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COX OWES HIS VICTORY TO SON-IN-LAW ARGUMENT

House of Wilson is Beaten by Old Democratic Organization—Best Strategy Won—McAdoo Forces Swept Off Their Feet in Last Ten Ballots.

San Francisco, July 6.—Divided against itself no house stands. Governor Cox is triumphant. Palmer and McAdoo are beaten. This falls the house of Wilson in the great battle between the old Democratic organization which was defeated at Baltimore in 1912, but which took sweet revenge in 1920 by eliminating two members of President Wilson's Administration—Attorney-General Palmer and former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo—and nominating a candidate who has not been identified with the Federal Administration in the last eight years, and who will therefore not inherit as much of the resentment against the Wilson Cabinet as the other two might have done.

It was within the power of the Wilson Administration to nominate either Palmer or McAdoo or someone else who had been a part of the President's official family. But Mr. Wilson literally kept his hands off, and his two opponents, Palmer and McAdoo, suffered from poor leadership and inexperienced management. A coalition of Palmer and McAdoo forces early in the convention would have defeated Cox. When Palmer released his delegates the moment for such a coalition had passed. The Cox managers knew they had but to hold out and win their battle on the basis of a divided body of delegates. To-day the McAdoo and Palmer men are unhappy.

Expect to Win Ohio.

But just as the disappointed friends of Lowden, Wood and Johnson gave one thought only to the prospect of perpetuating the Wilson rule, so the Democrats here compare Cox and Harding and say that as between the two they can make but one choice. Indeed, the fact that Cox carried Ohio three times as Governor and is fully expected by his supporters to carry Ohio over Harding is buoying up the Democrat hopes of victory next fall. "We will beat Harding in Ohio if you give us Cox," was the reiterated weapon of the Cox men here and it sank into the minds of the delegates who compared Cox with the son-in-law argument which the Republicans were sure to use about McAdoo. Yes, it was the son-in-law relationship that defeated McAdoo.

The McAdoo forces were swept off their feet in the last ten ballots by superior strategy. Ed Moore, floor manager for Cox, had the assistance of such astute politicians as Charlie Murphy, of New York, Jim Nugent, of New Jersey, and George Brennan, of Illinois. Those anti-Wilson forces won a victory over the Wilson people. There's no doubt of it. They shouted for Wilson and the League of Nations on platform questions, but they nominated a man who doesn't convey the same antagonism to the old line Democrats that a Wilson man would have carried.

Not Anti-Wilson

Governor Cox isn't anti-Wilson. The President has always had a high admiration for the Ohio governor and has praised the record of Governor Cox as a progressive. There is absolutely no doubt that the President will help Cox in his campaign by written statements, if that be deemed advisable. It may not help Cox in the east to have the stamp of Wilson's approval but that will be somewhat offset by the approval of the regular Democratic organizations. But in the west, unless Woodrow Wilson says Cox is a progressive and commends Cox to the electorate, the west will not warm up to Cox. The present inclination of the west is to go Republican anyway and it will take a good deal of Wilson's influence to country, let alone make him a strong candidate.

Consideration of this sort are influencing the Cox managers in trying to select a candidate for Vice-President. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has

the approval of Tammany for the Vice-Presidency, but while Cox and Roosevelt would please many delegates here, a ticket such as Cox and Murdock of Cox and Meredith would be ever so much more effective in getting western votes. Meredith is being boomed by some Cox adherents because of the belief that it will cement the Wilson branch of the party which lost the fight here and will tend to make for party harmony.

Cox's First Task.

The first task of Gov. Cox is to bring into line for himself the western Democracy which fought so valiantly for McAdoo. The main trouble will be the prohibition question. Bryan himself has written articles galore during this convention calling Cox the "candidate of the wets." The women of the West are not inclined to vote for wet candidates, especially if they are championed by Tammany. Governor Cox's statement to-day saying the only question involved in prohibition was one of law enforcement, will in all probability be the line he will take during the campaign, inasmuch as the Democratic platform doesn't mention the subject. But it will take a good deal more than that to carry conviction. Governor Cox will have to choose between the more or less wet east and the drier west as his battleground, and he will find it just as difficult to be neutral in the fight as a man who tries to carry water on both shoulders.

