

EYES OF COUNTRY ON BAY STATE VOTE

Former President Taft Reviews Conditions and Predicts Republican Victory

LAW AND ORDER THE ISSUE

(An editorial in today's Public Ledger.)
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The eyes of the country are on the Massachusetts election tomorrow. Governor Coolidge is a candidate for reelection against W. J. Long, who he defeated last year by a plurality of 17,000. The issues grow out of the Boston police strike. They are:

- First, Shall the police force of a city be permitted to organize as a labor union and to become affiliated with the American Federation of Labor?
- Second, Was a regulation forbidding the police force to join the federation a lawful and justifiable one?
- Third, Should fifteen or more policemen, convicted of disobeying the regulation, have been convicted and dismissed from the force?
- Fourth, Should the 1200 policemen who struck because of such dismissal and left the city of Boston to riot and plundering by the soldiers, be forgiven and be restored to duty?

Governor Coolidge called out the state guard, who suppressed the riot and much damage had been done. Governor Long declared that the striking policemen were deserters, that their places were vacant and must be filled. The state court ruled that the offense of the strikers could not be remedied by restoration except in violation of law. He refused to concede the justice of Mr. Long's request for restoration and suggestion of compromise.

Striking Police Aid Long

Mr. Long, the Democratic candidate, promises that if he is elected he will secure the restoration of the striking policemen, but does not explain how under the law he can do it. Hundreds of strikers are now engaged in the state campaign, speaking in every town to audiences of workmen, at mill gates and elsewhere, inveighing for votes against Coolidge and for Long.

Thinking Citizens Aroused

The alarm was a good thing. It stirred the good people of the Commonwealth to the danger of electing Long. Law and order has become the slogan, and the courage of Governor Coolidge and

his high sense of duty have become the watchword. The threat of the coal strike, which will be most grievous in its effect in Massachusetts, and the general trend toward lawlessness in strikes the country over, have roused the thinking citizens of Massachusetts, without regard to party, to the great disaster of Long's election. They believe, and rightly, that Governor Coolidge's defeat would be hailed as a victory for lawlessness and anarchy everywhere.

Leading Democrats of the state are openly repudiating the Democratic platform and the candidates. Mr. Long's speeches have disgusted them. He had made a large fortune out of government contracts during the war, and through the influence of his contributions he has controlled the party convention. That convention repudiated the league of nations and unreservedly endorsed the administration. The friends of the administration are, therefore, either lukewarm or are bolting the ticket. Democratic candidates nominated at the primary and on the same ticket with Long are announcing their support of Coolidge.

Democratic Press Against Long

The Boston Post, an orthodox Democratic paper, having the largest circulation of any paper in New England, is strongly supporting Coolidge. The Boston Herald, which is the Democratic Worcester Post, with the independent Springfield Republican, a strong friend of the administration, is helping Coolidge in every possible way. Now is the Boston Advocate, the Hearst paper, using its influence affirmatively for Long.

Yet it will not do to underestimate the influence of the groups of voters who give Long a sympathetic hearing or the political weight of such a doubtful appeal as that made by the Boston Advocate, the Boston Herald and the Worcester Post, in view of the fact that the Democratic party in the state is almost entirely non-existent to speak of any organized movement to protect and support Long and his nominees.

BELGIANS HONOR HEROES

Flowers Are Placed on the Graves of Soldiers of All Nations

Brussels, Nov. 2.—For the first time since the war the city of Brussels was allowed to observe the death anniversary of its fallen soldiers. The celebration was held in the city cemetery of St. Gervase.

Municipal Mayor deposed flowers on the graves of Belgians, Canadians, English, French and Russians. Wreaths were also deposited on the grave of Van Campenhout, the composer of "La Belgique," the Belgian national anthem.

FARM-LABOR UNION SOON, PREDICTION

Director of Farmers' Council Says Wall Street Causes Misunderstanding

WILL FIX PUBLIC POLICY

Washington, Nov. 3.—Wall street financiers were charged with being responsible for the recent efforts to alienate the farmers and the laborers of this country. In a statement made yesterday by George P. Hampton, managing director of the Farmers' National Council, the union between farmers and labor to determine public policy and conduct public affairs within the next few years is inevitable, according to Mr. Hampton, who says that the public must write down as a principle those who deny the American farmers' determination to change the economic condition in this country by orderly process of law.

"A time of national crisis affords a golden opportunity to the men who seek to make capital out of the farmers' efforts to improve his economic conditions," says Mr. Hampton's statement. "There are many so-called leaders of farmers and of farm organizations claiming a membership of from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000, who, though representing at most small groups of farmers in a few states of either agricultural importance, and having no organized support in the great agricultural states, assume to speak for the farmers of the entire country."

"There are only 5,000,000 farmers in America, of whom a little more than 2,000,000 are members of established and well-organized farm organizations. Just now a vigorous effort is being made by the monopolistic interests, which have been and are the beneficiaries of the American agricultural labor in cities, mines and transportation. The move was begun and backed by Wall street and all the financial interests. The farmer is unavailingly reported to be opposed to government ownership and democratic operation of services that must be monopolized in order to be efficient and economically conducted, such as the railroads and the merchant marine. A vigorous and unjust campaign is being conducted by some of the alleged farm representatives to write the farmers down as an enemy of organized labor.

The real aim of the attack upon organized labor which some

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WETS IN SECRET MEETING

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(3) Australian Nutria	155.00	125.00	(2) Trimmed Hudson Seal	325.00	275.00
(2) Natural Muskrat	165.00	130.00	(1) Trimmed Hudson Seal	350.00	295.00
(1) Leopard Cat	210.00	150.00	(1) Natural Squirrel	395.00	325.00
Scarfs					
	Regularly	Sale	Choker Scarfs		
(9) Wolf (all colors)	24.50	16.50	(2) Squirrel	19.50	12.50
(2) Taupe Nutria	29.50	22.50	(2) Mink	29.50	19.50
(3) Brown Fox	32.50	24.50	(2) Mink	39.50	29.50
(3) Taupe Fox	32.50	24.50	(2) Fitch	45.00	32.50
(2) Beaver	32.50	24.50	(2) Stone Marten	55.00	37.50
(2) MoleSkin	49.50	35.00	(1) Dyed Sable	65.00	45.00
Muffs					
	Regularly	Sale	Sets		
(2) Nutria	10.50	6.50	(2) Natural Raccoon	67.50	39.50
(4) Hudson Seal	22.50	14.50	(2) Brown Wolf	75.00	59.50
(2) Beaver	35.00	24.50	(2) Taupe Wolf	75.00	59.50
(2) Skunk	39.50	29.50	(3) Taupe Fox	85.00	69.50
(1) MoleSkin	52.50	35.00	(3) Jap Cross Fox	110.00	75.00
(1) Squirrel	57.50	39.50	(1) Mink	135.00	98.50
Coatees					
	Regularly	Sale	Stoles		
(2) Trimmed Australian Seal	125.00	89.50	(2) Australian Seal	65.00	45.00
(1) Taupe Nutria	125.00	95.00	(2) Hudson Seal	75.00	59.50
(1) Mink	175.00	135.00	(1) MoleSkin	75.00	59.50
(2) Taupe Nutria	185.00	145.00	(1) Natural Squirrel	125.00	95.00
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