

MOORE MEN FACE PITFALL—M'CAIN

Colonel Says Independents Are in Lead, but Overconfidence Is Dangerous

VIGILANCE IS ADVISED

By GEORGE NOX M'CAIN The unprecedented registration that has been held by the Moore campaign workers around headquarters to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

Some of the leaders say that if the registration on the third day comes anywhere near, in proportion to the figures of the two preceding days, nothing can stay the tide of a Moore victory.

Over-confidence has defeated many candidates.

While the returns of the first two days of registration are enough to justify the high pulsing elation which the anti-Vare people feel, I think it would be wise for them to consider the situation dispassionately and in cold blood.

A big registration is all right, but what about the primary election? As it stands today, the registration does point to an anti-Vare triumph, but unless the Independents see that every Moore voter gets to the polls on election day, rain or shine, and particularly rain, they stand to lose the victory that is within their grasp.

Organization Never Sleeps They must remember that the Vare organization never sleeps. It drives with a long last. It is persistent, powerful, tireless, and besides it has everything at stake.

I shall never forget an observation the late John Virino made in Harrisburg some years ago during consideration by the Legislature of a reform bill. He was protesting its passage.

"The trouble with these reformers is that they're not practical. Besides, they're lazy. If they get this bill through it won't do them any good. The first election night that it is wet or stormy they'll be sitting around in their slippers before a warm fire, not caring a rap about the election, while the organization bunch will be out pulling doorbells, dragging runners out of cellars and plugging to a majority against them."

And that is the feeling that I find exists among Vare organization workers today. They are counting on the stay-a-home Independent vote to elect their bet.

In the meantime a new and powerful element has entered the field.

Flying Squadron at Work The "Flying Squadron" is at work. That is its officially descriptive title given it by Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of the board of registration commissioners.

Nobody in Philadelphia in the memory of the oldest politician, I think, ever knew of a "flying squadron" of election inspectors.

It is a body of men wearing official badges and in uniform and equipped by law and sent in squads to gather evidence and furnish testimony to the board of registration commissioners. It, in turn, hands the evidence over to the district attorney for prosecution in cases of false registration or election fraud.

It is the new device which at work. It may not have occurred to some thousands of citizens that there has been a suspicious quiet in the atmosphere that envelops the new board of registration commissioners. After the rush and tumult of the days following their induction into office, the board apparently lapsed into a somnolent mood.

That was the way of the old board. It became active temporarily just before election. Then it dropped off into a state of official insensibility. There were occasional awakenings to draw its salary, change a rolling place, or to appoint an occasional registrar.

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after which it again fell into a state of coma.

New Board on the Job Not so the new board. It boldly announced this morning that it assumes all responsibility for the registration. It has appointed. They must not only be on the job, but they must be on the job all the time during the hours designated by law.

It answers to no politician's whistle. It comes and goes at no political master's beck and call. It follows no direction at the jerk of an official thumb. That is what the Board of Registration Commissioners tell me and I believe them.

Under the new registration law the board is empowered to appoint inspectors without limit. It is their business to investigate fraud and error and locate witnesses. For a week past the board has had its inspectors operating quietly in precincts where political rotteness was suspected or had been discovered. But something more was needed.

Then came the "Flying Squadron." It is, I think, the offspring of the brain of two men, E. Lawrence Fell, chairman of the board, and Clinton Rogers Woodruff, present member and chairman of a previous board.

The "Flying Squadron" is composed of a compact body of inspectors. In reality they are detectives and under orders all the time. They start investigations at any moment, in any part of the city, where violations of registration laws are reported.

They travel in small squads, work rapidly and by a division of labor accomplish in a few hours what would require a single inspector several days to clean up.

Nonpolitical Members A striking feature is that this squadron is not made up of political appointees. It is a specially selected body of men under the personal direction of Mr. Fell. The identity of many of its members is unknown to the rest of the board.

The purpose of this is to relieve members of the board from political importunity and pestering demands for appointments. The members of the board suggest names, but after their examination and they are sworn into office, the disposition of the force, by mutual consent of the members of the board, is placed in the hands of Mr. Fell.

Inspectors are not appointed to work in any particular division. They expect error or uncover fraud anywhere in the city.

