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MRS OLIVER HARRIMAN



Latest photograph of Mrs. Oliver Harriman, chairman of the women's council of the League of Nations association.

HERBERT HOOVER VS. HIRAM JOHNSON

Editor Herald, Heppner, Oregon.

The recent cold spell at Boardman at which the Hoover boom was started will no doubt be historic in future and travelers by rail and otherwise will remark, "This is where the ill-fated Hoover Boom was born."

The fact is that, as Mr. Boardman states in his letter last week, the esteemed Heppner Herald should have the credit of being the pioneer Hoover paper and not the New York World. Future history should so record the fact.

The reason that the World got undeserved credit in that matter is because it was easier and quicker to reach New York from Boardman than Heppner.

Mr. Boardman says with his usual self-confidence, that the fact that Mr. Hoover is an engineer will of itself ensure his election to the presidency and proceeds to cite the cases of Columbus, Washington (not to mention himself) as proving that his contention is right. He also affirms that the above notable men were civil engineers. Now let us be inquisitive enough to look a little more closely into this engineer theory.

In order to secure the three striking examples, he has had to go back to the very dawn of American history and called up the shade of an Italian whose only well remembered feat of mechanical skill was that he made an egg stand on end before the raping court of Isabelle of Spain.

As for Washington, he is far better known by his skill with his little hatchet, than as an engineer.

Coming from Columbus down the rambling ages past Washington we now reach Hoover. When Herbert Hoover took up his labor as food administrator he went from a Western law office where he was engaged in re-organizing corporations, at least so the papers say. This was the same lucrative occupation which turned over most of the world's wealth to the late J. P. Morgan of Wall Street fame.

Notice that all these engineers quit their jobs, and none of them ever went back again.

In all seriousness, I think the profession of engineering is not conducive to the upbuilding of a statesman.

They do not come in touch with mind as much as with merit matter and run too much to figures and such.

Next Mr. Boardman informs us that Colonel Callahan of Boardman (who is at present in Portland) is also a Hoover man. The colonel so far as I know has not yet declared himself as to his choice of candidates, and I am inclined to think that he is awaiting developments before he picks his man. He is not quite so precipitate as Mr. Boardman and takes his own time.

Then this Hoover enthusiast goes on to say that he picked Hoover by the process of deep thought, also that I selected Johnson by picking out the biggest noise.

Well, I guess they did hear something drop when Johnson began to open up on the old cutthroat gang which had robbed the California farmers and bled the common people white for long weary years.

I am not sure what proportion of the engineer vote of this country Mr. Hoover could draw, in the event of his nomination. I only have one in mind at present, if he stays put that long. But of a surety Hoover cannot carry the farmer vote and the attitude of all their organizations show that they do not want him.

He is a wealthy mining man, of the type who drives instead of leads and his methods are too autocratic.

He is a political engine, and a Chinese puzzle even to his new political friends. Doesn't even know his own party.

His business partner, Julius H. Harjes, U. S. grain director, speaks well of him, of course. They together own a newspaper, I think, in Washington. J. C. Bryan owns one also in Lincoln, Neb., and Ford one in Michigan, and Sam Boardman has his eye on the Herald. Well let them go to it, we can resurrect the dead Bee if we have to have an organ.

If Hoover is not in sympathy with the American farmer and has done nothing to resist the power of monopolistic capital, we can count on Hiram Johnson, the most fearless fighter for the right, who ever represented California in the senate. He is for the man who tills the soil. Johnson knows, as we all know, that the farming class is the backbone of America. Also they are its conscience and its balance wheel, also without the farmers' vote no man can be

THOMAS STERLING



Latest photograph of Thomas Sterling, United States Senator from South Dakota.

EDWIN F. SWEET



Recent portrait of Edwin F. Sweet, assistant secretary of commerce.

Cardinal Gibbons Asks Aid For Starving Armenians



This is the message from James (Cardinal) Gibbons read at the big meeting in Washington in aid of the Near East Relief. The venerable primate of the Catholic Church in America is intensely interested in the

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appeal which the Near East Relief will make to the country in February for funds to support its work among the starving peoples of that stricken land. To the Washington meeting he wrote:

"Advice and information coming from the Near East cannot be doubted. There is great actual suffering and famine. These people, recently become independent and released from bitter thralldom, cannot support themselves. And the Christian and common instincts of humanity which have prompted the people of the United States during the last two years to relieve the distress and need, especially of the Near East, must not be allowed to grow cold and be diminished.

"I hope we shall all unite in this present emergency and be able to collect sufficient funds to enable these peoples to live and work until next summer brings them permanent relief and subsistence. I call upon all to respond generously to the appeal now being made and trust that the committee will be gratified with the results."

CAPT. UGO D'ANNUNZIO



Capt. Ugo d'Annunzio, son of the post-birdier who seized Fiume for Italy, has been in America for some time lecturing in support of his father's claims.

made president and the farmer has stood about all the snubbing he cares for.

The estimation in which my candidate stands in his own state of California is shown by the votes cast for Hughes and Johnson.

Hughes, republican for president, lost the state by 3999 votes. Hiram Johnson also republican, carries the state for senate by 360,000 votes.

Yes, Johnson makes a noise all-right and talks without stuttering, too. Most large calibre guns make a noise.

The reason Johnson is the target of so many critics is that his attitude on the league of nations does not suit a good many people, and when he takes sides on a question he does not spare his opponents. Those who meet him in debate often receive wounds, and bitterness is the result. Like Roosevelt, he hits the line hard when he is right and his voice has the electric ring of the born leader of men calling to conflict with organized greed. The inarticulate masses need the inspiration and voice of such a man to point the way to victory and lead them on.

As far as the league is concerned I do not consider that matter as the main item, but our democratic problems which need attention. I do not agree with Senator Johnson on the league question, as I am for a league of nations, but I want it with certain restrictions to safeguard the interests of the republic and insure a square deal for our own people as well as outside nations.

If the other nations, like Great Britain and France, are willing America should enter the league with reservations, why should we bind ourselves hand and foot and deliver ourselves over bound when it is not called for or expected of us. We in the war incurred the obligations, and furnished money to all nations to conduct the war and feed the starving even, yet when the war closed, England, France, Italy and Japan grabbed all in sight and then called on America to guarantee title to their spoils. Wilson's position on the league is utterly untenable and if it is not better the people he will be discredited.

"All trees catch the wind," and Johnson has caught the wind of intense criticism, but has not been beneath its blast. It is easier to criticize than to create and no man worth while has many enemies; but this vigorous, aggressive man will pick up the fight and carry on to a victorious conclusion. We do not doubt the time.

A. W. COBB, Feb. 6, 1920. R. No. 1, Boardman Oregon.

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