

PALMER 'EXPLAINS' DEFEAT OF PARTY

Admits 'Extraordinary' Wartime Acts Antagonized Many People

RIDICULES REORGANIZATION

Washington, Nov. 6.—"Of course the Democratic party will come back. It has been identified with the progress of the nation from the time of its birth. It will continue to be a great influence in the nation's affairs. There is nothing in Tuesday's defeat to warrant any other conclusion."

Attorney General Palmer so declared today when asked for his views on the aftermath of Tuesday's election. He took sharp issue with political prophets who have predicted the Democratic party would not survive.

"What of the defeat? What of the future? Will the party come back?" he was asked.

"The Democratic party has been defeated before, but it still lives and will continue to live," the attorney general asserted. "This defeat is no worse than that of 1904, when Roosevelt swept the North and West, and left Barker nothing but the South. Yet six years later, in 1910, the Democratic party came back into power in Congress and two years after that we elected a Democratic President."

Palmer 'Explains' Defeat

"I haven't any doubt that the party was defeated because we have been compelled, in the exercise of extraordinary powers in the emergency of the war and following the death of many individuals and groups of citizens. It could not be helped. We had to step on the toes of a great many persons in doing the things that were necessary to win the war and restore the country to a peace basis."

"Heavy taxes, the raising of a huge army, the inevitable interference with business, restrictions in the everyday affairs and lives of the people, all left grievances and resentments which have been accumulating all these years until they burst in this great protest."

"The League of Nations was not repudiated. As an issue, the league was never clearly defined. Untold thousands of Republicans voted for Senator Harding in the belief that he favored the league. The country is unquestionably for a league of some kind—for this league, with modification. The Democrats could not get the advantage of its support of the league because the issue could not be made clear."

"All this talk of reorganizing the Democratic party is futile, particularly the proposals that it shall be reorganized by those elements which have had their day and failed. The party must go forward, not backward. They have had their chance. If the party is to be reconstructed it will not be by the reactionary elements which once controlled it."

Anti-Wilsonism Is 'Nonsense'

"The talk of repudiating Wilsonian Democrats and turning the party over to non-Wilson Democrats is perfect nonsense. As a matter of fact, Wilsonian Democrats, so called, did not control this year's campaign, although they did everything possible for the ticket."

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Predicts Republican Split

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new responsibilities it is inevitable that these elements will clash. Senator Harding will suffer the usual penalties of such a situation, and will approach the end of his administration with a sadly split following."

"What about 1924?" he was asked. "I think the prospects of Democratic success in 1924 are enhanced rather than diminished by the overwhelming size of the Republican victory," he said. "They have everything—the Presidency, the Senate, the House. There will be the sole responsibility for everything that is done in the executive and legislative branches of the government, and also for everything that is not done."

Mr. Palmer ran over the names of prominent Democrats in Congress, who were defeated or re-elected in Tuesday's elections.

"What an opportunity in the House for a Democrat with conservative leadership!" he exclaimed.

"I think," he added, "the saving grace of the situation, viewed as a Democrat, is that the man who will occupy the highest official place in the Democratic party is a Democrat with the wisdom, the leadership, the patience, the tact and the ability of Oscar Underwood, of Alabama."

"It is Oscar Underwood's kind of job to lead a minority in the country's interest and at the same time take advantage of the majority's mistakes. He is capable of leading a majority equally as well, of course, but as a minority leader he will be particularly valuable. It was his leadership in the House in the period from 1910 to 1912 that enabled the Democratic party to win its victory of 1912, and it is a great thing for the country that he is now placed as he is in the Senate."

Mr. Palmer, whose administration as attorney general will end March 4, has no intention of resigning meanwhile. To do so would not square with his ideas of loyalty to his stricken chief, President Wilson. His future plans, he said, have not fully matured. His friends have understood he would return to the practice of law, maintaining offices in New York, possibly in Washington, and in Pennsylvania.

"I hope," he said, "to be able to retire to private life. I will say this much definitely: I shall not leave Pennsylvania. While I may not be able to spend much time there, that will be my home. That is where I have lived; that is where I belong, and that is where I intend to stay."

Japanese Consul Accused

Los Angeles, Nov. 6.—(By A. P.)—Officials of the Los Angeles County Anti-Asiatic Association announced today that affidavits were being prepared for presentation to the State Department at Washington in support of the association's allegations that U. Oyama, Japanese consul in Los Angeles, had participated in a campaign to defeat the alien land bill.

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Agreement to Maintain Influence Comes to Light After Three Months

WILL FINANCE RAILROADS

Paris, Nov. 6.—France, Great Britain and Italy have signed a tripartite agreement, in which they undertake to support each other in maintaining their "spheres of influence" in Turkey. The limits of the areas in which the respective special interests of France and Italy are recognized are defined by the same document.

This agreement, it developed yesterday, was signed at Sevres August 10, the day the public ceremonial of the signing of the peace treaty with Turkey took place. Although the agreement, it is explained, is not considered a secret one, it nevertheless has never been made public until now, after a lapse of nearly three months since the signing. Under its own terms the document was to come into force and be published at the time the Turkish peace treaty should go into effect. This date is still an uncertainty.

In connection with examination of the text of the agreement, now available, attention is being called here to the fact that while the treaty defines the spheres of influence of France and Italy, recognizing the special interests of France in Cilicia and the western part of Kurdistan bordering on Syria, and Italy in southern Anatolia, the British spheres of influence are not only undefined but are not referred to. That has raised the question if the agreement is susceptible of the interpretation that the British interests may be held to extend to any or all of the remaining parts of the Turkish empire.

It was noted also that while the agreement does not take the form of an alliance, it nevertheless pledges the contracting powers to "render diplomatic support to each other in maintaining their respective positions in the areas in which their special interests are recognized."

