

# CITIZENS AROUSED BY 'RING'S' BOOSTER

## Attempt of Machine to Intimidate School Teachers Reacts on Herrin Forces

### Voters of Thirty-fourth Determined to Revenge Dismissal of Prof. Frank J. Browne

The bold attempt of a "push" leader in the thirty-fourth district to intimidate a member of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league club by the unwarranted and vicious pretense that Dean Lynch and the railroad machine control the board of education and can allot good positions to teachers, has had a strong reactionary effect throughout the district. A wave of indignation swept throughout the thirty-fourth since the facts in the case of Prof. Frank J. Browne have been made public and if there was ever a doubt as to the success of the league they it has been finally dispelled.

When Browne lost his position in the Polytechnic high school shortly after the May primaries in which he has been an active league worker, members of the "push" who had been threatening to "get" him, claimed that their influence had been used to discipline him. When he persisted in his vigorous campaign in behalf of the league ticket, Ed Ritter, one of the most active Herrin men in the district, promised that his position would be restored if he would call on Arthur Fisk and John C. Lynch and make his peace with the machine.

Browne indignantly refused to do anything of the kind and was spurred to more energetic efforts against the "push." When the "push" became public the decent republicans of the district were quick to show their resentment and the result has been new accessions of strength to the league ticket and additional discomfiture for the "push."

For many years the thirty-fourth was a pocket borough of the "push." Crimmins, Ruef and other bosses could count with confidence on carrying it in primary fights.

That was before the people of the district awoke to the fact that their franchise was being made a mockery. Since then they have been making their own politics and as a result the district has been found steadily in the reform column. It returned a substantial majority for the league in May and sent a fine delegation to Sacramento.

The league's ticket in the thirty-fourth at this election is once more of the highest character. Every element of independent republicanism is represented. The thirty-fourth is pre-eminently a district of home abiding, hard working, serious citizens. From among these a fine delegation has been selected by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league club.

Such men as Dr. E. M. Bixby, Thomas O'Day, the contractor, and Jungen von Staden find place on the state ticket. Prof. Frank J. Browne, Collins K. O'Connell, the "push" machine company, and H. B. Christiansen, the druggist, are on the congressional delegation. On the local ticket David Girard, the marble cutter; Thomas Nowlin, the attorney; William M. Stewart, the engineer; Herbert Maggs, the architect; Jonathan Anderson, the contractor; Matt Harris, the lumber dealer, and James Henderson, the carpenter, are mentioned, although all the others are of the same high standing.

### GILLETT MUM ON RACING BILL; MINISTERS STIRRED

#### Refusal of Governor to Take Stand Arouses the Anti-Gambling Crusaders

The act of Governor Gillett in refusing to take a stand on the issue of racetrack gambling has stirred up the opponents of the gambling side of the racing game.

At the headquarters of the California anti-racetrack league the public committee issued the following statement:

"We hope to see the citizens of California at the primary on Tuesday next by an end to corrupt machine domination in the party organizations. This machine has twice defeated anti-racetrack legislation and there is no change of heart on their part is evidenced by the action of Governor Gillett, who refuses to take a stand on this reform issue that is now of much concern to the masses of the people throughout the state."

Rev. Saunders N. Carpenter, minister who have been actively interested in this movement in their sermons yesterday spoke of the splendid work done by the friends of the gambling reform and deplored the fact that the governor had refused his sympathy and support.

Rev. Edward L. Parsons, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, said: "It is much to be deplored that in our great state with this opportunity for distinguished service we find our governor falling us—not having the manhood to take a stand for the right."

Rev. Dr. A. S. Coats of the Baptist church made the following statement: "To avoid the issue is to stay your position as emphatically as words can state it. The governor of California has thus written himself down as allied with the racetrack gamblers. Our only hope now is in the primaries and we must rely upon anti-machine men."

Rev. Dr. J. N. Coats, rector of the First Christian church, said: "It is to be deplored by the good people of California that her governor is non-committal in his attitude toward anti-racetrack legislation. The chief executive of a state should stand for a reform that is backed by sane and practical methods."

Governor Hughes of New York, Hanger of Indiana and Folk of Missouri are examples of what governors with moral courage may do for civic righteousness."

"PUSH" ATTEMPTS TO  
BILL DOZE WOMAN

# Lines Clearly Drawn Between Gangsters and Independents

## ONE of the most significant results of the primary fight between the Lincoln-Roosevelt league and the Herrin machine has been the strict drawing of the line between the staunch, independent republicans of the city and the submissive, program taking agent of the railroad.

