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POWER UNDER FALSE PRE-
TENSES

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Every voter knows what James M. Cox would do with the treaty of peace and the covenant of the League of Nations in the event of his election to the presidency.

The treaty would be resubmitted at once to the Senate, in accordance with Governor Cox's pledge that "the first duty of the new administration clearly will be the ratification of the treaty." Mr. Cox would accept any reasonable interpretation that might be agreed upon by the Senate, provided they did not impair the "essential integrity" of the covenant, but he would stand against anything that distorts the vital principle. There would be no crippling of the League on the part of the United States, no denial of responsibility for helping to maintain the peace of the world, no repudiation of the obligations assumed by all the other members, no refusal to finish the task for which 2,000,000 American soldiers went to France.

Nobody knows what Warren G. Harding would do about the treaty. He has never said. Senator Lodge admits that the Republican platform "makes no promise for the future," and the speeches of the Republican candidate are equally sterile. Senator Harding refuses to say that he would resubmit the treaty. He refuses to say whether he would favor ratification with the Lodge reservations for which he twice voted. He is committed to nothing except a separate peace with Germany along the lines of the Knox resolution, and to sympathy with a fantastic "association of nations" that has no existence.

All attempts to obtain a definite statement of policy from the Republican candidate have been unavailing. Mr. Taft insists that Senator Harding means one thing and Senator Johnson insists that he means another. While the Republican friends of the League are trying to interpret the Harding speech to square with their own beliefs, the Republican enemies of the League are daily declaring that the candidate is in accord with them on the issue.

Senator Harding is quite as slippery in respect to other issues. Except for his advocacy of a protective tariff for the benefit of privileged industries like the Steel Trust and the Wood Trust, he is no less evasive in regard to important domestic policies than to foreign policies.

Men who try to get property under false pretenses are dealt with by grand juries and district attorneys, but there is no penalty for men who attempt to get votes under false pretenses. It may be far more serious than the former. It may be a greater menace to the general welfare and the vital interests of the Nation.

There is no question that the American people cannot be trusted to settle, and settle intelligently, if it is plainly and honestly presented to them, but no question can be settled if it is clouded and obscured by political trickery. In so far as can be ascertained, Senator Harding and his most influential senatorial supporters are against the League of Nations. They have a right to be against it. If they are willing to say unequivocally they are against it, well and good. The voters can decide for themselves at the polls.

But there can be no worth-while decision if candidates decline to say where they stand and try to sneak into office without disclosing their program of government.

Senator Harding and his managers are asking the country for a blank check to be filled out after election to suit themselves. That is the very negation of self-government. Government of the people, by the people, and for the people cannot exist on such terms, and an electorate that submits to it has abdicated its sovereignty.

SAMUEL SMILEY'S SAY-
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The "Retired Statesman" Answers Questions By His Anxious Friends

Question: What do I think of Governor Cox's measure of the Republican scheme for a \$15,000,000 campaign fund?

Answer: Well, sir, it looks as if the party had revised Lincoln's famous saying by leaving out a "government of the people, for the people," and giving it alone to a government of BUY the people.

I think they might revise another saying of Lincoln's to the effect that while "you can fool all the people some of the time" you can't buy all the people any of the time.

While Governor Cox presented the documentary proof which amounted to a written confession by the Republican Senators, I do not know whether or not he was the first to get hold of it, especially that letter of instruction to collectors, "Boys, get the money." I would not be surprised to hear that an advance copy of that fell into the hands of the Hon. William Barnes, Jr.

In any event, he was the first of the Old Guard to return to "normalcy."

Republican Treasurer Upham says that Governor Cox's figures are only guesses and that the Governor doesn't know the difference between a quote and a budget. I think he does, and I think everybody else does — it's plain.

