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IF IT IS TRUE

If it is true that a bunch of re-
actionary senators, of the Senator
Boise Penrose type, in the very early
hours of a morning in a Chicago
hotel, during the session of the re-
publican national convention, decided
that Senator Warren G. Harding
should be the republican nominee
for president and sent out their
dictum to the general delegation a
few hours later; and

If it is true that Senator Harding
in a speech in the U. S. Senate, when
the government took charge of the
food production during the great
war, said in effect, that one dollar
per bushel was enough for the far-
mer to receive for his wheat; and
If it is true that Mr. Harding has
said in a public speech, that in de-
ciding upon public questions, pro-
viding, of course, that he is elected,
he would consult and heed the advice
of his friends in the senate, before
appending his name to a measure,
thereby declaring his purpose to be-
come a mere rubber stamp presi-
dent; and

If it is true, as Governor Cox says,
that the republican political man-
agers are arranging to raise a "slush"
fund of \$15,000,000 with which to
buy the presidency, \$8,000,000 of
which their campaign treasurer ad-
mits has already been subscribed; and

If it is true that the republican
senate's purpose to retain Truman
Newberry, a convicted criminal in
his own state of Michigan, a senator,
in order to maintain control of the
senate, in good standing; and

If it is true that Candidate Hard-
ing has declared in a public speech
from his front porch, that the league
of nations should be scrapped, inti-
mating he would give his endeavor
to bring that result about; and

If it is true that the republican
reactionary politicians and the mon-
eyed interests of Wall street and
elsewhere are lining up in the sup-
port of the Harding candidacy with
a determination to put him over, by
fair means or foul; then

Candidate Warren G. Harding is
both a dangerous and unsafe man to
elect as president. He is such be-
cause he would be merely a president
by proxy, as some of the reaction-
aries of the U. S. senate would be
the real president and probably that
reactionary would be Senator Boise
Penrose.

He is dangerous, not only to the
United States, but to the entire civi-
lized world because he declares that
the league of nations should be tossed
to the scrap heap, therefore relegat-
ing to oblivion the only attempt
the world has made, to abolish in-
ternational war. He is dangerous
because he does not rebuke the plan
to raise a \$15,000,000 "slush" fund
to further his election thereby plac-
ing himself under deep obligations

to the moneyed interests.

He is dangerous because he sat in
his seat in the senate without saying
a word of denunciation of Truman
Newberry, when he knew that Mr.
Newberry had been declared a com-
mon law criminal by his own state
of Michigan, convicted by a repub-
lican jury and before a republican
judge.

On the other hand, the people may
vote for Governor Cox, a man three
times elected governor of his state
of Ohio, a state normally heavily re-
publican, and a man who will fulfill
the contemplated constitutional
function of president and not sur-
render his individuality to the reac-
tionaries of the United States senate.

THE COX DISCLOSURES

The following leading editorial
clipped from the Oregon Journal of
August 28, so completely gives the
views of The Tribune, that we copy
it in full.

"The people are entitled to know
just such things as were disclosed
by Governor Cox in his Pittsburg ad-
dress on campaign funds. They are
entitled to know, not only all about
slush funds raised by the Republican
party, but by the Democratic party
or any other party.

"There is no use denying that cor-
rupt money has been lavishly used
in American elections. Take New-
berry: He bought the Michigan sena-
torship. A federal court and jury
in Michigan found him guilty and
he is headed from the senate to the
penitentiary.

"His campaign committee con-
fessed to an expenditure of nearly
\$200,000.

"Think of spending \$200,000 in a
campaign for senator. Why was it
worth so much? The salary is only
\$7500 a year. The total salary for
the entire six-year term is only
\$45,000, about one-fourth of the
amount that his campaign committee
admitted that it spent. How were
those who paid out that money to
get it back?

"But as everyone knows, the whole
of the sum spent in buying the Mich-
igan senatorship was never admitted.
The best authorities in Michigan in-
sist that not less than \$500,000 to a
million was expended. If the men
spent so much on a mere senatorship,
what are they not likely to do in
an effort to purchase the presidency?
If they spent \$500,000 to million in
buying one senator in one state, what
colossal sums would they not pay
out in buying a senator in each of
the 48 states and how much in gain-
ing control of the presidency? Gov-
ernor Cox's disclosures are so mild
by comparison that his final figure
of \$15,000,000 is probably too low.

