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HUNDREDS PERISH FROM EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY; MANY VILLAGES DESTROYED

HARDING TALKS FOR DIVERSIFIED FARM METHODS

Republican Nominee in First Speech Since Leaving Front Porch Deals Almost Entirely With Agriculture.

CLAIMS HE DID NOT FAVOR DOLLAR WHEAT

Danger in Drift From Country to City is Pointed Out; Rousing Reception is Given Harding by Minneapolis.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Senator Harding was given a rousing reception when he arrived here today for his first stump speech away from home.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER (United Press Staff Correspondent) STATE FAIR GROUNDS, St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 8.—America stands on her own feet, agriculturally, industrially and politically, Warren G. Harding declared in a speech at the Minnesota state fair here today.

"We are thus the guarantors of our own security," he said. "Agriculture is menaced by evils which demand not quick remedies but careful study and proper action," the Republican nominee continued. "Unless we deal more fairly," he warned, "there may be a conflict between the organized farmers in the surplus-producing states and those who insist on buying their crops below production costs."

"We need fewer landholders who menace our future, and more fat hogs for ham bacon," Harding declared. "We need less beguilement in cultivating a quadrennial crop of voters and more consideration for farming as our basic industry. We need rest and recuperation for a soil worked out in agitation, and more and better harvests in the inviting fields of mutual understanding."

Gives Seven Planks

Harding put seven planks in his agricultural platform today. Farm representation in government, right of farmers to cooperative organization, scientific study and action toward stabilizing prices of farm products; cessation of attempts at price fixing on foodstuffs; expansion of the federal farm loan act to aid farmers in purchase of land; most efficient transportation possible and revision of the tariff to protect the American farmer.

Harding's speech today was the first outside of Ohio since he became the republican presidential candidate. Although induced to come to Minnesota partly because of the political situation here Harding made no reference to it or to the Farmers' Non-Partisan league faction here. His speech was without direct reference to partisan politics, although he scored the treatment accorded the farmer in the last seven years.

For Diversified Farming

The government should do everything possible toward restoring a balance between livestock and grain production to encourage a return to diversified farming, Harding asserted. America must decide whether the United States shall be a self-sustaining nation or continue to exploit agricultural resources and leave to posterity the task of finding food enough "by strong-arm methods, if necessary," to feed the coming hundreds of millions, he declared.

"I have no thought of suggesting that the government should work out an elaborate system of agriculture and then try to impose it on the farmers of the country," Harding continued.

"That would be utterly repugnant to Republican ideals. Government paternalism, whether applied to agriculture or any other of our great national industries, would stifle ambition, impair efficiency, lessen production and make us a nation of dependent incompetents. The farmer requires no special favors at the hands of the government. All he needs is

HARDING QUOTA FOR CLEVELAND \$400,000



CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Evidence supporting Governor Cox's charges that large quotas were assigned to principal cities by the republican campaign field committee was introduced before the senate investigating committee today when Dudley Blossom, who helped raise Cleveland's quota, testified that Governor Cox's figures of \$400,000 for that city were correct.

System is Described. CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Organization of the republican money raising system in Ohio was described to the senate's "slush fund" investigators by Dudley Blossom of Cleveland today. He told the committee that the county's quota was \$400,000.

Left to right—Senators Edge, Spencer, Kenyon (chairman), Poinceter and Reed. Lower left—G. O. P. Chairman Will H. Hays, being quizzed about the republican millions; and right, Congressman Britten.

Congressman Britten had made sensational charges to the fact that international bankers were preparing to finance the Cox campaign in behalf of the League of Nations. Called to the stand he said he had no proof of his charges and his accusations were discredited by Will Hays, republican national chairman.

NO WONDER THEY MADE IT 'LET'ER BUCK! FOUR LEGGED EARTHQUAKES TO NUMBER 70

No wonder they made it "Let'er Buck!" Seventy bucking horses, count 'em, ladies and gentlemen, 70 of 'em, shaggy haired, trigger-headed, range-fattened and rarin' to buck. Seventy specimens of horseflesh, hostile to mankind and an easy to ride as an ignited charge of tri-nitro-toluol. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, we have the word of none other than S. R. Thompson that the 1920 Round-Up will include 70 bucking horses.

From the pastures in the Seven-mile country yesterday came down 29 of these four-legged earthquakes. From Cheyenne 15 came several days ago. Another carload is to be sent from Cheyenne in time for the big show. There are more than 50 of the buckers in camp at Round-Up park now.

