

Bryan Gets Plea Not to Pick Wet

Appointment of Judge Favoring Liquor Would Be Blow to Law, Drys Declare

Resented by Governor

By F. C. POWELL

Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 1.—Officials of the Antislavery league in an open letter to Governor Charles W. Bryan today urged him to select a successor to the late Judge A. M. Post of Columbus, who is in sympathy with the prohibition cause.

"No one would expect Governor Bryan to appoint a man not in sympathy with our statutes against murder or stealing," F. A. High, secretary of the league, said. "And no one should expect him to appoint a man who always has been against our prohibition laws."

"It makes no difference to the league whether the governor chooses a democrat or republican. Just so long as he is a man in sympathy with the prohibition movement, I don't care to name anyone. Governor Bryan knows the wet and dry men in this state as well as we do."

Too Much Wet Sympathy.

Following is the letter to Governor Bryan: "The wets in Nebraska, as elsewhere, are still trying to discredit prohibition. One of their favorite methods is to break down enforcement of the law. Wherever possible they seek to have men put in office who are in sympathy with their cause. This is especially true with officers of the courts."

"In order that the prohibition laws of our state may be properly enforced it is vitally necessary that the men who are chosen as judges shall be in sympathy with these laws."

"We, therefore, in the name of the dry forces of the state respectfully petition that in selection of the successor to Judge A. M. Post of the sixth judicial district, recently deceased, you consider such men only as have a dry record and who are known to be in sympathy with the prohibition laws."

"Respectfully yours, 'E. G. KNOCK, Chairman Headquarters Committee. 'W. A. TYLER, Secretary Headquarters Committee. 'F. A. HIGH, 'State Superintendent.'

Bryan Praises All Applicants. When Governor Bryan received a copy of this letter he said:

"In part the intent of this letter is to create suspicion in the minds of the public as to the veracity of our courts, something which is very lamentable."

"The attorneys who have applied for the position are all men of high character. I don't believe one would break his oath to uphold the laws of our statute books. Neither do I believe the men of high character and ability who are urging appointment of the various candidates would recommend anyone who would violate his oath of office. In making this ap-

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pointment I will be guided by three essentials.

Same as Election.

"First, the fitness of the candidate. "Second, the geographical location of his home in the district, so his duties may be carried out with efficiency and economy."

"Third, it is a non-political appointment, and I will act in a representative capacity, doing as nearly as possible that which the people of that district would do if the selection of a successor were left to the ballot."

"During the morning George L. Loomis, Fremont, former internal revenue collector; Walter Phillips and Otto Walter, county attorney of Platte county, called on the governor in support of the candidacy of Louis Lightner of Columbus. Mr. Lightner accompanied his friends into the governor's office."

Less Bible, More Economics, Plea for Theological Schools

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 1.—Less Bible and more psychology, sociology and economics in the courses given by the theological schools is urged in a report on "recruiting the ministry," to be presented by a committee of the Unitarian Laymen's league at the annual convention here September 11 to 16.

Crossing Perils Due to Motorists, Reporter Finds

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Nearly Hit by Motorist.

As we entered Lane cutoff, we struck two torpedoes. Tom at once closed his throttle a little and proceeded cautiously as the reports warned. On rounding a curve we found a section gang repairing a bridge. We crossed at about six miles an hour. Then Tom opened it up a trifle to make up 10 minutes lost.

Ralston appeared and disappeared to the south. On both sides stretched rolling prairie covered with corn and pasture growth.

Passing through Elkhorn, along the little river, after another motorist nearly ran into the train at the crossing, we sped past the station at Waterloo and met the first close shave.

Blow for Every Crossing.

By the time we had regained our breath we were nearing Valley. At the whistle signal, 500 feet from the grade crossing, Tom pulled the whistle rope and the first blast split the air. He had whistled for all other crossings, but he shouted that this one was especially bad.

Four shrieks, two long and two short at long intervals, to allow for the travel of sound were sounded. The last one was an echo when the engine was still 50 yards from the crossing.

A fraction of a second after the last sound had died away, a heavily laden truck trundled out on to and across the tracks.

A swish and a roar and we were past, with barely six feet to spare.

Danger All Round.

"It's things like that that get your goat," yelled Tom. "If I should try to stop the train in a hurry I'm taking a chance on sending the whole outfit into the ditch, with a large loss of life. If I don't stop, sometimes we hit what's on the track."

