

Hague's Candidate Viewed as New Jersey Favorite; William Hard Resigns Post With Republican Party

WPA Foreman Asked for \$30 Campaign Gift, G. O. P. Charges.

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JERSEY CITY, Oct. 27.—The strange alliance between President Roosevelt's New Deal and Mayor Frank Hague, Democratic boss of northern New Jersey, makes it a cinch for the Democratic Senatorial candidate, William H. J. Ely, in the Nov. 8 election, according to a consensus of political experts.

His Republican opponent, ex-Senator W. Warren Barbour, might have a chance to return to the Senate if Marquis of Queensbury rules were used in the election. The huge Mr. Barbour, in his youth, was national amateur boxing champion. Mr. Ely, former WPA Administrator in New Jersey is diminutive.

But this fight is under the well-known and highly effective Hague rules. The northern Jersey boss, now tied up with the New Deal, is ready to throw his smoothly running machine into high gear behind Mr. Ely. Frank Hague and his lieutenants know how to count votes.

They usually are able to deliver enough Democratic votes in Hudson County and northern New Jersey to overcome the Republican votes from South Jersey.

President Backs Down

All looked rosy for Mr. Barbour when he first announced, a few weeks ago, President Roosevelt had publicly denounced Mayor Hague—without naming him, it is true, but with no one mistaking his meaning—in his June 24 "fireside" chat.

It appeared that Mr. Roosevelt was through with Mayor Hague. Since it is reported authoritatively that Mr. Barbour had Boss Hague's support when he went to the Senate the first time, many observers believed the Republican candidate might get Hague help, open or under cover, again this year.

Then Mr. Ely was selected as the Democratic candidate. President Roosevelt at first kept hands off and it was understood this was to be his attitude through the New Jersey campaign.

Then War Secretary Woodring came here last week and, exhilarated by a mammoth Hague circus—torch lights, bands, marching men and crowds—he gave the Roosevelt blessing to the whole New Jersey kit and kaboodle, including Mayor Hague.

A new alliance—ironically dubbed "the unholy alliance" here—was the result.

Barbour Looks for Help

Any suspicion that Mr. Hague was not going down the line for Mr. Ely—and there was such for a while—has been dissipated. Jersey eyes now

NATIONAL POLITICS

NEW JERSEY'S "unholy alliance" spoils Barbour's hopes. WILLIAM HARD resigns as G. O. P. program secretary. OHIO election to be referendum on New Deal. NEW WPA-POLITICS charge made in Missouri. WALLACE demands G. O. P. take stand on farm plan.

are trained on another one of those Hague triumphs on Nov. 8.

Mr. Barbour now is somewhat in the role of the fighter who, having been smacked a confusing blow, looks around for his opponent and not only can't locate him, but can't find the comforting faces of his seconds over the edge of the ring.

He professes to be a "liberal" and recites New Deal acts for which he voted in Washington. This does not sit so well with the wealthy element of the New Jersey Republican Party, which commutes every day from Wall Street to suburbs on this side of the Hudson River.

Because of its hatred for Mayor Hague, the C. I. O. is secretly giving Mr. Barbour its support. But he can't afford to be identified publicly with the C. I. O., for that would drive away Republican votes. He hopes to get some votes from conservative Democrats.

Hard Seeks Freedom From Political Ties

CHICAGO, Oct. 27 (U. P.).—William Hard, veteran Washington newspaperman, has resigned as secretary of the Republican program committee and has severed his affiliations with the party's National Committee, it was learned today.

He sent a letter of resignation yesterday to Dr. Glenn Frank, program committee chairman. "I feel I must hereby hand you my definite resignation from the program committee of the Republican Party," the letter said. "It carries with it, of course, an equally definite disassociation of myself from the National Committee."

"After considering all the circumstances, I have come to the firm conclusion that I ought to return to my own writing in independent political journalism in my own Washington office, with no clients except publishers and with no links to any political party whatsoever. I shall then be free again to treat all of their programs wholly objectively."

Dr. Frank said it was unlikely that a successor would be appointed at this time.

Wallace Demands

G. O. P. Take Farm Stand

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27 (U. P.).—Agriculture Secretary Wallace chal-

lenged Republicans today to declare for or against the New Deal's farm program.

Charging G. O. P. leaders with "false leadership" by advocating noncompliance with the crop adjustment program, Secretary Wallace said that the nation had a right to know the Republican Party's stand on the farm before the Nov. 8 elections.

Secretary Wallace's move was the first by the Administration to crystallize the farm issue in the Midwest, from where reports have indicated some discontent among farmers over low prices caused by bumper crops. Under the auspices of the Democratic Campaign Committee he will speak tonight at Reading, Pa.

Letter Asking WPA Contribution Photostated

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 27 (U. P.).—Darak T. Mattingly, Republican State Committee chairman, today made public an alleged photostatic copy of a letter purportedly written by a Newton County, Mo., Democratic official, levying a \$30 assess-

ment for campaign purposes upon a WPA foreman.

The photostat showed the signature of "Phil Graves, by L. L. R." Mr. Graves is chairman of the Finance Committee of the Newton County Democratic Committee. The alleged letter was addressed to P. S. Ferguson, of Pierce City, Mo., whom Mr. Mattingly said was a WPA foreman. Mr. Graves denied signing the

letter but refused to affirm or deny that such a letter was sent "until I see it."

The photostatic copy read, in part: "Dear Mr. Ferguson:

"You are now working because the Democratic Party is in power. The time has come when your financial help is needed. We must have money to conduct a successful campaign. . . . The committee has been most careful in setting your assessment. It has been decided that \$30 is fair."

SLAYING SUSPECT FOUND DEAD IN CAR

ELK CITY, Okla., Oct. 27 (U. P.).—W. B. Leslie, 57-year-old farmer, hunted by police for questioning in the slaying of his wife, was found shot to death on a country road near here today.

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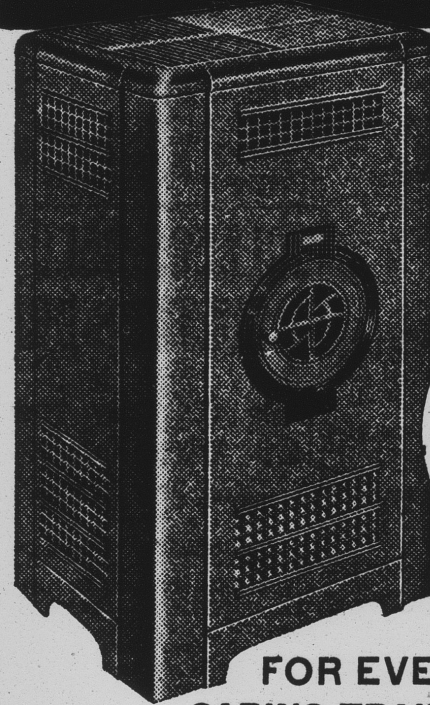
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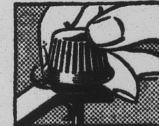
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