

COOLIDGE HIRAM BATTLE ON WAY

South Dakota Primaries First Clean-Cut Test of Relative Strength.

Washington, March 25.—President Coolidge came to grips with Senator Hiram Johnson today in the South Dakota primaries in the first clean-cut test of strength with his California rival.

The Coolidge managers have telegraphed the White House that everything is ship-shape and they expect a continuance of the president's victorious march toward nomination at Cleveland 10 weeks hence.

On the other hand the Johnson managers on the ground have told their friends that the president is due to experience his first setback and suffer his initial defeat in the prevention campaign.

Today's Election Important. Both Coolidge and the Johnson camps have placed an importance on the outcome of today's balloting that far transcends the number of delegates involved.

Coolidge already has 225 delegates in his pocket and the acquisition of 13 more is not in itself considered particularly vital.

What the Coolidge managers are anxious to avoid is possible the experience of a defeat in the first clear contest the president has had with a serious rival.

Vital to Johnson. To Senator Johnson, however, the outcome today in South Dakota is even more important. Johnson has concentrated on the state and he has been aided there by one of the senators, Peter Norbeck, and a powerful and aggressive state organization. If, with this aid, which is more than he can expect in other states, he cannot turn the tide against the present occupant of the White House his candidacy is in a bad way, according to the political bird birds in the capital.

3 NEW SMALLPOX CASES REPORTED

Three new cases of smallpox in Omaha have been reported to the attention of city health officials within the last 48 hours.

The cases are of a man, 54, in the Davenport hotel; another man, 34, in the St. James hotel, and a 15-year-old boy living at 5123 Pine street. The boy attends B.S. school. Health Commissioner Flint visited the school this morning to see that health measures were complied with.

All persons who were in contact with the victims must be vaccinated and the rooms fumigated.

MUNY GAS WILL HAVE COMPETITOR

A 14,500-gallon gas tank is being constructed on lots adjacent to the municipal gas station at Sixteenth and Iard streets for the sale of gasoline at retail for 10 cents a gallon or less.

The erection was begun by B. S. Elrod and E. E. Howell & Son. The project has been promised the support of the "15-Cent league," which now has 3,000 members, according to Dr. F. J. Despecher, organizer.

Elrod denied that the purpose of the new tank would be to undersell the city gas station.

"Truth Drug" Suggested by Man From California to Facilitate Oil Inquiry

Washington, March 25.—Science was introduced into the senate oil investigation today when the Wheeler committee received an appeal to "try scopolamin," the truth serum, or its witnesses.

M. H. Wilcoxson of Santa Monica, Cal., urged that the truth serum be tried first on Senator Reed Smoot, republican, of Utah, who in replying to a recent attack on him in the senate, declared "if it were possible that my whole heart could be opened so that the world could read my thoughts, I am perfectly willing that it be done."

Smoot's statement followed insinuations that "something was wrong" because he sent a secret note to E. L. Doheny while the oil magnate was testifying in the Walsh investigation.

BANKER TESTIFIES BEFORE OIL QUIZ

Washington, March 25.—Further inquiry into the financial affairs of Albert B. Fall and into stock speculation by high officials was made today by the oil committee at a brief and colorless session. It then adjourned until Thursday.

M. D. Tratcher, president of the First National bank of Pueblo, Colo., was questioned about Fall's bank account and afterward Senator Walsh, the committee prosecutor, announced that the check up showed that the former interior secretary had acquired \$32,000 of the purchase of ranch property from a source yet undisclosed. It previously had been indicated, the senator said, that the funds might have come from the Tratcher interests.

Senator Tratcher formerly turned over to the district attorney the case of Harry F. Sinclair, cited for contempt because of his refusal to testify.

HOUSE ACCEPTS NEW NAVY SITE

Washington, March 25.—The offer of San Diego, Cal., to the navy of a block of ground and a water front site for a naval pier free of cost was accepted today by the house naval affairs committee.

An authorization for an appropriation of \$300,000 to begin construction of the pier and car tracks, and to do necessary dredging was voted by the committee. The total cost of the improvement is estimated at \$1,000,000 and it is to be completed within two years.

FREE STATE ARMY OFFICER IS KILLED

Dublin, March 25.—A free state army officer was killed in a clash between free state and irregular troops at Carrigaline, near Cork city, today. The officer, Major J. J. O'Connell, was killed by a bullet from the irregulars, who were captured.

Rumors were flying that dissensions within the free state government may lead to a dissolution of the Dull Eireann and a general election at an early date.

It is understood that President William T. Cosgrave is anxious to resign on account of ill health.

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