Governor Cox is by no means of the Tammany brand in politics though he owes his nomination to Murphy, Nugent, Brennan and Taggart, but so did Wilson owe his first nomination in New Jersey to organized Democrats. Governor Cox is the sort who will act in Democratic politics in spite of the support of the bosses which he got at San Francisco rather than with an eye to it. As the conviction, he can win the east this year if any Democrat can.

Cox Goes to Mother's Grave to Pray

Dayton, Ohio, July 7.—James Middleton Cox was at his newspaper publishing plant when he received word he had been nominated by the convention at San Francisco. As soon as he received reports of the 43rd ballot, Governor Cox made the first statement since the balloting started Friday: "Boys, it's all over and we have won," he said. Then he took a pipe and tobacco out of his pockets and remarked: "I think I will take a little smoke now," but before he could light the pipe he was interrupted by a shout from the telegraph operators: "Cox is nominated," they cried.

The crowd of men in the room surged forward, caught the Governor and with triumphant shouts hoisted him to their shoulders. The men bore the nominee to his front office, where Mrs. Cox had been waiting all night for the convention results. Mrs. Cox seized her husband kissing him and the tears streaming from her eyes. Governor Cox relaxed from the strain of the campaign and his eyes filled with tears. Mrs. Eades and Miss Elinor Parker, both of Dayton, with Mrs. John Root and Miss Elinor West, both of Chicago, who had been with Mrs. Cox through the trying ordeal of the long night, captured the Governor. They all kissed him and they all cried.

After the Governor had gone to his home in the morning for a brief rest, he went alone to Woodlawn cemetery and there at the grave of his mother he prayed.

"Throw any old shoes at the bride?"

"Not much. If I had any old shoes to throw away I'd get 'em fixed up and wear 'em."

White Goes To Ottawa To Receive Offer Of Canada's Premiership

Governor's Secretary Comes to Toronto—Sir Thomas Reiterates His Determination Not to Accept Post—Friends Urge Him to Change His Mind—Will Decide Today.

Sir Thomas White left for Ottawa late at the time to discuss the situation, when Sir Robert had not actually resigned, but in view of the rumors that were going around I felt impelled to speak. Since then I have notified Sir Robert Borden and my former colleagues that I was not available, and had the recent caucus been called upon to choose a successor to Sir Robert Borden, a letter from me would have been read, saying that I could not accept the position, and must not be considered a candidate.

One of the last it was evident that a strong pressure is being brought up on Sir Thomas to reconsider his determination. Hundreds of telegrams were received by him today urging him to accept the premiership and many more were forwarded to Muskoka before the telegraph companies learned that he was in the city. Sir Thomas is being pressed to accept the responsibility of the Premiership by members of the cabinet, members of parliament, and prominent citizens in all parts of the Dominion. Whether he will be able to withstand this pressure remains to be seen.

By Canadian Press

Sir Thomas White definitely stated tonight that he could not accept the leadership of the government, even if it should be offered to him. He arrived here this evening from Muskoka, and is on his way to Ottawa, where he has been asked, as a private councillor and member of parliament, to confer on the political situation.

To a representative of the Canadian Press he repeated the statement which he has made on several previous occasions, that he was not a candidate for any office in the government, and that his name was not available for consideration. He said that he retired from the government a year ago on the grounds, first, that his health had been seriously impaired by the continued strain of his official duties, and second, because of the pressing necessity of rehabilitating his private affairs, which, during his period of office, he had been obliged to neglect wholly. He would not allow business or financial considerations to stand in the way of public duty, but with the matter of health it was different, as the public interest itself was there involved.

Will Support Leader

"I am satisfied that if my name is eliminated from consideration, an acceptable leader will be chosen, and he will certainly have my hearty support.

