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TELLS WHY NEW ORLEANS WILL GO AHEAD

BY ALBERT R. ISRAEL

That the location and the natural and acquired advantages and facilities of New Orleans are sufficient to make this city not only one of the greatest ports of the world, but also one of the principal industrial centers, if the citizens, commercial organizations and authorities will set out and determinedly prosecute a definite program for the community's development, was the confident prediction made to a representative of New Orleans States Saturday by M. B. Kelly, of Pittsburg, president of the American Steel Company, one of the largest of the independent steel concerns in the country.

Mr. Kelly, with his wife and young daughter are at the Grunewald, having come here after a vacation trip over the Pacific coast to take a steamer for Havana. However, difficulty in obtaining sailing accommodations, and reports of numerous cases of flu in Havana and of extremely overcrowded conditions there, have caused a change in Mr. Kelly's plans and he probably will go to Florida resorts for a few weeks instead.

Forecasts Bright Future

The head of the big steel company spoke enthusiastically of New Orleans and of her possibilities for the future. "New Orleans has wonderful natural advantages in location and resources," said Mr. Kelly, "and probably no one today has sufficient vision to forestall the full extent of the tremendous development as a port and industrial center that this city could achieve in the future."

"The city is located at a most advantageous point on the Gulf for incoming commerce and virtually at the mouth of the great navigable river, which with its tributaries reaches into one of the largest and richest portions of the entire United States, giving her a great advantage for outgoing commerce. New Orleans as a port could be made the best and most convenient point for receiving all the im-

ports for the great Mississippi Valley territory from foreign countries, and she also should be made the export points for all the products of the farms and industries of this valley section that are sent out to other lands.

For Industrial Plants

"Also New Orleans presents remarkable opportunities as a center for great manufacturing plants. The great Mississippi river and its tributaries could bring to New Orleans at low cost for transportation, all the raw materials, coal and other fuel needed for immense manufacturing and the finished products could be exported or distributed to domestic trade from this city at a large saving in cost over many other present industrial centers."

"In fact, the opportunities of this city are amazing when one takes the time to consider them from a business standpoint. But in order to accomplish the development that is possible for the city, her citizens, officials and commercial interests will have to get down to the task on a strictly business and civic basis and politics will have to be eliminated from consideration. Please understand me, I am not making any criticism of New Orleans or of her present conditions or administration. I am merely stating an abstract principle of development."

He is a Democrat

"Personally, in politics, I am a Democrat—one of the few steel men in the country affiliated with the Democratic party. My idea of democracy is that one man is as good as another and each should be given equal opportunity for individual development. In my opinion, the Democratic party's principles mean that. The Republican party starts with the premise that one man is as good as another and then proceeds on the plan of consolidating control of various groups of industry or business under one head

or a few bosses, giving advantages to the combinations and hindering individual opportunity and development.

"Administering the affairs of a state or city should be placed on a strictly business basis. The elected officials should turn every effort to providing the best protection for all citizens and their enterprises, construct the best roads and streets, furnish the most convenient and serviceable public facilities, see that adequate and efficiently operated railroads and traction lines are provided and that all public utilities are conducted for the benefit of the people, with a just return to the owners. The public officials should strive to make their state or city a great business success, and this cannot be done if political favors are to be shown to this man or that group of men or interests."

Advocates Co-Operation

"Every person in New Orleans ought to get behind every movement that looks to the development of the city's advantages and resources, with sincere enthusiasm and unselfishness and work together like a good business corporation for the community's success. It makes even an outsider enthusiastic to just contemplate the opportunities that he sees spread out before him in New Orleans."

Mr. Kelly said in his steel plant he is employing 100 per cent of workers, but that the plant is getting only about 75 per cent of output. "The men now work shorter hours and are indifferent as to whether or not they do competent work, and turn out as much as they can. The do not like piece work, but prefer the per diem pay. They get their higher wages than a few years ago, but their output is not so profitable to the employer. We are getting more money for our product, but our profit is less. Tin plate for export sells for \$9 per base box and \$7 for domestic consumption. Nails and wire are on about the same basis."

Mr. Kelly said the steel business is not seriously affected by the foreign exchange situation, as Great Britain and other European countries, whose exchange has been so demoralized lately, are no heavy purchasers of American steel. There is a large steel trade with the Orient, and the financial condition of those countries is comparatively good. The steel plants are busy turning out old contracts.

"Swansea, in Wales, for instance," said Mr. Kelly, "is offering \$60 for tin plate bar, but our mills are working to capacity turning out old contracts at \$42, so we are unable to take advantage of the higher market."

