

LATTE'S JUSTIFIED CHARGES

Coolidge Looks Like Sure Victor

Possibility of La Follette's Deadlocking Election Fading Now; Must Carry West to Do So.

Davis Out of Running

By R. H. PETERS. About every so often, as election day approaches, some one of the national candidates, their managers, or their lieutenants break out in a bad attack of state claiming. And the higher his post in the party the greater the expense upon which he carries the party initials.

La Follette, in Omaha recently, told his audience that his election was assured. A trip of some 16,000 miles has so convinced John W. Davis that the voters gave him and him only, that he dictated a formal statement to the press in which he staked out a claim to the entire United States. Now it is an axiomatic law of physics that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at one and the same time.

One or both of these candidates must be in error and, since both ignore the two most likely possibilities, namely, the re-election of Calvin Coolidge or the necessity of congress choosing a president, the percentage is strongly against both of them.

Coolidge, on reports from the various states, looks today like an odd-on winner. Unless the La Follette strength develops at the last moment with surprising rapidity Coolidge will be returned to office next Tuesday. Should La Follette come with a rush the election will go to congress, but the possibility is in no measure as great as the possibility of Coolidge's re-election. Davis, on paper, is strong only in the south and cannot gather the necessary 265 electoral votes. La Follette is dangerous only as a possible deadlocker, and not as a candidate with a chance of election.

Demo Observer Sees Coolidge Win.

In this prediction of a Coolidge victory political correspondents of the Chicago Daily Tribune, the Chicago Herald and Examiner and the Kansas City Star concur. The Herald and Examiner gives Coolidge 237 new electoral votes of the 531. The Chicago Daily Tribune foresees a Coolidge re-election and possible republican landslide. The Herald and Examiner places Nebraska in the La Follette column; the Kansas City Star and the Tribune in the doubtful column.

And it is equally significant that a veteran political observer of the democratic New York World who came west a few short weeks ago convinced that the election would go to congress turned back east almost equally certain of a Coolidge victory.

A digest of reports from the various states which lead to the prediction of a Coolidge victory as the most likely possibility, with the chance of a deadlocked election possible but not as probable as a continuation of the Coolidge administration follows:

The manager of a party with any chance at all of election falls heir to a nucleus of states upon which he can write "mine" without provoking any great argument. Clem Shaver inherited the "solid south." Butler the New England states and Pennsylvania, and La Follette Wisconsin and possibly Minnesota and North Dakota. Those are states which, barring an unforeseen and horrific disaster are "sure."

Davis Starts With 114.

Around them is built the campaign and the battle ebbs and flows in distant lands where hope of victory springs eternal.

FIRE DESTROYS GRAIN ELEVATOR

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 27.—The elevator of the Wright Lee Company was destroyed by fire Sunday evening at Harbine, Neb., west of here on the Rock Island. The town is without fire protection and the plant is a total loss.

About 1,500 bushels of wheat, 2,000 bushels of corn and some oats were destroyed. The loss is placed at \$10,000, covered by insurance. The fire is thought to have been started by sparks from a passing locomotive.

We Have With Us Today

Dr. Cecil S. Dickinson, Los Angeles, Cal., Medical Man.

Dr. Dickinson, still a youth, has had experiences that make much fiction seem tame. He was born and educated in England, and fought with the Royal Flying Corps during the war. Later he came to the United States and studied medicine at the University of California. He is returning to Los Angeles from a three-months' visit in England, and stopped off here to visit a few days with Mrs. Tancock, who also was a member of the famous British flying organization.

Ziegfeld Still Does Own Picking, He Warns

By Universal Service. Chicago, Oct. 26.—Florenz Ziegfeld—he of the Follies fame—broadcast a warning today. It was this:

"I'm boss of the Follies and I pick 'em. Beauty shows are all right but they don't pick my beauties. Sometimes the prize is a trip around the world—that's worth something.

"But in other cases the prize is an introduction to me. That isn't worth anything. If a girl has qualities for making good in one of my shows she doesn't need an introduction."

