

Candidates Asked To Help Reorganize U. S. Departments

Interior Branch Would Be Changed to Care for Public Works as First Step in Elimination of Waste

As a first step in a national campaign to eliminate waste and promote efficiency in the conduct of public works, messages have been sent to Senator Warren G. Harding and Governor James M. Cox by the New York committee of the National Public Works Department Association, urging them to support the movement for the reorganization of the executive departments of the Federal government.

The messages, made public yesterday, proposed to reorganize the Department of the Interior as a first step in the elimination of waste by the establishment of a national department of public works, which, it is asserted, would mean an annual saving of \$100,000,000.

"While this movement is non-partisan and is inspired only by patriotic devotion to the principles of good government," the message read, "it is also in another sense the concern of each political party. There can be no more pressing public need than that which clearly demands the installation of modern administrative machinery in the Federal departments and the erection of a department of public works which will coordinate the immense public works functions all over this United States, in this respect, on a footing with practically every other leading nation of the world.

The New York committee of the National Public Works Department Association, with national headquarters in Washington and an organization in practically every state, urges you during the coming campaign, both as a matter of patriotic purpose and party doctrine, to support the movement for the elimination of waste and extravagance in the Federal government.

"This association, composed of more than 150,000 engineers, business men, economists, geologists and others, seeks the enactment of legislation which will transfer the executive Department of the Interior by the establishment of a national department of public works. This step will mark the beginning of a great constructive enterprise which eventually should be reflected in improved and economical methods in the Administration at Washington."

Similar messages were sent to Roosevelt and Coolidge.

To Campaign in Every State

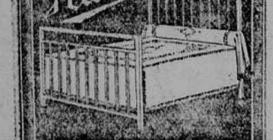
The New York committee, of which Adolph Lewisohn is chairman and J. Clarke Channing vice-chairman, also announced from its headquarters at 91 Broadway that a vigorous campaign in behalf of public works was about to begin in every state.

14 Counties in Republican Caucus

Meeting at Albany Attended by Theodore Robinson; Conference July 26

Special Dispatch to The Tribune ALBANY, July 17.—Theodore Douglas Robinson, nephew of the late President Roosevelt, who lost his fight this week against the selection of David Jayne Hill as temporary chairman of the Republican unofficial convention, conferred with the representatives of fourteen central and northern New York counties here this afternoon to form a new unit of strength in future state Republican gatherings. Another meeting has been called for July 26 at Saratoga the night before the unofficial convention, when it is expected that a leader will be selected.

While the conferees refused to give out the names of those who attended or of the counties represented, it is said that the latter are Clinton, Warren, Essex, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Herkimer, Oneida, Ulster, Schoenectady, Columbia, Greene, St. Lawrence, Washington and Montgomery. Mr. Robinson said that the movement was not an insurgent one and that while he was against David Jayne Hill, he had been erroneously reported as being opposed to Nathan L. Miller. He said he was for Miller, "old guard" leader, and that Robinson aspires to be the leader of the new group and that he is desirous of becoming a power in the state.



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Lincoln's 'Spirit' Sees Cox Victory

Message From 'Dead' Received Before Democrats Convened Made Public

Special Dispatch to The Tribune TRENTON, N. J., July 17.—Governor Cox will be the next President of the United States. So, at least, Melvin A. Fogg, of the First Spiritualist Church here, insists. He was so informed by W. A. Roberts, of Washington, who got it straight from Abraham Lincoln.

The message in question purports to have been received a week before the Democratic convention began. It indicates that, though Lincoln may have risen to higher planes of endeavor, he has sunk to lower levels of English. Here is the prediction, taken down as dictated by Roberts:

"Comrade Roberts: My opinion of the political situation is that a Democrat will be elected, and possibly Governor Cox or Edwards of New Jersey will be the nominee. That is so far as I can forecast the matter, but it is hard to say, for some black horse may come along and get it. It is as hard to forecast an election as it is to forecast a crop of corn. However, I thank you for your courtesy in asking me the question. I was some interested in politics in my time, but now I have other matters on my hands and pay little attention to politics.

"Yours for the truth," "ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

Hays to Meet Aids Tuesday

Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican National Committee, will attend a meeting of the executive committee of the national committee at Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday morning, it was announced here yesterday at the headquarters of the committee. After attending the Senator Harding notification ceremonies in Marion, Ohio, Mr. Hays will spend a week at Chicago it was said.

Cox Seeks to Avert Break With Wilson

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campaign. He intends to take the offensive in it. He has the same ideas concerning it that the President has, but is giving them new treatment. He is a new hand taking up an old subject. He is as much opposed to nullifying reservations as the President, but will present the issue to the country in a different light.

