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A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM FOR PHILADELPHIA Things on which the people expect the new administration to concentrate its attention:

WIRE AN ENLIGHTENING thesis might be written about the part that wires play in American politics. One wire was merely pulled when a given job was to be done.

SUGAR RATIONING AGAIN WHEN sugar rationing goes into effect in hotels and restaurants on June 21, the next thing to be expected will be the rationing of private conversation.

WHAT IS UNREASONABLE? JUDGE THOMPSON, of the federal court, differs with other federal judges in deciding the unreasonableness of the Lever act, which forbids "unreasonable" profits.

TRYING TO GET FROM UNDER POLITICAL expediency is doubtless a back of Attorney General Palmer's ruling that the adjournment of Congress does not automatically kill every bill in the hands of the President.

under bills sent him, such bills lapse unless he signs them before adjournment. This, however, is a statement of fact and not a constitutional argument.

It is possible to argue both ways on this provision. The attorney general evidently holds that its restrictions apply only to bills which the President signs to become effective without his signature and does not automatically kill a measure which the President may desire to sign after giving proper consideration to it within the ten-day limit.

It is inconceivable that Mr. Palmer has volunteered his opinion on this constitutional point. It must have been asked by the President, who wished to find a way to approve of the repeal of such of the wartime laws as seemed to him best and thus spike the guns of the opposition during the presidential campaign.

LEAGUE PLANK STRADDLES; NOMINEE MUST DECIDE

Compromise to Suit Johnson Outfit Places Burden of Choice Upon the Republican Candidate POLITICAL pettingfogg is not a lost art. The extraordinary foreign relations plank in the Republican platform proves it.

No wonder Johnson, Borah & Co. greet it with smiles. It was made to go along. It saves their faces. It keeps them in the party.

There is no use pretending about this pusillanimous piece of rhetoric. It is an error of the first magnitude. For the sake of placating a dozen senators of the Johnson-Borah type the plank repudiates the voters of three times as many who voted consistently to accept the league covenant with protective reservations.

Analyze this precious bit of indirection. Read it over sentence by sentence and begin with a declaration that the party stands for "agreement among the nations to preserve the peace of the world." Fine. Good words, well-rounded. Everybody will say aye to that.

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But since, like the chain, it can be no stronger than its weakest link, it will need a first-class statesman to cover up its deficiency on the spot.

CONVENTION BOLTS

Relatively Few of Them in the History of American Politics. Some Exciting Ones—The First One Came Early

WHEN the intensity of feeling, not only between the two great parties which have always been dominant in American politics, but also in most presidential nomination campaigns between factions of the same party, is considered, there have been surprisingly few bolts from the convention halls.

CHICAGO AND GENEVA

AN AMBITIOUS purpose animated the organizers of the international conference of women at Geneva. They sought to express unmistakably, in plain terms and for the ears of statesmen and politicians especially, the aims which are supposed to be common to all women in this period of their new responsibilities and to tell the world of hopes for world peace which they hold as their one prize of war.

It cannot be said that the women's conference, representative as it is of newly enfranchised women in many of the older countries, has done anything to thrill the world. But the debate and discussion is of peculiar interest now since it runs parallel in the news with the turgid flood of oratory at Chicago, where there is one of those assemblies in which the lords of creation meet at intervals to direct the affairs of their earth.

While Hiram Johnson was shaking his fist at Europe, the women's conference was expressing a determination to bring the peoples of all countries so close together in their sympathy that they could never again be led to slaughter. While the Chicago convention was straining over methods of procedure, the delegates at Geneva were considering ways to save the helpless children of one country from being flung into destructive industrial competition with the helpless children of another.

Many of the European governments consistently sent representatives to the women's conference. The representative of France was the man who kept count of the dead and wounded in the French army from the moment of the invasion through Belgium to the day when the armistice was signed.

Lady Astor, who was born in Virginia, led the most interesting delegation at the Geneva conference. While she was speaking Senator Johnson, Senator Lodge, Murray Crane, Mr. Lowden and innumerable others were doing their best to convince the crowd in the Coliseum that they and their policies represented complete perfection in every respect.

THE defeat of the convention's candidate at the polls came in New York, which began the trouble in the old caucus, did the same in the convention, and after two delegations from the state had been seated after angry discussion, one with Lady Astor, and the other refused to participate.

