

COX AND MATE DECIDE LEAGUE IS CHIEF ISSUE

Democratic Nominees Meet At Ohio Capital and Plan Campaign.

ROOSEVELT CHEERFUL

Will Quit Navy About August 1 to Give Entire Time to Speaking.

By SAMUEL BLAIR. (Universal Service Staff Correspondent.)

Columbus, Ohio, July 12.—The Democratic party will win or lose this fall upon the single issue of the league of nations.

The candidates of the party—Gov. James M. Cox and Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt—met today in the executive mansion here.

They determined upon one general plan of action. They will go to the voters next month with this the substance of their appeal:

Accept us and the league, or refuse us and get along with the Republicans and without the covenant.

Mr. Roosevelt will resign his assistant secretaryship about the first of August, or upon the return from Alaska of Secretary Daniels.

Then he and Gov. Cox, will give practically their entire time to the business of persuading the nation—and particularly the western part of it—that the league of nations and continued Democratic control of governmental affairs are indispensable to the United States.

League Dominant Issue.

"The league will be the dominant issue in this campaign, and I'll make it so in my speeches," Mr. Roosevelt told correspondents as he stood at the side of Gov. Cox after today's conference.

He then recalled what he termed

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CROKER IS O. K., COURT RULES

Children of Ex-Tammany Boss Lose Suit to Prove Him Incompetent.

Jacksonville, Fla., July 12.—The temporary injunction restraining Richard Croker, former Tammany chief, from conducting the affairs of his estate, was dissolved this morning by Circuit Judge E. B. Donnell, who ruled that the ex-boss of New York was mentally competent to handle his own financial affairs.

The injunction against Richard Croker, sr., was granted March 20 to Croker's sons and daughter.

A big army of counsel on both sides attended the hearing at West Palm Beach. Celebrated alienists were summoned to pass upon the competency of Richard Croker.

Judge Donnell's decision puts an end of the suit of the sons and daughter to prevent the vast bulk of the big Croker estate getting into possession of their step-mother.

Whether an appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court will be taken could not be learned today.

Lodge Says Cox Is Fine Man, But Can't Be Elected

Nahant, Mass., July 12.—In an interview today, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge declared that Gov. Cox, of Ohio, Democratic Presidential nominee, "is a man possessing a most pleasing personality, and steadily gaining in popularity since coming into public life." He added, however, that "no Democrat living can win the Presidency in the fall election."

Senator Lodge said he expected to make several campaign speeches for the Harding-Coolidge Republican ticket.

Profiteer Hunters Limited To Fifth of Allotted Funds By Decision of Department

(Public Ledger Service.) More than \$4,000,000 has been appropriated during the last year and for the new fiscal year which began July 1 for the detection and prosecution of crime by the Department of Justice. But not more than 20 per cent of this amount has been or will be spent on the high cost of living campaign, it was said yesterday by department officials in answer to the recent suggestion of Senator William S. Kenyon that the appropriation should be stopped.

Figures announced by the office of Howard Figg, Special Attorney General, show that not more than \$120,000 has been spent on the campaign since it began last September. The department estimates the monthly running expenses of the campaign have been \$12,000 while the payroll made public shows sixty-nine salaried employes in the

CONGRESS RIFT REJOICES WETS

Representative Graham Expected to Get Judiciary Chairmanship.

(Public Ledger Service.) With Representative George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, in line for the chairmanship of the House Judiciary Committee, there is now rejoicing among the wets in the prospect of possible modification of the Volstead act in the next Congress.

The defeat of Representative Andrew J. Volstead, of Minnesota, author of the prohibition enforcement act, and the death of Representative Dick T. Morgan, of Oklahoma, brought about the present situation.

Mr. Volstead was chairman of the committee, while Mr. Morgan, also a Republican, was the next in line for the position. Both were regarded as dry. Mr. Graham is regarded as wet as are the two Republicans who come next to him on the committee. They are Representatives Leohadas C. Dyer, of Missouri, and Joseph Walsh, of Massachusetts.

It is understood that all three of the leading Republicans on the committee favor a liberalization of the prohibition enforcement act.

The dry forces are planning to wage war against all candidates in Congressional elections who favor a liberalization of the prohibition law.

COURT AFFIRMS DEATH PENALTY

Charles Marshall, Farmer, Who Murdered Four, to Die August 20.

