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DEMOCRATIC DEFECTIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

Among the most striking things about the reception of Governor Cox, Democratic candidate for the presidency in California, was the absence from the reception committee of several men who hitherto have been prominent politically and high in the councils of their party in that state. They have invested many a dollar and done more a day's work for the Bourbons, but this year they are found pledged to the candidate of Senator Warren G. Harding and the entire Republican ticket. Among these men are M. F. Tarpey, of Fresno, former Democratic national committeeman; Milton K. Young, of Los Angeles, former Democratic state committeeman and a prominent worker for his party for years; and Joseph H. Hall, of Los Angeles, also a former Democratic state committeeman.

It is interesting to read what these former Democrats say in reference to their change to the support of the Republican ticket. Mr. Tarpey, in announcing his choice of the Harding-Coolidge ticket, said in part: "I have resolved that time of life when I want to be a patriot rather than a partisan." He came into the Republican party willing to work in any capacity, for, said he, "the real prosperity of this nation depends upon a protective tariff. Particularly in this time of inflation when our raisins, figs, prunes, oranges, lemons, almonds and nuts must be protected against cheap labor in foreign countries and cheap freight rates in foreign bottoms." Mr. Young gives as his reasons for abandoning the Democratic party his opposition to the league of nations and the fact that the Democratic party is laboring under the Wilson amnesties. His letter closes with the words: "Believing that the safety of the nation lies in the hands of Senator Harding, and also believing that the interests of the Republican party only can lift this nation from the distress of the Wilson administration, I shall vote for and support the Republican nominee for president." Mr. Hall bases his change of politics upon the changing policy of the administration, the billions of dollars unwisely spent and the foreign policy of this country under the direction of Mr. Wilson. When men such as these who have been lifelong Democrats and prominent in their own party come out definitely and unequivocally for the nominee of the Republican party, it is well worth while to stop and consider their reasons.

THE ILLINOIS PRIMARIES

The outcome of the Illinois primaries held last week are still in doubt, and the winners will not be certainly determined until the official count is made, due to the fact that the election officials in certain precincts sealed the ballot boxes without taking a copy of the vote. McKinley, the regular candidate for United States senator, is expected to win over Thompson's man by a small plurality. Oglesby, Lawden's choice for governor, is leading by a very small vote, but the result of that will be in doubt for some days. On the Democratic side James Hamilton Lewis, he of the flowing pink whiskers, won the gubernatorial nomination without any trouble. Another remarkable upset of the primaries was the reappearance of Robert E. Burke, who was a close second for the Democratic nomination by senator. Burke has been considered a "has-been" ever since he was read out of the party for casting the lone vote against President Wilson in the Democratic convention of St. Louis. Then he was denounced as a traitor to his party and has been the butt of many jokes ever since. But he announced his candidacy on a platform strongly pro-Irish and anti-Wilson and while making practically no campaign, he ran a close race with Peter A. Waller, a millionaire manufacturer, who had the advantage of a large organization. Probably not one Democrat in 10 knew anything about Burke except that he stood against the administration, was rabidly anti-English and for the fullest measure of personal freedom.

The Illinois primary was especially bitter, with both sides denouncing the other in the harshest of terms, but with honors about even in the results it is likely that both factions among the Republicans will get together and work for the election of the ticket in the state. But no matter what the result is on state politics, there is little consolation for the Democratic national ticket in the views which the voters expressed. Opposition to the league of nations and Wilsonism was evidenced in a great majority of the ballots cast.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

According to the reports of one of the largest life insurance companies in the country, the first half of this year has the best health record of any in the history of the organization. The report shows that the people of this country have enjoyed unusually good health for the past year except during the recurrence of the influenza epidemic last February and March. The death rate of the policyholders was only 11.5 per 1000, and from present indications the remainder of the year should show as good results.

The improvement in health is noted in all parts of the country and extends to all races and classes. The decrease in deaths from tuberculosis, influenza, pneumonia and accidents is given as the main cause for the good record. The drop in the tuberculosis death rate is one of the most remarkable points in the report. This is no doubt attributable to the campaign which has been carried on against the "white plague" and the decrease is especially noticeable among those persons whose work keeps them indoors for a great part of the day. The automobile accident list grows from month to month and offsets many of the gains in the control of diseases. In April the death rate from auto accidents was 8.1 per 1000; in July it had risen to 13.5 per 1000, and the end is not yet. With the control of this source of deaths the people of this country may expect to see the death rate decrease even more rapidly than has been the case during the past year.

There are a lot of Americans in Moscow who are virtually prisoners. What is the United States government going to do for its citizens who are in this unhappy predicament? That is a puzzling question.

Governor Cox should have something to say on Franklin Roosevelt's assertion that the peace treaty will be ratified in six days if Cox is elected. As any great change in the composition of the senate is most improbable, Mr. Roosevelt must be expecting some change in the executive attitude.

When Candidate Cox declares he's ready to fight, meaning he wants to mix up in European wars, what he really means is he's ready to send the young manhood of the country now wearing service stripes over there again.

Congress did a good job when it cut down the appropriation for state department cables from Europe over \$300,000 since June 30. Too much Europe is nauseating. Give us a large dose of America and note the result.

American Legion Men to Meet in Cleveland

By Associated Press.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 21.—Thirty thousand former service men are expected to attend the second annual convention of the American Legion here on September 27, 28 and 29.

The convention, which will take up questions of national-wide interest, will give a unique opportunity for scores of resolutions of decisions and smaller units. Visitors will include many distinguished men.

A parade on the opening day is to be one of the features of the gathering. All the Legionaries will march. Sixty bands will furnish the music. The size of the parade is expected to freshen memories of the veterans of the time when the French peasants stood at road sides to watch the march of the American Legionnaires back marching to the front.

There will be big questions to decide. Among the chief of them is that of the Legion toward a bonus for the 2,000,000 members of the Legion, and the question of a drive to bring every eligible ex-serviceman within the fold. The aim of such a campaign, leaders state

would be to make the Legion the most powerful, non-partisan, most-fight force in American affairs.

While various state departments of the Legion will submit other resolutions for action by the national body, the following matters are expected to receive the most attention.

An American program, having for its purpose the assimilation of the nation's alien population and among immigrants in learning American ideas, history and customs.

The four-fold bonus proposition: 1. Land settlement for ex-servicemen and women to receive \$1.50 for each day of service to apply to the purchase of land and government property, or loans for buying equipment. 2. Home aid, with \$2 for each day of service to apply on the purchase of a home or farm. 3. Vocational training, with \$1.50 for each day of service, to be paid within a year after the approval of the bill. 4. Cash compensation of \$150 for each day of service.

Good spouses are becoming scarce in the waters of Texas.

Political Announcements

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Justice of the Supreme Court

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for the office of

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