Tomorrow or Friday tryouts of these horses will begin, according to Mr. Thompson. Anyone who wants to give the buckers a workout is welcome to come and take a free ride. There will be no airplanes at the tryouts nor at the Round-Up. Mr. Thompson explains because anyone who wants a jaunt through the air can have it from any of the 70 nose divers.

IRVIN COBB WILL ARRIVE DECKED IN RED SHIRT AND FIRING A PISTOL HE SAYS

That spare room or the folding cot that stands in the hall is wanted by the Round-Up accommodations committee, today, if possible. The committee today opened headquarters in the Warren Construction Co. office in the East Oregonian building on Main street, near Webb, and will list all accommodations for visitors there.

Two telephones, number 977 and 978, were installed this morning and there are two women, Mrs. Aron Astill and Mrs. Gladys Merfator, in charge of the desk there. They are on duty from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. and with the two phones declare that they can handle all the calls that persons can possibly give them.

Housing the Round-Up visitors in the past has always been one of the big tasks and, with hearty cooperation from householders, has been one of the most successfully prosecuted. Persons with spare rooms or a spare bed are urged to notify the headquarters early.

As a further aid to Round-Up visitors, the O. W. H. & N. today asked permission from the Civic club to be allowed to erect a large temporary sign on the depot park, listing the arriving and leaving times of all regular and special trains. This, it is pointed out, will obviate the necessity of going to the depot and will be large enough so that persons may see it from Main and Railroad streets.

A letter from Irvin S. Cobb was received today saying that he had written Mrs. Cobb, in New York, to mail him a flaming red shirt and a blue silk handkerchief which he possesses. These, under the dark green beaver hat presented him when he passed through here, will set him off right for his visit to the Round-Up, he says. "Tell 'em I'm going to get off the train

SENTENCE MAY BE PASSED THIS WEEK ON SHERIFF SLAYER

Neil Hart, Self-Confessed Murderer, Soon to Hear Fate While Trial of Companions Will Follow Round-Up.

Sentence on Neil Hart, Self-confessed murderer of Sheriff T. Taylor, may be passed by Circuit Judge G. W. Phelps this week, according to reliable information from the county court house. The opinion from Attorney General George M. Brown that no jury is needed to sentence a man after pleading guilty to the charge of first degree murder, expedited matters.

As soon as Judge Phelps is certain of the procedure to be followed in this case, he will call Hart before him and, after hearing the evidence against him, pronounce sentence. From the opinion given by the attorney general, the sentence must be death unless the judge is satisfied that the guilty plea was made under free will.

Others to be Tried Later. Trial of Elvie D. Kerby, John L. Bathie, Irvin L. Stoop and Floyd Hemmerson, indicted jointly with Hart on charges of first degree murder, will not be held until after Round-Up is held in this court. Judge Phelps said today. The circuit court jury will be called on Monday, Sept. 20 and as the final three days of that week are set aside for Round-Up, no attempt would be made to hold the trial at that time.

Presentation by the state of affidavits supporting their objections to the motion for a change of venue by attorneys for the four criminals is expected to be made before 5 o'clock Friday evening. District Attorney R. L. Victor is now at work on these affidavits and is preparing a strong case against the motion. If it is set on Monday, it is likely that Judge Phelps desires to have the opposing attorneys before him to argue the motion for change of venue.

Naturalization on Saturday. It is considered hardly probable that this will occur on Saturday as that day has been set aside for the naturalization day and Saturday is reserved for the grand jury. On Monday the grand jury will convene after having been adjourned for one month. This meeting would not seriously interfere with the regular business of the court. The fact that the pressure is low now is causing homeowners uneasiness as to what they may get during the Round-Up.

MARKETS ARE EXCHANGED. PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—All markets are steady and the quotations are unchanged for yesterday.

WHEAT IS UP TODAY; \$2.45 1-2 AT CLOSE

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, and Pork, showing prices for various months and grades.

Table for Foreign Exchange and Government Report Production, listing exchange rates and production figures for various commodities.

COX SUPPORTERS EXPECT TO CARRY MONTANA, N. DAKOTA LUKEWARM TOWARD NOMINEE

ABOARD COX'S PRIVATE CAR. Sept. 8.—(By Herbert Walker, U. P. Staff Correspondent)—Governor Cox as he pushed his stump campaign another step west into Montana, said today he was prepared to show that corporations which made the greatest profits out of the war are among the biggest backers of the republican campaign funds. He said the dem-

LEAGUE FOES CHALLENGED TO DEBATE; REPUBLICAN MASSES BELIEVED TO BE FOR TREATY

Elton Watkins, Nominee for Presidential Elector Would Discuss Vital Subjects With R. N. Stanfield and Others.

