

HATFIELD HURLING HOT SHOTS INTO DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

GOVERNOR HATFIELD REFUTES CHARGES MADE BY CORNWELL

Defends His Administration in Speech Made Before Largest Political Meeting Ever Held in Farmington.

HAS KEPT EVERY ONE OF HIS PLEDGES

Declares That If There Has Been Extravagance the Democratic Party Will Have to Share the Responsibility.

Governor Hatfield made the first of a series of three speeches scheduled for Marion county last night at Farmington, and to use the miners' term, shot his administration's critics and Watson's gubernatorial candidate "off the solid."

notwithstanding this our direct levy for state purposes is only \$96,000 more than it was in 1897. Yet Mr. Cornwell insists that the tax laws advocated by the Republican party campaign in 1906 have proven to be a failure.

"If this be true I would like to ask Mr. Cornwell how he explains the fact of the small increase in our direct levy, notwithstanding we lost \$500,000 of the state's revenue in the maintenance of law and order and in the strike which existed in one of the coal fields of West Virginia in 1912 and 1913, and also notwithstanding the fact that \$850,000 of the state's revenue was lost in the adoption of the prohibition amendment which went into effect in July, 1914.

"I would also further ask Mr. Cornwell if it is not a fact that if the methods of raising revenue that he advocated in the campaign of 1904, which was the old direct method of raising revenue for state purposes, had been left in effect as was the case in 1897 and up until 1904, if the direct levy for state purposes on the \$2.75 per capita cost basis would not be \$1.29 on the \$100 valuation instead of 5 1/2 cents for state purposes?"

Second Regiment Needs More Men (Special Dispatch to West Virginia) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Oct. 13.—Seventy men are asked to enlist immediately in the Second West Virginia Infantry. Orders from the department of the East have been received indicating that the regiment will move to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, within the next three days.

PLACING NEW WIRES. The Bell Telephone company is placing new wires in the down town district, stringing them on poles of the Monongahela Valley traction company thus escaping the necessity of placing new and cluttering poles. The men have been on the work for the past week. Considerable attention was attracted this afternoon by some of the workmen who were stringing a guy cable from a pole at the corner of South Side bridge to a support on Main street. The cable had to be drawn across the live trolley wire of the East Park line, the men handling the cable with perfectly dry ropes and wearing gloves.

High Lights on European War

PETROGRAD, Oct. 13.—German troops took the offensive yesterday along the Shara river in Russia north of the Pinsk marshes. The war office announced today that the Germans had captured a trench sector but were subsequently expelled with heavy losses.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—Progress for the British in yesterday's fighting on the Somme front was announced in an official statement issued today. The British advances were scored between Guedecourt and Les Bœufs and north-west of Guedecourt. Some 150 Germans were made prisoners.

VIENNA, Oct. 13.—No important changes on the Russian front are reported in today's official announcement regarding this theatre of war. Efforts by the Rumanians to stay the Austro German attack in Transylvania have failed, the war office announced, and they are being driven back further by General von Falkenhayn's troops.

PARIS, Oct. 13.—Forty French and British aeroplanes dropped four tons of explosives last night on the Mauser works at Oberdorf in Germany on the Neckar river, the war office announced today. Six German machines defending the place were shot down.

VIENNA, Oct. 13.—The Italians are maintaining their attack on the Austrians without cessation and desperate fighting continued throughout yesterday. Today, official announcement says the Italians gained ground east of Oppacchiasella in their drive toward Trieste and captured the town of Novavas. At other points the utmost efforts of the Italians gained nothing for them. The number of Italian prisoners has been increased to 2700.

Democrats in Indiana Are for Hughes

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—William P. Newer, an attorney of Fort Wayne, Indiana, sent the Hughes Alliance the names of 107 men of his personal acquaintance all Democrats who have announced their support of Governor Hughes and enrolled in the Alliance. This indication of a Hughes sweep in Indiana is borne out by information gleaned by E. B. Fisher, a traveling salesman who has just completed a trip through that State and who wrote the Hughes Alliance saying "after traveling several hundred miles through Indiana, thinking, sleeping, talking, eating, fighting for Hughes, I have come to the conclusion that there are 100,000 voters in Indiana who say little but are for Hughes and that nothing will stay a clean sweep for Hughes and Fairbanks and the State ticket including the two United States Senators."

