

FIGHT OF COX IS HEROIC AGAINST TREMENDOUS ODDS

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New York, Nov. 4.—Tuesday's election lends itself easily to superlatives. It broke so many different records in so many different ways that columns could be devoted to unique results in scores of localities.

So, in probing the causes of an outcome which surpassed even the wildest dreams of Republican leaders and utterly flabbergasted the Democrats, it is but natural to use one more superlative and say that Governor Cox faced a most unusual political situation when he assumed the tremendous load of party leadership and tried to carry the Democrats to victory for a third time running.

PRESIDENT WILSON apparently realized this, for he is quoted as having said to some who criticized Cox for certain utterances during the campaign that "it must be remembered Mr. Cox is having the hardest fight that probably ever confronted a man running for the same office in this country."

In analyzing the results and the causes thereof, two conditions stand out in strong relief. The first of these was the widespread demand for the ousting of the Democratic administration and the second was the development of an unprecedented situation within the Democratic party itself. Either situation without the attendant effect of the other would have been enough to defeat Cox. The combination of both overwhelmed him.

SPLIT WITHIN THE PARTY
As Chairman of the Democratic national committee remarked the other day, "The campaign stands with the Democrats well underneath." What the Democrats were underneath at the outset was a tremendous wave throughout the country calling for a change of regime, a new stock company at Washington, as it were. This was due to dissatisfaction with the administration generally and President Wilson in particular, was nurtured by a tremendous and well organized Republican campaign which began two years ago to prepare for this election and grew because of the utter failure of the Democratic national committee to combat the effects of it when it began to show in 1918.

Then came the convention at San Francisco. There were two leading candidates for the presidency, Governor Cox and former Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo. The latter was supported by some of the most influential men in the party, both from the point of view of finances and personal popularity. The efforts of the Cox supporters without effect, a change of the governor, used embodied tactics which affronted the friends of McAdoo. It was a bitter fight and a hard-earned victory for the Cox forces when the governor was nominated. They were elated.

WILSON AT FIRST LEFT OUT
Then the trouble began. The elation of the Cox element at their San Francisco victory was brought back East and, unfortunately for Cox, developed into a complete disregard for the administration organization, when it came to setting up a campaign machine. The point, of course, was that owing to the unpopularity of President Wilson everything should be done to get away from his influence and the influence of the administration generally.

"Make this strictly a fight for and by Cox" was the word passed along. Cox went to Washington to see the president. He came out of that conference shocked at the appearance of the president, and his reaction was a strong desire to make the best fight of his life for a subject, pursuit of which had left the chief executive of the nation a mere shell physically of his former self.

INSIST ON DROPPING LEAGUE
He stated that he was going out to make what fight he was unable to give the picture that had caused him to

strike so forcefully in this direction, because the White House never had officially permitted it to be known how seriously ill the president had been, and to this day has never acknowledged his actual physical condition. Right there entered obstacle No. 1.

Cox, of course, immediately after the White House conference, was set upon not only by his opponents but by his friends and roundly chided as "submitting to Wilson dictation." Cox was silent, but his supporters only increased their efforts to impress upon the public that Cox was his own boss. His advisers insisted that he make the League of Nations a secondary issue, "perhaps a few speeches, yet, but then drop it and take up other things."

FUNDS ARE LACKING
All of which increased the opposition of friends and supporters of President Wilson, particularly those who had heavily financed previous Democratic campaigns. When the Democratic campaign machinery was installed it was found that the administration had been industriously ignored in appointing its personnel, and among its leading directors were men who affected the Wilson wing of the party, men like Bernard M. Baruch, C. H. Chubbourn, Vance McCormick and others, like a red flag.

More than a year ago W. J. McAdoo had recommended that the Democratic national committee install machinery for raising political funds by state quotas—the system used in the Liberty loan. The Democrats came perilously near the smashing point within a few weeks for lack of funds. The hat was passed to Baruch and others of the list of former heavy contributors. They reflected upon certain things that happened at and after San Francisco and declined with thanks.