Nowhere has this result been so successfully attained as in the republican county committee. When Herrin and Lynch, to cloak their campaign of corruption, reached out for control of the county committee one-half of that body succumbed to their lure, but the others stood up straight for their independence.

Seventeen members of the county committee refused to surrender their independence at the behest of Herrin and Lynch. No offers of reward, however tempting, could sway them from their duty to the party which they were chosen to represent in this city and county. No threats of injury to their business or their characters could daunt them in their courageous adherence to the principles which they had adopted as members of the Lincoln-Roosevelt league committed to the fight against corporate domination of politics.

These men are fighting the people's fight. They are entitled to the respect of their partisans and of their city. Urged by no hope of reward they held their ground when Herrin and Lynch were making steady onslaughts on their position, and they are entitled to recognition for their courage, their honesty and their true republicanism. Here is the role of honor in the county committee:

- PETER J. KELLY
- JOHN J. FASS
- THOMAS F. DOLAN
- HARRY BEASLEY
- A. D. FRETZ
- F. H. DAM
- J. C. WELSH
- GEORGE KAMMERER
- T. P. MARTIN
- SAMUEL A. CLARK
- P. H. NEWBERRY
- MARSHALL HALE
- M. E. GATES
- WILLIAM H. HAZELL
- THOMAS MCGEE
- RALPH L. THORNTON
- WARREN SHANNON

# WOLFE SOLE ISSUE IN THIRTY-EIGHTH

## Little Senator's Personality and Loudly Mouthed "Record" Outrank Other Questions

While the interest in the fight which "Eddie" Wolfe is making in behalf of another nomination for state senator centers in the thirty-seventh district, whether the little senator moved when he realized that it would control the nomination by reason of his larger vote, the fight in the thirty-eighth does not lack spectacular interest.

The thirty-eighth was the most closely contested district in the May primary. It was found that the Lincoln-Roosevelt league had captured five of the delegates, while the machine elected two, Sammy Beckett and Dr. Henry Abraham.

Since then the league has been much more strongly organized in the district and under the leadership of Byron Mauzy, William Well, John Carson, Samuel A. Clark and other representatives of the league, a steady battle for the maintenance and increase of its advantage.

Lined up against the league is a motley array of half reconciled factions, some of them led by Sammy Beckett, Max Goldberg and Dr. Abraham, others rejoicing in the political valor of the celebrated Sammitz Rough Riders and still another contingent reporting for orders to Charles H. Forbes, secretary of the county committee and one of the men who committed political treason at the command of Johnny Lynch and Tim Sullivan.

Forbes started out in this primary campaign with dire punishment for "Eddie" Wolfe, the deprivation of the senatorial nomination being the least of his threats. But since that time conditions have changed. Rather than hang separately the Herrin men are hanging together and Forbes has patched up a truce which has swung him into line behind the little senator. He has taken back to the league his things he has said about Wolfe and is giving a fine exhibition of the abject subservience which is the first requirement of service under William F. Herrin.

According to the league leaders in the thirty-eighth there are abundant indications that the people of the district are a-weary of the small senator who has persisted in making himself a more important issue in the campaign than Taft and Scherr, the tariff, the currency legislation, the injunction law and every other matter which is interesting the voter.

"My record" has been shouted from so many platforms and dimmed into so many ears that the voters of the district have made examination of Wolfe's doings at Sacramento with the result that they are anything but pleased with him. "My record" on the direct primary controversy has been especially deplored since Wolfe began to boast about it.

Sammy Beckett, one of the most active workers in the district, was one of the assemblymen who voted for the famous attack on the senatorial expense grab, which Governor Gillett characterized as the cheapest steal ever attempted by a highbinder legislature. Beckett is making a desperate effort to hang his name to the senatorial nomination, but, wiser than Wolfe, he says nothing about his "record."

# HERRIN'S HENCHMEN FEAR SILENT VOTE

## Machine Calls on Its Appointees to Office to Bring Out Their Friends

ALAMEDA, Aug. 9.—Workers for the Lincoln-Roosevelt league and workers for the Herrin machine were busy today making their final plans for the election Tuesday night. Tuesday. Never before has so much interest been manifested in a primary election in Alameda. All the talk among those who watch political matters has been of the fight that is coming off Tuesday. The national campaign has been overlooked thus far because of the vital importance of the primary. There has been as much campaign work done as if the election Tuesday was to be a state or national election instead of a primary.

Almost every voter in Alameda has received literature from the good government workers and the machine has also sent out loads of printed matter advising republicans to stand by the machine organization and its delegates. As a result of all of the campaign work thus far done and what will be done between now and the time of the closing of the polls Tuesday it is expected that an unusually heavy vote will be registered for a primary election. The league has named its workers and directors in the various precincts and the machine has done likewise. All of the office holders who owe their positions to machine influence have been given the word to get busy and round up their friends to assist in saving the machine delegates from defeat Tuesday.