Ziegfeld admitted there are a lot of new beauties in his show this season, and he claimed all the credit for picking them.

McMullen Wages War on Governor Despite Bad Cold

Candidate Speaks in 11 Towns in Second and Third Districts; Raps Bryan Road Program.

By P. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee. Bancroft, Neb., Oct. 27.—Despite a raw throat and a hoarse voice Adam McMullen, republican candidate for governor, continued today to wage the same aggressive active campaign that has characterized his tour of the last seven weeks. During the day he spoke in 11 towns in the Second and Third congressional districts.

The itinerary included Blair, Herman, Tekamah, Crair, Oakland, Rosalie, Walthill, Pender, Lyons and Bancroft.

At Herman, Mr. McMullen met E. C. Houston of Tekamah, candidate for congress, and a caravan of boosters from Tekamah and vicinity which accompanied the party throughout the day. The caravan included R. K. Hancock, J. B. Buller, D. C. Sutherland, H. E. Valder, H. L. Webster, C. G. Norsien, J. E. Cornish, E. I. Ellis, A. Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Corwell, Mrs. Burr Latta, Mrs. E. C. Houston, Mrs. Mary Goodwill, Mrs. Charles Fuller, J. G. Nesbit, Cook Milten, C. A. Jack, State Senator Wilkins, B. J. Latta and C. L. Holland.

The Houston campaign is reaching the proportions of a cyclone. The energy of Houston, his record as a hard-headed, self-made western business man coupled with the record of Edgar Howard, his opponent, in the last congress promises to place the Third district in the republican column. In the last three weeks Edgar Howard has been working as he never did before in his life and practically all of his speeches are confined to an explanation of certain votes in the last congress.

Houston has produced a record showing that there were 27 farm measures up for a vote in the last congress. Howard, according to Houston, failed to vote on all excepting two of the 27 bills.

"The farmers are entitled to more consideration from a congressman than was given to them by Edgar Howard," Houston said in his speeches today.

Mr. McMullen emphasized the poor business policy pursued by Governor Bryan in delaying the award of road contracts until just before election for the purpose of making a false showing of economy. The road contractors, he asserted, unable for 16 months to obtain any contracts for work in the state, are now flooded with more contracts than they can complete by winter and in many instances half-completed roads must be used, until spring.

"This will be a costly loss for taxpayers and autoists and for no other reason than to further the political future of one man, Charles W. Bryan," Mr. McMullen said. "The money for this work was in the treasury all last summer and all this summer. It was kept there to produce a false comparison of expenditures in a certain period of months under the Bryan administration against a like period in the former administration."

A large delegation of Blair citizens accompanied the party to the Washington county line. They were: E. B. Carrigan, I. O. Hopewell, Eliza King, S. G. Gearhart, Grace Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Brown, Jack Carrigan, Bernard Lundt, O. M. Ireland, Mrs. E. E. Castetter and Scott Castetter.

Sam Reynolds Speaks on Library Bond Issue

Sam W. Reynolds, past commander of the Douglas county post of the American Legion, will address a meeting of that body in the council chamber of the city hall tonight in favor of the voting of \$50,000 bonds for the erection of a North Side branch library.

On the same evening J. H. Mithen, chairman of the library board's special committee in support of the bonds, will speak before the Fontenelle Improvement club at Forty-fifth and Corby streets at 8.

Glass Says G.O.P. Heads Not Honest

Virginia Senator Challenges Leaders to Oppose Borah and Norris Because of Court Issue.

Attacks Hughes' Talks

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 27.—Declaring he was seeking to "test the honesty" of republican party leaders, Senator Carter Glass, democrat, of Virginia, challenged President Coolidge in a campaign speech here tonight, to come out in opposition to the re-election of Senators Borah of Idaho, Norris of Nebraska and other republicans who favor changes in the status of the supreme court.

Unless the republican managers do so, said the Virginia senator, their "persistent efforts to project an issue of constitutional security" into the campaign must be regarded as "a device of honest purpose."

He attacked particularly the recent utterances of Secretary Hughes regarding the La Follette court issue.

