BRUNDAGE TELLS EVILS OF LEN SMALL REGIME

Says Wondrous Story of Nation's Glory Was Penned Before State Was Degraded

"The wondrous story, without which the poet has said the nation's glory cannot be written, was penned long before Illinois became enmeshed in its present political morass," declared Edward J. Brundage in a talk at Wilmette this week. "The story of recent years is wondrous but we are not singing of it in gladsome rhythm. It is a story of political degradation beyond parallel in the sisterhood of self governed states. It is so shameful that many people are wondering if there is still a civic conscience in the great state of Illinois. It will be difficult to answer this in the affirmative if the citizenry, by their votes permit a further stranglehold upon the commonwealth by Len Small and those who have privately converted its funds, opened for the criminal underworld the penitentiary doors, padded the payrolls and debased the public service."

"I have fought the political organization that Fred Lundin has constructed about Governor Small because know its true character," he continued. "Nearly five years ago evidence was laid before me of the profiteering in banking the state's money. There was no doubt whatever about the truth of the charge-how Small, through private loaning of the public moneys in his hands as state treasurer and afterwards as "security expert" for his successor, had so manipulated the investment of the funds that a huge profit belonging to the people had been diverted into the pockets of himself and associates. This sum, as nearly as could be computed, is approximately two millions of dollars."

"We are now afforded the spectacle of the Governor assessing state employes a month's salary in order to make restitution of the money which he took and still has. Isn't it a pitiful spectacle that a low salaried state employe must deny himself home comforts-must take something from the family funds-perhaps food and clothes from the children-in order to make up the amount the Supreme Court has said Len Small is guilty of taking from the people. It is said the "itching palm" will profit financially by the Court's ruling because the assessment against the state employes will be in excess of the amount of the judgment against him. A profit in everything.

"This is the wondrous story we now have of Illinois—a Governor who is held liable by the Supreme Court of withhoulding the people's money, compelling the people's servants to make restitution for him."

"Direction of taxation has within it the greatest political possibilities. Four years ago Fred Lundin fostered a revenue law which would have denatured the taxing bodies of this country. It would have vested in Small's tax commission at Springfield the right to inquire into the return of every individual tax paver in Cook County. Such a law would have placed into the hands of the Governor the power to make his political enemies pay exhorbitant taxes. It would have been the medium of sandbagging the great business corporations. It afforded, in its mercenary interpretation, the means of collecting huge funds for political uses. The bill will be revived in the coming session of the General Assembly. How can this be done? Easily enough. By bills drawn by skillful lawyers and whipped through the legislature.

"Should it become a law, no tax payer in Cook County will dare to raise his voice in denunciation of the state administration without paying dearly for his courage.

"With the power of administering

small machine to invincibility in 1928 is to transfer to Springfield the political power and duties of the statutory county officers.

"I have watched with considerable alarm the development of this movement to perpetuate Small's political ring. No matter what other danger confronts us, I have determined that this is the most imminent.

"Because I know the dangers I am acting with Crowe, Barrett, Thompson and every political element opposing Small. They have designated their ticket the "Home Rule" ticket, meaning they are for Cook County and against the transfering of local government to Springfield. Everyone who is against Small can unite in this undertaking to break his political grasp on Illinois.

"The successful way to combat a danger is to combine all the elements opposed to it. The successful battle cannot be fought with detached fragments of troops. The army must be combined and be directed by a central authority. I have, therefore, joined with political groups that I know to be opposed to Small, Lundin and everything politically they stand for. If there are things political to be corrected, after the Small machine is crushed and Illinois redeemed in the estimation of the other states, we will then meet those conditions when they confront us."

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