SILLY FRAUD PERPETRATED BY THE TIMES

Cuts of Requisitions Prove Hatfield Was Everlastingly Right.

Marion county voters were handed a laugh or an insult, depending upon how they take such things, in the publication on the first page of the local Democratic organ of fac similies of two requisitions drawn by Governor Hatfield upon the state auditor.

To make the situation clear it is necessary to recount a little of the history which has been made in the present campaign. Soon after he took the stump the Democratic candidate for governor, who has developed an amazing penchant for the contemptible in politics, made a charge that Governor Hatfield had used the public funds for the payment of detectives.

The charge was made in such words and under such circumstances as to create the impression that the Governor had been using money belonging to the taxpayers for purposes of his own and that one of those purposes was to make private investigations during the recent primary campaign.

Governor Hatfield when this preposterous statement was called to his attention said simply that "Not one dollar of the money from the contingent fund has been used for the payment of detectives by me."

The two requisitions printed this morning purport to be complete proof that the Cornwell charge was well founded and that the Hatfield disclaimer was an untruth. It may deceive some people, but for the man who is ordinarily intelligent the requisitions really amount to photographic proof that the Governor was entirely right. It is safe to assure that if the Democrats had anything more damaging against the Governor they would have used it. What they did use indicates that the payments were not only entirely proper expenditure of public money in the course of the public's business, but were not even for detective work.

One of them, that for \$1,957 payable to Guy B. Biddinger, was for witness fees, proper court costs, in the famous legislative bribery cases which were started during the administration of Governor Glascock and they were paid upon the order of Judge W. H. O'Brien, of the United States district court, a Democratic judge, by the way. The other one, for \$4,000 was payable to Tom Townsend, who at the time was prosecuting attorney for Kanawha county, and the money was used to pay the expenses of an investigation into the Wheel case which grew out of an alleged attempt to bribe members of the Public Service commission.

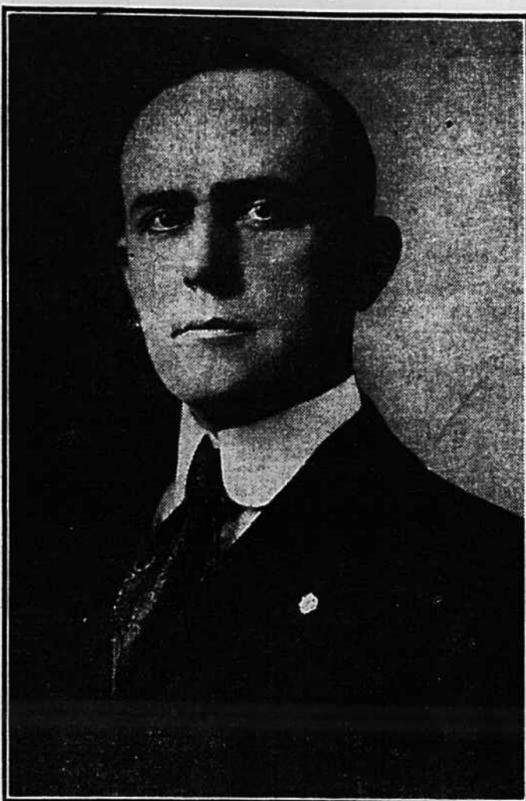
One of these requisitions was drawn three years ago and the other almost two years ago. The public is fully acquainted with the circumstances which made these expenditures necessary yet a man who seeks the office of governor asks the West Virginia voters to believe that the requisitions prove that Hatfield has been playing politics with the people's money. Cornwell has a pretty poor opinion of their intelligence apparently.

WILLIAM BATSON DIES. William Batson, son of Zack Batson and the late Mary Batson, died last evening at about nine o'clock at the home of his uncle, V. E. Batson, at the head of Dent's run after an illness with tuberculosis.

The young man was born on January 10, 1894. Two years ago he joined the Methodist Episcopal chapel and had since been a consistent member of that church. He is survived by his father and nine brothers and sisters. His mother died two years ago.

The funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the home of V. E. Batson and interment will be made in the cemetery near Seven Pines by Undertaker Frank Huey. The funeral will be conducted by Rev. Malcolm.