BY WAHDA IRVINE. PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 8.—Elton Watkins, Democratic Presidential Elector, has challenged the standard bearers of the republican party to a joint debate on the League of Nations, in a communication sent to State Chairman Thomas Tongue yesterday.

He specifically challenges the republican presidential electors and R. W. Stanfield and C. H. McArthur, candidates for the senate and house of representatives to meet him for a discussion of the stand of the two major political parties on the league issue.

If they will not debate, he asks that substitutes be named by Chairman Tongue for the debates. Watkins takes the position that the League of Nations is the supreme issue of the campaign, that Senator Harding opposes the league, and that Governor Cox, the democratic party, and a great body of the republican party, including ex-President Taft and Senator McNary favor the league, and that therefore the public is entitled to the fullest discussion of the issue.

4 YEAR OLD BOY RIDES ON RESERVE TIRE FROM PENDLETON TO ATHENA

A mere toe-hold and the grip of the fingers of one small hand were all that held Walter Arnold, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Arnold, to a spare tire on the back of the Fred Earl machine Monday night during a ride from Pendleton to Athena, a distance of 18 miles.

Walter, without the knowledge of Mr. and Mrs. Earl, joined the party as it slowly was crawling within the circle of the tire and clinging there when the machine started. The youngster, who is yellow-haired and brown-eyed, has a sore finger so only one hand and his barefoot toes kept him from being dashed to the pavement as the car sped along.

When the car stopped at Athena the youthful adventurer was discovered. Although half frozen from cold, he said he liked the new mode of travel, but stated that "the rocks were too high," this being his childish way of describing the pebbles which flew from beneath the wheels and struck him.

SMITH RENOMINATED. PHOENIX, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—United States Senator Smith was apparently renominated in the democratic primary yesterday on the basis of incomplete returns today.

DISTRICT NORTH OF FLORENCE IS BADLY STRICKEN

More Complete Reports Add to Number of Casualties; Property Loss Will Be Heavy Throughout District.

TOWER OF PISA IS SHAKEN DURING QUAKE

Soldiers and Volunteers Rush Aid to Sufferers, Railroad Communication is Stopped in Distressed Regions.

ROME, Sept. 8.—(A. P.)—Several hundred persons lost their lives in an earthquake at Pivizzano and fifty more were injured according to a dispatch to the Tribune from Massa today.

Casualty List Grows.

ROME, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—The casualty list resulting from yesterday's earthquake in north central Italy is growing as additional reports are received today. Relief parties sent word that the towns of Quercia, Molassa and Tarasco have been completely wiped out. The whole region around Spiccia is said to have been seriously damaged, with scores killed and hundreds injured. The property damage is said to be enormous.

Aid is Rushed. Troops and volunteer workers have been sent to the stricken area with medical and food supplies. At Calciniana a church and several houses were razed and an earthquake caused panic among the population of Lunzia. A church and hospital were shaken down and other buildings damaged. The entire population of Portoferraio, near Florence, is said to have deserted the town, camping in the open country nearby. The ceiling of a church at Melonquoso fell while worshippers were in the edifice.

Scores of lives are believed to have been lost in the district north of Florence which was severely shaken by an earthquake yesterday morning. As reports from the stricken district arrive the extent of the disaster seems to be growing.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP MAKES GOOD GAIN

That the new Commercial Association quarters in the Elks building are appreciated by the membership was manifested by a larger attendance than usual at the regular monthly meeting last evening and by the election of 12 new members to the association. Those joining were James E. Ackley, J. C. Clemens, H. M. Hanavan, B. S. Jorard, A. P. Knight, Elmer Moore, Paul S. Ostroff, Philo H. Rounds, George Strand, R. M. Tanner, W. H. Taylor and Guy B. Wyrick.

Contractors Are Negligent. During a discussion of the road subject, Clyde McKay, local auto dealer, complained that contractors on road work are frequently guilty of not placing signs as required by contract, in cases where work is underway and roads are closed. The subject was referred to the roads committee with a request to act.

Ban on Profiteering. Parties who charge exorbitant prices for inadequate sleeping accommodations during the Round-Up were also in for a grilling. A resolution on the subject was ordered drafted and the association will use its influence towards checking any efforts at gouging visitors during the show.

Paul V. Maris, director of the extension service at O. A. C., was a guest at the meeting in company with Fred Denton, county agent, and gave an interesting talk on the work of the extension service.

Weather. Reported by Major Les Moorhouse, official weather observer. Maximum, 74. Minimum, 42. Barometer, 29.42.

THE WEATHER FORECAST. Tonight and Thursday fair.