

See New Political Party as Result of After-War Conditions and Problems

League of Nations, Prohibition, H. C. L., and Bolshevism May Cause Split.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 23.—The formation of at least one new political party, and perhaps more than one, is indicated by all existing signs on the political horizon.

Political unrest is rampant throughout the country. Old political alignments are being broken up and blocks of voters are looking for some place to go. Discontent rages everywhere through the political structure.

Post-war conditions and questions are the rocks on which party lines are being shattered. Never before did a national campaign year draw near with so many uncertain factors entering into the situation. Never before were so many "loaded" issues blowing party structures into smithereens.

Just what results will come out of all of it no one is wise enough to predict. The elements of unrest are now in a condition of flux, without any definite moorings. Later on they will begin to take shape behind parties, issues and candidates and then the line-up will become more clear and distinct.

Four Factors Seen.
There are now four great factors at work changing the political affiliations of men in the United States and making over the political map. They may be defined roughly as follows:

- 1—League of Nations.
- 2—Prohibition.
- 3—High cost of living.
- 4—Bolshevistic tendencies.

Hundreds of thousands of voting American citizens subscribe to the theory that "the United States ought to attend to its own business and keep its nose out of European affairs." These people say here already has been altogether too much mixing in matters that do not concern the United States, and that this nation can best preserve its power for good throughout the world by remaining strong and independent, rather than by being tied to a League of Nations in which foreign powers will always be able to out-vote the United States six to one. They shudder at the thought that American boys will be conscripted to keep the peace and put down uprisings among European nations with whom war is a pastime and who are always at each other's throats.

Sentiment Is Strong.
That the sentiment is very strong among people who take this view and that it is growing stronger all the time is indicated by the change in the trend of correspondence that is now coming to senators and representatives. Many persons who at first blush thought the League of Nations would be an insurance policy against future wars have reached different conclusions and are frankly writing to members of congress that they have changed their minds. The changing tide of correspondence seems to furnish a basis for the prediction now often made that if action on the League covenant were delayed a year the sentiment of the country would be found almost unanimous against it.

This situation gives rise to potential possibilities looking toward the formation of a new party. Presumably the League of Nations covenant will be ratified with reservations, in which event the basic purpose in the formation of the new party, which probably would be called the "American" party, would be to pave the way for a withdrawal of the United States from the League in the manner prescribed in the League constitution. Sen. Borah of Idaho already has served notice that if the League is ratified, he will transfer his allegiance to such a new party, even if he is the only member of it, and he has indicated it will have at least one other member, meaning Sen. Johnson of California. That a new party, based on the principle of "America for Americans" and freedom from entangling alliances, would attract an enormous following cannot be doubted.

Begin in Texas.
Down in Texas the first steps already have been taken toward the formation of another new national party, to be composed of men who are dissatisfied with reforms that have been wrought at home under the democratic party as now constituted, particularly prohibition and woman suffrage. The Anti-Saloon League of America, the force that brought about the existing "dry" state, is fortifying itself to meet this new movement. Wayne E. Wheeler, general counsel of the league and its spokesman in all such matters, has fired the league's first shot at the proposed new party in the following statement:

"Any national party whose mission is to repeal an amendment ratified by 45 states and to resurrect the most lawless and corrupt traffic which ever cursed the American people and to champion reaction generally is doomed to failure before it starts."

Mr. Wheeler called attention that former Sen. Joe Bailey, who is the leading factor along with former Gov. Ferguson, in the Texas "disturbance" made his first threat to form a new party at the legislative hearing at Albany on Feb. 25, when he said: "Would you destroy the union to destroy the saloon? The organization of a new party is inevitable."

Begin New Age.
"It was manifest on that occasion," continued Mr. Wheeler, "that the dominant factor back of the proposed new party was to be pro-liquor and anti-woman suffrage. The founders of this new party fail to

realize that we are at the beginning of a new age in which the real value of humanity is to get recognition as never before. We are slowly awakening to the fact that material things have value only in relation to individuals and to humanity, and that laws which promote the welfare of humanity and make a better citizenship for tomorrow are of primary importance. This is the reason why the liquor traffic had to die. The American people are not going to progress backwards. Even existing political parties cannot live and tie themselves to recognized evils and dying principles. New political parties will die at birth if they have no higher mission than to lead the people backward."

Notwithstanding Sen. Bailey's effort looks like a flimsy start, it is highly significant as showing the trend within the democratic party of the south where a strong revulsion has been caused by federal interference in business. Secretly nearly all the southern democrats in congress are condemning modern tendencies and are demanding a return to state's rights and Jeffersonian principles.

"League" to Broaden?
The so-called "Non-partisan league," which has been strong for some time in certain sections of the northwest, is showing signs of broadening into a national party made up of those who are discontent with the trend of things. Recently a "committee of 48" was organized in New York to start a new party and it subsequently held an adjourned meeting in Chicago to plan organization work in the central west. Otto W. Knaub, who seems to be the spokesman for this new movement, said:

"The committee is made up of representative citizens who realize the spirit of unrest in the economic and social world in which we live. At present there seems to be no political organization which exactly meets the situation. We are now considering the formation of a new political party, or the founding of a league to function with the Non-partisan league or the labor party."

These are only a few of the many signs indicating possibilities of new political formations in the United States. The air at the nation's capital is filled with rumors of new political parties or splits from old ones.

THREE HUNDRED POUNDS OF MEAT TAKEN FROM BOTTOM OF CREEK
By Associated Press:
ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Aug. 23.—Three hundred pounds of spoiled meat was taken from the bottom of Pipe Creek late yesterday on complaint of residents of the neighborhood who said the stench was unendurable.

The meat was a consignment of bacon and ham shipped to a local restaurant by a Chicago packing concern. When the restaurant proprietor refused to accept it, the drayman dumped it into the creek.

PLAN FEDERATION MEET.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—A meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor in Washington Aug. 24, immediately following the return of President Samuel Gompers from Europe was announced Saturday.

TRANSPORT CREW WANTS MORE PAY

Army Vessel, Laden With Soldiers, Swings Idly at Frisco Docks.

By United Press:

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The army transport Dix, carrying 1,500 troops for Siberian replacement, is swinging idly at the army docks here, her departure delayed by a strike of her crew. These men demand a wage increase to equal the remuneration received by shipping board sailors.

The transport Sheridan, which brought in 1,000 troops from Siberia, will be laid up for repairs. The Sheridan damaged a propeller, 1,700 miles out. When the troops were placed on short rations as a precautionary measure, the soldiers threatened to raid the food stores. Threat of arrest prevented the mutiny.

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CARRANZA EXECUTES FOUR BANDITS WHO LOOTED OIL OFFICES

By United Press:

LAREDO, Tex., Aug. 23.—Four of seven bandits who robbed headquarters of the Pennsylvania Oil company were tied and gagged while 50,000 pesos Aug. 15, have been captured and executed by Carranza soldiers, according to a military telegram received by officials in Nuevo Laredo today.

Employees of the Pennsylvania company were tied and gagged while the bandits looted the office, the telegram said. Col. Cardenas immediately took up the chase, capturing four. Gen. Ricardo Gonzales, commanding the Tuxpan district, ordered the men executed.

Detachments are in pursuit of the three remaining bandits.

PROMISE ITALY RELIEF FROM COAL SCARCITY

By United Press:

ROME, Aug. 23.—Promise of relief in Italy's coal famine was given to the cabinet today by Signor Schanzer, minister of the treasury, who has returned from London. Great Britain, Schanzer said, promised him she would send half a million tons of coal to Italy as soon as possible.

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