THE next conventions were peaceful, although the Republican meeting of 1808 which named Grant nominated a candidate from the Democratic party, and the Republican and never cast a Republican ballot until he had been a Republican President for eight years.

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SHORT CUTS

In the matter of a convention song, "Forever Blowing Bubbles" has its claims.

Johnson and Borah are as determined as ever that the tall shall wag the dog.

It must be admitted that the Sick Man of Spruce Street knows how to take his medicine.

It is well to remember that the Anvil Chorus seldom gets a chance to sing a song of victory.

Competent authority has it that the delegates in Chicago who are not gun-shooting are pussyfooting.

The wisest man is forever calling in the wilderness where none needs. Mr. Taft will get his thanks from posterity.

The Caruso home has been robbed of \$500,000 in jewels. That is going to put the singer back a bunch of high notes.

No bomb will be exploded in Chicago when the six votes of Delaware are cast for T. Coleman du Pont for the presidency.

The one thing definitely settled is that if Hoover gets the nomination he won't get the support of the Hearst newspapers.

A leather man in Oklahoma predicts \$2.50 shoes for autumn, and Attorney General Palmer has not yet ordered his arrest for treason.

The makers of a platform ordinarily worry less about what to put into it than over what can safely be left out.

Michigan reports the biggest cherry and apple crop in its history. Thank heaven, the earth will still work, even if a goodly proportion of the inhabitants thereof will not.

News that the wheat crop may be short reminds us of the reasons for high-priced bread. We cast ours upon the waters and it isn't returning to us, even after many days!

June marriage licenses more numerous than ever. Does this mean that courage is still a native characteristic of ours or is it the profiteers who are preparing to wed?

Millions of gallons of gasoline sent from America to the Kolchak government in Russia are to be redistributed. Now we know why gas is high. It has been following the sugar.

Henry Cabot Lodge is referred to by the New York Tribune as the Babe Ruth of the convention. To this the objection may be raised that Ruth only once won the brown derby.

And ever the thought persists that if Senator Lodge had shown courage during certain troublous times in the United States there would today be less troublous times in the Chicago convention.

The United States wheat crop is short, about 100,000,000 bushels. Which of the candidates is able to cope with a situation of that kind? The estimate of the Department of Agriculture may serve as a hint to the delegates.

One important and significant feature of the present convention is that the result will be a fair reflection of the intellectual and temperamental of the delegates rather than the out-and-dried plans of the leaders. And that holds good even though the leaders capture them in the end.

Courage Needed

NOW flamboyantly before a Stand forth William Edgar Borah And his buds, Hiram J. Why should we fear Bill and Hiram? Why should we fear the old man? But the leaders feared to fire 'em! Thought they'd bolt!

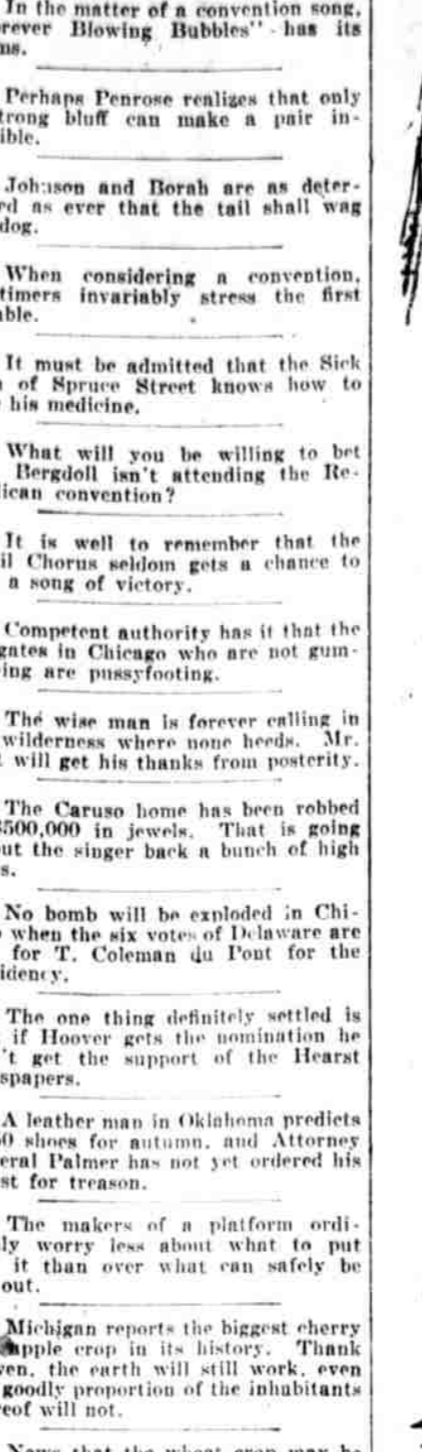
It must still remain a riddle. Why H. Cabot fears the pair, While "robust persons twiddle" Scornful thumbs and do not care, Just "curbed the kink of growth" and Long ago the party should have Let 'em bolt!