"We have before us the possibility that cessation of exports to Great Britain, owing to the present foreign rate, may be of benefit to us in this country. Undoubtedly cutting off of shipments of goods to Europe will result in lowering of prices of many commodities in America, and besides it may also result in convincing those in the cotton industry in the South that

PARKER ASKS HELP OF ALL STUBBS MEN AT THE CAPITAL

NEEDS IT TO PUT POLICIES THROUGH; LOONEY WINS FOR STATE CHAIRMAN

New Orleans.—Organization of the new Democratic State Central Committee of Louisiana, at its meeting held at the Grunewald, Saturday afternoon, resulted in the election of Frank J. Looney of Shreveport as chairman, over Phanor Breazeale of Natchitoches by a vote of 44 to 37; T. Arthur Edwards of Lake Charles over Dr. Charles F. Gelbke, of Gretna, for vice-chairman by a vote of 48 to 32, and the unanimous selection of A. W. Newlin, secretary; A. B. Booth, assistant secretary, and Edward J. Huber, sergeant-at-arms.

The lineup of the committee on the chairmanship contest was:

Committee Line Up

For Mr. Looney—W. C. Hughes of Bossier, W. N. Curley, Lake Charles, A. F. Cazedessus, Baton Rouge; F. R. Bernard, Lake Providence; O. L. Fusilier, Ville Platte; Oscar Richard, Jr., Sunshine; Francis L. Knoblock, Thibodeaux; Q. T. Hardtner, Urania; L. B. Harris, Denham Springs; J. J. Fogarty, Thomas Connell, Claude Maubert, Alex Pujol, Henry Desmare, Louis Knop, P. J. Greenan, J. A. O'Hara, W. P. Dillon, John T. Mitchell, M. J. Rooney, A. A. Harmeyer, from Orleans; T. L. Hood, Monroe, Ben Michel, Plaquemines; J. W. Bolton, Alexandria; N. H. Nunez, St. Bernard; L. C. Vial, Hahnville; L. M. Reynaud, St. John; Vic Spring, Tangipahoa; Edmund McCollan, Houma; Sidney A. Levert, Mark; Albert Estopinal, St. Bernard; Joseph S. Flandry, Orleans; J. C. Davey, Arthur, J. O'Keefe, Orleans; L. P. Caillouet, Lafourche; J. B. Elam, Mansfield; M. H. Sandlin, Minden; Henry D. Briggs, Monroe; Jeff D. Snyder, Tallulah; J. W. Womack, Kentwood; T. Arthur Edwards, Lake Charles; John W. Lewis, Opelousas; Phanor Breazeale, Natchitoches; W. R. Perkins, Hamburg—Total 44.

For Mr. Breazeale—George K. Bradford, Rayne; E. K. Sims, Donaldsonville; Emile Sundbery, Napoleonville; W. A. Morrow, Marksville; A. Anderson, Arcadia; S. B. Hicks, Shreveport; A. H. Gillespie, Vidalia; F. Hardesty, Clinton; J. W. Duncan, Colfax; J. B. Daumenhauer, Jr., Gretna; R. S. Greer, Welsh; George P. Legsley, Lafayette; J. T. McClellan, Tallulah; D. C. Scarborough, Natchitoches; S. A. Palanque, Orleans; J. L. Nunemacher, Orleans; R. L. Gregory, Thomas E. Furlow, Marcus Resier, New Orleans; Joseph P. Gosserand, Henry L. Himel, Convent; C. P. Dunbar, Opelousas; A. F. Domengeaux, St. Martin; J. Lewis Smith, Covington; W. M. Davidson, St. Joseph; O. H. Carter, Franklinton; W. H. Webb, Minden; J. R. Watts, Winnfield; Ben J. Daly, Orleans; Charles F. Gelbke, Gretna; Robert B. Butler, Houma; Edwin F. Broussard, Iberia; Frank J. Looney, Shreveport; Harvey E. Ellis, Covington; Percy T. Ogden, Crowley; N. I. Norman, Marksville.

Lines Broke on Edwards

The vote for Edwards and Gelbke, stood: Edwards 48; Gelbke 32. The chief change in the lineup came when J. T. McClellan came back and supported Edwards after voting for Breazeale; S. A. Palanque did the same; so did W. M. Davidson of Tensas, along with Percy T. Ogden, of Crowley, all taking the position that the majority of the committee should rule.

