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HARDING'S LEADERSHIP  
IS KEYNOTE OF THE FALL  
CAMPAIGN IN INDIANA  
G.O.P. SAYS BEVERIDGE

HOP OFF ON 30,000-MILE  
TRIP AROUND WORLD  
CROYDON, ENGLAND, May 24.—Major W. T. Blake and two companions started from the airdrome here at 3:05 o'clock this afternoon on an attempted thirty thousand mile airplane flight around the world.

IMMENSE CROWD HEARS  
SENIOR CLASS EXERCISES

"Travels With Aeneas," Is  
Playlet Produced—Class  
History, Statistics, Etc., Are  
Read—Dr. W. W. Orr to  
Speak This Evening.

Party's Nominee For Senate,  
A. J. Beveridge, Predicts  
Glorious Victory in Fall  
Elections—Praises Record  
of Republican Party and  
Leadership of Harding.

(By The Associated Press.)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 24.—Efficient and wise management of the nation's affairs, both domestic and international, and substantial results in relieving "the evils of eight years of democratic misrule" were claimed for the Harding administration in an address here today by Senator Watson, Republican, Indiana, before the Indiana Republican State convention.

For years it has been the custom of Indiana republicans to have the key note of the national campaign sounded before them, and Senator Watson's speech, which was discussed in advance with President Harding, will be incorporated in the party literature for the congressional campaign this fall.

Senator Watson praised the executive, legislative and diplomatic record of the present administration and bated the recent Democratic administration as "debt-incurring, deficit creating, bond-sinking, surplus-scattering, factory closing, industry-paralyzing, prosperity-destroying, social-upheaving, and cataclysm-producing."

"We are not responsible for all this waste," he declared. "We did not produce all this wreckage. We did not incur these debts. We have not piled up this mountain of obligations, and those gentlemen who are responsible for all this riotous orgy of extravagance and all this upsetting of industry and unsettling of financial conditions, now stand and jeer at us—because in fourteen months we have not overcome all the evil they produced in eight years."

"We have not yet accomplished all that we have set out to do," he continued. "We have not cured all the ills and corrected all the mistakes and overcome all the evils of eight years of democratic misrule, but certainly we have taken long strides in the right direction and assuredly if the Republican party cannot adjust matters, what hope is there in turning to the organization that caused all the disaster in the beginning?"

Reduction of taxes and appropriations, reorganization of the Shipping Board, agricultural relief, the tariff bill and diplomacy of the present administration were emphasized by Senator Watson.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 24.—Indiana republicans, meeting here today for their state convention, heard party leaders sound the keynote for the fall campaign. Senator Watson, in an address which he had discussed with President Harding before leaving Washington, presented the claim that efficient and wise management of the nation's domestic and international affairs had brought about substantial results in relieving "the evils of eight years of democratic misrule."

Motto: "Conquering Now, and Still to Conquer."

Colors: Pink and Green.

Flower: Dorothy Perkins Rose.

J. P. MORGAN ATTENDING  
CONFERENCE OF BANKERS

(By The Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 24.—Leading bankers from many nations, with J. P. Morgan the American representative, were in Paris today to discuss financial means for the settlement of the European situation with a loan to Germany considered as one of the first measures necessary.

Informal discussions among the financiers preliminary to the meeting indicated that a loan to Germany must be of considerable magnitude to bring about a real settlement and assure that a fresh crisis will not spring up within a few months.

The figures mentioned ranged from \$200,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000, the latter apparently meeting with the most favor. Such a loan, however, would be contingent, it is understood, upon a decisive revision downward in the cash repayment payments demanded from Germany.

GEN. WOOD SAFE AFTER  
36-HOUR ABSENCE

MANILA, P. I., May 24.—Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippines, is safe after being missing 36 hours in the Yacht Apo, following a typhoon, according to word received here early today. The yacht was reported to have taken refuge on an island near Mindoro, where the Governor, accompanied by his wife and daughter, had gone Saturday on an inspection trip.

Since the typhoon kept anxiety had been felt for the safety of General Wood and his family. The Apo is a small yacht and vessel generally in the vicinity of the island of Mindoro were driven helplessly before the storm. For two days efforts to reach the Apo were unavailing.