One section of the document provides for the exploitation of the Bagdad Rail-

way as a company in which British, French and Italian capital is equally interested. It gives the exploitation of the Hercules coal mines, between Konien and Adana, to Italy.

TWICE HELD FOR MURDER

Released Once for Lack of Evidence, Veterinarian Again Arrested

Harlan, Ky., Nov. 6.—(By A. P.)—Although released once before for lack of evidence implicating him with the murder of Miss Laura Parsons, a school teacher, on a lonely mountain trail near here September 7, Dr. H. C. Winnes, a state veterinarian, has been arrested and again charged with slaying the girl. County authorities, however, have refused to divulge the new turn in their investigation which caused the arrest of Dr. Winnes.

James Robinson, a negro, also is held in connection with the murder, having been arrested yesterday as he was released from the state penitentiary at Frankfort after serving two years for robbery. The negro was with a convict road-working crew which was in the mountains about the time the girl is supposed to have been beaten to death. He has been questioned previously.

PREACHER HELD IN KILLING

Canadian Saloon Owner Shot to Death in Raid for Booze

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 6.—(By A. P.)—The Rev. J. O. L. Spraclyn, pastor of the Sandwich Methodist Church, and a special liquor license inspector, is detained in the Sandwich jail following the shooting to death early today of Beverly Trumble, proprietor of an inn known as Chappell House.

The shooting occurred during a raid upon the inn.

POSSE MAY LYNCH NEGRO

Sheriff's Assailant 'Cornered' in Woods in Kentucky

Madisonville, Ky., Nov. 6.—Lee Fessinger, a negro who shot and probably fatally wounded Sheriff R. S. Hunter, of Hopkins county, who attempted to arrest him last night on a charge of whiskey "bootlegging," was still at large today. Leaders of a posse of farmers, headed by Sheriff Hunter, are reported to have been in the woods near here.

Talk of lynching the negro is rife among members of the posse. Sheriff Hunter is still alive today, although attending physicians said he could not recover.

SUSPECT SOUGHT AS WATERS' SLAYER

Arrest Expected Within Twenty-four Hours in Clubman's Murder—New Clues Unearthed

THINK ROBBERY THE MOTIVE

New York, Nov. 6.—With one man under surveillance and the possibility of an arrest within twenty-four hours, the police were hopeful yesterday of clearing up the mysterious murder of Leeds Vaughn Waters, clubman and member of a well-known New York family, early Wednesday morning, in the Plymouth Hotel. Detectives were reported to have obtained clues expected to lead to the arrest of the swarthy-skinned man who, under the name of "James Dunn," shared the hotel room with Waters when the latter was beaten to death.

The detectives questioned a man who they believed knew Waters' slayer and could furnish a motive for the crime. What information they obtained was not revealed. It was said the man was permitted to go after the detectives were convinced he had given all the information he had concerning the man suspected of the slaying.

The detectives believed yesterday that Waters was killed by a frequenter of saloons and other resorts in the vicinity of the hotel. They learned that Waters visited one of these resorts a few hours before he was killed. The police also are convinced that the murder was inspired by a desire to rob the victim, although less than \$8 was taken from him and the few articles of jewelry he wore were undisturbed. They held the robbery theory because of information that Waters was believed to be wealthy and to carry with him large sums. They believe his slayer, after crushing Waters' skull with his vicious gold-headed walking stick and some other weapon not yet traced, searched Waters' pockets and found he had little money.

NAVY CRUISES OPPOSED

Representative Blanton Protests Against Plan to Send Ships Abroad

Washington, Nov. 6.—(By A. P.)—Representative Blanton, Democrat, Texas, made public today an open letter to Secretary Daniels protesting against the announced cruises of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets next summer. The Atlantic fleet is to go to South America and Africa and the Pacific to Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. Blanton said Congress had not authorized such cruises and that naval statistics showed that it would require at least 70 per cent more coal and oil than ordinary to run these two fleets on such a cruise.

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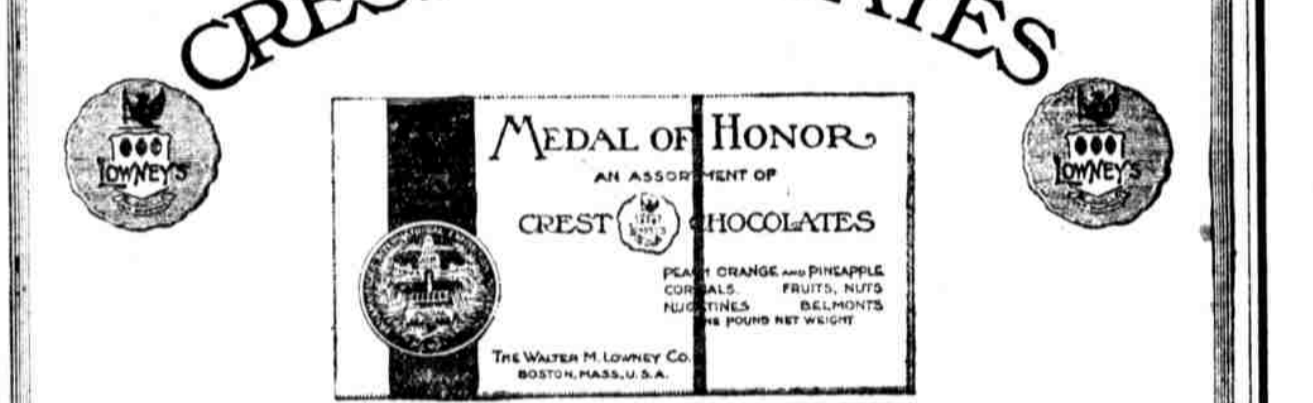
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