Too much Borah, stubborn, mulish! Too much Johnson, wide, wild! Compromise with wrong is foolish! (Just to make the statement mild) All aboard for League of Nations! From war's horrors we result, Those who scorn all reservations, Let 'em bolt!

What Do You Know?

- QUIZ 1. Who wrote the play, "Tengarrat the... 2. Who was the first secretary of the treasury of the United States? 3. When did Cortez conquer the conquest of Mexico? 4. What is the population of Norfolk, Va.? 5. How is the area of all the water on the face of the earth? 6. Where did California get its name? 7. What is cochineal? 8. What was the Cook Lane Ghost? 9. What was the Cockney School of Poetry? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. Minnesota got its name from the Sioux word for cloudy or smoky. 2. The first secretary of state of the United States was John Jay. 3. Cortez was born in Salamanca, Spain, in 1469. 4. The census of 1920 gives Burlington, Iowa, a population of 24,027. 5. The land area of the earth is 66,255,000 square miles. 6. Cochineal is a succine yielding a yellow dye. It is also the name of the golden plover in the fall of each year. 7. The first of the ten original amendments to the Constitution of the United States provides for freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right to petition. 8. Lincoln's Gettysburg speech was delivered at the dedication of the National Cemetery, November 19, 1863. 9. The thirteenth President of the United States was Millard Fillmore.

HOW STRONG IS A CHAIN?



NO FIRES OF ARMAGEDDON WARM 1920 CONVENTION

Genius of Roosevelt and Illusions of Youth Are Painfully Lacking in Ultra-Conservative Gathering at Chicago

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Chicago, June 11.—A delegate who sat in the committee on resolutions of the Republican National Convention, a former follower of Roosevelt, who remains mildly progressive, said after a couple of days' struggle: "That bunch is not conservative. It is to the last degree reactionary."

Allow a little for the natural heat of a progressive, vitiated a sane progressive, who has been fighting a long fight in a hot and stuffy room. But there is no question about the delegates. They are intensely conservative.

There is none of the Armageddon spirit in the party. Take the most conservative members of the United States Senate, Lodge, Brandegee and Smoot, for example. They are shining examples of liberalism compared to the delegates who come to national conventions.

The leaders, such as they are, are more advanced in their views or see better the reasons for compromise than their followers. They know more of life. They realize that concessions have to be made.

In the days of mugwumpdom, old Senator Platt of New York used to speak of "padding" to the better element of the party. The element that has to be padded to now is different. It is the liberal element. Leaders see the need of padding, but unless their eyes are opened by their leaders.

The delegates come largely from small towns. They have the small town view of party regularity. The delegates are practically all of them men of substance. They have business. They have money in the bank. And they are not big business men with the benefit of big business men. They are small business men with narrow caution of small business men. The employers whose relations with labor are the hardest and most unenlightened are the small business men.

All this is by the way of explaining why Senator Johnson, who was such a figure in Washington, is so small a figure here in Chicago.

The average delegate came here with two fixed ideas about the League of Nations. That Johnson helped beat the party in 1912 and did beat it in 1916, and (2) that to elect Johnson would be to endanger the money in their pockets. Perhaps the latter idea should have been the one instead of two. And one entertained this idea.

The leaders, such as they are, were foolishly regular, looking at party regularity. They were against him, but so determinedly as the delegates.

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