

POWER OF CHICAGO'S MAYOR IS AT STAKE

Thompson Wages Big Fight to Obtain Control of G. O. P. in Illinois at State Primaries Tomorrow

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Chicago, Sept. 14.—The big fight of Mayor Thompson to obtain control of the state of Illinois and the down-state Republicans to confine the mayor's operations to Chicago comes to a head tomorrow. It is the biggest political battle of this year. The campaign has been spectacular. Electrically operated megaphones below at you announcements of the Thompson meetings for Monday and Tuesday evening.

And Mayor Thompson has had tremendous meetings, though the opposition declare that the mayor's political efforts here, the officeholders, make up the gatherings, being compelled to turn out and demonstrate.

An odd feature of the local campaign is the candidacy of County Judge Barassa, who is running on his own book for state's attorney, with some chance of success. Barassa is an Italian, and all the Italians who are normally Thompson people are for him. In the race riots he took a stand which pleased the negroes, and the negro section is wild with excitement over his candidacy. It has been the most energetic single-handed campaign ever made, with political methods that are quite new.

If you were a resident of Chicago your milk bottle delivered to you a few days ago would have contained a label pasted on it advising you to vote for Barassa. He has got to the attention of the voters in singular ways, and many say that he will win, to the distress of Thompson, for the state's attorney's office handles much patronage and may make trouble for political grafters. Barassa is anti-Thompson. One other local office essential to the Thompson machine may also be lost to it, that of county judge, to which a candidate named Olson seems to be in the lead. The county judge controls the election machinery.

Thompson Machine Functioning
The Thompson-Lundin machine is the most wonderful political machine in existence. Tammany in its best days never had the organization Lundin has. One of its novelties is pledging voters to advance of the primaries to vote for Thompson candidates. It is conceded by the opposition that Thompson has 182,000 such pledges in Chicago.

The Thompson people claim many more. If you believe the opponents of Thompson, these pledges are extorted under a sort of political duress. A business man approached cannot well refuse to sign. And, having signed, he cannot well fail to vote as he has pledged.

Huge efforts have been made to get the women voters registered not only in Chicago, but throughout the state. In some parts of the state, and in Chicago, it is said that virtually all the Republican women are on the polling lists. The biggest primary vote ever cast will probably come out tomorrow.

In spite of the efficiency of the Thompson-Lundin machine, its opponents count upon burying the Thompson state candidates.

Republicans Down State Aroused
A Chicago editor raised the cry of Tammany against Thompson. Nobody ever thought of this before this election, but the name Tammany has stuck, and it has done damage. The Republican down state are said to be aroused against the plan of the city machine to control the governorship, the Legislature and the state patronage. This Tammany issue, summing up in one word a lot of the prejudices of rural folk against a city machine, is the big issue from the point of view of the Lowden or anti-Thompson forces. A similar issue, but one which helps them, is the discovery that Len Small, a down-state Republican but the candidate of Thompson for

ROME SEES CRISIS IN ITALY PASSED

Newspapers Declare Nation Was on Edge of Bolshevism, but Danger Is Removed

STRIKERS MAKE MUNITIONS

By the Associated Press
Rome, Sept. 14.—Italy has passed through the crisis of the metal workers' movement, according to the Giornale D'Italia. In commenting on the situation, the newspaper says:

"Until last Saturday we were on the edge of bolshevism. That danger seems to be removed and leaders of workmen have become heralds of necessity to produce more. We shall see whether they are able to have their followers do so."

Government officials are attacked by the Idea Nazionale, which says their attitude "corresponds to abdication to a stranger, who commands from Moscow and from whom funds have been asked for communist propaganda."

In an editorial devoted to the present situation, the Tribuna observes:

"The abnormality of the mentally criminal has reached such a point that the leaders of workmen who met at Milan to solve a very grave situation, not only did not solve it, but created one still worse."

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Premier Giolitti's attitude is praised by the Tempo, which declares: "The premier's strict neutrality in the metal workers' conflict has produced results upon which we may congratulate ourselves. His prudence and impartial tactics have averted revolutionary convulsions which might have degenerated into dangerous, paralyzing excesses."

Florence, Italy, Sept. 14.—(By A. P.)—Three truck loads of iron materials have been seized by metal workers at the station of Arrezzo, near here, the workers claiming the iron was needed by them in factories they have occupied. The value of the materials taken over is estimated at 500,000 lire. Several motor lorries loaded with wheat also have been seized by the men.

Turin, Italy, Sept. 14.—(By A. P.)—Workmen occupying the F. I. A. T. Automobile plant here, since taking over the works, constructed 143 machine guns, eight armored cars and many rifles. It is asserted they intend if necessary, to use them either for offense or defense. Workers' councils in occupied factories here are said to have broken open safes and appropriated funds to pay wages to workmen.

Milan, Sept. 14.—(By A. P.)—Demands that the present movement of metal workers in Italy be extended in order to destroy the present social system of Italy were made by Enrico Malatesta, anarchist leader, addressing a meeting of unions opposing the Confederation of Labor here yesterday. Other orators at the meeting, however, maintained it was advisable to bring about an understanding between all organizations differing from the confederation.

Malatesta and other anarchist and syndicalist leaders proposed the formation of a "committee of action," with the purpose of bringing about a revolution. Deputy Giuliotti, president of the Seamen's Federation, declared that organization was a unit in supporting the Socialist party, but that without complete accord regarding revolutionary action between the Socialist party, the Confederation of Labor and syndicalist organizations, he did not feel justified to undertake decisive revolutionary action in the name of the seamen.

Resolutions expressing the hope that a conciliatory solution of the situation, which would at the same time uphold the fundamental principles of the state, might be reached have been passed at a meeting of senators and deputies in this city.

Firemen Building Own Firehouse
National Park, N. J., Sept. 14.—Belmont Fire Co., recently organized as a volunteer body, is having a two-story concrete firehouse built at West

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