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POLITICIANS PUZZLED BY HENRY FORD

Auto Magnate Shivers Down Many Political Spines— Scouts of Both Parties Seek His Intentions.

HIS STAND IS UNKNOWN

By MARK SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON, July 5.—The political intentions of Henry Ford are a subject of increasingly serious speculation. Nothing definite is known. When the most astute political scouts, inspired by political interest or private curiosity, try to find out what Mr. Ford is going to do, they are baffled. They come back with nothing tangible, but with a variety of speculation and surmise which includes some disturbing rumors.

One of the rumors is that it is not as a Democrat but as a Republican that Mr. Ford will figure in the presidential situation. This guess is accompanied by intimations that Mr. Ford is really a Republican. Just what party Mr. Ford voted within the presidential elections of the past 15 or 20 years is a subject about which many political strategists would like to have information. Whether Mr. Ford personally regards himself as a Republican or not, the intimation is made that the wife and son regard themselves as Republicans, and deplore the idea of Mr. Ford having anything to do with the Democratic party.

idea Far-Fetched

Henry Ford as a possibility for the Republican nomination for president would seem far-fetched indeed, and yet it is not improbable that the Republicans who gave the senatorial nomination to Frazier in North Dakota last week and the Republicans who gave the senatorial nomination to Brookhart in Iowa last month would be equally willing and likely to give a presidential nomination to Henry Ford. The only question is whether there are enough Republicans who think this way in the larger states in the east like Pennsylvania.

The assumption that Mr. Ford would get the Republican nomination for the presidency is so improbable that it is difficult for experienced politicians to take it seriously. The assumption that Harding, as a Republican president serving his first term, will be renominated, is so completely borne out by precedent and by all ordinary calculations that it is taken for granted.

It is true that Mr. Harding has less lust for power and less of anything like greed for the office than most men who come to the presidency. But even if Mr. Harding, when the time comes, should be in a state of mind where he was unwilling as a personal matter to exert any effort to renominate himself he probably would feel impelled to make the effort in the alternative threatened to be a raiding of the Republican party by Henry Ford.

That Mr. Ford should figure in the Democratic situation is more easy to conceive. Until operations of the direct primary, and with the present lack of leadership and organization in the party, it is possible for almost anybody to raise it and carry away the prize of the presidential nomination. Ford is said to be more popular among the Democratic voters of the southern states than any northern man since the Civil war.

Radical Appeal.

To those who compose the radical element of the Democratic party Ford provides the picture of a man who has accomplished the unique thing aimed at all dreamers—namely to give the highest wages to the worker and at the same time make the lowest price to the customer. When Mr. Ford says he could do the same thing with the railroads of the country if he had a chance, it sounds alluring.

Further than this, Mr. Ford has held out the idea that he is willing to make cheaper fertilizers for the farmer than anybody else. Finally, Mr. Ford has given out the notion that he can provide the country with a kind of flat money, a notion likely to be extremely alluring if we should run into a severe business depression during the next two years. The long and short of it is that Mr. Ford really makes the effort to cut a large figure in the presidential situation ahead of us he can readily do it.

Ford's Stand

About all he himself has said so far is that he will spend no money. That amounts to little. The amount of publicity and his position in the world, is such that he does not need to spend any money. Moreover Mr. Ford is able to make his business ambitions and his political ambitions, if he has any, work for each other. It is observed that the circulars advertising Ford cars and Ford tractors, which find their way into the hands of nearly everybody in the country, include a full page portrait of Mr. Ford himself, a portrait taken in a mood of benevolence and giving an impression of studied simplicity which looks very much like a man who would like to make the country think agreeably of him.

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**Mysterious Bullets
During Sham Battle
Kill One, Wound Two**

By Associated Press

PITTSBURG, Kas., July 5.—One spectator was killed and two wounded by steel packeted bullets mysteriously fired during a sham battle by members of the American Legion as a Fourth of July celebration. Glenn Barry is dead. Mrs. Charles Deuby and Edward O'Connor, a policeman, were wounded. All three were standing close together in the crowd, which gave rise to the theory that the shots were aimed at some one in the crowd marked for death.