Praising John W. Davis, Glass declared that "with a single exception, it may temperately be said that no man was ever nominated by any party or elected president who was better fitted for the grave responsibilities of government."

The senator declared he had "no" agreement with the policies advocated by Senator La Follette, "except honest government" but added that "whatever has vagaries, some of the eminent republican critics might with profit imitate his frankness."

Republican attacks on the La Follette court proposal, he said, were only "red herrings" drawn across the trail.

Bill Author Borah.

Exhibiting a document to his audience, Senator Glass said it was a senate bill, introduced by Senator Borah of Idaho, and supported by other republicans, proposing to submit the question of altering the processes of the supreme court by requiring the concurrence of seven members of the court before an act of congress might be pronounced unconstitutional.

"The author of this bill," he said, "is William E. Borah, senior senator from Idaho. Borah is the republican nominee for re-election. If re-elected he will naturally press for the passage of his bill, because he earnestly believes a change should be made.

"If President Coolidge and his secretary of state mean what they say about the 'menace to constitutional government' involved in the La Follette candidacy, why do they omit to denounce Borah and Norris and other republican candidates for re-election to the senate who favor quite as startling a change in the supreme court procedure as does La Follette?"

Bethany Alumnj Pledges Half Way to Goal of \$75,000

Lindsborg, Kan., Oct. 27.—Alumni pledges to the Bethany college endowment fund have reached the \$40,000 mark, well over halfway toward the \$75,000 goal set by the alumni division in the endowment and Temple of Music appeal. While the other groups—the church, state and home community—have been mobilizing their force to begin the fight November 16, the alumni hope to have their pledges completed by November 1.

Dr. E. J. Garver Dies.

Beatrice, Oct. 27.—News has been received here of the death of Dr. J. E. Garver, formerly of this city, at his home at Los Angeles, of apoplexy. He was a brother of Mrs. Alice Stepp of this city.

Still Talking About League of Nations

John W. Davis and democratic party leaders seem unable to realize that the League of Nations is not an issue in this campaign. Mr. Davis drags forth the bones of the league upon every provocation. The democratic platform pledges the party to take the league "out of politics" through a scheme for a referendum, but Mr. Davis is not content, he keeps on dragging out the bones.

At the beginning of the campaign Mr. Davis spoke slurringly of the Washington conference of armament, assembled by President Harding. In effect he said it didn't amount to much. He overlooked the fact that it cut billions of dollars out of the taxes of a half-dozen nations and reduced naval armament by nearly one-half. He overlooked the fact that the Washington conference put an end to the race of the nations to see who should have the largest navy.

Throughout the campaign Mr. Davis and his supporters have sneered at the Dawes plan for the economic reconstruction of Europe. These two accomplishments, brought about by giving attention to main facts, have resulted in more good to the world than all the work of the League of Nations—and, best of all, the United States has worked out these improvements without in any way becoming entangled in the politics of Europe or of Asia.

In a sense Mr. Davis has been in an almost impossible position during the campaign. In order to stir up a real row there must be two in the fight. Mr. Davis has lashed out right and left with attacks upon President Coolidge, but the president has refused to notice him. Davis has tried to "issue" after another, all to no avail—the president has kept on the even tenor of his way, refusing to get excited over it.

In contrast to Mr. Davis and Mr. La Follette Mr. Coolidge has outlined the accomplishments of the last four years and said to his fellow citizens: "There is the record, if you agree with what has been done you will vote the republican ticket. The big thing in the republican record is the restoration of prosperity—it seems certain that the election will put its seal of approval upon prosperity and return Calvin Coolidge to the presidency."

No, Mr. Davis, the League of Nations is not an issue. There is only one issue, prosperity. We now have prosperity, even in the deflated middle west. The people are not to be diverted by shadow boxing. The issue is prosperity, we have prosperity, we will vote to hold on to it.

Tong Theory in Slaying Given Up

Detective Chief Believes Woman May Be at Bottom of Chinese Shooting.

