

Minnesota Fair Host To Harding

G. O. P. Nominee Outlines Agricultural Program Designed to Improve Farm Conditions, in Speech.

Must Determine Policy

By The Associated Press.
Minnesota State Fair Grounds, Sept. 8.—An agricultural program designed to keep the nation self-sustaining and to improve the condition of the farmer was outlined by Senator Harding, republican nominee for the presidency, in a speech today at the Minnesota state fair.

In specific terms the candidate set forth his policy as contemplating the following steps:
Larger representation for farmers in governmental affairs, particularly with regard to trade and finance.
Establishment of a system of cooperative associations for marketing farm products.

Study World Market.
A scientific study of the world market for farm products with a view to stabilization of prices.

Curtailment of unnecessary price-fixing and of "ill-considered efforts arbitrarily to reduce farm product prices."

Administration of the farm loan act so as to decrease tenancy, promote diversified farming and provide long-term credits.

Restoration of railway facilities to a state of high efficiency.

Revision of the tariff to protect American agriculture from unfair competition.

Have Two Projects.

Both reclamation and intensive farming, the nominee said, would have their places in a development of the nation's agricultural resources to a capacity which would insure to posterity an abundance of domestic food products. He stressed the need for diversified crops and also declared it essential that there be a normal balance between grain and livestock production.

Deplored the drift of population from country to city, Senator Harding advocated an improvement in the social life of the farm and such an administration of economic laws as would insure "a fair balance between urban and rural industries." He praised the part played by the farmers during the war, declaring that "it never will be understood or fully appreciated by our people."

Can Feed Everyone.

The candidate described his conception of the future of American farming as contemplating a "system of agriculture which will enable us to feed our people abundantly, with some to spare for export in years of plenty, and at prices which will insure to the farmer and his family both financial rewards and educational, social and religious living conditions fairly comparable to those offered by cities."

Drive on Prices Useless.

"Government drives against food prices such as we have experienced during the past two years are equally vain and useless," he continued. "The ostensible purpose of such drives is to reduce the price the consumer pays for food. The actual result is unjustly to depress for a time the prices the farmer receives on his grain and live stock. The result is to settle the price of food on the consumer's price. Such drives simply give the speculator and the profiteer additional opportunity to add to their exactions."

Admits Attempts to Ridicule Governor

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 8.—G. V. Sanders, editor of the Houston Press, the principal witness before the general court-martial in the trial of Col. Billie Foster, admitted publishing articles tending to ridicule Governor Hobby, General Wolters and the national guard.

Sanders, under questioning, said such articles were intended to be merely funny. He detailed the efforts of three national guard officers to arrest him at the Country Club in Houston and told of making his escape from them.

Mile High City Released From Military Control

Denver, Sept. 8.—Shortly after issuing a proclamation putting an end to military control of Denver and its suburbs, Col. C. C. Ballou, military commandant, announced that 250 federal troops here on riot duty during the street railway strike, would return to Camp Funston at once. Two hundred and fifty other Camp Funston troops and a similar number from Fort Logan will remain here indefinitely, it was announced. The returning detachment will leave as soon as transportation is available, probably tomorrow, it was stated.

Liverpool and Manchester Printers Still on Strike

London, Sept. 8.—Liverpool and Manchester were still without newspapers, as a result of the strike of compositors, begun August 30, for more pay.

In Liverpool, however, two publications were issued last evening by the photographic.

Betting Odds Favor Harding as Winner

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Teamed Wire.

New York, Sept. 8.—Between \$300,000 and \$400,000 has been wagered in the financial district on the result of the presidential election. Most of this has been placed at 2 to 1 and 3 to 1 that Harding will be the victor. There has, however, been a fair sprinkling of special bets, according to James W. Ball & Co., to the effect that one candidate or the other will carry certain doubtful states. In such cases, odds materially different from those prevailing as to the country at large have ruled. Democratic enthusiasts continue to ask 3 to 1, while the republicans offer 2 to 1.

Relatives Are Not Allowed to See MacSwiney

Mayor Is Growing Weaker—British Coalition Government Threatened with Disruption.

By The Associated Press.
London, Sept. 8.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, entered today on the twenty-seventh day of his hunger strike, which began on August 12, following his arrest by British authorities at Cork. Reports from Brixton prison stated he was a little brighter this morning, but much weaker and more exhausted. It was added he had passed a fairly good night.

