

BORAH IS OUT IN FRONT WITH MIDWEST G. O. P., IS BELIEF; OHIO PARTY FEUD IS BIG HELP

'Upper Crust' Is Vehement Against New Deal, Writer Declares.

By THOMAS L. STOKES
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CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—A story is told of a leading Chicagoan, a venemous anti-New Dealer, who, when Kentucky went Democratic a few weeks ago, ordered one star plucked from the flag which rippled in the lake breeze atop his magnificent building.

This gentleman, it appears, will have to remove a number of stars the day after Nov. 3, and perhaps several right here in his own Middle West, though there is a chance that the star of Illinois might still gleam from the field.

For President Roosevelt still seems to hold the allegiance, though it is faltering in many cases, of a majority of the electorate in the Middle West, despite a manifest trend away from him in recent weeks.

Survey Shows Facts

This is a conclusion based on a survey which took me into Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin and in which all varieties of persons whose business it is to assess political sentiment were consulted.

Whether the President can carry most of these midwestern states nine months hence depends, in part, on the identity of the Republican nominee, on his success in devising a substitute for AAA, on the effect of mass propaganda by Republicans and perhaps on the caliber of still further measures affecting the ordinary individual that Mr. Roosevelt may offer in his campaign.

A big "It" would be raised if the Republican Party were to nominate Senator Borah who far overshadows numerous other candidates in this area. His name carries a decided glamour here. Undoubtedly he would run strong in the Middle West, stronger, it seems to me, than any other Republican.

Knox Has Active Organization

Frank Knox, the Chicago publisher, has an active organization at work in the Middle West, as elsewhere, but he has not seemed to catch the popular fancy. Alfred M. Landon of Kansas has done better but has stirred no permeating enthusiasm.

"If Frank Lowden wasn't so old we wouldn't have to worry," is the word you hear occasionally of the 74-year-old sage of Oregon County, Illinois, about whom the farmers rallied in vain at three Republican National Conventions.

The political situation in the Middle West now is very confused as is the general state of mind, and can not yet be catalogued, but in broad outline it seems to shape up about as follows:

"Upper Crust" Seems Lost

The President appears to have lost irretrievably here, as in the East, the "upper crust" of business finance and industry, with some notable exceptions. The hostility extends down to what is often called the "upper middle class" and also to many of the white collar employees of big corporations.

He seems still to hold the faith of the wage-earner, the low-salaried man, organized labor and, rather generally yet, the farmer. Not to be overlooked is the effect of such New Deal agencies as the Home Owners Loan Corp., which has saved lots of homes in this territory.

Some wavering is perceptible even among these groups, but where a waning faith is expressed it is usually thus qualified:

"But he's trying, I know, and I think I will vote for him."

Organization Favors Democrats

Democrats are favored out here by organization. This, as Republicans tell you with a shake of the head, not only means the actual party machine, but the organization set up by New Deal agencies—the Triple A, WPA, HOLC, PWA and the like, whose thousands of employees are missionaries of New Deal gospel.

This territory generally is accepted as the battleground. The farmer, in the end, probably will hold the key to victory. This is recognized by the Republicans, whose principal endeavor through Midwestern headquarters in Chicago is to shake the farmer's faith in the New Deal.

Directing this campaign is Harrison E. Spangler, an Iowan who knows something of the psychology of the farmer.

Business antagonism to President Roosevelt and the New Deal is as bitter here as in the East and as outspoken. This outcry, in my opinion, rather exaggerates the reported "slipping" of Mr. Roosevelt. For this element is most vocal in any community.

DRESSMAKERS TO VOTE ON NATIONAL WALKOUT

100,000 Workers to Leave Jobs in New York to Cast Ballots.

By United Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—More than 100,000 dressmakers were to leave their jobs at 2:30 this afternoon to vote on a national strike proposed to begin Monday. Union leaders predicted an almost unanimous strike vote.

Negotiations for labor contracts to replace agreements that expired last Friday collapsed yesterday despite placating efforts by city and Federal authorities.

President David Dubinsky of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union announced that employers were "unreasonable" and that the union would back the dressmakers through all measures necessary to win contracts they demand.

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Foes of Holdover Leaders in Buckeye State Are Near Revolt.

By PARKER LA MOORE
Times Special Writer

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 7.—Senators Borah's candidacy in the Ohio presidential primary May 12, in opposition to the proposed unstructured "favorite son" delegation to the Cleveland convention, is to receive support from opponents of the Holdover leadership now dominating the Republican state organization, as well as from Republicans committed to Mr. Borah on his merits.

Walter F. Brown of Toledo, Republican national committee man and Edward Schorr of Cincinnati, state chairman, have been accused of advancing the unstructured delegation plan to perpetuate their control of the party. Neither of these leaders can claim much support in Ohio beyond that which adheres to the office he holds.