Jackson, Miss., July 12.—Characterizing the crime as one of "fendish brutality," unparalleled in the criminal history of the State, the Supreme Court today affirmed the death sentence of Charles Marshall, a young Monroe County farmer. Date of execution was fixed at August 20.

Marshall was convicted of dynamiting the home of Bob Miller, then shooting four of his inmates, then setting fire to the debris, cremating the bodies.

One of the victims was Marshall's own illegitimate child, the testimony developed.

The court's decision, read by Associate Justice Holden, gave full credence to testimony of Pearl May Miller, 14, sole survivor of the tragedy, who escaped the assassin by hiding behind a door and then saw Marshall kill her father, mother and sisters and the latter's illegitimate child. After the first three had been killed, the girl said, Marshall turned his attention to the crying infant as it crawled across the floor, slaying it with a blow.

Referring to the girl's story, Justice Holden declared "she spoke the truth as it can only be spoken by a child," and that the jury was eminently justified in believing she had been spared that she might reveal the perpetrator of "this dastardly deed that justice might be done and the law vindicated."

The court's decision was unanimous.

EIGHT GROUPS IN THIRD PARTY CONSOLIDATION

Labor Conferes Hold Out Over Question of Joint Convention.

UNITY PLEA CHEERED

Wild Demonstration Greeted Harmony Speakers at Chicago Sessions.

By E. FRANK GARDNER. (Universal Service Staff Correspondent.)

Chicago, July 12.—After a series of all-day conferences between leaders of the different groups a union of the following organizations was announced:

- Committee of Forty-eight. American Constitutional party. American party of Texas. Single tax party. Nonpartisan League of South Dakota. World War Veterans. Private Soldiers' and Sailors' League. Rank and File Veterans' Association.

At the time this announcement was made to the Committee of Forty-eight, national convention, the conference committees of the Labor party and the forty-eighters began another joint session in an effort to unite on a common ground.

The difficulty is a disagreement over the plan for a joint convention.

Announcement of the partial amalgamation was made when representatives of the different groups

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HARDING GIVES ATTENTION TO U. S. QUESTIONS

Labor, Agriculture and Transportation Discussed At Conference.

CUMMINS AT MEETING

Senator and Raymond Robbins Visit Marion Home Of G. O. P. Nominee.

Marion, Ohio, July 12.—Domestic conditions reflected in labor, agriculture and transportation problems were discussed today by Senator Warren G. Harding, the Republican Presidential nominee, with Senator A. B. Cummins, of Iowa; Raymond Robbins, of Chicago, and L. J. Taber, master of the Ohio State Grange and a member of the executive committee of the National Grange.

The high cost of living burden that is causing complaint and restlessness everywhere was one of the problems given much consideration at these conferences. A statement by Gov. Cox, the Democratic nominee, that he would place, if elected, a farmer at the head of the Department of Agriculture brought from Senator Harding the observation that a practical farmer, James Wilson, of Iowa, had been head of this department for the last sixteen years of Republican administration.

That if the department had been maintained at its high efficiency when taken over by the Democrats, "half our problems of high cost of living would have been solved for us in advance."

Senator Cummins announced after

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Trotsky Says Russ Held Back By Their Inadequate Facilities To Maintain Transportation

(The following interview with Trotsky was granted to a special correspondent of the Manchester Guardian just before the Polish offensive began. The correspondent has just returned to London and published the interview.)

London, July 12.—Leon Trotsky for a considerable time has given no interviews to newspaper correspondents. As military and naval commissar he combines the posts of war minister and first lord of the admiralty. And now, during the

POLAND WILLING TO OBEY ALLIES

Will Meet Any Demands to Obtain Help in Stopping Bolshevik Advance.

(Public Ledger Service.) Poland is ready to meet any demands that the allies may make in order to obtain assistance in stopping the Bolshevists' advance, according to information which has been received by this government, and there seems little doubt here but that Gen. Pilsudski will order a withdrawal to the line fixed by the Peace Conference.

In this connection, it was explained, the Poles contend that they were never officially advised of the boundaries fixed by the Peace Conference and that those lines the Conference discussed were considered to be of a temporary nature.

There was no indication here that the United States would participate in any way in the aid that might be extended Poland. Officials of the State Department said that there was no way in which this country could join in such a move in the present state of affairs.

War Department officials were positive that the brigade of American troops originally sent to Europe for the purpose of patrolling Silesia would not be sent to the aid of the Poles. Military officials, however, acknowledged the gravity of the situation and said that the Bolshevist army today is the most formidable and highly organized fighting machine in Europe.