LOVE FIGHT MADE
Right there entered obstacle No. 2 in Cox' campaign, and that period also marked the beginning of the end of what hopes Cox might have had for election. From that day until shortly before the close of the campaign his was a personally conducted campaign, unique in history for its absence of effective organization support behind it, and those who saw him fighting in the face of certain defeat at its close, could not but

admire the manner in which he went about it. It was for all the world like a baseball game between nine good players on one side and Cox opposing them, pitching all the balls himself and then compelling to field those which were hit and attempt to personally put out the hitter. His work in attempting to get together those of divergent views opposing him was as difficult as a man trying to put up a one-man top with the rain beating down and a half dozen crying children in his automobile getting in the way.

COMBINATION OF REASONS
Striking first at this, then at that, as the disorganized advisers behind him counseled, Cox soon found himself involved in issues that weakened public confidence. Whatever he might have and whatever "proof" he expected to deliver, the popular reaction to his injection of that issue was to Cox' detriment.

There is no doubt that more people laughed at the slush fund charges than took them seriously, and once a people gets to laughing at a candidate, his cause, however exalted, fails to appeal. Cox, lost first and primarily because of the desire for a change of government in Washington; secondly, because the Democratic national committee during the last two years had grown lazy as it had become fat, figuratively speaking, and did nothing to counter the devastating blows begun by the Republicans upon the administration; thirdly, because there was neither money nor unity in the Cox machine, and, finally, because Cox carried on a crusading campaign at a time when the people of the country felt somewhat over-crusaded and longed for peace and quiet.

The combination was enough to wreck a candidate physically and mentally, as well as bury him under a deluge of votes. That Governor Cox emerged from the ordeal at all still in his right mind, able to digest three square meals a day and hygienically fit as an athlete, should place him in line for more than the usual emoluments that befall the defeated in America's great quadrennial pastime.

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Judge Anderson requested the clerk of the court to advise Palmer the investigation would be made so the attorney general might appear in person. The investigation will center about reports that Palmer has instructed government attorneys not to present at the trial evidence submitted in strike injunction hearings which led to a restraining order against the bituminous mine strike a year ago.

Hand Bill Sower Fined
T. J. Stout was fined \$10 by Municipal Judge Roseman this morning for unlawfully distributing hand bills. Stout was charged with throwing handbills about the street which complained against alleged unfair motion picture theatres.

Bolshevik Army of 800,000 on Heels Of General Wrangel

London, Nov. 4.—(I. N. S.)—A great Russian Bolshevik army of 800,000 men has reached Perikop in its advance against the anti-Bolshevik army of General Wrangel in South Russia, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Sebastopol this afternoon. General Wrangel's forces are being driven into Crimea. An acute shortage of food prevails in Crimea.

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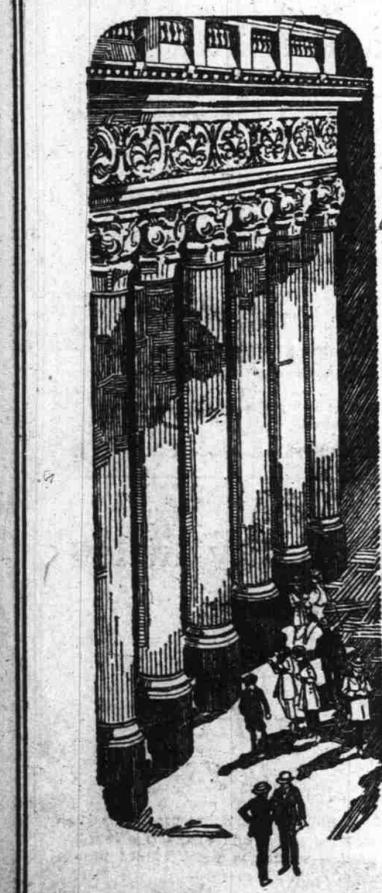
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