Chin Him, Chinese cook held in connection with the murder of Ung Len, a waiter, shot dead Monday morning in what police first believed to be a tong war killing, denied all knowledge of the crime in a statement made to police through interpreters Monday afternoon.

Despite his story, Chin will be charged Tuesday with Ung's murder, Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum announced.

In his statement Monday afternoon to Omaha Chinese business men, Chin declared that he was in the basement of the restaurant at 1304 Douglas street when Ung was shot. He asserted that he was starting up the basement stairs when he heard the four shots in the kitchen.

He leaped back into the basement, he said, and heard the footsteps of someone running into booth adjoining the kitchen. A revolver was found in this booth.

Chin asserted that he then heard the man rush from the restaurant. Chin then came upstairs and left the restaurant, he said.

Police are not satisfied by this story, for they believe that Chin should have immediately notified police of the shooting. Instead, he remained away for 15 minutes and did not return to the restaurant until after police had arrived.

Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum said Monday afternoon that he had almost completely abandoned the belief that the shooting was in revenge for some offense against a tong.

Police are still investigating a clue which indicates that the shooting resulted from rivalry for the affections of a woman.

Patrolman Bell, walking his beat near Thirteenth and Douglas streets, heard the shots which killed Ung. Bell ran up the alley between Douglas and Dodge streets, and found the rear door of the restaurant standing ajar. Pushing in, he found Ung's body, a bullet in the back, lying on the kitchen floor. He had died almost instantly.

A revolver containing four empty shells was found in a booth adjoining the kitchen.

Family of Wallace on Way Home

Funeral Party Leaves Capital With Body of Secretary of Agriculture After White House Service.

Burial in Des Moines

Washington, Oct. 27.—Funeral services for Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, were held in the east room of the White House today, and tonight the body, in care of members of the family and close personal friends, is being carried back to Des Moines, Ia., Wallace's home, for burial there Wednesday.

The funeral party left here at 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Des Moines late tomorrow. Wednesday the body will lie in state at the Iowa state capitol for several hours prior to the funeral services to be held in that city. State business will be suspended while the body reposes in the capitol building.

Accompanying Mrs. Wallace on the journey are her two daughters, Miss Ruth, who was with her in Washington at the time of her husband's death, and Mrs. Angus McMay of Birmingham, Mich.; her three sons, James A. and Harry A. of Des Moines, and John of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and John P. Wallace, a brother of the secretary. Another daughter, Mrs. Charles Bruggeman, is abroad.

Secretary Work, who was designated by President Coolidge to serve as his special representative at the funeral services, was a member of the acting secretary of Agriculture, James C. Davis, director general of railroads, and Mrs. Davis, close friends of the family, and Maj. James F. Coupland and Dr. Joel T. Boone, White House physicians.

Platte Bridge Order Denied

Judge Goss Refuses to Halt Work at Center Street Site.

District Judge Goss, in a decision Monday, denied an injunction to stop building a bridge over the Platte river at Center street.

The work was to go forward in spite of the injunction. County Commissioner Unit said. Elids will be opened at Wahoo, October 31 by the commissioners of Douglas and Saunders counties and the state engineer.

The bridge is to be 1,200 feet long and cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

Half the cost will be paid jointly by the two counties and state; the other half by the federal government. If the bridge had been built at Q street, the federal government would have paid nothing.

The injunction suit was brought by Harry Cowles and John H. Copenhaver, property owners, on the eve of opening the original bids in Wahoo a few weeks ago. A temporary restraining order was issued.

The next Platte river bridge north of the center street site is at Valley, six miles. The next one south of center street is near Ashland, 11 miles.

Farmer Sells His Stock and Will Enter Ministry

Beatrice, Oct. 27.—At the Swigart Miller farm, near Holmesville, southeast of here, 14 purebred Shorthorn cattle brought fair prices. The young animals sold at \$50 to \$60 a head, and a 4-year-old bull went for \$101. The better cows brought around \$85 and grades went from \$40 to \$50 a head. Mr. Miller intends to enter the Brethren ministry and will leave soon for Kansas to attend Bethel college.

