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Blair Admits G. O. P. Campaign Fund Drives Charged by Gov. Cox

Witness Also Tells Probers
National Committee Helped
In Fixing Quotas

PLANNED INTENSIVE
DRIVES IN 54 CITIES

Admission of Assistant To
The Republican National
Treasurer Takes In Three
More Cities Than Those
Mentioned By Cox

Chicago, Sept. 9.—Charges by Governor Cox that the republicans had fixed quotas and planned intensive fund raising drives in at least 54 cities and that the national committee had a part in assessing the city quotas were admitted on the stand before the investigating committee today by Harry M. Blair, assistant to Fred W. Chapman, republican national treasurer.

Reading from a document prepared by Mr. Blair, which he said was set out in place of the much discussed "form 101," Senator Reed brought up that the treasurer's office sought to organize intensive drives in 54 cities, three more than the other governors mentioned when he read his list of 51 at Pittsburgh. From the same document Senator Reed read that the chairman appointed in each city was to "accept the quota placed upon the city by the national treasurer." But he never did that to any of the 51, Mr. Blair interjected.

An alleged attempt by the national democratic committee from 1916 to solicit campaign funds from a postmaster was presented to the committee at second hand by William Farlow, of Augusta, Ga., a farmer. He developed that Mr. Farlow has volunteered his testimony and that his evidence consisted of five letters addressed to the postmaster at Augusta and a written statement from the postmaster certifying that he had given the letters to Mr. Farlow. The committee agreed that the evidence was not entirely competent in that form, but it was received and read. All the letters were signed with the committee's name and emphasized that contributions must be voluntary.

Mr. Blair explained that "in his mind" it was for the state chairman of the ways and means committee to select local chairman who they would be entrusted by Mr. Chapman to make it official and that Mr. Union would pass on to the local chairman a city plan suggested by the state chairman. His testimony at many points showed that the ideas which he had in his mind were rejected by his superiors when placed on paper while the facts in "form 101." While he planned drives in 54 cities, Mr. Blair said, "it was found impossible to carry out the program because of local conditions in some places."

"Our experience in Atlanta was not so encouraging," he explained, referring to the fact many of the Georgia state chairman about the failing of the drive there.

"You did though contemplate organ-

izing drives in 54 cities?" Senator Reed asked.

"Yes sir."

"So if Governor Cox or any other man charges you had plans for organizing in 54 cities, he simply understated it didn't he?"

"Yes sir," the witness answered.

Then he was asked if instructions had been issued to show up the cause of the revelations before the committee.

"Not to show up but to speed up. As a matter of fact subscriptions have been increasing since Governor Cox made his charges to such an extent that I think he really ought to be listed with my paid workers."

"If you approve his work that makes us apprehensive," Senator Reed said. "For we think he is doing a great work."

Voluntary subscriptions have also increased because many people think we are being persecuted," supplementing the witness.

"Do you mean this committee is persecuting you?" inquired Senator Kenyon.

"No sir," injected Mr. Blair, "but many people think republican committees plan of campaign for direct covenants openly arrived at is being misrepresented, if I may be permitted to quote our President."

Mr. Blair said he discouraged under writing of city quotas and was then asked to explain a "flash from the file" in August 15th bulletin which stated: "Cincinnati business men have underwritten their city's quota the full amount to be paid September 1st. Is that the truth?"

"I consider that 'bull,'" Mr. Blair said.

What is the difference between "bull" and truth? asked the senator. "Bull" is expanded truth, defined the witness, and the gathering laughed in merriment until Senator Kenyon rapped for order.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Sept. 9.—Little change from the recent irregular conditions were shown by the movement of prices at the quiet opening of today's stock market although signs of further activity were present. Some of the steels, coppers and rails were fractionally higher but otherwise slight recessions ruled. Assurances of the successful flotation of the new French loan to be offered today brought no relief to foreign exchange.

ASK HOW WOMEN ARE TO BE REGISTERED

State Board of Elections
Flooded By Inquiries from
All Over The State

Raleigh, Sept. 9.—Registers from Carrollton to Cherokee are pestering the state board of elections with letters seeking knowledge as to the proper manner of placing the names of women voters on the registration books so that they will be eligible to ballot in the November election.

There is nothing to be done when a woman applies for registration except to register her, according to Secretary W. L. Beaman, of the board. He thinks that there should be little if any difficulty or confusion while the women are asking that their names be placed upon the registration books, but in order to clarify the situation, which has never been clarified, the board will either today or tomorrow mail to the county boards a letter of instruction along with a copy of the section of the voter registration act which sets the pace for the women voters.