The tenacious hold on life of Lord Mayor MacSwiney, tonight has started to split the British coalition government asunder. How great the rift is no one knows. Whether it will be healed before it becomes a public matter cannot be foretold. But there are unmistakable signs that it is starting.

The prisoner himself may wipe out all possibilities at any moment by dying. Then the die will have been cast. But the pressure of world sentiment, generated by the courage of the mayor—giving of his life for the principle of self-determination—is making itself felt.

The full moral force of organized labor in Great Britain was placed behind the hunger strike today by the conference at Portsmouth of the labor congress representing 6,500,000 workers. The congress passed a resolution reading:

"We view with horror and indignation the decision to allow Lord Mayor MacSwiney to die. The whole of organized labor will hold the government responsible for the death. Such blind stupidity will render the reconciliation of England and Ireland almost impossible."

"We are doing everything possible to prevent the carrying out of the insane government policy toward Lord Mayor MacSwiney," said J. H. Thomas, representing the railroad men. He read the letter of Bonar Law saying the government is justified in its course because MacSwiney is a rebel. He then declared that Bonar Law more than any one else justified the Ulster rebellion in 1914. He added that none was punished for this rebellion.

King George and Queen Mother Alexandra in Dispute Over Leases

London, Sept. 8.—A dispute has arisen between King George and Queen Mother Alexandra regarding leases which have been made by her majesty on the royal estate at Sandringham.

The queen mother let a number of building plots on 99-year leases at very low rents for each case varying from \$2,500 to \$10,000. The king claims that as Alexandra is only a tenant for life of the royal property she cannot appropriate these sums herself.

The matter has been referred to the house of lords, and is expected to settle any such disputes between the sovereign and any member of the royal family. This is the first occasion in 70 years that a dispute between two members of the royal family has been referred to the house secretary.

Wall Street to Keep "Cases" on All Employees

New York, Sept. 8.—All employees of brokers operating in Wall Street will be investigated and their names and habits of living filed and indexed for ready reference.

This plan is already being put in operation by the National Surety company working in connection with the Association of Stock Exchange Firms. The purpose is to minimize and if possible prevent the occurrence of thefts.

Joel Rathbone, vice president and general manager of the National Surety company, said today that the company is prepared to spend \$1,000,000 on the investigation. It is proposed to keep tab on all employees to learn how they spend their leisure and who their companions are. If they are associating with men of criminal tendencies, it is said their discharge will be recommended immediately.

Strike Called Off

Trieste, Sept. 7.—The general strike here was declared off tonight. Satisfactory concessions to the strikers were made by government representatives.

Texas Bank Robbed

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 8.—A bandit held up the First State bank at Uvalde, Tex., and escaped in an automobile with \$6,500.

Coast Air Mail Line Is Opened

Giant De Havilland P-11 With Big P-11 Reaches Omaha Today

Due in Omaha Today

Coast-to-coast air mail service started yesterday. This service, by which mail transportation from New York to San Francisco will be reduced two days, was inaugurated at 6:30 yesterday morning when P. G. Page, carrying 400 pounds of mail, began his westward journey.

The first leg of the journey was completed when Page landed in Cleveland at 12:45 p. m. yesterday. Incidentally, Page's flight will be the first to be recorded in the contest for The Bee's Transcontinental Aerial Mail prize of \$1,000.

Omaha officials of the postoffice and air mail service still continue to be in ignorance of the completed plans for the operation of the transcontinental mail service.

Orders Not Received.

Whether the regular Omaha-Chicago service will be continued in addition to the transcontinental service is unknown here. No orders have been received by either Postmaster Daniel or W. I. Votaw, manager of the local station.

Until orders are received the regular service between this city and Chicago will be maintained, Votaw said. In addition service between Omaha and Cheyenne started yesterday.

Pilot Rowe was scheduled to fly first transcontinental plane to arrive in Omaha, according to Votaw. He was to take the ship from Chicago to Iowa City late yesterday and then fly into Omaha with it early this morning. What pilot will fly from this city to Cheyenne has not been announced, Votaw said.

Rowe is scheduled to reach Omaha at 8:45 this morning. He was to spend the night at Iowa City.

Uses De Havilland Plane.
Postmaster Daniel has received instructions to have mail consigned westward ready for the San Francisco plane when it arrives today.

It was announced last week that all-metal monoplanes would be used on the transcontinental route between New York and Omaha and De Havilland, the kind now used between Omaha and Chicago, from this city west.