Draft Completed Upon Opinion About Taxes

Washington, Oct. 27.—Experts of the Department of Justice have completed a draft of an opinion on the question of whether newspapers may publish facts relating to income tax payments without violating the law. Attorney General Stone gave their views some study late today but was unable to complete the examination of the draft and will give it further attention tomorrow.

Bonfire Destroys Barn.

Wymore, Oct. 27.—Men working on the highway on the Hook road, southwest of Wymore, Saturday set fire to dead grass and weeds at the roadside and, fanned by a breeze, the flames spread across a narrow stretch of meadow and burned the frame barn on the George Campbell farm, causing a loss of about \$500. The farm was untenanted, being rented by the farmer adjoining.

Fire at Unfinished Medical Arts Building

Members of the Omaha fire department answered a downtown fire alarm Monday night, momentarily, had all the earmarks of being something, little short of a miracle. The call was to the Medical Arts building.

When the department reached the scene of the blaze they found no flames licking up the steel girders and beams of the well-aired structure. The flames were confined to the construction engineer's office. They were quickly extinguished. Damage was slight.

Man Who Fractured Hip in Leap From Window Escapes

Otto Kahn, Held Under Guard in Hospital, Taken to Waiting Auto in Wheel Chair.

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 27.—Otto Kahn, under guard here in a hospital while he awaited trial on a charge of burglary, escaped from the institution today. Two accomplices aided the prisoner in his escape.

Kahn had been in the hospital for the last two weeks suffering from a fractured hip. Attending physicians had declared the man unfit to stand trial and had said that it would be several weeks before the hip would knit sufficiently to make moving him possible.

The hip was broken when Kahn leaped from the second story window of the C. D. Bellows home. He had been surprised while ransacking the place and his only chance of escape was through the window of the room in which he had hidden.

Kahn took a chance and dove from the window. He landed on one foot and fractured his hip. There was no accomplice as far as police could determine then.

This morning Kahn paid his hospital bill and asked permission to be moved about in a wheel chair. The chair was fixed so that he could be moved with the least pain.

A short time later two men came to the hospital. They drove up in a large touring car and asked to visit Kahn. After talking for a few minutes they pushed him toward the front of the building, then suddenly ran out the front door, loaded him into the automobile and drove away.

Pursuit was started at once, every neighboring town was notified of the escape and every road leading from the city was covered. But no trace of Kahn or his friends could be found. Authorities think now that the automobile got through their lines in some manner and that Kahn is now in Kansas City.

The grand jury which met last week indicted Kahn for the robbery of the Bellows home. A warrant had been issued for his arrest but, owing to his condition, it had not been served.

SENATOR NELSON IS FOR COOLIDGE

Atlantic, Ia., Oct. 27.—Senator Julius Nelson, of the Cass Shelby district, has declared himself in favor of President Coolidge, but is not in accord with his running mate, Gen. Charles G. Dawes. He made his "choice" known at rural political meeting held near here when pushed for an answer by a local attorney. He also said that he "thought Senator Robert M. La Follette was 'a fine man' and did not see why the politicians hounded him out of the senate. He is not a candidate this year, his term being for two years yet.

MAYOR OF EXIRA SEVERELY BURNED

Atlantic, Ia., Oct. 27.—Mayor E. B. Voss of Exira, Ia., lies at his home in a critical condition, the result of burns sustained while fighting a blaze at his son's wood shop. Part of his clothing was burned off. It is feared he inhaled flames.

Attempt Made to Fire Banker's Home Fails

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 27.—What is believed to have been an attempt to fire the home of C. N. Hinde, banker at Odell, Neb., was discovered this morning when about two gallons of gasoline was found to have been poured over the wash room of the home. Red pepper was also discovered in the yard, placed there, it is presumed, to throw bloodhounds off the scent in case they were used. Sheriff Sailing is investigating the case.

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Twelve Jailed FOR TAR PARTY

By International News Service. Frederick, Md., Oct. 27.—Jail terms were meted out here today to one woman and 11 men for their part in the tarring and feathering of Mayor Grandon, 59, along the Myersville road last July.