Proxies were held by the following: Percy T. Ogden for George K. Bradford, Acadia; G. L. Porterie, for W. A. Morrow, Avoyelles; L. E. Thomas, for S. B. Hicks, Caddo; Zell Stockner, for F. R. Bernard, East Carroll; D. W. Pipes, for F. Hardesty, East Feliciana; John A. Williams, for J. W. Duncan, Grant; O. Richard, Jr., for Oscar Richard, Iberville; R. D. Voorhies, for Geo. P. Lessey, Lafayette; R. J. Phillips, for D. C. Scarborough, Natchitoches; Harold A. Moise, for Marcus Resier, Seventeenth Ward, Orleans; M. Cary, Thompson, for T. L. Hood, Ouachita; John Dymond, Jr., for Ben Michel, Plaquemines; P. M. Baudry, for Henry L. Himel, St. James; R. E. Domengeaux, for A. F. Domengeaux, St. Martin; Ex-Congressman L. L. Morgan, for J. Lewis Smith, St. Tammany; Ex-Gov. Jared Y. Sanders, for O. H. Carter, Washington; J. F. Colbert, for M.

manufacture their own raw cotton into cloth, instead of sending the cotton to Europe to be manufactured there and resold here at higher prices. The same benefit may result to the copper industry of America, and if this situation is brought about, the cessation of exports of raw materials will prove a great blessing to the people of the United States."

Mr. Kelly declared it is absurd to expect the railroads to get along in the future without an increase in freight rates. They must have an increase, he said, to keep from bankruptcy, for labor is demanding more pay and cost of operation and upkeep is advancing.

"The habit that has grown up in America, of basing compensation of labor on the price of the finished product is disconcerting," he said.

H. Sandlin, Webster; M. M. Boatner, for Jeff B. Snyder, Madison, at large; M. C. Thompson, for Henry D. Briggs, Ouachita; Senator E. M. Stafford, for Harvey E. Ellis, St. Tammany, sixth congressional district; Walter L. Gleason, for John W. Lewis, St. Landry, Seventh congressional district; A. O. Boyer, for N. I. Norman, Avoyelles, Eighth congressional district.

Opposition to the announced slate of the Parker forces originated among country members and was put through by them. Upon reaching the city early Saturday, country delegates began to confer and opposition to the caucus ticket began to spread until it reached winning proportions at the time of the assembling of the committee. Up to that time many of the Orleanians were unaware of the determination to place candidates in the field for chairman and vice chairman.

On the vote for chairman, Mr. Breazeale had six votes out of New Orleans J. L. Nunemacher, Ninth; J. R. Gregory, Twelfth; T. E. Furlow, Fourteenth; Marcus Resier, Seventeenth; Ben J. Daly, First District; Simon A. Palanque, Third ward, the last two having bolted the "regulars."

The state Democratic convention for election of delegates to the National Democratic convention, in San Francisco, June 28, was ordered to meet in Baton Rouge, June 3. Representation at the state state convention was fixed as follows:

That each parish other than the parish of Orleans and each ward in the parish of Orleans be entitled to one representative in said convention for every twenty-five hundred of its population, or fractional part thereof, in excess of twelve hundred and fifty inhabitants; that the representation in said convention be, and the same is hereby fixed as follows, to-wit: Acadia 12, Ascension 10, Assumption 10, Avoyelles 14, Allen 5. Beauregard 5, Bienville 9, Bossier 9, Caddo 23, Calcasieu 10, Caldwell 3, Cameron, 2, Catahoula 4, Claiborne 10, Concordia 6. De Soto 11. East Baton Rouge 14, East Carroll 5, East Feliciana 8, Evangeline 9. Franklin 5. Grant 6. Iberia 13, Iberville 12. Jackson 6, Jefferson 7, Jefferson Davis 15.

Lafayette 11, Lafourche 13, La Salle 4, Lincoln 7, Livingston 4, Madison 4, Morehouse 8, Natchitoches 15. Orleans—First ward 6, Second ward 7, Third ward 15, Fourth ward 7, Fifth ward 10, Sixth ward 7, Seventh ward 13, Eighth ward 6, Ninth ward 10, Tenth ward 9, Eleventh ward 11, Twelfth ward 9, Thirteenth ward 7, Fourteenth ward 6, Fifteenth ward 6, Sixteenth ward 8, Seventeenth ward 3, Ouachita 10. Plaquemines 5, Pointe Coupee 10. Rapides 18, Red River 5, Richland 6, Sabine 8, St. Bernard 2, St. Charles 4, St. Helena 4, St. James 9, St. John 6, St. Landry 18, St. Martin 9, St. Mary 16, St. Tammany 8. Tangipahoa 12, Tensas 7, Terrebonne 11. Union 8. Vermilion 11, Vernon 7. Washington 8, Webster 8, West Baton Rouge 5, West Carroll 2, West Feliciana 5, Winn 7.