"FIFTY-FIFTY" MATE SUES FOR ALIMONY

New York, July 12.—An alleged ante-nuptial agreement that their expenses should be borne on a "fifty-fifty" basis was set up today by John George Peppier, of Weehawken, in answer to the application of Mrs. Daisy Peppier for alimony.

Mrs. Peppier was granted \$5 a week alimony by Vice Chancellor Griffin in Jersey City, pending the trial of her suit for separate maintenance.

Peppier's attorney said Peppier was a Scientist devoted to psychic and meteorological research. He said he had known his wife nine years before they were married in 1915, and that they had "advanced" ideas about marriage.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO STUDY PARTIES

Some indication of what party the National Federal of Party Employees will support in the November elections will be given by the executive council today when it will officially analyze the Republican and Democratic party planks.

Luther C. Steward, president of the organization, announced last night. The council devoted yesterday's session to routine business and will probably review today the work of the last Congress.

"Until we know what the third party now in convention in Chicago has to offer, we are not endorsing it or any other," said President Steward, in commenting upon possible party support by the government employees' organization.

ALLIES TO GET ARMIES READY TO CHECK REDS

Foch Ordered by Spa Conference to Mass All Available Forces.

TEHERAN IS MENACED

Continued Victory of Soviet Troops Makes Premiers Uneasy.

(By Universal Service.) (Special Cable Dispatch.)

London, July 12.—The Bolsheviki, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express, have landed four ship loads of troops on the south shore of the Caspian Sea and are advancing southward, gravely endangering the British position north of Teheran, capital of Persia.

VERMONT KILLS WOMEN'S HOPES

Governor Clement Rejects Plea for Special Suffrage Session.

Montpelier, Vt., July 12.—Gov. Percival W. Clement, of Vermont, today issued a proclamation refusing to call a special session of the legislature to make possible ratification of the Federal suffrage amendment.

Gov. Clement in his proclamation declares the constitution of Vermont should not be changed without due deliberation. He took occasion to attack the prohibition amendment as having been forced through Congress by a "powerful and irresponsible organization" provided with unlimited funds.

The proclamation reads in part: "As it stands and is interpreted by the Supreme Court today, the Federal Constitution threatens the foundation of free popular government."

Referring to the reported threat of the lieutenant governor, to the effect that he would call a special session of the legislature if the governor left the State, Gov. Clement

CABLE BRINGS DEATH DETAILS

Jewish Relief Workers Slain While Distributing Food In Ukraine.

New York, July 12.—Confirmation of the report that Prof. Israel Friedlander and Dr. Bernard Cantor, prominent Jews of this city, were murdered in the Ukraine is contained in a cable received from Poland by the Joint Distribution Committee in this city today.

"With deepest heartaches, informing tragic murder of Cantor and Friedlander," reads the cable. "Dr. Cantor's chauffeur returned to Lemberg, reporting that the two had been killed on the road near Yarmolince, between Curkuran-Kamienic and Dolisk. Dr. Left and Mr. Zylbert (both of New York) immediately proceeded to the spot, and we are now in receipt of a telegram from them confirming the death by violence of the two men."

Prof. Friedlander was connected with the Jewish Theological Seminary and Dr. Cantor was associated with Rabbi Stephen Wise, of the Free synagogue. Both were part of fifty prominent Jews chosen to direct the distribution of food among the suffering Jews of Poland, Austria, and other European countries.

NEGRO DRINKS WOOD ALCOHOL

William Jackson, colored, of Akron, Ohio, drank some real "tangle-foot." He says it was wood alcohol, but anyway, Jackson's in the city hospital and can't walk. He may die.

Horrors! Alligator at Bathing Beach Eleven and One-Half Feet Long, and With Teeth Sharpened for Girlies

Ye mermaids of the Tidal Basin bathing beach, hereafter take with ye to Washington's midsummer fountain of youth a chair—a chair on which to stand. Ye sandy shore, where once ye sun bathed without the risks of running colds or disarrangement of your 1920 spangles, has become infested with—

Mosquitoes: No—an alligator. L. Gordon Leach, operator of the bathing beach, yesterday released an alligator not more than 11½ feet long.

It has the docile way of a calf, but its teeth! Its eyes betray nothing but pleasure at the marvelous sights along the beach front, pleasure mere man discovered months ago.