The silent vote is worrying the Herrin henchmen because of their inability to size it up at this stage of the campaign. The silent vote has been an uncertain element here and the machine men fear that if the voters belonging to that class turn out strongly at the primary it will augur well for the success of the Herrin organization.

# WORRIED MACHINE ADOPTS TRICKERY

## Herrinites Circulate Letter Claiming Indorsement of Entire County Committee

### "Regular Republicans Always Opposed Corruption and Grafting," Says Document

Realizing the impossibility of winning in a fair fight against the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, the leaders of the Herrin-Lynch push have resorted to trickery in their attempt to gain support for their delegate tickets.

Relying on the general unfamiliarity of voters with the more intricate complications of the campaign and the wheels within wheels of the party machinery, they have sent out from their headquarters a circular letter in which they claim for their delegate tickets in all the districts the indorsement of the republican county committee.

The names of the county committeemen are blazoned at the top of this choice piece of campaign literature, notwithstanding the fact that half of the body, including the chairman, F. H. Dam, have declared their allegiance to the Lincoln-Roosevelt league and are actively engaged in fighting the tickets for which their names are unwarrantably and unfairly made to stand sponsor.

The "push" members of the county committee, the men who willingly followed the beckoning finger of John C. Lynch when he started out to win the primary for his master, William F. Herrin, are Billy Bell, Jerry Lucey, John T. Pidwell, Jack Butler, Bob Strahle, Johnny Daly, Harry Worthington, Tim Sullivan, Rudolph Gercke, Benny Levy, Charles H. Forbes, Hamilton Bauer, Oscar Greenbaum, Fred G. Cartwright, William T. Kibbler, Dominic Behan, Mannie Strauss and Ed Buckley. To these the "push" has illegally added Walter Dyer of the fortieth district.

The other members of the county committee are existing for the delegate tickets put forth by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league. They have declared war on the "push" and have repudiated the attempt to deceive decent voters by the use of their names.

The circular in which this deception is practiced is a specious plea for the cause of Herrin and Lynch, clumsily masked behind an appeal for the election of Taft and Scherr, whose candidacy is not affected one way or the other by the present primary fight.

The regular republican organization has ever stood for good government, for clean government and for able government," declares the circular letter. "It has steadily opposed corruption and grafting."

This is in the face of the fact that the money to pay for this circular came from the railroad sack opened for this campaign by John C. Lynch, political agent of the Southern Pacific, the most vicious corrupting influence this state has ever known.

The Lincoln-Roosevelt league is styled "a small, disgruntled portion of the party, assisted and promoted by many democrats, again trying to defeat the party."

This is exactly the language which Julius Kahn, "Red" Hayes, "Eddie" Wolfe and other machine aspirants for further political dishonor have been uttering since the campaign began. It failed of its purpose—in fact, it reacted on the men who used it—and it is not calculated to impress the sober, intelligent voters who have studied the issues of the fight and who have made up their minds that the future of the republican party as an independent political organization in this state rests with the kind of republicans nominated by the Lincoln-Roosevelt league.

But the machine and its friends want back to the camp of the Herrinites, a lively bidder for the nomination.

Milton Schmitt is the second candidate. Schmitt is modestly declining any ambition to be assemblyman, but points out that "the boys" want him and that he hasn't the heart to refuse the call. "The boys" mean the "push," the men who do Herrin's bidding. Schmitt has been doing some active campaigning, even forgetting at times that Kahn has a fight to make which the etiquette of politics entitles to the right of way.

Schmitt's activities have excited the ire of Mannie Cohn, who also yearns for the legislative atmosphere of the capitol. Cohn is in the middle of the fight with long declarations that the nomination has been promised him and that all other claimants make spurious pretensions.

"Why, I've been right for 18 years and never in anything for it. I guess I'm entitled to that nomination," is the way Cohn puts it.

"Being right" in the Cohn vocabulary means taking program, no matter how raw, without a murmur. Cohn certainly has always done that. Schmitt's claim to the nomination excites particular choler in Cohn.

"Why, I made Milton in politics," he cries; "he's only an amateur, and I'd look nice stepping aside for him, wouldn't I?"

So far, the most active worker in Cohn's behalf is the "Banjo Eyed Kid," who has been indebted to him for many favors and is naturally grateful.

Fred L. Winters, a delegate on the Herrin ticket, is another candidate for the nomination. He is not dismayed by his trio of opponents and looks forward confidently to the outcome of the struggle.