Provision for Primary

One important change—that for primary elections to select delegates—was inserted in the resolution calling the state convention, as compared with former calls. It provides "that if a

petition is presented to any parish committee signed by 10 per cent or more of the duly qualified Democratic electors of the vote polled for governor at the primary on January 20, 1920, in any parish, or in any ward in the city of New Orleans, it shall be mandatory upon the said parish committee to order a primary election in said parish or ward for the purpose of electing the delegates to which said parish or ward may be entitled, which election shall be held in accordance with the general primary election laws of the state."

On motion of L. E. Thomas, the committee extended an invitation to John M. Parker and Hewitt Bouanchaud, party nominees for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively to address the committee. Chairman Looney appointed L. E. Thomas, M. Cary Thompson and Harold A. Moise, to escort the nominees.

Parker Addresses Committee

As Mr. Parker and Mr. Bouanchaud entered the room, the committee rose and they were given an enthusiastic welcome.

Mr. Parker expressed deep appreciation for the reception, coming from a representative body from the entire state.

He spoke briefly and pointedly. After saying he was going to Baton Rouge as the governor of the whole state and people and no portion or faction, he said he should go one step farther:

"I have been nominated for governor by an overwhelming vote of the people and I feel and think I have a right to demand that the people place as my right and left bowers in Baton Rouge men who were in sympathy with and who supported the platform on which I was chosen by the people—men who will back me up."

While Mr. Parker did not mention the speaker of the house or the president pro tem of the senate by name, this declaration was accepted as a direct reference to the organization of the two branches of the general assembly.

"I have wiped the slate clean," said Mr. Parker, "and I shall adopt the principles of the Democratic party in Baton Rouge. And I wish to assure you that I will not violate my oath of office or be swerved one hair's breadth from what I conceive to be right in my administration of the affairs for the best interests of our state. I am human and will make mistakes, but I call upon you as loyal Democrats to back me up and help me do the right thing by the people of the whole state."

Members Pledge Aid

Mr. Bouanchaud also responded briefly:

"I am glad of this opportunity to express my appreciation of the Democracy of Louisiana in endorsing my efforts of the past four years. What ever I undertake in the future shall be rendered to the very best of my ability for the public welfare of the state. The new administration must face many trying problems and I wish to state that I will be by Mr. Parker's side 365 days of the year to help Louisiana and its people."

Chairman Looney said he believed every man present could endorse the words of Mr. Parker and Mr. Bouanchaud and he suggested that the committee pledge its support to the incoming administration to assist it in the administration of public affairs in every way possible.

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Judge L. P. Caillouet, of Thibodeaux, offered the motion which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Senator M. M. Monton, Chairman Looney was directed to name an executive committee of 25 members, and on motion of Mr. Thomas the chairman was made ex-officio member.

Old Rules Adopted

Edmund McCollan, veteran member from Terrebonne, moved that the rules of the old committee be adopted for the new.

R. B. Butler offered the convention resolution and discussed it on the floor.

Two vacancies exist on the committee; C. J. Edwards of Vermilion, deceased; and from Vernon, where no election is recorded. Mr. Curley moved the filing of these vacancies be deferred.

Senator E. M. Stafford nominated Mr. Huber for sergeant-at-arms. He had been endorsed by the conference of Parker forces.

Prior to meeting of the new committee, the old committee, with L. E. Thomas, chairman, met and adopted resolutions, declaring John M. Parker the nominee for governor; Hewitt Bouanchaud for lieutenant governor; Paul Capedeville, auditor, and Howell Morgan for state treasurer. Sixty-two members were present.

The gold room, Hotel Grunewald, was filed with prominent Democrats from every quarter of the state. Many were on hand who were not members. Eighty-one out of 102 of the new committee answered roll.

The United States senatorship was in the air. Ex-Gov. Sanders and Edwin S. Broussard sat with the committee and friends of Donelson Caffery were also active.

The New Officers

Frank J. Looney, the new chairman, is one of the best-known members of the legal profession in Caddo. He has taken an active part in politics, but has never sought public office. He has been a member of the state committee from the fourth congressional district at large for a number of years.

T. Arthur Edwards, new vice chairman, and who will become chairman of the executive committee, was formerly district attorney of the Calcasieu judicial district, and is now a prominent criminal lawyer at the Lake Charles bar. He was elected as member at large from the seventh congressional district, Jan. 20, for the first time.

Both Mr. Looney and Mr. Edwards were active supporters of Col. Stubbs in the primary.

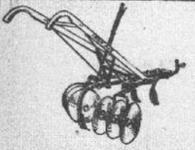
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