Mrs. Mary Shanks, who took a prominent part in the tarring party because Dorothy "ramped" her husband, received two sentences of nine months each, one for rioting and one for tarring and feathering. The terms will run concurrently, however, so Mrs. Shanks will serve only nine months in the county jail.

VETERAN RAILWAY CONDUCTOR DIES

Atlantic, Ia., Oct. 27.—Thomas Donahue, veteran passenger conductor on the Iowa division of the Rock Island railroad, and a brother of Martin Donahue of Adair, is dead at his home in Davenport. He was well known at all points between Davenport and Omaha. He had been on the retired list for two years.

Stations on Burlington-Iowa Line Are Looted

Maryville, Mo., Oct. 27.—Stations along the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad from Quiltman to Heppburn, Ia., have been looted during the last few days. The robberies were all reported to C. W. Moses, agent at Burlington Junction.

Saturday night thieves entered the stations at Quiltman, Westboro, Clearmont and Maitland, Mo., and Braddyville, Villisca and Shambaugh, Ia.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Oct. 27. Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths. Total, since total since October 1, 1924. Deficiency, Percent.

New Probe to Be Held at Chicago

Expenditure of Enormous Sums on Behalf of Independent Ticket Is Claim of G. O. P.

Walsh Seeks Priority

Washington, Oct. 27.—Charges that "enormous sums" are being spent on behalf of the La Follette-Wheeler ticket were made today before the senate campaign fund investigating committee by the republican national committee, through its counsel, Westmouth Kirkland of Chicago.

Frank P. Walsh, counsel for Senator La Follette, said he would be glad "to have that brought out" but that he would have to insist that the witnesses summoned at his request be heard first.

"The time should be divided," interrupted Kirkland. "It does seem to me that some of these things should be laid before the voters before election day."

Walsh held the republican national committee had had opportunity to be represented and to present evidence of its charges. He added that with his own witnesses already summoned they should have "priority" on the witness stand.

The committee did not decide the issue and the argument was halted by Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, who presented a letter purporting to have been written by Graf D. Cushing of the republican city committee of Boston, which the senator said, "showed there were two republican funds in Boston."

A portion of the letter read into the record said it appeared that the Massachusetts finance committee would find it impossible to devote its funds to Massachusetts and that additional money would have to be raised. The money heretofore raised in Massachusetts, the letter added, was to be sent to the west for use in states there that are in doubt.

Samuel Undermyer of counsel for Senator Robert M. La Follette asked the committee to subpoena W. L. Mellon of Pittsburgh, a relative of Secretary Mellon, in connection with republican campaign collections in Pennsylvania.

Banker on Stand.

The first witness heard today was Guy D. Emerson, vice president of the Bankers Trust company of New York, and chairman of the contributors' committee engaged in collecting campaign funds for the republican campaign in New York. He testified that in Massachusetts and that contributions from more than 60,000 contributors, which, he estimated, would exceed \$900,000. He declared all of the money collected would be sent through the treasurer of the republican national committee and would be reported to the senate committee.

Emerson said the plan had been to reach all "groups" in New York city and that between 50 and 75 committees had been organized in the various trades, industries and professions. A group of advertising men, under the leadership of "our advertising man," he said, had paid for a full page advertisement in a New York newspaper at a cost of \$1,500.

FUMES OF GAS ARE FATAL TO TWO MEN

New York, Oct. 27.—Two men are dead and three are confined to Reconstruction hospital today suffering from a strange toxic delirium resulting from the breathing of gases in the Bayway plant of the Standard Oil company at Elizabeth, N. J.

Father of 17 Children Is Dead at Beatrice

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 27.—William Mahlock, 70, wealthy stock raiser and farmer of Gage county for more than 50 years, died at his home eight miles northwest of Beatrice Monday afternoon. He owned 1,200 acres of farmland and for years was a heavy shipper of stock from this county. He was the father of 17 children, 14 of whom, with the wife and mother, survive.

Mexican President Will Visit Coolidge

Washington,