

FAVOR J. B. MASON AS THEIR DELEGATE

Durham Republicans Want Banker As District Representative at Chicago

By JAMES A. ROBINSON.

Durham, Feb. 24.—The Durham county Republican executive committee met last night to certify to the State convention the delegates recommended by the precinct committees, and delegates to the county convention—the latter being dispensed with to comply with the regulations of the board of health. The delegates will go to the State convention instructed by J. B. Mason, cashier of the Citizens' National bank of this city, who was unanimously endorsed as the representative from the Fifth district to the National convention in Chicago. Mr. Mason is not making a fight for the honor, but if the congressional convention endorses him, he will accept. A large number of delegates were authorized to attend the State and Congressional conventions.

Choice of Crane As Minister To China Recalls Interesting Story

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told him of America's interest in China's welfare having added, that whenever Mr. Crane made a speech, he ought to "speak it out red hot." That utterance seemed to attract no particular attention and later Mr. Crane attended another luncheon at which Wu Ting Fang, Chinese minister to the United States, emphasized the friendly interest the United States had in China.

The storm did not break, however, until a month later when in San Francisco Mr. Crane got a brief telegram from Secretary Knox, on the eve of embarking, ordering him back to Washington. The reason for the sudden change was not made public at the time, Mr. Crane protesting ignorance of it, but diplomats in Washington began talking about his speeches and it began to leak out that some one was offended. It finally developed that a story appearing in a Western newspaper accredited to Mr. Crane and representing him as attacking the Manchurian agreement between China and Japan were the real causes of his recall. The story also appeared in the Japanese press and caused a considerable reaction in Japan over the supposed view of the new minister from the United States to China.

Gave Out Story.

Secretary Knox issued a statement saying that while in the department preparatory to leaving for his post, Mr. Crane had learned from minor officials that the government was making an examination of these agreements and "without the knowledge or authority of any one connected with the department, gave out a newspaper story to the effect that this government was preparing to protest against some of the features of the agreements and that the promulgation of the protest only awaited the return of an official who was to formulate it."

Secretary Knox's official statement added that Mr. Crane has "admitted having an indiscreet talk with a reporter," and that he had "reluctantly reached the conclusion that the good of the service demands that I shall inform Mr. Crane that his resignation will be accepted and I have done so." President Taft told Mr. Crane that he concurred in the views of Secretary Knox, and "greatly regretted the circumstances."

Mr. Crane announced at the time that he had never seen the offending article, but assumed full responsibility

for his connection with it "purely incidental," as that connection was.

Crane Not Notified.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Charles R. Crane, who was in this city tonight, said that he knew nothing of his reported selection by President Wilson to be minister to China. He added that he would not comment upon the matter until he had received official notification from Washington. He remarked, however, that in case he were chosen for the post there were several things he would like to know about it before deciding whether to accept.

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Jake Newell Denounces The Morehead Methods

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politics, a gentleman's game. There was much more by the master to the same point that the king can do no wrong. It was the most eloquent speech the master had made in Charlotte in many a day.

Progressive ideas were declared out of harmony with the old guard. Let lesser lights having ambitions to rule seek elsewhere for guidance. Again he would remain true to the faith. There was much more to the same tenor as in the letter Morehead last fall addressed to J. A. Michael, who started the movement for the recall election in Charlotte, in which he outlined his labor platform. Michael steered a path consistently in opposition to the city administration, but Morehead quickly switched over to a warm supporter of the administration. He became a champion of law and order then, but not so Saturday, when he ruled by the power

of might.

That letter explained that labor has a right to organize in unions or societies, and that capital likewise has a right to organize in such units as may be considered best, both however, to be under the law and controlled by law. There was much more to the effect that no industry can exist without capital, no industry is possible without a market for labor's wares and without labor capital is helpless, wherefore their interests are mutual. Morehead considered this a wonderful document, inasmuch as it apparently kept solely in the middle of the road, until some of his labor leader friends explained that it meant clearly that labor is a commodity like any other article of trade and entitled to no more protection than articles of merchandise. Morehead could see nothing wrong about that. "Why, they are my views," he explained. "Labor is a commodity, of course," he exclaimed. The Congressional campaign came on and Morehead thought to have this letter published as a campaign document, but union labor leaders prevailed on him not to do it, as it would hurt the party, they said. Morehead, however, still holds to his views, evidently, that labor is a commodity.

Gumshoe Campaign As Usual.

During the campaign Morehead followed his favorite plan of gumshoeing over the district, while Jake Newell and others went out to rouse up the labor vote. Newell had been promised the job of running, but when he had undertaken to represent the Charlotte police force in connection with the shooting at the car barns in August, the master called on Newell to cease political activities. Newell obeyed and pulled off his coat and worked for the master in the election to beat Hoey.

Saturday's convention shows that not only does Morehead regard labor as a

commodity to be bought and sold on the market, but that votes in a convention are likewise to be used for the master's own wishes. Jake Newell grew up in Cabarrus and considers himself not an article of traffic, but a red-blooded American citizen.

Morehead was born with a silver spoon in his mouth. He can mix with the common people only in order to serve his selfish desires. "From the common people came Abraham Lincoln, while from the pampered rich came William Hohenzollern," Newell explained.

Meanwhile, Morehead and his coterie continue their work of sowing the machineery. The platform committee under Clarence Fagin's direction will function in time for the convention. There may be some more shelving of Republican leaders, in the meantime.

First Heavy Guns Open Up In Third District Battle

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"In this letter Mr. Abernethy tells of being an invited guest at a luncheon

given by Mr. A. W. McLean and of the big men he met there and at the banquet and adds an expression of the desire—still increasing—to come to Congress.

Luncheon a Private Affair.

"Of course, this luncheon was a private affair and Mr. McLean must have been surprised to find Mr. Abernethy using this courtesy he extended to him to promote his (Abernethy's) political interests.

"I enjoyed, as I think all did, the fine humor and good spirits with which Mr. Prince wrote and none of us dreamed that Mr. Abernethy would hurry to Washington and seek to have Mr. Prince's office taken from him.

"We knew, of course, that he would rush into print—his favorite enterprise—and besides—but we did not think he would try to punish Mr. Prince for outdo him in letter-writing, especially,

since Mr. Prince's family, who are dependent on him for support, were not parties to the heinous crime. In his cooler moments—after the campaign is over—Mr. Abernethy will regret his course, which would have been cruel if it had succeeded.

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