As might be expected the "push" in the fortieth has taken sides vigorously in the controversy. There are Schmitt champions, Cohn champions, Winters champions and one Thompson man, Harry Thompson himself.

While the "push" is fighting, the Lincoln-Roosevelt league, bent on winning the district and untroubled by political any kind of work, is pursuing a quiet way, appealing to the voters of the district in strong letters and seeking no better recommendation for its ticket than the public and private character of the men who have placed on it. It is one of the best tickets in the city and there is every indication that the men who compose it will sit in the local convention and cast their votes for clean, strong judicial candidates.

# MACHINE'S GOLD FLOODS BERKELEY

## Ringsters Make Last Desperate Effort to Stave Off Defeat With Coin

BERKELEY, Aug. 9.—Berkeley has been flooded with "ring" money in an effort to defeat the Lincoln-Roosevelt league forces and save the machine from utter defeat in the primaries Tuesday. To the \$500 which was subscribed for the machine last Friday night was added \$1,500 today and money has been thrown around freely to buy votes for the "old guard" politicians Tuesday.

Although coin without limit has been promised for the county ring crowd, and money is spent with a lavish hand, the machine forces have been put on the run by the leaguers, and in the opinion of conservative politicians Berkeley will be overwhelmingly carried by the forces of clean government at the primary.

The tricks of the machine, which selected in secret caucus a ticket to oppose the Lincoln-Roosevelt league delegates, have been discovered by the voters, and on all sides is heard decision for the machine and its frantic efforts to stem the tide of public approval for the Lincoln-Roosevelt candidates.

The secret caucus in the Fink building in Center street of a dozen of the broken remnants of the party organization has had the effect of a boom-crang and not only have the Herrin men been repudiated by a number of their own delegates, but the voters have stamped public disapproval on the secret meeting behind closed doors to select representatives of the people.

In the desperate hope of saving the organization, which has been disrupted by the forces of decency, the money bags have been opened and coin poured in precincts like water to influence the voters to support the machine ticket.

Like the ineffectual attempt to make capital of the stand taken by the open caucus of the league in the indorsement of the superior judges, the machine methods have opened the eyes of the voters. The decent people have not only refused to vote for the machine delegates but have become more fully aware of the corruption of the courthouse ring and spurned the tainted money of a desperate crowd driven to the wall.

The machine ticket is a fraud on the face of it. Men were named without their knowledge or consent. They are withdrawing as fast as they can get off the ticket.

opposing the league ticket in any district in the city are absolutely false and are plainly meant to deceive the voters."

# ASK TAFT TO STOP FIGHT OF FACTIONS

## West Virginia Leaders Fail to Secure Intervention of the Nominee for President

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Va., Aug. 9.—The acute republican problem in West Virginia is to be made the subject of a conference at Hot Springs when William H. Taft reaches there tomorrow. Both the Swisher and Scherr factions will be represented. Swisher is the regular republican nominee for governor and Scherr is running for the same office at the head of an independent republican faction. Each wing has made application for the support of the republican committee and the pilgrimage to Taft's headquarters is for the purpose of getting a decision.

Efforts have been made by each faction while Taft has been here to get him to identify himself with one side or the other, but he has refused to become involved.

The matter of campaign arrangements for West Virginia is one which comes directly under the jurisdiction of Frank H. Hitchcock, who is expected to reach Hot Springs early this week. The delegation representing the state who will go there tomorrow includes Senators Elkins and Scott, Representatives Hughes and Gaines and Messrs. Swisher and Scherr. The Taft party will leave here at 8:20 in the morning by train and will reach Hot Springs before noon.

# WILD TRIBESMEN MENACE THE SHAH

## Ruler of Persia Virtually Prisoner in Hands of Men Called to Aid Him

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 9.—Special dispatches received here from Teheran give a tragic-comic description of the position of the shah of Persia, who is virtually a prisoner in the hands of wild tribesmen summoned to Teheran to protect the throne against the revolutionists, but have become a greater menace to the monarch than his other foes.

The tribesmen are extravagant in their demands for money, which the shah is unable to grant, and they threaten to destroy the palace and pillage Teheran. The \$250,000 secured from the Russian bank recently as a loan on the crown jewels of Persia is exhausted.

General Liakhoff's cosacks are unable to make any headway against the tribesmen, who have refused to permit the shah to leave the camp at Bads Shakh for Saitanabad, where the harem is staying.

Famine is reported to be imminent in southern Persia, and this promises to bring about a crisis in political affairs in the autumn.

A dispatch received today from Tabriz says that severe fighting, in which the recently arrived cavalry of the shah participated, continued Saturday, and that the revolutionists sustained heavy losses in men and some guns.



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