Mr. Brown was elected committee man following his success as Herbert Hoover's campaign manager in Ohio in 1928. He has many enemies within the party as a result of the 1928 contest, as well as because of his identity with the Bull Moose revolt in 1912. It is charged that he did not become an organization man until he obtained control of the organization.

Schorr Elevated in 1930

Mr. Schorr was elevated to the chairmanship when Gov. Myers Y. Cooper sought a second term in 1930, in which he was unsuccessful. He has held on largely because his critics have been without a rallying point, it is said.

Mr. Schorr has not been an aggressive leader it is felt. There is strong feeling among rank and file workers that he has used his position as a party leader to build up a private law practice in Columbus at the party's expense. Successive defeats of Republican gubernatorial candidates in 1930, 1932 and 1934 have given color to this contention.

Inasmuch as Mr. Schorr proposed the unstructured delegation program to the Republican state central committee at a recent meeting, and obtained its endorsement of the plan, this program has become a target for the Brown-Schorr opposition, as well as for those favoring a free-for-all primary. Efforts have been made to bring Gov. Alf M. Landon of Kansas into Ohio to upset the organization's slate. Frank Knox also were approached. Neither could be interested, possibly because their friends here were convinced by organization spokesmen that both candidates were acceptable to Messrs. Brown and Schorr.

This revolt against the Brown-Schorr leadership probably will strengthen the Borah candidacy, followers of the situation say. In his own right, the Idahoan is given better than an even chance to win.

Eight delegates at large, and a number of district delegates in Northern Ohio, provided he enters district as well as "at large" delegates.

Many observers believe that Gov. Landon may be stronger than Mr. Borah in southern Ohio, but the Governor is not expected to enter the Ohio primary.

Borah Roosevelt Guest

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—President Roosevelt and Senator Borah of Idaho lunched together today.

Mr. Borah, who recently announced that he was out for the Republican presidential nomination, was invited to the President's.

It was recalled that a few weeks ago at a White House dinner Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Borah joked over presidential aspirations. The President asked Mr. Borah to promise that, if elected, he would take Mr. Roosevelt on an ocean cruise.

THREE COUNTERFEITERS SENTENCED TO PRISON

Penalties Pronounced by Federal Judge at Fort Wayne.

By United Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 7.—Three members of a one-time powerful counterfeiting ring said to have extended from coast to coast were under sentence here today.

Ethan H. Ridgley, 27, Seattle, Wash., was sentenced yesterday by Federal Judge Thomas Slick to 23 months at Leavenworth. His two companions, Charles Hacker Jr. and Howell Smith, 23-year-old Marion youths, are to spend 18 months at Chillicothe, O.

The trio admitted passing more than 200 bogus bills in this part of the country.

WEEKLY 115 YEARS OLD

One of First on Continent Marks Recent Birthday.

By United Press

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Feb. 7.—One of the oldest weekly newspapers published on the continent, the Brockville Recorder, recently marked its 115th anniversary. The Recorder, published every week since 1821, without change of title, is the weekly edition of the daily Brockville Recorder and Times.

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WYTTEBACH WILL SEEK CORONERSHIP

Arbuckle's Deputy Enters Democratic Race.

Dr. John E. Wyttbach, deputy coroner for three years under Dr. William Arbuckle, today announced his candidacy for Marion County coroner, subject to the Democratic convention at Washington, D. C.

As his platform he stated he will keep down the autopsy rate to a necessary minimum, and that he will seek to establish, probably through charitable donations, a crime laboratory to help in detection, prosecution and conviction of criminals.

Dr. Wyttbach served as a member of the house staff at St. Vincent's Hospital following his graduation from Indiana University and later served in residency at the New York City Hospital. He later was house surgeon and manager of the Indiana Christian Hospital.

He took post graduate work in surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and has been engaged in the general practice of medicine in Indianapolis since 1928 with offices in the Hume-Mansur Building and at 1739 Howard-st. He resides at 1512 N. Meridian-st.

Then separately, J. T. Sanford, 25, and Thomas Watson, were led to the gas chamber in the first double gas execution east of the Mississippi.

They died peacefully in contrast with the 11-minute struggles of Allen Foster, first to die by gas, one by the electric chair, and agreed gas was the more humane method.

Will Long, 19, Negro, first went to his death in the electric chair. His body struggled against the straps as two charges went through his body. He was pronounced dead eight minutes after the current was turned on.

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After removing several sections of ceiling and not finding the source, work has been called off for a consultation. As the situation now stands it has not been determined whether to advertise for a man with a dividing rod or to tear down the building and start all over again.

Gas and oil drilling projects are actively conducted in seven Indiana counties, a report from the Department of Conservation shows today.

Several wells, inactive for some time, have been reopened and others on new locations are being drilled. Wells are in operation in Daviess, Dearborn, Knox, Perry, Spencer, Pike and Vanderburgh Counties.

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