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Three Are Seriously Hurt When Machine Turns Turtle in Road

Alliance, Neb., Sept. 8.—Three persons were seriously injured and a fourth badly bruised and lacerated when the automobile in which they were riding at a high rate of speed struck a sandy spot at the bottom of a steep hill and turned turtle near Hay Springs Tuesday night.

The seriously injured are Norris Fielding, driver of the car, who sustained a fractured collar bone and dislocated shoulder.

Mrs. Ella M. Block, internal injuries and severe bruises, and her 3-year-old daughter, injured internally and not expected to live.

Ted Fielding, brother of Norris Fielding, sustained severe bruises.

All of the parties live in Alliance. They were on the way to attend the county fair at Gordon when the accident occurred. Norris Fielding, Mrs. Block, and her daughter were removed to Hay Springs. Their condition is such that they cannot be brought to Alliance for some time, it was reported. The automobile was wrecked.

Lenroot Gains on Late Returns in Wisconsin

Milwaukee, Sept. 8.—Returns received today from yesterday's statewide primary increased the lead of Senator Irvine L. Lenroot in his race for the republican nomination for United States senator.

Returns from 769 precincts out of 2,379 in the state for the senatorship gave Lenroot 62,250; Thompson, 46,334; McHenry, 19,054.

The New Constitution

(The Bee continues today its explanation of the various amendments to the state constitution, proposed by the state constitutional convention, and the action to be taken by the people at a special election to be held September 13. This is in many respects the most important held in Nebraska in a generation. An intelligent ballot can be cast only after a clear understanding of the various proposals submitted. There are 41 proposals and each is submitted for separate vote.)

PROPOSITION NO. 31.

Amends Section 3 of Article XI. Permits public utility corporations to consolidate if the State Railway commission grants permission. Present constitution forbids consolidation when in the case of railroad or telegraph companies owning parallel or competing lines.

PROPOSITION NO. 32.

Amends Section 5 of Article XI. Forbids public utility corporations or common carriers to increase capital stock except in such manner as may be provided by law. Prohibits the payment of dividends except out of net earnings after payment of all operating expenses and depreciation. Present section applies only to railroads.

"Flop House" Charity Guest Leaves Estate Valued at \$125,000

New York, Aug. 8.—When Peter Vidovich, a 65-year-old charity guest of the municipal lodging house, died in a hospital here today, it was learned that he was possessor of a fortune exceeding \$125,000.

The old man's belongings were said to comprise \$54,000 in Liberty bonds, \$60,000 deposited in Alaska banks, \$1,000 in cash, a \$5,000 ruby ring, a \$3,000 diamond ring, a \$2,000 diamond stickpin, a \$200 gold nugget, and several deeds to realty in Fairbanks, Alaska. He was registered at the hospital as a miner of San Francisco and Alaska.

Aged Man Tells Of Shots Fired By His Assailant

Fremont Retired Farmer Details Shooting Scene Shortly After His Wife Left on Train for Omaha

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Baring his breast to show the scar of a bullet wound above his heart, Harm B. Lucken, 78, retired farmer, testified in district court today that "a middle-sized good stout fellow" had shot him shortly after 5 o'clock on the morning of last May 12.

The description fits roughly that of John Olsen, Omaha contractor, accused by the state of shooting Lucken after he had made a will leaving all his property to his wife, with whom Olsen is alleged to have carried on an illicit love affair.

Lucken stated that the night before the murder he had slept downstairs in his home, while his wife occupied a room upstairs. She had awakened him at 5 o'clock to give him a cup of coffee and then she left to take the 5:30 train to Omaha. He went back to sleep, but awoke again when he felt the shock of the bullet entering his breast.

Assailant Shoots Again.

The old man said he got up from bed and went into the dining room of his home, where he saw his assailant, who shot again, the second bullet entering the left temple. Lucken ran outside, calling neighbors, who summoned doctors and the police. Olsen's attorney fought every attempt to show that it was at 5 o'clock, and not 5:10, when Lucken was awakened to drink his coffee.

The defense will endeavor to show that Lucken was not shot until about 5:15 and that the assailant could not have gone from the house after that time and caught the train to Omaha at the station a mile away.

Loaned Olsen \$600.
Lucken said that he had loaned Olsen \$600 that had never been repaid, and that he had refused further loans although demands had been made for them.

Lucken also testified that last January he had made a new will that made his wife sole heir and executrix without bonds. He had copied this will from a paper brought from Omaha by his wife, he said.

The state contends that Mrs. Lucken and Olsen together had this will drawn up.

