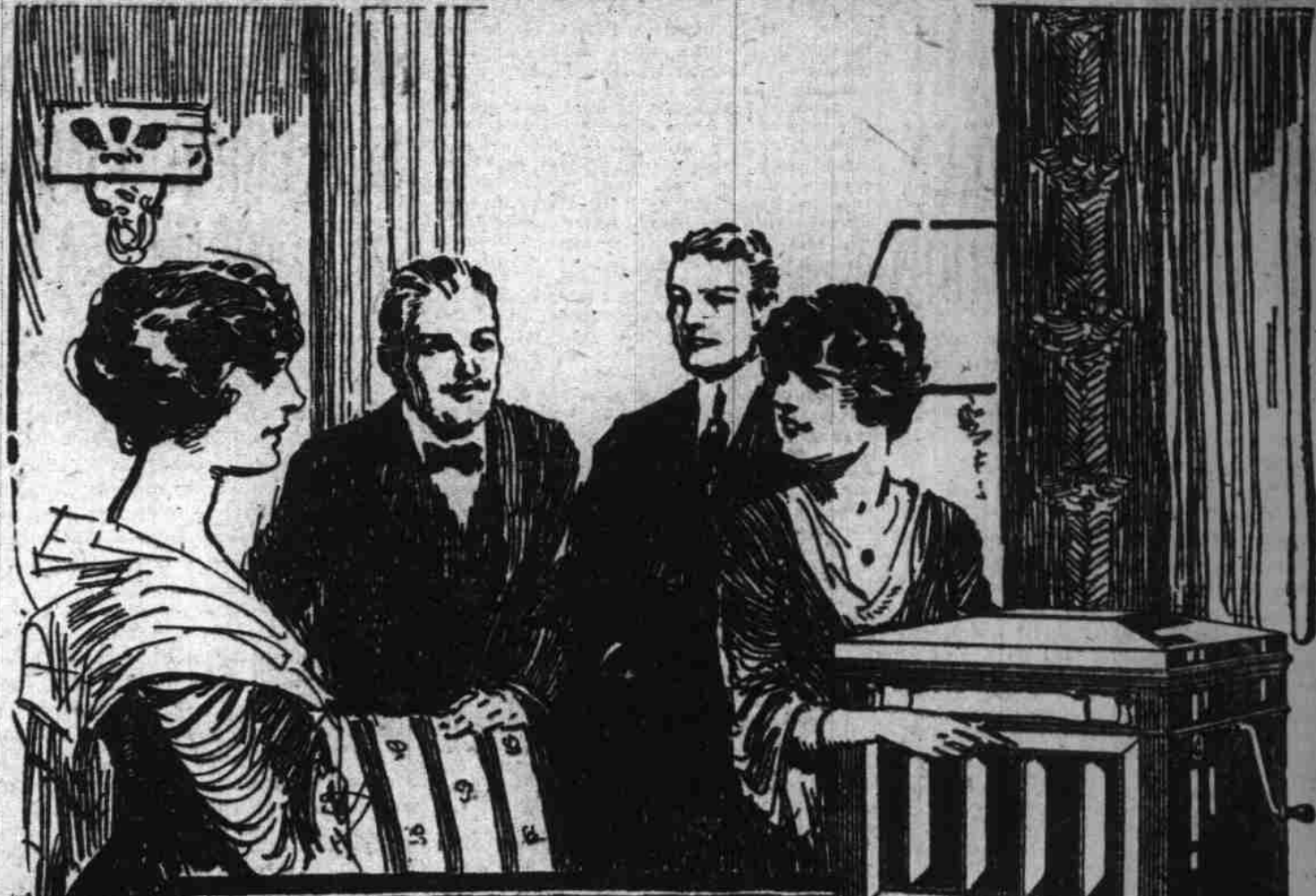
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