"I do not know," Sir Thomas continued, "why the press or my friends consider me available. I have certainly done everything to indicate that I am not. Quite reluctantly I made the statement last December when it became known that Sir Robert Borden's health would soon compel him to retire. It seemed indel-

Rovno Fell Into Bolshevik Hands

(Special 4 p.m. Dispatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

LONDON, July 7.—The fortress of Rovno in Volhina to the east of Dubno and Latsk has fallen into Bolshevik hands, it is announced in a Soviet communique received from Moscow today. In capturing Rovno from the Poles the Bolsheviks took a thousand prisoners, two armored cars and considerable other equipment. In the direction of Proskuro, south of Rovno, the Bolsheviks broke through the fortified zone and are driving the enemy back along the railway in the direction of Tarnopol and Lemberg, the statement adds.

- 1870—Born at Jacksonburg, O.
- 1889—Reporter-défil on Dayton paper
- 1898—Bought Dayton Daily News
- 1903—Bought Springfield paper and formed News League of Ohio
- 1909—Began first of two terms in Congress
- 1913—Governor of Ohio
- 1915—Defeated for Governor by Frank B. White
- 1917—Defeated Willis and began second term as Governor
- 1919—Began third term as Governor
- 1920—Nominated as Democratic Presidential candidate

WILSON TO STUMP FOR COX

Washington, July 7.—Definite assurances were given at the White House that President Wilson plans to take an active part in the campaign to elect Governor Cox as his successor. It was indicated that if his health permits, the President will make stump speeches for the Ohio Governor.

Turk Nationalists to Collapse Soon

Greek Troops Have Swept the Country to West of Baloukessan

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 6.—Greek troops have swept the country west of Baloukessan, clear of Turkish forces as far as north of Adramit. They also have landed large forces at Chardex on the Dardanelles. Consequently, they expect to eliminate the Turks from the Province of Biglas shortly.

The Greek advance was so rapid and unexpected that the Turks were unable to destroy the railway, which with its rolling stock, was left intact. Dynamite had been placed under some bridges, but the Nationalists were in so great a panic that the charges were not exploded. Their retreat was in such disorder that the Greeks easily inflicted great losses upon them.

Eskishehr, the junction of the Bagdad and Ankara railways, is the point where the hardest fighting is anticipated. British observers predict that the Nationalist movement will collapse within a fortnight. They say the fall of Eskishehr will result in the surrender of Konia and the complete isolation of the Ankara government.

Treaty With Turkey Unchanged

(Special 4 p.m. Dispatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

SPA, Belgium, July 7.—Important clauses of the Peace Treaty with Turkey will remain as they are, it has been decided by the Supreme Council in session here. At this morning's meeting with Premier Venizelos of Greece, the present council decided it would be impossible to grant the Turkish request for revision of these clauses. A commission of experts will be appointed, however, to study the minor clauses with reference to partial revision of documents as far as these are concerned.

Says C. P. R. Behind Delay of Radials

(Special 4 p.m. Dispatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

TORONTO, July 7.—That the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is behind the decision of the Provincial U.F.O. Labor Government of Hon. H. C. Drury to delay for the present acquisition and extension of the Hydro Radial railway proposition in Ontario, is the assertion of Alfred J. MacGuire, member of the Toronto Board of Control of Vice-President of the Hydro Radial Association of Ontario. Controller MacGuire declared that the C. P. R. did not want the radial built and innocently or not, the Drury Government was in line with the C. P. R. There will be an emergency meeting of the Ontario Hydro Radial Association in Toronto tomorrow to deal with the situation.

LLOYD GEORGE HANDS GERMANY ULTIMATUM AT SPA CONFERENCE

Germans Must Present a Plan for Disarmament, Immediate Reduction of Army and Surrender of War Munitions or Conference May Break Up—Plea Made for Larger Force.

SPA, Belgium, July 6.—Whether the conference on the peace treaty breaks up tomorrow depends upon whether the Germans present a plan for disarmament, the immediate reduction of the German army from 200,000 to 100,000 men and the surrender of upwards of 1,500,000 rifles in the hands of the people, as well as other arms.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking for the allied governments at today's session, presented what may be called an ultimatum, but which Dr. Simons, the German foreign minister, termed "a very positive demand."

