

ATTACK ON

Popular Rule by Harding
In His Speech on Direct

PRIMARIES

Argues Progressives of
Both Parties; Sentiment

RESENTED

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Washington, Feb. 12.—President Harding has stirred up a political nest of rampant discussion by his advocacy of the convention system for selection of political candidates as opposed to direct primaries.

Democratic party leaders have been prompt in denouncing Harding's Saturday night speech before the League of Republican Clubs here as "undermining the principles of political liberties sought for three decades."

The crux of Republican-Progressive dismay and concern at the president's support of the old convention plan centers in their contention that whether intentionally or not the president has thrown the weight of his executive opinion behind the movements launched in several states for abolition of the direct primary.

STEP BACKWARD SEEN

They, as well as Democrats, contend that such movements, if successful, would constitute a backward step, the step of reaction. Abolition of primaries would particularly affect the fullest participation, they say, of newly enfranchised women.

In this connection it is recalled that Senator Hiram Johnson, immediately after the advent of the new administration, issued a formal statement warning against a period of ultra-conservatism, a high point in the movement to abolish primaries, he declared his intention of personally speaking in every state where such a movement was launched, challenging a return to the old convention system.

"Of course there is a difference of view about this matter, as there always has been," Senator Borah declared, commenting on Harding's speech. "But I think political conventions are incapable of discharging the great obligations which rest upon them."

STATED WITH BRILL

The question of the direct primary has been a moot one since Bryan started to run for the presidency. He gave the principle great momentum and this was maintained through the Roosevelt administration, and its setbacks through the Taft period.

"And one of the most singular events in connection with President Harding's remarks on the subject," said Senator Woolley, active in the leadership of the two Wilson campaigns, "is that Harding played a part in the 1912 Ohio state convention, which as I recall it, overrode the wishes of the people in the primaries and covered one of the seeds which later developed the null process split."

The Ohio primaries that year were won by Roosevelt against Taft. When the convention met, however, Harding was elected chairman and the convention decided to instruct its delegates for Taft.

"Another interesting light on his advocacy of the convention system may be found in his own experience. He won only one of the presidential primaries."

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Colonel Crossley
Nominated as Head
Of Republican Club

Colonel J. J. Crossley was picked as the president of the Oregon League of Republican Clubs by the nominating committee appointed by retiring President H. L. Gano, when the committee met at noon today, following the opening of the convention at the Imperial this morning.

The convention, which was not largely attended and which got under way late in the morning, was called to order by President Gano, who delivered an address reviewing the work of the organization and the tasks ahead of it for the coming year.

Following his address he appointed a committee on resolutions and another on nominations. The nominating committee, which met following the adjournment, selected Colonel Crossley as its recommendation for president; Edward A. MacLean for reelection as secretary and Mrs. Clara B. French for treasurer.

The resolutions committee was announced as L. E. Schmidt, D. C. Lewis, E. A. MacLean, L. E. Schmidt, of Yamhill county and Mrs. Johnson.

Girl's Attentions Are
Unwelcome; He Asks
Injunction on Her

Chicago, Feb. 12.—When an extravagant girl insists on lavishing her attentions on a fellow student at his only thing that will stop her is an injunction, according to Bruno Heller.

Heller alleges Miss Ethel Friedman positive movements toward seduction and an avalanche of telephone calls and persisted in riding in his automobile and he wants the court to make her stop.

Miss Friedman denies all the charges in the petition and said it wasn't Heller she was going with.

"He didn't call for a friend. I never called Heller up."

Four Prisoners Are
Added to U. S. List

Four prisoners were brought to Portland over Sunday by deputies from the United States marshal's office. Deputy Frank Snow brought Gao Hong and H. Chapman from Astoria. The Chinese man is charged with selling narcotics and Eckman with being the purchaser. Deputy Morelock brought Fred P. Williams from Ontario and Ray Watson from Baker to answer liquor charges.

DEB IS TOLD

NATL BUDGET

IS TOO LARGE

Appropriation of Three Times
That of Pre-War Days Held
Inconsistent in View of Re-

cent Reduction in Armament.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Secretary of the Navy Denby encountered some serious objections to his proposals for naval appropriations when he appeared today before the house naval affairs committee with a schedule of reductions designed to reduce expenditures from \$478,000,000 to \$350,000,000 during the fiscal year 1922-23.

"That will not do," objected Representative Thomas S. Butler, the committee chairman, when Denby had presented his figures. "Before the war in 1916 the cost of maintaining the navy, exclusive of the cost of the new construction, was \$107,000,000. As we have taken out most of the construction of the navy, the people will not support a vote for three times this pre-war cost of the navy."

