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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

### Watson As Cassandra

Through his new State chairman, Senator Watson sends out word to the Republican national convention that if Herbert Hoover is nominated for President the Indiana result will be greatly in doubt.

That is a part of his crusade to prevent the nomination of Mr. Hoover. At home it will be easily understood.

The people understand that there is more than a strong probability that there will be a Governor of Indiana elected on a Democratic ticket by the combined votes of honest Republicans, a solid Democratic citizenship and practically every independent man and woman.

The prediction of Watson, for it is really Watson's prediction, of defeat in Indiana in the fall is in the nature of an advance alibi.

The election of Frank Dailey, more than a probability, is possible not because the people of this State have changed their political convictions, but because the Republican ticket and the Republican organization no longer represent the Republican ideals or policies.

Since the days of Stephenson, when Watson was hobnobbing with the grand dragon, who is now secluded for life, the Republican organization has not been in the hands of real Republicans who vote that ticket from principle and choice.

The efforts of Watson to prevent any dislocation, the appeal of Governor Ed Jackson to the statute of limitations to prevent his conviction on a charge of conspiring to bribe Warren T. McCray, the send of Chairman Clyde Walb to a Federal penitentiary, the control of the last convention by the same forces which ruled it when Stephenson was at liberty, the conviction of John Duvall, the mayor who was sent into power under that same old regime, are too fresh in the people's minds to even imagine an election of an heir to all these evils to the Governor's chair.

The announcement that Hoover's nomination would mean a defeat for the national ticket is hardly borne out by the primary results.

As a matter of fact there is strong evidence that Hoover would be a very strong candidate in the fall, much stronger, for instance, than Watson himself if he still insists on that pleasing fiction that he is a real candidate.

The lead of Watson over Hoover in the primary was about 20,000 votes.

Hoover had nothing behind him but public sentiment. He was handicapped by the malice of former Governor Goodrich, who attached himself to the Hoover campaign. He was managed by those who had had no experience in politics. His appeal was directly to the electorate and was unorganized to a very large degree.

Against him was the organization which Watson testified had 65,000 workers in the precincts who would rally and did rally to anything he wanted to put over.

The Watson organization had the support of the infamous Coffin group in this city, a record of whose peculiar handling of ballots is now being investigated. He had the support of the dry political czar and of the Hoblins and the dragons. He had the professionals and the Federal appointees. He had the regular organization.

More than this Hoover had the misguided opposition of farmers, who were unwise enough to believe that Hoover is their foe and the professional agitation which the organized farm leaders carried on. Hoover also fought the big money bags collected from sources fighting the farmers, from the beneficiaries of all sorts of special privileges.

Yet against this combined opposition, against the tradition of a "favorite son" in Watson, Hoover lost by very few votes.

The delegates should have the evidence of the Indiana primary if they are picking a candidate on no higher motive than one who can win, no matter what the issue or the record of the candidate.

On the record of Cassandra Watson will hardly be able to show that Hoover would be a drag on the national ticket. Unfortunately, his nomination might make the election of Frank Dailey a little more difficult.

### Our Young Dreams

Patrick Hurley is 13 years old and lives in Detroit. If we're not mistaken, he is a young man who is going to make his mark in the world some day.

Patrick built a sailboat the other day. It was eight feet long and two feet wide, and highly rickety. He got up before dawn, left his father a note saying, "I am going to Alpena," and embarked on his 300-mile cruise.

By luck he didn't drown. His boat was swamped in Lake St. Clair, but he managed to cling to a buoy until rescued. He returned home quite undismayed.

Every boy dreams at some time of making a boat and going adventuring. Few actually do it. Young Patrick seems to be a lad with determination. The quality should carry him far.

Dr. Max Mason, former president of the University of Chicago announces that he sees no Utopia ahead right now. It probably will be several years before there are enough seats in the street cars for all of us.

### Rome and Mexico

From widely varying sources as far apart as Rome and Mexico City, come reports of an approaching accord between Lexico and the Catholic church.

This is excellent news.

For years church and state in Mexico have been at odds. In the last two years their differences have been really grave, threatening to provoke a dangerous crisis at any time.

Churches have been closed, congregations have gone without their usual religious solace and devotions, and the tension has been painfully high throughout the nation.

The merits of the case are not for us to discuss. Here is something for Mexicans to decide. But what we can say, without fear of exaggeration, is that the misunderstanding—to use a broad term—has done incalculable injury to all concerned, fanning the flames of popular unrest as it inevitably has done.

At home it has prevented unification of the Mexican people. It has precipitated faction against faction at a time when Mexico needed the help of all hands to carry on her work of reconstruction.

Aroad it has proved equally harmful. Few have understood what it was all about, but people took sides just the same. Having material issues to settle with the United States and other foreign governments, Mexico naturally found her religious issue at home seriously complicating her negotiations outside.