Senator Sheppard, after discussing prohibition with the nominee for nearly an hour, said that he was satisfied Governor Cox would enforce the Volstead act, and announced that after a short rest he intends to take the stump for Cox and Roosevelt.

"I am entirely satisfied that Governor Cox would enforce every law on the statute books, including the prohibition laws," said Senator Sheppard, after his conference. "I am going to Muldon's for a three weeks' rest, and after that I intend to take the stump for Cox. That's how satisfied I am."

The League of Nations will be discussed at the conference to-morrow, Governor Cox said. He added that he came to Washington to confer with the President, because the President "knows more of international affairs than any one else in this country that I know about, at least."

Asked about former President Taft's statement that he (Governor Cox) was opposed to Article X of the league covenant as it stood and that he could not reconcile his position on that article with the position of the President, the nominee replied:

"I am still standing on what I said in the article I wrote for newspapers and that was published last May. That all I will say about the League of Nations issue now."

Greeted by Crowd of Officials Governor Cox arrived in Washington at 2:30 o'clock, an hour late, and was enthusiastically greeted by a crowd of 5,000.

The District of Columbia Board of Commissioners, who are appointees of the Administration, tendered the nominee an official welcome, which they did not give Senator Warren G. Harding, the Republican nominee, when he arrived in Washington soon after his nomination.

All government employees were urged to be at the station to welcome the Democratic candidate, as Saturday is a half holiday in the government departments.

The official welcoming party included the Vice-Presidential nominee, Franklin D. Roosevelt; John F. Costello, Democratic national committeeman from the District of Columbia, and Judge Timothy T. Ansberry, whose guest Governor Cox will be during his stay in Washington.

The candidate held an informal reception in the station, shaking hands with every one who could reach him. When he stepped into his automobile the crowd broke through the police lines and it was nearly half an hour before the police could open a lane for his automobile to leave the station.

Governor Cox went immediately to the home of Judge Ansberry, where another informal reception was held. He greeted representatives of the Women's Democratic Committee of

Maine Republicans Want Harding to Aid State Campaign

Committeeman Gannett Confers With Chairman Hays and Requests Help for Election on September 23

Guy B. Gannett, National Committeeman from Maine, called at Republican National Headquarters yesterday and asked for assistance in the state campaign, which closes September 23, when an entire state ticket is to be elected. The psychological effect of rolling up a big Republican majority in this the first of the test votes after a national convention was dwelt on by Mr. Gannett in his talk with National Chairman Will H. Hays.

Gannett asked that Senator Harding be sent to Maine as a speaker, and Chairman Hays promised to submit the request to the Republican nominee at the notification ceremonies at Marion next Thursday.

Gannett also called on Thomas W. Miller, head of the speaker's bureau and requested that Republicans of national prominence be sent into Maine before the state campaign gets well under way.

"We have a tough fight on in Maine," said Gannett before he left national headquarters, "but we are confident of electing our state ticket which is headed by J. F. Parker, candidate for Governor. We have a good state organization, and with a little help I am sure that we will roll up a big Republican majority. We are anxious to do this because the Maine election is regarded as a political barometer by hundreds of thousands."

In addition to the state ticket, the voters will pass upon a referendum on woman suffrage. The state Legislature ratified the national suffrage amendment and it is expected that the suffragists will carry the referendum, thus giving women the vote in Maine, regardless of the national amendment, at the Presidential election.

Walter E. Frew, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Union League Club, yesterday sent out a letter asking members to contribute to the national campaign this year.

"It is more important to win this election this year than any since the Civil War," said Mr. Frew in his appeal. "As the expenses of the campaign will be considerable, it is expected that the members of the Union League Club will subscribe liberally to this fund."

Mr. Frew reminded the members that \$1,000 would be the largest contribution accepted, in line with the suggestion of Chairman Hays.

Palmer Declares He Has No Thought of Resigning

Attorney General Announces He Will Take Stump for Cox and Roosevelt in October

Special Dispatch to The Tribune STROUDSBURG, Pa., July 17.—Absolute denial of statements that he intends to resign as Attorney General was made by A. Mitchell Palmer upon his return last evening to his home in Stroudsburg.

"I have absolutely no thought of resigning at present," said Mr. Palmer. He will take a week's complete rest before taking up any active work.

"What are your views in regard to the coming Presidential campaign?" he was asked. "I shall cheerfully support Cox and Roosevelt," Mr. Palmer declared. "They are both high class men whose election I predict with confidence. I expect to take the stump during October in support of the ticket, and will do all in my power to help it win."

Referring to the San Francisco convention, Mr. Palmer said: "Yes, I was a little disappointed. However, I was highly gratified by the support I received. I shall ever remember the loyalty of the Pennsylvania delegates and the support of my native state."



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