Because of lack of appropriations, Denby told the committee that 100 destroyers would have to be placed out of commission. He said there should be no decrease in commissioned personnel, but recommended the graduation of all members of the first class at the United States naval academy.

As another economy measure, the secretary of the navy suggested that the number of appointments to the academy now accorded each member of congress be reduced from five to three.

SALT SHIPMENT
SEIZED BY STATE

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Statewide action to prevent an epidemic of fatal poisoning cases was today's aftermath to the tragedy at Klabs, Saturday, when five children of Mr. Rhodes died after she had given them doses of what she had bought as salts.

Supervisor Adams, supervisor of food, drugs and berries in the state department of agriculture, has seized the entire supply of the salts at the Tacoma wholesale house, which had been packed at Klabs, and is keeping the wires busy telegraphing to every town in the state the names of the salts have been sold, ordering the immediate withdrawal of the medicine from the market.

ANALYSIS IS PLANNED

Samples of the seized salts have been turned over to the chemistry department at the University of Washington for analysis, along with the remaining contents of the box which contained the fatal doses.

"There is a possibility of course," Supervisor Adams said, "that only one box in the entire shipment was poisonous, but I won't take any chances. Rather than run the chance of anyone else being poisoned, I will have the entire shipment destroyed."

Adams took up the case last Saturday, as soon as it was reported to him by Dr. Paul A. Turner, state medical director, and his agents had reached the source of supply at the Tacoma warehouse at 24 hours.

WHOLESALE HOUSE AIDS

The wholesale house cooperated with the state authorities by opening its office on Sunday to permit a checking of its books so that every sale of the shipment could be traced.

"These so-called salts," Supervisor Adams commented today, "come in packages which are packed at Klabs. None of the manufacturers there for the Tacoma house. This fact places the entire shipment under suspicion, and it is possible that, unless this tragedy had occurred, hundreds of others might have been poisoned. As it is, I hope that we have tipped it in the bud and that there will be no more victims."

Adams avoided considerable red tape in the seizure by getting the Tacoma company to sign waivers on the shipment, thus making it unnecessary to get a court order.

POST-MORTEM HELD OVER
BODY OF "SALT" VICTIM

Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 12.—Sunday morning a post-mortem was held here by Coroner Livingston and other physicians over the body of one of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rhodes of Klabs, who died Saturday morning a half hour after the mother had given each of them a dose from a package labeled poison salts. The stomach and the package from which the fatal doses were taken were sent to the state university chemical department for examination. A report is not expected until Tuesday.

5 Children Drown
In U. S. Resented;
When Raft Is Upset

Calistoga, Cal., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Five children were drowned Sunday when a raft on which they were paddling capsized in the middle of a reservoir, half a mile from Lakeview, today. None of the young paddlers could swim. The father of four of the children saw their peril from the shore and plunged into the lake in a frantic effort to save them, but nearly drowned himself before he was rescued.

Irish Bank Robbed
Of 15,000 Pounds

Sligo, Ireland, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Automobile bandits in a sensational raid on a branch of the Bank of Ireland and a provincial bank here today seized \$18,000. The robbers took \$5000 from the Bank of Ireland and \$6000 from the provincial bank. Troops of the Irish provisional army started in pursuit.

Pay Tribute
To Memory
Of LincolnPortland's business machinery was
slowly down a little today, so that the
people might have a trifle of leisure in
which to remember that this is officially
the anniversary of the birthday of Abraham
Lincoln, the greatest of Americans, who
cemented the nation together when it
had fallen apart.

Thoughts of Lincoln and his statesmanship were presented to Portland people in many quarters today, at the Chamber of Commerce members' formal luncheon, in the schools and in homes.

Some 60 years ago Lincoln became the great emancipator. He remained that for many in Portland today, for banks, and the courthouses were closed and activities were curtailed in federal and other offices. The city hall, however, remained open despite the governor's holiday proclamation.

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San Francisco, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—A life and death struggle for long supremacy in the United States is on between the Bing Kongs of the West and the Hip Sing of the East, police here believe today.

Four Chinese in Butte, Mont., San Jose, Cal., and Seattle, Wash., paid with their lives in the first 24 hours of hostilities.

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FELONY MURDERFamous Detective Does Not Be-
lieve Love Is at Bottom of Tay-
lor Mystery; Woman Did Not
Fire Fatal Shot, He Says.

By Charles E. Hughes

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—A new woman witness whose identity was closely guarded by detectives was escorted to the Hall of Records, this afternoon and was closeted with District Attorney Woolwine for some time while being questioned in regard to the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director.