Legion men declared positively that their rifles had fired only blanks.

11 DEAD, 45 INJURED IN GO-THAM JULY 4; 6 DIE IN CHICAGO

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, July 5.—Eleven deaths and injuries to more than 45 persons was the toll claimed by the Fourth of July celebrations here, according to a police check today. Two were killed by fire works. One boy shot his brother.

Four men were drowned and one man died of heart disease while bathing at local beaches.

A woman and two boys were killed in automobile accidents.

PHILADELPHIA, July 5.—Lucius Gray, 8 years old, had part of his cheek blown away when he placed a lighted fire cracker in his mouth.

PITTSBURGH, July 5.—Three children and two men were shot and seriously injured in Fourth of July celebration here.

ALBANY, N. Y., July 5.—Three persons are dead and 25 suffering injuries as a result of Independence day celebrations.

CHICAGO, July 5.—Six met death here in Fourth of July celebrations. Five were drowned and one man was killed by fire works. Sixteen were injured, two by fire works and the remainder in automobile accidents.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 5.—Three men were killed instantly late last night when their touring car collided with a street car on the West Main street bridge. They were Sam Cutshall, Ray Holley and "Slim" David. A fourth occupant of the car, David Deturk, was not hurt.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., July 5.—White river at the mouth of White Lick creek, was dragged with hook and nets today for the body of E. L. Sines, Indianapolis salesman, who was drowned late yesterday trying to rescue a swimmer.

ARRAIGN OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR ON CHARGE OF ACCEPTING BRIBE

(By Associated Press)

OKMULGEE, Okla., July 5.—Arraignment of Governor J. B. R. Robison, of Oklahoma, on a charge of accepting a bribe to permit a state bank to operate when he knew it to be insolvent, was set in district court here today.

Thirteen other men prominent in banking circles of Okmulgee county, and indicted with the governor on March 22 after a sweeping grand jury investigation into alleged irregularities in the state banking system, also were up for arraignment. Included among these were John P. Cook and John M. Rebold, president and vice president, respectively, of the Guaranty State bank, who are charged with having paid a bribe of \$25,000 to Governor Robertson and Fred G. Dennis, former state bank commissioner. It is charged that the executive committee received one-third of the amount.

Dennis was indicted jointly with Governor Robertson on the bribery charge, and in a separate bill he is charged with neglect of duty in failing to close the Guaranty State bank after he had found the institution insolvent. He is the only one of the 15 individuals named in the bank indictments who has not been apprehended.

A motion to disqualify District Judge Mark L. Bozworth from presiding at his trial also was to be presented during the proceedings today by Governor Robertson's counsel. The governor is on a speaking tour of the state. His attorneys announced he would not appear at the arraignment. Numerous others indicated they would follow the chief executive's example and avail themselves of the privilege of allowing counsel to appear in their stead.

Chief interest in the proceedings today centered in the probable date upon which the trials would be set.

JAPAN ANNOUNCES SHARP ARMY CUTS

(By Associated Press)

TOKIO, July 5.—In line with Premier Kato's initial pledge of military retrenchment, and administrative economy sharp cuts in the army program were announced yesterday a day after the approval of a naval schedule which lopped 16,395 tons from former plans. Reorganization plans providing for a reduction of the army by 65,000 enlisted men, a cut of more than 20 per cent were proposed by the war office and approved by the cabinet.

Decreases in the number of companies, squadrons and batteries in an army composed of the same number of divisions as formerly, but listing 217,000 men in place of its present strength of 273,000, will effect a saving it is estimated of Yen 259,000,000 in 12 years and Yen 23,000,000 thereafter.

Heavy artillery corps will be increased slightly as will railway telegraph and aviation sections and infantry will be supplied with a larger number of machine guns, with resultant expenditure of yen 23,000,000 over a 13 year period.

POSTPONE CELEBRATION

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGON, July 5.—Postponement for one year of the Columbus day conferences which were to have been celebrated in the capitals of North, Central and South America next Oct. 12, under direction of the national sections of the Pan-American International committee of women was announced today by the woman's auxiliary committee of the United States of the second Pan-American Scientific congress.