"Take the recent corrupt use of
money in the presidential primaries:
A Republican senate committee
brought out that about \$1,500,000
was expended by backers of General
Wood, and that other great sums
were spent in behalf of Governor
Lowden. It was actually shown that
two Missouri delegates were bought
for Lowden at \$2500 each. It was
widely asserted at the time that if
the whole truth as to the Wood ex-
penditure were known, a total of
probably \$3,000,000 would have been
revealed. And this merely to buy a
nomination for the presidency? If
there were men willing to thus back
a single candidate for the nomination
to the tune of \$3,000,000 to what
colossal lengths of expenditure would
they not be willing to go in the final
election?

"In spite of all denials by those he
has exposed—and they naturally deny
it and always deny it—it is very
very probable that the \$15,000,000
named by Governor Cox is below
the actual figure that it was proposed
to raise. How are the men who are
pouring out their money so lavishly
expected to get it back? What is

Senator Harding, if elected, going
to do for them?

"We know what Truman New-
berry did after he and his friends,
including those from Wall street,
bought the Michigan senatorship.
His vote gave Lodge and the battal-
ion of death a majority of one in the
senate. Without his vote, the Lodge
obligarchy could not have organized
the senate. Lodge could not have
become chairman of the committee
on foreign relations. The committee
could not have been packed and the
treaty would not have been wrecked.
Thus Newberry, under conviction
and sentence to the penitentiary for
purchase of the Michigan senatorship
changed the whole course of our
national policy, gave the treaty as-
sassins control of the legislative
branch of the government, blocked
our progress toward peace; kept the
country in a state in which the high
cost of living has steadily mounted
instead of receding, demoralized
plans of reconstruction after a
mighty war and indefinitely post-
poned the return of tranquillity and
settled peace.

"If the people could have known
beforehand the far reaching conse-
quences that were to follow the pur-
chase of a senatorship in Michigan,
they would have interfered with the
sale of that great office. If they had
known in advance what sums were
being spent in the election, their sus-
picions would have been aroused.
From what has since happened, we
know now that it was a crime that
the information about campaign
funds was kept from them.

"For the same reason we ought to
know in advance how much money
is being spent in the presidential
election and know who is spending
it, whether within the Republican
party or the Democratic party or
any other party."

GOV. COX IS NOT A FOOL

Nobody thinks Governor James M.
Cox is a fool. The people of Ohio
who have elected him three times
the governor of their great state, do
not think he is a fool. Yet every-
body will say he is a fool for accus-
ing the republican party of raising
a "slush" fund of \$15,000,000, un-
less he is reasonably sure and has
evidence that such is the case. The
mere assertion of a man, even if he
is a candidate for president, who
gives out a statement, when it has
not a reasonable foundation of fact
to rest upon, certainly knows, that
if the statement proves to be false,
no man of responsibility will vote
for him.

But in the light of the past, at
least some prominent republicans
have been proven to be prevarica-
tors. Senator Truman Newberry of
Michigan denied that he used money
illegitimately, until he was convicted
by a republican jury in his own
state, of doing so. General Wood's
friends spent so much money to
make the General the republican
nominee at Chicago, that his own
party convention was compelled to
repudiate him. The same is true of
Governor Lowden. Therefore if such
prominent men do not hesitate to
use money freely and in two instan-
ces, wrongfully, to further their
political aspirations, we can readily
conclude there are grounds for Gov.
Cox's assertion relative to an enor-
mous "slush" fund.

Now we all know that money may
be used legitimately in a political
campaign. A reasonable amount is
absolutely necessary. But when a
fund rolls well up into the millions,
it is fair to conclude some of it will
be used wrongfully.

Chairman Hays says the republi-
can campaign fund in sight, is only
a million. Their campaign treasurer
says it is eight million. Governor
Cox is probably nearer right than
either of them: The democratic fund
is said to be less than one hundred
thousand dollars. Perhaps a half
million dollars could be used legiti-
mately by either party. But more
than that sum will give reason to
believe that wrong is being committed.

The Tribune will not support any
party that raises a "slush" fund of
ten millions, let alone fifteen or
more millions.

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