

JOHNSON FAVORS DIRECT PRIMARY FOR PRESIDENCY

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Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 24.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson may be outstumping for the Harding-Coolidge ticket, but he hasn't forgotten what happened at the Republican national convention in Chicago last June and just as soon as this campaign is over, the California senator means to lead a fight for a revision of the methods by which candidates for the presidency are chosen.

Hiram Johnson has the notion that the people ought to have something to do with nominations for the presidency so that the public shall not be confronted with a choice between inferior men. He thinks that the primary system is both logical and democratic, and while he is expressing no opinion about the persons nominated in the last conventions of the big political parties, he is inclined to believe that the public would not be much worse off and perhaps better if it tried the primary system instead of the convention method.

WANTS NEW LAW
The California senator might tell an interesting story about what took place at Chicago if he were disposed to do so. He could, for instance, reveal the absolute pledges given him by other leaders at the Chicago convention that when the recess was taken on Saturday afternoon it was with the understanding that an opportunity would be given for all concerned to agree upon a man that the progressive wing of the Republican party could support wholeheartedly.

But except insofar as it might emphasize a point now and then, the controversies of the last convention will not be revived. Senator Johnson's aim is to get a law passed by congress that will establish presidential preference primaries as something more substantial than they are today.

WILSON TRIED IT
The spectacle of both parties nominating a man who hardly figured in the primaries while the expressed wishes of the people in several states were completely disregarded will give Johnson the background for his appeal. And when he goes campaigning for Harding in Oregon, Washington, Montana and in Eastern states, he will take occasion to call by name some of the individuals who were elected in the primaries and failed to carry out their instructions at the Republican national convention.

Public men have tried before to bring about the choice of presidential candidates by direct vote of the people, but have failed. Woodrow Wilson gave a pledge in his first message to congress that he would try to secure the end of the convention system. Indeed, it was his belief that the question of whether two terms could be best handled by the people in a presidential preference primary rather than at national conventions. His suggestion was that conventions

should meet merely to ratify the choice of the people in the primaries and to write the party platform. Nothing came of the plan, as the congressional committees before whom an attempt was made to frame legislation insisted that such a law would be unconstitutional as the constitution gives the several states the right to determine the method by which their preference shall be expressed.

Senator Johnson, however, will not let the academic objection of constitutional difficulties dissuade him. The usual answer that a constitutional amendment is needed brings no relief, for it takes a generation to get a constitutional amendment adopted.

PEOPLE DISAPPOINTED
Johnson sided up California sentiment very accurately before deciding to tackle at once the question of choosing presidential nominees. While the McGadoo Democrats are working tooth and toenail for Cox and while the Johnson Republicans are being urged by their leader to support the Republican standard bearer because of his expressed opposition to the League of Nations, fundamentally there is disappointment over the selections made at Chicago and San Francisco. No more opportune time could have been chosen to make an issue against the convention system, and Hiram Johnson proposes to start right in when he gets back to Washington in December.

Northern California presents a perplexing situation politically. San Francisco leans toward Harding. It is normally a strong Democratic center. The region in the vicinity of Sacramento shows more friendliness to Cox and they talk of carrying California for him. Indeed, much more optimism about Cox's chances in California is to be found in Sacramento, where he made a splendid impression when he spoke last week, than anywhere else in the state. Of course, Sacramento has wet inclinations and many of the wets are planning to support Cox. The League of Nations has been staunchly defended by the Sacramento Union and vigorously opposed by the Sacramento Bee, so that opinion may at least be said to be divided on that question.

The majority of the San Francisco newspapers, however, cast their influence against the league. Normally the Democratic strength came from Northern California. But the southern end of the state is this time stronger for the League of Nations than the north. So anything may happen in California in the next few weeks, though if the election were held tomorrow the state would go for Harding.

(Tomorrow's dispatch will deal with the situation in Nevada.)
Defeated Candidate Seizes Mexican City
Mexico City, Sept. 24.—(U. S. S.)—General Francisco Murguira, defeated candidate for governor of Michoacan, took possession of the state house Thursday with an armed force and formed his own legislature.
His Politics in Doubt
Merrill, Wis., Sept. 24.—(U. P.)—People of the town of Russell, near here, are wondering what are the politics of C. L. Burt. He was named both Republican and Democratic committee man from his district.

Sacramento Fruit Damaged by Fire

Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 24.—(U. P.)—Damage to warehouse and plant No. 12 of the California Packing corporation, swept by fire yesterday, may reach \$2,000,000, corporation officials said today. Four firemen were injured in the blaze which for a time threatened other industrial plants on the waterfront. The warehouse of the plant was filled with the season's pack of fruit and vegetables. As the fire swept through the warehouse, the cans exploded like shells.

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