Mr. Fell is using this flying squadron with great discretion. Its work is smart from factional favoritism, either Vare organization or Republican Alliance.

Commissioner Woodruff assures me that the board's inspectors have no connection with politics. Factions are not recognized in their work. It is impressed upon them that it is their business to get the facts, and the men, too, no matter who they may be.

"Our aim above everything else is to obtain a square registration and a fair election," said the commissioner. Any inspector who betrays his trust receives a punishment both swift and sure.

This is also true of registrars. I do not think that it is generally known that the board has made it a rigid rule never to appoint a registrar to act for the Republican party who had previously been a Democrat.

The inspectors thus far appointed have been working for a week quietly and without publicity. Up to the present nothing has been published concerning their activities. Indeed, there are those who fancied that the board had overlooked the question of election inspectors.

After the "Repeater" Commissioner Woodruff is of the opinion that the professional repeater and the unscrupulous ward worker are under surveillance as was never known before. He predicts that the way of the political transgressor this fall will be very hard.

Thus far the board of commissioners has received requests for inspectors to investigate the First, Second, Twenty-sixth and Thirty-ninth wards. The Forty-seventh ward should also be included in the list.

From one saloon in the latter ward it was reported that six men were registered. The bartender affirmed that the registration was correct; that the men were asleep and could not be disturbed. The inspectors found that there was only one bedroom in the house; that it contained one bed, and, moreover, that the room was rentless. In helpless confusion the bartender declared that the six men all slept in the one bed.

Another complaint concerned some old hotels in the Sixth ward, which were said to have an excessive number of guests who had registered. The inspectors discovered that the full number registered was correct and that the registration was legitimate.

The "flying squadron" is not only unique in Philadelphia politics, but I think it will be a decidedly new element for the future registration and crooked election rogue to encounter.

BEAT MOORE MAN, CHARGE Warrants for Arrest of Two Patrolmen Are Issued

Warrants for the arrest of Patrolmen William Myers and George Spangler, of the Twenty-eighth and Ritten streets station, charged with attacking John I. Steffen, a supporter of Congressman Moore, were issued this afternoon by Magistrate Stevenson.

Steffen, who was formerly a Vare supporter, charges that the two patrolmen went to the rear of his home at Snyder avenue and Lambert street, shortly after midnight on August 31, and beat him without cause.

After attacking him, Steffen says that Myers and Spangler hustled him to a police station, where he was held on a charge of assault and battery.

The patrolmen will have a hearing on Monday afternoon before Magistrate Stevenson.

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to where they want less and less to be bound by law."

Marriage Sanctity Imperiled The establishment of "family courts" to meet the menace to the marriage relation presented by the divorce evil, was recommended by Chief Justice Charles W. Hoffman, of the Court of Domestic Relations at Cincinnati, O., in an address last night before the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, in session here in connection with the annual meeting of the American Bar Association.

"Marriage as an institution is endangered in America today through the divorce evil, and the only way to save it is by the establishment of family courts in which special evidence, as distinguished from legal will be considered," Judge Hoffman said.

"No scientific law has ever been made on the subject of divorce. Divorces are granted for certain causes, but no effort is made to classify basic causes."

BROTHERS ACCUSE MAN

Said to Have Beaten Cripple During Political Argument

Maurice Friedenberg, 227 Carpenter street, was today held under \$1000 on the charge of assault and battery on Samuel Tucker, 208 Christian street, and under \$500 bail on the charge of having committed mayhem on the person of Jacob Tucker. The prosecutors are his brothers.

The argument started in a polling place in the ninth division of the Second ward, Friedenberg and Samuel Tucker, who has only one leg, are said to have been discussing the subject of political waters. According to Samuel Tucker, Friedenberg did not like his tone in the argument and knocked him down and beat him. Then Jacob, it was said, seeing his brother being beaten, jumped on Friedenberg, and as a consequence was bitten in the arm.

Magistrate Stevenson commented on the case by saying: "The dog has passed when this kind of politics can get by."

HELLO GIRL BRINGS D. S. M.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 4.—Miss Grace D. Banker, a telephone operator of this city, the only woman to receive the Distinguished Service Medal in France, returned yesterday on the transport Mobilis. She served under fire in the St. Mihiel Drive and was commended by her commanding officer for her coolness and bravery on that occasion.

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