The woman, who was attractive and who wore a heavy fur coat and other expensive clothing, was escorted with great secrecy to Woolwine's office by several investigators.

Los Angeles, Feb. 12.—The unheralded arrival in Los Angeles of William A. Pinkerton, incidentally with the return from New York of Adolph Zukor, president of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, gave rise to reports today that the famous detective agency had been employed by the movie interests in the William D. Taylor murder case.

Pinkerton declined to comment on the Taylor case at length.

"The Taylor case will be solved," he said.

"Somewhere there is a leak—perhaps in some infinitesimal detail not yet discovered the slayer has slipped up on—and he will be found."

"Furthermore, when this cloud of mystery is dissipated you will find, I believe, that the motive does not involve an affair of the heart."

"One thing I am certain of, however," he added. "No woman held the gun that killed Taylor."

A clue described as the most promising yet uncovered in the Taylor murder today was expected to lead to an arrest soon.

The new clue is connected with the past life of Taylor, who was known in New York as William Deane-Tanner, and the man sought for arrest has not previously been mentioned in the case, according to Detective Captain Adams.

The new tip was given by a woman whose name is being withheld.

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Taylor's Former Fiancee

NEVA GERBER, pretty film actress, who at one time was
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how he happened to send her a \$500 check a few weeks ago.Miss Sue Kellett and Party of
Mazamas Caught in Avalanche
on Marys Peak, Near Cor-
vallis; Buried Under Snow.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 12.—Caught in an avalanche, while coasting down a snowslide on Marys Peak, 25 miles southwest of here, a dozen members of the Mazama mountaineering club were carried from 200 to 400 feet down the mountain.

Miss Sue Kellett of Portland was knocked unconscious by the sudden rush of snow and had back is reported to be seriously injured. She was carried to a cabin at the foot of the peak whence it has been impossible to remove her up to this afternoon.

Marys peak is the highest point in the Coast range but is not considered a difficult or dangerous climb.

About 25 Mazamas were in the party which came to Corvallis Saturday. They were joined by other Mazamas who are attending Oregon Agricultural college and the party went to a logging camp at the base of the peak for camp.

On Sunday they climbed the peak without trouble, although it was snowing when they started the climb and a blizzard was soon in progress. It was four and one half miles to the summit and on the way down about 12 of them started to slide for the sport of the thing and to make better progress.

One of the party reported hearing a roaring noise and when she turned about it looked as though the whole slide of the mountain was loosening. The slide descended upon them, carrying the party down with it. It left one of the center boys hanging on a tree. Miss Kellett was knocked unconscious.

They were all dug out of the snow and, with the exception of Miss Kellett, were able to make their way to camp. At the camp the men devised a stretcher and returned for Miss Kellett, taking her out to camp between midnight and 1 a. m.

Miss Sue Kellett, formerly of Seattle, who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Loughlin, 371 East Madison street, has lived in Portland a year. She has been a participant in other Mazama trips since her arrival here, having been interested in outdoor activities during the time she lived in Seattle.

"We were out for a long time," she said. "I saw a long snow drift a half mile long."

"I don't think anybody was hurt badly, although some were scratched up, but it was exciting for a few minutes. I think Miss Kellett was more scared than anything else. But it kind of got my goat for a while, it was such an adventure."

The party waded through soft snow waist deep all the way to the summit. "The lead of the bunch and I were the last to get up," she said. Dorothy Brownell and Kenneth Murphy returned. The remainder of the party will be in tonight.

DIRECT TAXES
OR BOOZSSIE?

Washington, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Representative Lawrence C. Hays of Oregon was depending today on President Harding to pull them out of the middle in which they are floundering in trying to find a way to raise money for a soldiers' bonus. Further consideration of the proposed bonus tax program framed by the house ways and means committee was suspended pending an expedient decision by the president as to whether short-term government bonds may be employed instead of direct taxation to finance the veterans' compensation.

By David Lawrence
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Washington, Feb. 12.—The political paradox of the moment—whether to put out a new issue of bonds to the amount of one billion dollars or to increase the proposed \$250,000,000 of taxes per year for the next three years—is causing sleepless nights for the chieftains of the Republican party.

The leaders realize the situation is bad either way, a new bond issue is unsound and a new tax is a fair game, while direct taxation is sound, finance is poor politics.

Members of congress are seeking the aid of the treasury and secretaries of the treasury. They will get from Mr. Mellon the judgment which he has always given—that the treasury considers it to be a matter of dollars and cents whether the party leaders will accept the plan or make their own alternative remains to be seen.

REASONS FOR OPPOSITION