For a time the Platte river wound along to our left before we entered Fremont.

Here, again, in spite of the guards, two autos driven by men and boys carrying women and children attempted to beat the train to a crossing and then thought better of it.

Motorists Bump Trains.

"If they'd realize sooner they could not make it," shouted Kinney in my ear, "there wouldn't be near the number of accidents. Do you know that most accidents are caused by autos running into the trains, and not the other way?"

As we rocked along over the fertile Nebraska plains, sheep scurried away in the distance at the deafening challenge of the whistle.

Ames was passed. Suddenly, with the station at North Bend in sight, a torpedo exploded. Tom closed his throttle and applied the air brakes.

The panting monster came to a stop. It had been a text to see if our engine would obey the signal. He did.

"I don't believe in taking any chances," he smiled, "there are plenty darn fools who took my share."

Beat Train by 10 Feet.

The station at Rogers flashed past us and again the crossing whistle was sounded. This time it was a woman driving. She had her machine almost to a stop and I began to think that she, at least, would take no chance with the little girls at her side, when, quick as a thought, she dashed across the track scarcely 10 feet ahead of the prow of that giant ship of the steel rails.

"Fear for Americans.

Hundreds of Americans are touring the orient at this time of the year and fears are expressed for their safety as well as for the large number of Americans who reside in Yokohama and Tokio.

"This belief is bought out all the more strongly by the wording of the message from the Iwaka radio station to the Radio corporation here. The message follows:

"Confiration subsequent to severe earthquake at Yokohama at noon today (Saturday). Practically whole city abaze. Numerous casualties."

Two of the largest hotels patronized by English and American tourists, the Grand and Oriental hotels, with the Yokohama club, one of the largest in the orient, are located on the Kaigan Dol or bund, and overlook Yokohama bay.

Danger of Tidal Wave.

It is not infrequent for tidal waves to accompany such disturbances, and if this was the case at Yokohama the loss of life would be appalling.

Three of the principal hospitals of Yokohama are the general, British naval and United States naval hospitals. They are usually filled to capacity and the fate of their inmates is as uncertain as that of the other hundreds of thousands.

No direct word has been received from Tokio. Here, also, it is believed, great damage has been done. Rail communication, together with telephone and telegraph service, has been severed from the outside world. What has happened is problematical.

Ships Off Refuge.

Yokohama harbor is usually filled with shipping, and if the worst came, it would be possible for many thousands to save their lives by seeking safety aboard them.

Most of the buildings in Yokohama are of wooden construction and they would burn like tinder.

The Yokohama earthquake was recorded on the seismograph of the University of California. It is said to have been the most severe since the devastating tremor in Kansu province, China, in 1920.

The needle was kept in violent agitation for 3 hours and 50 minutes. The first tremor was registered at 10 minutes and 16 seconds past 7 last night.

Yokohama is the first among the ports of the Japanese empire. Its population exceeds 1,000,000.

Fear is expressed that because of the great intensity of the shock other cities of the empire may have been severely damaged, with attend-

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Each Has Its Thrills.

"I like to sell. I believe there is just about as much fascination in reading a big order for merchandise one sells as to read the theater program with your name in big type."

"I don't mind hanging up clothes on display racks instead of hanging my own beautiful stage dresses on the wall of a dressing room."

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Italy Lands Troops on Island of Corfu

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ed to make any representations to the Italian government. This crisis arose at an opportune time for Italy in one respect. Both Great Britain and France want Italy's support in dealing with the other absorbing difficulty—the settlement of the German reparations; both have good reasons to refrain from making themselves appear cool to Italy or its real ruler. Rippling are visible on the surface of affairs which is characteristic of European politics in delicate situations, and sections of the press in both Paris and London hint that the papers of the two capitals haven't shown an attitude toward Italy as friendly as they might display.

League's Right Doubtful.

Uncertainty as to whether the Greco-Italian conflict is really officially before the league of nations is causing much discussion tonight among the delegations here for the assembly. There is some disappointment that the council did not take a more definite stand this afternoon with respect to the situation than merely postponing discussion of the matter until next Tuesday and expressing the hope that the two countries would commit no acts of a nature to aggravate the situation.

On the other hand, there are many delegates who hold that the league council is an executive body acted wisely in consenting to a brief adjournment. "In any case there is considerable uncertainty, as the council's action in no wise commits it to intervention."