ROLLO J. CONLEY



ROLLO CONLEY MAKING FINE RUN FOR MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR

Another Gun Fight With Strickler

SHERIFF CONAWAY AND POSSE LEFT CITY IN PURSUIT THIS AFTERNOON.

Joe Strickler, hunted robber, again met up with the cops, this time Bill Findley being with the bunch, at noon today and several shots were exchanged. None of the pursuers were hurt and it is now known whether any of their bullets struck Strickler.

Help was phoned for and a posse from the city headed by Sheriff Conaway left right after dinner to catch the thief. It is rumored about the court house that Strickler positively will not give up without a gun fight.

Sidney G. Clay is Killed in Kentucky

(By Associated Press) PARIS, Ky., Oct. 13.—Sidney G. Clay formally member of the state legislature and prominent member of the noted Clay family of this state and the south was shot and killed here this morning. Lee Beavers of this city has been arrested charged with the shooting. Beavers claimed to the authorities here today that he had warned Clay away from his home, but that Clay had failed to heed the warning. He said he found Clay there this morning and shot him. Clay was 45 years of age.

Milk Prices Go Up at Wheeling

(By Associated Press) WHEELING, Oct. 13.—Announcement was made here today that beginning November 1 the price of milk will be advanced from 10 to 12 cents a quart. Distributors say farmers have increased their prices and milk is scarce.

British Relax on Their Mail Hold Up

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Radical changes in the treatment of mails on neutral ships are promised in the reply of the British and French government to the American protest against interference with mails. The changes while short of an abandonment of the contention of the right to search for information of value to an enemy are regarded by the allies as sufficient to meet the wishes of the United States.

The Weather

West Virginia—Partly cloudy tonight; rain in east cooler in west. Saturday fair and cooler. LOCAL WEATHER READINGS. F. P. Hall, Observer.

Temperature at 8 a. m. today 60. Yesterday's weather, clear; temperature, maximum 75; minimum, 34; precipitation, none.

PREPAREDNESS PARADE OPPOSED BY PRESIDENT

Some New Light Upon Peasant Politics of the Administration.

STATEMENT BY SHERRILL

Tends to Prove That Wilson Was Bidding for the German Vote.

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—General Charles H. Sherrill, who was grand marshal of the New York city preparedness parade of last spring, issued a statement at Republican National headquarters today charging that the Washington administration endeavored for political reasons to prevent that parade. This effort having failed subsequently it will be remembered, President Wilson himself took part in a preparedness parade in Washington.

Mr. Sherrill's statement says: "Mr. Ridder's statement in the newspapers that the administration has for some time been attempting to conciliate what they frequently call the German-hypenate vote recalls to my mind an experience of last spring which tends to confirm his statement. At that time for six weeks I with some of my friends was engaged in organizing the preparedness parade which took place in this city on May 13. About two weeks before that date I received an urgent telephone request to come to the mayor's office. Upon arrival there I was told that a long distance telephone message had just been received from the administration in Washington urging that the preparedness parade be abandoned on the ground that it would irritate our American citizens of German birth or descent, might cause riots in the street and therefore be most undesirable. Of course I was astounded by this report and stated that in my opinion sidestepping a crisis was not the best way to meet it, especially if not assured that it really was a crisis. I asked time to consider the matter and it was given me. It was made clear that the extraordinary suggestion did not originate with the mayor but came from the administration in Washington.

"In order to ascertain if this was a real or only an imaginary crisis, prepared for political purposes I conferred with Carl L. Schurz, a childhood friend, told him what had been said to me at the mayor's office, explained the situation to him, and asked him to call on the president.

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Jersey Democrats Are Tired of Wilson

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian) NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—An extraordinary swing to Governor Hughes in President Wilson's home State, of voters who supported him in 1912, is indicated by enrollments in the New Jersey branch of the Hughes Alliance, it was announced today. State pride in the candidacy of Mr. Wilson apparently is not holding New Jersey voters for him. A postal card canvass shows that over seventeen per cent of those who voted for the President four years ago are now supporting Governor Hughes.

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POLITICAL ADVERTISING REPUBLICAN RALLY United States Senator. WARREN G. HARDING of Ohio will address the voters of Marion county at FAIRMONT, MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, at 8 o'clock at the Court House. Senator Harding was chairman of the Republican National Convention. He is one of the most eloquent speakers in the United States. Everybody welcome.