The German ministers are in session tonight at a villa three miles from Spa, which is picketed by gendarmes. Another meeting of the Germans will be held tomorrow morning. Dr. Simons said to The Associated Press this evening:

"We do not yet know what we will do. The situation is too serious for me to make a comment on it. I would rather you did not press me."

The impression among observers is that the Germans will present a plan. The German delegates do not appear unwilling for their people to see how difficult the position is.

The most dramatic moment of the session was when Premier Lloyd George said: "I do not believe that the Germans intend to execute the treaty."

The German foreign minister immediately interrupted, saying: "You have no right to make any such remark. We are trying to execute the treaty."

Chancellor Fehrenbach, invoking the name of the Creator, cried: "We are loyally trying to execute the treaty."

Sir Thomas May Yet Act as Leader

(Special 4 p.m. Dispatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

OTTAWA, July 7.—Clearing of political skies is expected during the day. The morning has been one of conferences practically the whole of the forenoon. Sir Thomas White was closeted with Sir Robert Borden and whole political situation was discussed soon after the arrival of the former Minister of Finance. Hon. N. W. Rowell joined the conference. Despite Sir Thomas White's repeated declarations that he has no desire to return to public life, the impression persists that he may yet be prevailed upon to form the new administration.

German Plan For Disarmament

(Special 4 p.m. Dispatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

SPA, Belgium, July 7.—Decision was reached by members of the German ministry and military officers attached to the German delegation here this morning to recommend to Konstantin Fehrenbach, head of the German delegation that the plan of disarmament for Germany be presented to the allied representatives this afternoon. The conference will, therefore, continue.

Bolshevik Attack on 700 Mile Front

(Special 4 p.m. Dispatch from Canadian Press Ltd.)

WARSAW, July 7.—Along a front of approximately seven hundred miles the Russian Bolsheviks have hurled greatest attack they have ever launched against the Polish lines. On the northern and southern flanks the Poles are retiring in the face of superior enemy attacks on northern sector being most severe. The struggle of this front will necessarily shorten their lines. The Poles have begun withdrawal at all points.

The two rings of lady bowlers from Belleville who played in Toronto yesterday against Parkdale Club were victorious over the Queen City rink.

Treaty Taken Up

The question of execution of the military, naval and aerial clauses of the Versailles treaty was taken up immediately after the formal meeting of the allied premiers with the representatives of Germany began at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon.

The German minister of defence, Herr Gessler, explained the German situation in support of the contention of the German government, that it must have an armistice of 300,000 men to maintain order in the republic.

Wedding Bells

WATSON—RICHMOND

At high noon on Wednesday last, June 30th, at Mark Street Methodist parsonage, Peterboro, a very pretty wedding took place, when Mr. W. L. Watson, of the town of Trenton, was united in marriage to Mrs. S. Richmond of the same place.

The bride was unattended and looked exceedingly well, wearing a rich gown of taupe silk. The parlor of the parsonage was tastefully decorated for the occasion with marguerites and ferns, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. G. E. Ross, a former pastor of the happy couple.

The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold wrist watch, and the bride travelled in a suit of brown serge with hat to match.

On their return from Toronto and other Western points, Mr. and Mrs. Watson will reside in Trenton. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

MELROSE

Farmers are busy cutting hay.

The baseball match held at Melrose on Saturday evening between Shannonville and Melrose was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibson and Mr. and Mrs. H. Kimerley of Selbie were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Haight on Sunday last.

Pleased to report Mr. Bidwell Kemmett's son, who has been operated upon for appendicitis, slowly improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family, of Foxboro, attended Melrose Church on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jeffrey and family, of Sidney and Mrs. Sarah Phillips also attended church and were guests of relatives in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrenson and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lawrenson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Morden on Sunday last after attending church.

Rev. and Mrs. Mair were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George English for a short time last week.

Miss Martin, of Thurlow is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Treverton.

When a girl turns a young man's proposal down he is apt to take it to heart because he feels sorry for her.