MARINE BAND TO GIVE  
A CONCERT TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The marine band, known as "The President's Own," will give a radio concert at 8 o'clock tonight, through the Anacostia naval station. The concert will last for one hour and it is expected will be heard throughout the eastern section of the United States and part of Canada. The station will use a wave length of 412 metres and the signal, "Navy."

Health hint: Men who can't fight should not have bad tempers.

Some of these new drivers think a train should take to the woods when it sees them coming.

CORONER POSTPONES  
INQUEST INTO DEATH OF  
PETERS, SAID TO BE ONE  
OF BLACK MAIL TRIO

Many Points in Confession of  
Ward, Millionaire Baking  
Company Official, Are Not  
Clear to Officials—Say Peters Was in Ward's House  
Night Before He Was Shot.

(By John Paul Lucas.)

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 24.—Coroner Edward Fitzgerald has postponed the inquest into the killing of Clarence Peters, described by Walter S. Ward, millionaire baking company official, as one of a blackmailing trio. Ward characterized Peters as a blackmailer in his confession of shooting the former sailor near Kensico reservoir recently.

The inquest has been put off until the coroner's investigators can clear up several points in the Ward confession with which Mr. Fitzgerald, in the light of late developments, is far from satisfied.

The police have been told by C. W. Eckhardt, owner of an estate bordering Kings Road, where Peters' body was discovered by William Griggs and Richard Short that no bullet wound was found until they had opened the coat and vest which were part of the clothing. Griggs and Short also told the police that only the shirt and undershirt showed evidence that a bullet had pierced them.

The men also declared that traces of only one care were found at the spot and Short, who lives near, declared that he heard but a single automobile rush north along the road about four o'clock that morning, the time set by Ward for the affray with the blackmailers. Another contradiction which officials insist must be cleared up is the failure to find but one empty shell near the body, although Ward declares that nine shots were fired between the time he shot Peters and exchanged shots with the other two men, "Ross" and "Jack," who fled.

The New Rochelle police have further complicated matters by insisting that Peters, shot on the morning of May 16, was in Ward's house the night before during a card game. They say that Ward went for a ride on the morning of the 16th, but returned to his house at 2 o'clock and not at 4, as stated by the authorities who say that they got the 4 o'clock time from Ward.

Neither the gun said by Ward to have been used by Peters was found when the body was discovered, nor is the gun Ward himself used in the hands of the authorities. Last night Ward was asked where he had met Peters, but he declined to answer. He was annoyed by a question: "Do you know what became of the revolver which Peters used?"

"Don't try to trap me," he said. The authorities are said to be doing everything in their power to locate the missing "Ross" and "Jack," but so far as can be learned no description of the men or general alarm has been sent out.

Following is a list of bidders:

General Contract.

John A. Gardner, Charlotte, N. C., \$266,142; Fulton Brick Works, Richmond, Va., \$291,393; Palmer Spivey, Augusta, Ga., \$294,856; Brown Harry Co., Gastonia, N. C., \$266,000; Gaston Construction Co., Gastonia, N. C., \$307,400; Northeastern Construction Co., Charlotte, N. C., \$310,136; King Lumber Co., Charlottesville, Va., \$290,000; George Dose Engineering Co., New York \$500,000.

Electrical Work.

Michael & Bivens, Gastonia, N. C., \$26,087; Hornet Nest Electric Co., Charlotte, N. C., \$16,161; B. C. Electric Co., Columbia, S. C., \$16,429,500; J. L. Powers, Bennettsville, S. C., \$2,500,000; Lumber & Thomasson, Gastonia, N. C., \$21,275.

Plumbing Work.

Gurinarian Company, Columbia, S. C., \$20,000; L. F. Waldrop, Rock Hill, S. C., \$21,225; Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Co., Gastonia, N. C., \$22,688,600; J. L. Powers, Bennettsville, S. C., \$26,000.

To Mr. Gardner's bid must be added the bids of Michael & Bivens and Columbia Co., making a total of \$105,161,000 as the cost of the building exclusive of heating and furniture.

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