Dr. W. J. Davis who dressed Lucken's wound said he had been summoned about 5:20. Chief of Police Brenner said that he had been notified of the crime at 5:25.

Former Mayor W. C. Wiley, who saw Olsen on the Omaha train, asserted that the man told him he had come from Central City.

50 Escaped Russian Boys Still at Large

New York, Sept. 8.—Fifty of the 100 Russian refugee boys who escaped yesterday from Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, were still at large early today. Red Cross officials in the city are making every effort to locate the missing boys. The boys are being returned to their homes in Russia, police and civilians were making a search of the island for the fugitives.

The escape was believed by the police to have been aided by bolshevik sympathizers. Red Cross officials, however, have stated that the escape was simply a boyish desire to see the sights of New York.

Zealous Staten Island citizens, wishing to aid in the capture of the boys, seized scores of native children, not knowing that the refugees were under whose care the children were held, in some cases, for many hours, until officials of the refugee reservation caused their release.

Albanian Towns Taken By Jugo-Slavia Troops

Rome, Sept. 8.—Jugo-Slavia intends to make itself master of Albania, it is declared here in light of recent reports. Jugo-Slavian troops have occupied Tarabosh and are attacking Kastrati, Dibra and Elbasan.

In the fighting at Dibra, the Jugo-Slavs had been repulsed, losing a number of cannon and machine guns. It is reported they lost 1,200 prisoners. It is asserted the American Red Cross has withdrawn from Albania.

Reds Recapture Omsk.

Harbin, Manchuria, Sept. 8.—(By The Associated Press.)—Russian soviet forces, aided by German and Hungarian war prisoners, have recaptured Omsk, where, as in other areas of western Siberia, the peasants recently overthrew the soviet. Bolsheviks also are in possession of the northern portion of the railway along which fighting has been proceeding, but they are isolated and without food.

Confirmation has been received here of the reported revolt against the bolsheviks in the Ust-Kamenogorsk region. Altai province has been cleared entirely of the bolsheviks.

S. O. S.—Seeking "Proof"



Many Killed by Earthquake at Florence, Italy

Extent of Disaster Seems to Be Growing as Reports From Stricken Regions Come In Over Disrupted Lines.

Rome, Sept. 8.—Scores of lives are believed to have been lost in the district north of Florence, which was severely shaken by an earthquake yesterday morning. As reports from the stricken region come in over faltering telegraph and telephone lines, the extent of the disaster seems to be growing and there is a possibility the damage done may be much more serious than was at first believed.

The territory violently disturbed seems to be lozenge-shaped, with Florence at the southern apex, and Modena at the northern end. It extends along the Etrurian coast and runs over the Apennines eastward for upwards of 100 miles. In this district there are many populous towns, and no tidings have as yet been received from many of them. There is every indication that the shock was a severe one, and reports from cities in the earthquake zone show that buildings crumbled beneath the strain of the convulsion of the earth.

At Fivizzano, a town of 17,000 inhabitants near Carrara, almost every building was damaged and many were destroyed. Among the collapsed structures is the postoffice, in the ruins of which is the entire staff. Soliera, in the province of Massa Maritima, and Monti, nearby, were partly destroyed. Livorno, Fiesole and Montignoro are reported in ruins, while in Marina and Carrara many structures have collapsed. At Viareggio the church of St. Paul was destroyed and at Castel Franco di Sotto the ceiling of a church was shattered.

Pain prevails at Lucca as a result of the cataclysm, and from Gavignano and Limestone come reports of lives being lost. At Villa Franca, in Lunigiana, an entire family was buried in the ruins of their home, and the village of Viaggia was entirely destroyed. Serious damage was done in the Frignano district, where houses collapsed, and at Frassineto, where a number of houses fell. Pievepelago and Sant'Andrea were badly damaged.

Semenoff's Troops Go Over To Far Eastern Republic

London, Sept. 8.—Gen. Semenov's adventures in the Far East have ended and his troops, under the leadership of Gen. Lokhvitski, have gone over to the government of the Russian Far Eastern republic, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow. Semenov's entire gold reserve is said to have been captured and handed over to the Vladivostok government.

Seven Die From Drinking Wood Alcohol at Arsenal

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 8.—The list of fatalities among civilian employees of Edgewood arsenal resulting from drinking some form of poisoned alcohol was increased to seven today by the deaths of Nelson Lucius of Rochester, N. Y., and James Davis of Salisbury, Md. Michael O'Leary of Baltimore, the last one of the known victims, is expected to recover.