RENEW ATTACK UPON NEST OF REPUBLICANS

Hammam Hotel, One of Principal Points of Defense, is Blazing—Gresham Hotel is Occupied.

DEFENDERS ESCAPING

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, July 5.—Bombardment of the building occupied by the Republicans was resumed at 1 o'clock this afternoon after a few hours lull.

The Hammam hotel, which had been one of the principal points of the defense was ablaze shortly after midday and the flames were spreading to a building on the south.

The Free state forces are reported in the possession of the Gresham hotel, which is separated from the postoffice by the Crown and the Granville hotels.

From the upper stories of the Granville the defenders were continuing sharp rifle fire. It is not known whether Eamon De Valera and other Republicans were included. Harry Boland and Countess Markievicz are still with the garrison. It is believed many of the defenders have escaped and it is considered probable that they have gone to join the forces or garrison.

Two Arrested.

Art O'Brien, former representative of the Dail Eireann in London, and Sean O'Kelly, who used to represent the dail in Paris, were both arrested last evening, it was announced today.

DUBLIN, July 5.—Fire which started before noon in the Hammam hotel, part of the irregulars' Sackville street stronghold, was extending early this afternoon in a southerly direction, enveloping the Hibernian Bible society building and the Tramway offices.

The battered exteriors of the Hammam and the Hibernian Bible society's premises adjoining the republican stronghold in Sackville street, show grim evidence of the devastating fire directed against them from the 16-pounder field pieces and armored cars of the provisional government forces.

To all outward appearance the rebel positions seem almost deserted. From the besieged buildings comes only a feeble reply to the attackers' fire.

Troops Hold Streets.

The southern part of the city is completely controlled by the provisional government. All approaches to the main streets are held by national troops. Raids for arms are being carried out successfully in many areas.

Troops operating from Curnaugh intercepted a party of irregulars at Dallimore and captured 21 with a quantity of arms and ammunition and three motor vans.

The result of these operations has been the tightening of the cordon around the republicans' last positions in Dublin and the people living in Marlborough street which was the irregulars' line of defense behind Sackville street, have at least been able to emerge from their terrifying seclusion. Some of them had for days even experienced difficulty in obtaining food. Red Cross workers removed them to other parts of the city where they are now being fed and cared for.

Persons have been observed signaling the prisoners in Mount Joy where Rory O'Connor and his defeated Four Courts garrison are confined. Information also has been sought by various parties as to the disposition of the guards at the prison and the latter have been instructed to fire on any one loitering near the prison or endeavoring to communicate with the prisoners.

The casualties during the week's fighting in Dublin now are placed at approximately 60 killed and 280 wounded.

News from the provinces regarding the progress of the national troops continues satisfactory.

BELFAST, July 5.—Latest reports received in Belfast from Sligo said the insurgents there had destroyed all telephone and telegraph lines and the postoffice, police and military buildings and post guard stations had been burned.

At Clonry, in the same county, the public market and the courthouse were burned, the report said. Two Free Staters were killed in a fight with the Republicans.

Thomas Mitchell, manager of the Ulster bank branch in Tullamore, in the Irish midlands, was shot dead during a raid on the bank today.

The bank's headquarters here are concerned as to the safety of several of its southern branches.

CORK, July 5.—The south generally continues quiet, although the Republicans are active.

The government forces forming the garrison at Broadford have capitulated to the Republicans, whose forces after a short engagement also captured the barracks at Patrickswell.

RENEW ATTACK UPON NEST OF REPUBLICANS

(By Associated Press)

CAMBRIDGE, July 5.—Damage of between \$300 and \$400, fully covered by insurance, was caused when fire broke out at 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the residence of A. C. Golay, 418 Maple street. The fire was promptly reported and was extinguished within 15 minutes in spite of the fact that the whole upper story was ablaze before the flames broke through the roof and were noticed.

The fire was first seen by a son of Mr. Golay when he was out on the lawn near the house. After the alarm had been given neighbors gathered and helped carry out the furniture. The fire is thought to have started from a smoldering fire cracker or from defective wiring.

Heir's Scruples May Make Duchess Monaco Ruler



Charlotte, duchess of Valentinois.

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