

EXPECT LODGE TO HAVE HARD FIGHT FOR REELECTION

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Washington, June 12.—Senator Lodge, dean of the senate, and outstanding figure for reelection this fall, has mapped out the strategy for his battle line, which will be to the political situation this year what the west front was to the World war.

It is generally admitted that Lodge faces the contest of his life for reelection. For that reason the administration is marshaling its most effective reserves to get behind him when the critical stage of operations arrives.

Lodge will make no big fight for re-nomination in the primaries. In the first place it is conceded he should win the primary hands down. In the second place he feels that, after four terms in congress and almost 30 years in the senate—totalling almost 37 years in public life—his record and what he stands for is sufficiently well known to the rank and file of his own party to make it unnecessary for him to enter the primary fight with anyone—former Governor Samuel McCall included.

ELECTION REAL BATTLE

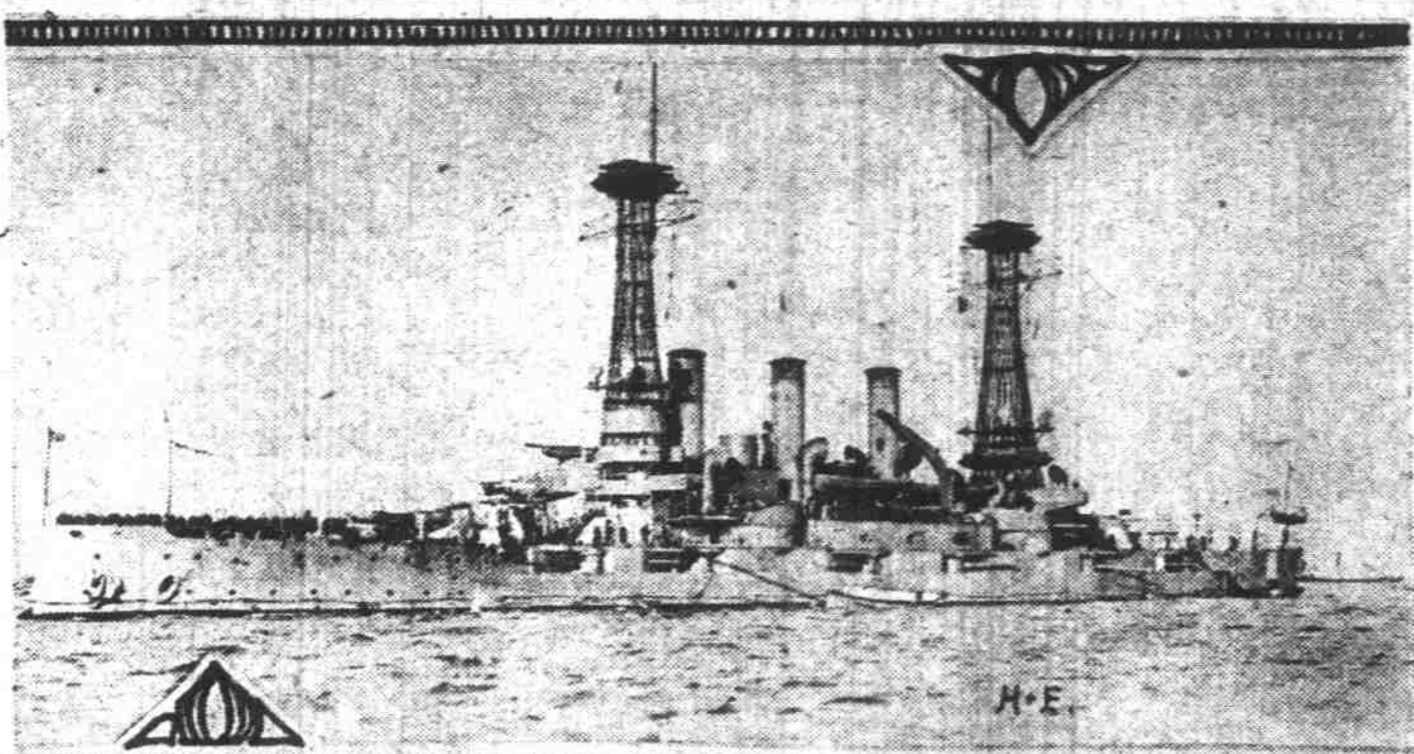
Once nominated, however, Lodge's strategy calls for the most active campaign he has ever waged, either personally or through his friends.

Realizing the bitter fight that is to be made on him, the administration, throwing personalities aside, is going to the rescue with all its effectiveness. The thought of Lodge—a conspicuous figure in Republican politics for over 25 years, now Republican leader in the senate, chairman of the foreign relations committee and last remaining pillar of the old guard party in the upper branch of congress—in danger of defeat, has sent a quail through the whole Republican organization.