Home Stretch Finds Merry Battle For Herald's Salesmanship Awards; Seven High Ones in Strong Field

Here we are in the home stretch! The final week of The Herald Salesmanship campaign is at hand, and the race for the \$6,000 home, the six big automobiles, and fifty-six other awards is near the end.

What candidates do during the remaining days of this week very likely will decide the winners of the biggest and best awards. Therefore it behooves each and every Salesmanship Club member to put forth their best efforts today, tomorrow, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

1 KILLED; 2 MAY DIE IN FALL OF SCAFFOLD

Baltimore, July 12.—One man was killed and two others critically injured today when a board of a scaffold upon which the three were working in St. Michael's Catholic Church broke, hurling them thirty-five feet to the ground.

John C. Achmann, 55, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was killed. Anthony S. Braak, 40, New York, received a fractured skull and internal injuries that may cause his death, and B. Guebbe, 44, New York, was internally injured and his body badly lacerated.

A DINNER AT—

The story referred to in this skit appears in "The Trimmed Lamp" under the same title—"The Badge of Policeman O'Room." The Adventures of An Author With His Own Hero. ALL that day—in fact, from the moment of his creation—Van Sweller had conducted himself fairly well in my eyes. Of course, I had had to make many concessions; but in return he had been no less considerate. Once or twice we had had sharp, brief contentions over certain points of behavior; but, prevailing, give and take had been our rule. His morning toilet had provoked

His morning toilet provoked our first tilt.

our first tilt. Van Sweller went about it contentedly. "The usual thing, I suppose, old chap," he said, with a smile and a yawn. "I ring for a b. and s. and then I have my tub, I splash a good deal in the water, of course. You are aware that there are two ways in which I can receive Tommy Carmichael when he looks in to have a chat about polo. I can talk to him through the bathroom door, or I can be picking at a grilled bone which my man has brought in. Which would you prefer?" I smiled with diabolic satisfaction at his coming discomfiture. "Neither," I said. "You will

make your appearance on the scene when a gentleman should—after you are fully dressed, which indubitably private fiction shall take place behind close doors. And I will feel indebted to you if, after you go appear, your deportment and manners are such that it will not be necessary to inform the public, in order to appease its apprehension, that you have taken a bath." Van Sweller slightly elevated his brows. "Oh, very well," he said, a trifle piqued. "I rather imagine it concerns you more than it does me. Cut the 'tub' by all means, if you think best. But it has been the usual thing, you know." This was my victory; but after Van Sweller emerged from his apartments in the "Beaujolais" I was vanquished in a dozen small but well-considered skirmishes. I allowed him a cigar; but routed him on the question of naming its brand. But he worsted me when I objected to giving him a "coat unmistakably English in its cut." I allowed him to "stroll down Broadway," and even permitted "passers-by" (God knows there's nowhere to pass but) to "turn their heads and gaze with evident admiration at his erect figure." I gave him a "smooth, dark face with its keen, frank eye, and firm jaw."

Later on he looked in at the club and saw Freddy Vavasour, polo team captain, dawdling over grilled bone No. 1. "Dear old boy," began Van Sweller; but in an instant I had seized him by the collar and dragged him aside with the sciantest courtesy. "For heaven's sake talk like a man," I said, sternly. "Do you think it is mainly to use those mushy and insane forms of address? That man is neither dear nor old nor a boy." To my surprise Van Sweller turned upon me a look of frank pleasure. "I am glad to hear you say that," he said, heartily. "I used those words because I have been forced to say them so often. They really are contemptible. Thanks for correcting me, dear old boy." Still I must admit that Van Sweller's conduct in the park that morning was almost without fault. The courage, the dash, the modesty, the skill, and fidelity that he displayed atoned for everything. This is the way the story runs. Van Sweller has been a gentleman member of the "Rugged Riders," the company that made a war with a foreign country famous. Among his comrades was Lawrence O'Room, a man whom

By O. HENRY

Noblesse oblige? Surely. So out along the driveways and bridge paths trots Hudson Van Sweller in the uniform of his incapacitated comrade, as like unto him as one French pea is unto a petit pea. It is, of course, jolly larks for Van Sweller, who his wealth and social position enough for him to masquerade safely even as a police commissioner doing his duty. If he wished to do so. But society, not given to scanning the countenances of mounted policemen, sees nothing unusual in the officer on the beat. And then comes the runaway. CONTINUED ON PAGE SEVEN.