The biggest thing that the Senate does is eliminating the word "wives" from section 6 of the voter registration act.

4. Women voting in 1920 are not liable for the payment of poll tax which is made possible by writing into the law that section 541 and 592 of the consolidated states shall not apply to women.

2. That marking of the laws of Neutrality shall be construed so as to prevent the registration and voting of women 21 years of age and over, and also have the other qualifications for the communist party, said here today.

3. For the purpose of registration and voting of women the residence of a married woman living with her husband shall be where her husband resides, and a woman living apart from her husband or where for any other reason her husband has no legal residence in this state, the residence of such woman shall be where she actually resides.

4. The act applies to all primaries and elections, and elections and effect from the effective ratification of the federal suffrage amendment to the constitution of the United States. It will, of course, be imperative to the extent the supreme court of the United States declares it to be legal.

The League of Nations says it was never by the socialists "largely carried out," he said. The party had no longer any organization in prison at Atlanta, he said, not realizing in the "modern" campaign to what extent. This was being made in party literature of what he said as socialists visiting him.

The chief speaker in the campaign was the presidential candidate, Senator Stearns, of Chicago, recruited by 40 speakers or more under the leadership of the southwest and on September 1 started for the Pacific coast.

After missing a round of the midwest states to go east about October 1 for the induction of the emergency secretary Bernhardt said the party intended to be on the ballot in practically every state where it has previously had a vote of any consequence.

It does not expect at this time to get on the ballot in Vermont, Louisiana, New Mexico, South Dakota, Idaho and possibly in several other states in the north and west.

The three big states this fall from the socialist standpoint, Beaman said, are New York, Wisconsin and Oklahoma. He said the party expected to poll a larger vote in these states than ever before.

A large part of the party membership outside of the foreign language federations has come back, the socialist executive reported, referring to the split last fall which resulted in formation of the communist party and the communist labor party.

No policy of concentration in sections where socialist sentiment is strongest will be carried on by national headquarters, according to the party secretary. He said that the national office was making the campaign as general as possible, leaving concentration to the state organizations, which could uniformly carry on such a policy in New York, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

There is but little coal produced in Portugal, which has been entirely dependent on imported coal. For domestic purposes charcoal is largely used and aluminum must close proximity of sunlight and external illumination are produced.

All coal for industries was imported from Canada and New Mexico and since that has ceased and other plans in the United States have been made, the situation threatens to become serious and people are looking forward with alarm to the coming winter. Abnormal conditions exist as a result, all restaurants, cafes and places of amusement must close promptly at midnight and external illumination are prohibited.

In the meantime all Portugal is suffering from utter absence of coal and people are obliged to buy wood when it is obtainable. Middle-class and poor people burn sawdust in small earthenware stoves specially made for its use. Now, however, even that has disappeared as the price of fuel rose to such an extent that the government was obliged to enforce fixed prices. In consequence, although there is plenty of surplus coal, farmers are not sending it to the market, hoping to obtain even increasing prices for wood.

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Other east and west highway through New Mexico are the Dixie Overland along the line of the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad and the Old Spanish Trail along the Southern Pacific, both far removed from the proposed Lone Star Trail.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 9.—Cotton futures opened steady, October, 28, 60; December, 26, 35; January, 25, 28; March, 24, 55; May, 24, 55.

The cotton market showed the influence of an easier technical position during today's early trading. There was no improvement in the weather news and Liverpool made a steady showing but after opening 2 points lower to 25 points higher the local market closed off to 27,80 for October and 25,55 for December or 15 to 33 points below yesterday's closing. The decline was held in check by covering, however, which caused rallies before noon.

At present many women manage their own farms on Vancouver island.

Ostrich feathers valued at \$2,500 were imported into the United States in the last 12 months.

CLOSE FIGHTS IN GEORGIA PRIMARY MUCH WORSE TODAY UNDER WAY TODAY

Hardwick And Walker In
Neck And Neck Race For
Gubernatorial Place

WATSON IS FAR AHEAD

Unofficial Returns Compiled
By Atlanta Paper Show
That Eight Congressmen
Who Had Opposition Have
Been Renominated

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9.—Thomas E. Watson continues to maintain a clear majority of county and votes for the three other candidates for the United States senate on the face of incomplete individual returns from 123 of the 155 Georgia counties compiled at noon today by the Atlanta Journal. Senator Hays Smith, independent, was running third, according to these returns.

On the face of these returns the four most favored in the renomination of eight Georgia congressmen who had opposition, the gubernatorial race was

as follows: Hardwick, 117,000; Walker,

107,000; Watson, 101,000; and Hays Smith, 30,000.

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