"BIG GUNS" CALLED FOR

So it is that arrangements already have been made for the active participation in the campaign of Secretary of State Hughes, who worked with Lodge during the arms conference

ONCE WORLD'S BIGGEST WARSHIP



U. S. S. Connecticut, which will bring Rear Admiral Jehu Chase to around for Rose Festival, was larger than any other battleship owned by any country when it slipped down the ways in the Brooklyn Navy yards, in 1904, but now it belongs to the second line, and the navy has 25 ships of its class.

Secretary of War Weeks and every Republican member of the Massachusetts delegation in the house to get into the fight in behalf of Lodge. Even President Harding, who has declared for a general "hands off" policy, will find it convenient during the campaign to write a letter in Lodge's behalf. If indeed he does not speak in Massachusetts.

Apparently the situation is clearing insofar as McCall's independent candidacy for the senate is concerned. He has told friends here that if he found the demand strong enough he would enter the Republican primaries in opposition to Lodge.

MC CALL EXPRESSES VIEWS

Once he did that it would preclude the possibility, under the Massachusetts law of his making the fight as an independent "split candidate" in the elec-

tions. He thus far indicated he would make the primary race if any, and would not run as an independent in the elections—as Republicans had feared and as Democrats had hoped.

"If I go to bat," he told friends recently, "it will be to knock a home run and not to drive out a sacrifice fly that would score a Democrat on base."

If McCall runs in the primary, however, it will be well to note his vote, say political leaders in touch with the Massachusetts situation. For the vote for McCall will be the vote of protest against Lodge and will figure conspicuously in the chances the Democratic nominee has for election.

COUNTY OFFICIALS BACKED

Oak Grove, June 13.—The Oak Grove Community club has gone on record as being behind the sheriff and county judge in their efforts to uplift and maintain the moral tone of the Oak Grove vicinity. The club, whose membership numbers more than 150 men, all representative business and professional men of Oak Grove, Portland and Oregon City, residing here, passed resolutions in appreciation of the efforts of the county officials and volunteering cooperation.

Airplane Replaces Ox Team; Pioneer Is Passenger in Flyer

Canyon City, June 13.—In 1863, P. L. Sharp and family arrived with an ox-drawn emigrant train in Canyon City, lured by the news of the big gold strike. A baby was in this train, lashed to the back of a mule with flour to balance it.

Sunday this baby, W. H. Sharp, arrived in Canyon City again, but this time in a flying machine. The first trip took many weary months, the second one, after almost 60 years, took one hour and 24 minutes from The Dalles. Sharp started from The Dalles to follow the pony express riders in an automobile, but was unable to negotiate the mud and storm and had to return to The Dalles, where he hired an airplane.

C. M. Collier, who served as sheriff for Grant county, accompanied him on the air trip and left here Monday afternoon on the return trip to Portland, expecting to make the trip in two hours.

Draws 90-Day Term For Beating Woman

Robert Brink, convicted in municipal court Monday of attacking Mrs. F. Buckley in her apartment, No. 441 1/2 Belmont street, was sentenced by Judge Ekwall to 90 days in jail. According to the testimony of Mrs. Buckley, she returned to her apartment Saturday morning after having been away a short time, and found Brink rummaging through a dresser. She ordered him out, she testified, and he then attacked her, beating her about the face and body. When Mrs. Buckley appeared in court her left eye was yet black from the attack.

Auto Man Is Found Dead in Basement

Chicago, June 13.—(I. N. S.)—Henry J. Wemmett, sales manager for an automobile supply firm, was found mysteriously dead today, lying upon a cot in the basement beneath his office in West Lake street. He had been shot in the temple and his hand grasped a revolver. The employees of the company, including the young woman secretary of Wemmett, were taken to police headquarters for questioning.

Peeper Caught by Amateur Wrestler

Fred Austin, 33, made the mistake of his life Sunday night when he peeped into a room at No. 3029 54th street, occupied by Robin Reed. Reed discovered the countenance peering over his window sill and he promptly made a dive for it. He caught the offender and held him until a patrolman arrived. Reed is a recognized wrestler, having won laurels in the 145-pound class at the Oregon Agricultural college.

U. S. Approaching Balance of Trade

Washington, June 13.—(U. P.)—The United States is approaching a balance of trade with the rest of the world, department of commerce import and export figures for May showed today. The value of exports exceeded imports by only \$4,000,000, the closest to a balance of trade since the war, the department reported.

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