Thirteen military authorities at Edgewood have been unable to find out where the liquor came from by the refusal of the survivors to tell where they got it.

Sleeping Sickness Cause Is Reported Discovered

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Sept. 8.—Discovery of the cause of "sleeping sickness" was reported today by Dr. L. S. Weicker of Columbia university to the state conference of health officers and public health nurses, in session here. The origin, he said, was found to be a filterable virus, which, in experiments, has transmitted the disease from man to monkeys.

Ak-Sar-Ben Dates Carnival

Carnival Sept. 14 to 25
Horse Races Sept. 14 to 17
Kennedy Combined Shows Sept. 14 to 25
Automobile Races Sept. 14 to 25
Grand Electrical Parade, Evening Sept. 22
Tercentenary Daylight Pageant Sept. 23
Coronation Ball Sept. 24

Covenant Beaten In First Test

Renomination of Senator Moses of New Hampshire Blow to Advocates of League of Nations

Wins by Big Majority

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING
Washington, Sept. 8.—In the first test vote in the country on the league of nations, the Wilson covenant has been emphatically condemned.

The republicans of New Hampshire have renominated George H. Moses, an "irreconcilable" who voted consistently against the covenant, either with or without reservations. He won by the remarkable majority of 12,000 in a total vote of 45,000 over Huntley L. Spaulding, a former Hoover aid, who advocated the league with the Lodge reservations.

What makes the test the more significant is that Moses won by so large a majority despite the concerted efforts of the newly enfranchised women voters to defeat him because of his opposition to equal suffrage.

The result is a severe blow to democratic hopes. New Hampshire is the only eastern state President Wilson carried in 1916. He won the state by a plurality of 56, as the result of dissension among the publicans. The defeat of Moses would have given the democrats reason to believe that New Hampshire might easily be carried for Cox on the league of nations issue alone. The outcome, to the disappointment of the democratic leaders, discloses the New Hampshire republicans strongly opposed to the Wilson covenant and differing only in the degree of their hostility.

Bears Out Predictions.

The New Hampshire test bears out republican predictions concerning sentiment on the league issue in the east. The democrats, however, still possess their faith in an endorsement of the covenant in a series of letters defending the league and replying to criticisms.

Senators Borah and Poinsett deny that there is any danger of the west going democratic on the league issue.

"The situation in Idaho from a republican standpoint is good," said Senator Borah. "In fact, the trend in the west is to the republican party. The people are dissatisfied with the present administration and they want a change. High taxes, high prices and the high railroad rates—recently increased—all contribute to the feeling of dissatisfaction."

Thinks West Republican.

Senator Poinsett said that he believed the trend of opinion in the far west was strongly republican. Discussing the reasons for this result, he said:

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Teddy Has Narrow Escape in Crash

Plane Tears Down Field as Colonel Is Entering Seat—Leaps Free

Joplin, Mo., Sept. 8.—Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had a narrow escape from death here a noon today while preparing for a airplane flight which was to take him to Vinland, Okla., and to Tulsa to fill speaking engagements.

Colonel Roosevelt was entering the front seat of the plane, in which Bert Chandler, candidate for congress from the First Oklahoma district, was sitting, while Paul Meng, the pilot, gave the propeller blade a twist. The throttle was too high and the big machine tore wildly down the field. Colonel Roosevelt jumped from the fuselage and landed free of the rudders.

Second Narrow Escape.

Vinita, Okla., Sept. 8.—Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt escaped uninjured in an airplane accident a second time today when the airplane carrying him from Joplin, Mo., to Vinita, to fill a speaking date, crashed into a fence and a tree at the fair grounds here. None of the four passengers in the plane was hurt.

Brewery Raided by Prohibition Agents

St. Cloud, Minn., Sept. 8.—The plant of the St. Cloud Brewing company here was raided last night by a score of prohibition enforcement agents from the Twin Cities, and three officials and two employees were arrested and taken to the Hennepin county jail at Minneapolis.

According to federal agents, beer containing more than 2½ per cent alcohol has been brewed and held at the place in alleged violation of the law.

The Weather

Forecast.
Thursday fair and cooler.

Hourly Temperatures.

7 a. m. 62 1 p. m. 69
8 a. m. 62 2 p. m. 69
9 a. m. 62 3 p. m. 69
10 a. m. 62 4 p. m. 69
11 a. m. 62 5 p. m. 69
12 noon 62 6 p. m. 69