Chairman Hays says the financial plan of his party is based on the Red Cross plan. Bill Barnes must have known this in advance, too. Before the Republican national army took the field, Barnes was not getting any aid. In calling his plan the Red Cross plan, I trust that Chairman Hays hasn't forgotten that all the Red Cross quotes were filled. I hear that

Boston will exceed its quota two and think that "normalcy" means the old a half times, and out in Sagebrush, price, two for a quarter. Ariz., and Devil's Hole, Idaho, the Speaking of Boston reminds me of boys who want to get back to "nor" that local financial genius who start "malcy" are digging. Out there they sit out with a budget and a quota

His budget was what came in and his

In one way I feel sorry for Ponsil. He started too soon and in the wrong game. He might have had a grand political career as financial director of the party of great moral ideas. Under the Harding-Old Guard plan of a Syndicated Presidency, he would make a fine candidate for Secretary of the Treasury. If the "Big game" could break up the Federal Reserve Bank act, I believe they would be liberal and be satisfied with 10 per cent.

Four Ponsil! He was only a piker, but of course he couldn't know what kind of competition he was going to have. He probably knows by this time, however, that he didn't get all the "sucker money."

FOREST PROTECTION
OR DEVASTATION

A very searching question is asked in the title of a pamphlet just issued by the North Carolina Forestry Association which indicates that a turning point has been reached in the utilization of our forest resources. Heretofore we have held our timber, turpentine, tanbark and other forest products without any thought of protecting the remaining growth. Devastation has been and still is the result. It is asserted that we are now cutting our timber four times as fast as it is growing. This association asks, therefore, which it shall be, "Forest Protection or Devastation?" And then states, also in the title page "it is up to North Carolina." In other words, the people of this State must choose, and choose now, whether they will practice a policy of forest fire prevention, or continue to devastate and leave in an unproductive condition such a large proportion of our forest area.

The pamphlet contains several of the more important addresses made at the Tenth Annual Convention of the North Carolina Forestry Association, which was held in Asheville, June 9-10 last. The letter from Col. Henry S. Graves, who was until recently U. S. Forester, is a gem of inspiration and advice. Three quotations from it urging North Carolina to take immediate action are put upon the title page. Here is a fourth: "The factor of Federal aid is very great, but there is an immediate responsibility upon each state to go forward to the limit of its capacity, without waiting for help from our central government." In the next paper Federal aid in fire prevention is set forth in a simple and practical way by Mr. E. E. Carter, the Assistant U. S. Forester.

The example of French forestry is set before us in two interesting addresses, one by Colonel T. S. Woolsey, Jr., and the other by Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, both of whom look at the problems from the point of view of the experienced forester, as well as the average man.

The resolutions show pretty clearly where the association stands and what it is working for. They urge (1) The enactment of legislation for the establishment of an adequate forest fire protection force in this state and the appropriation by congress of funds sufficient to furnish reasonable cooperation with the several States for the same purpose; (2) An appropriation by congress of two million dollars a year for the continuation of the forest fire protection force in this state and the appropriation by congress of lands for inclusion within National Forests; (3) The establishment of a Forest Experiment Station in North Carolina with an appropriation of adequate funds for its operation; (4) Provision by the next General Assem-

by for the adequate support of Mt. Mitchell State Park, and the further acquisition by the State of forested land for the benefit of the people;

(2) Closer co-operation with lumbermen and railroads in the prevention of forest fires.

All those who are interested in the well being of the State and in the conservation of its forests, especially those who are in any way connected with the growth or utilization of our timber resources, should send to the

Secretary of the North Carolina Forestry Association at Chapel Hill for a copy of this pamphlet and read it carefully. The State Geological and Economic Survey is to be congratulated on the results of its close co-operation with the association.

Every man in the village of Huertala Palayo, in the province of Guadalajara, Spain, has decided to emigrate to the United States. The families will follow later.

A bill has been introduced in the British Parliament to check divorces. One provision calls for jail terms for both male and female co-respondents in divorce suits.

Value is a matter of locality. In Western Mexico there is a railroad with ties of ebony and road ballast of silver ore. Spitzbergen, a large island in the Arctic regions of Europe, is attracting the eyes of oil-hunters, evidence of petroleum having been discovered

Believing that ginners should be interested in the welfare of the farmers we urge that every member of our association meet with the farmers, bankers, merchants and other business men in Raleigh on—

THURSDAY SEPT. 16th
AT
10 O'CLOCK

This is a meeting of the American Cotton Association and should be largely attended from our section for its purpose is to boost the price of cotton to a living profit.

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