Now, thanks to Ambassador Morrow and President Calles, some of these material issues are being cleared. If only the religious one could be settled similarly, Mexico's road to peace and prosperity would be freed of the greatest of the remaining obstacles.

Now should this prove difficult. We are certain that the church does not desire to interfere with the proper functioning of the government of President Calles. And we are equally positive that President Calles does not desire to interfere with the religious liberties of the church.

He said as much to a representative of this newspaper in Mexico City a year ago. That being the case, the two sides need only to get together in a friendly spirit or give and take, and everything can be put to rights without either having to cede on a vital point.

This, we are told, is what is going on now. We wish the effort every success.

### Cleansing Education

Use of the schools of the country as propaganda incubators for the electric power industry is dirty business, and J. W. Crabtree, secretary of the National Education Association, does well to request the National Electric Light Association to take steps to clean it up.

While the educators quite properly insist that the power industry cease trying to corrupt education does not, however, fulfill the obligations of the Nation's educators in cleaning up this mess.

While the educators quite properly insist that the power companies stick to their own business instead of trying to act as overlords of public opinion, they also should get busy setting their own house in order.

In converting a university into a propaganda agency, two parties are required. One is a private interest willing to tempt teachers to sell their sacred birthright. The other is a group of teachers venal or dumb enough to become involved in such business.

The Federal trade commission, with its investigations of power propaganda far from complete, has uncovered many "educators" who obviously are unfit to hold jobs in respectable educational institutions.

So far no case, arising from this investigation, has been recorded where university authorities have risen in outraged honesty, and booted these sycophants into the street.

It is a vicious thing for an industry, intent on enlarging its profits, to try to bend public educational institutions to its selfish ends.

The fact that he has prohibition and farm relief exclusively in mind, does not alter the wisdom of his observation.

Pre-convention strategy seems to have become an obsession with certain Republican leaders. They seem determined to play a clever game no matter what kind of trouble it may cause for them, or other people.

Seldom in the history of this long rolling, horse trading, night caucusing country of ours has there been more whispering behind the door, more back stall plots, more intrigues, more obvious efforts to be smart, regardless of whether the smartness means anything of importance, than has characterized this Republican pre-convention campaign.

Mr. Hoover's lack of "political mindedness," on which his opponents continually harp, has been more than offset by the excess of "political mindedness" with which they have shown themselves afflicted.

Leaders Turn to Hoover

Meanwhile, the situation continues to shape itself in Mr. Hoover's favor.

No less a political sage than Senator Reed Smoot of Utah declares that the Republicans must and will nominate either Coolidge or Hoover.

While such a declaration leaves the door open for the President, it closes it to the anti-Hooverites. They should be welcome to such consolation as they can get out of that.

Senator Borah, who was thought to be a Hoover opponent, seems in a mood to withdraw his opposition in exchange for a straight-forward dry plank, which Mr. Hoover is reported ready to accept.

So, too, Mr. Hearst, who has remained on the fence, and whom many thought might support the Democratic nominee, has decided that Mr. Hoover is not only the best man for the Republicans to nominate, but the best man for President of the United States.

These and several other incidents of a significant character seem to have created a situation where Mr. Hoover's nomination is virtually unavoidable, unless President Coolidge decides to run again.

Considering what the President has said on four distinct occasions, it is almost impossible to believe that he intends anything of the kind. So long as he remains silent, however, those who want him to run for one reason or another can make the wish father to the thought that he will, and he ought to satisfy that wish or stop the nonsense.

Similar observations have been made since by observers of the department of terrestrial magnetism and by observers in other nations.

There seems little reason for doubting that the sun is the cause of the diurnal variation.

But there is still considerable work to be done before the exact way in which it is caused is determined.

If a radiation from the sun is responsible, we have yet to determine the exact nature of the radiation.

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THE attitude of President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon is becoming tiresome to say the least. Each of them may have good reasons for maintaining it, but no one knows what those reasons are. The fact that no one knows is leading to all kinds of suspicion, speculation and wasted effort.

These two men whom fate has placed in a position to exercise such great power for the immediate moment are accomplishing nothing but embarrass everyone.

The President's refusal to make a clear, unequivocal statement with regard to his renomination, only furnishes an excuse for political high binders to play with his name.

He cannot claim that he has made himself clear so long as such a condition exists. No man has made himself clear so long as other people find it convenient to misinterpret him.

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### White House Secrecy

President Coolidge and Secretary Mellon are bothering the Hoover supporters quite as much as they are bothering the opposition.

Also, they are bothering many of their own good friends. Is that their intention?

If not, what is? Are they playing a game, just for the sake of playing it, or have they some definite object in mind?

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