

PROGRESSIVES ASK RECOGNITION

NEW CONGRESSMEN WILL DEMAND REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

Washington, Nov. 7.—Statements by progressive leaders that they will expect representation on non-partisan government boards, commissions, etc., have led to an examination of the laws and precedents bearing on such appointments.

This shows, it is declared, that the lawmakers in creating non-partisan boards and commissions, made no provision for the selection of members from minority parties.

Consequently, the general rule has been merely to prohibit more than a majority of the members of the boards and commissions being elected from one party, nothing being said from what party or parties the minority shall be chosen. In accordance with this precedent, Wilson would be legally free in most cases to select minority members from any of the minority parties.

The Hepburn rate law, increasing the number of members of the interstate commerce commission from five to seven provided that "not more than four commissioners shall be appointed from the same political party."

The law governing the appointment of the three civil service commissioners provided that "not more than two shall be advocates of the same party." The law creating the board of general appraisers at New York provides that not more than five shall be appointed from the same political party. The personnel of many commissions, such as the managers of the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers, and the board of regents of the Smithsonian institute, is determined by the house of representatives without regard to the laws as to non-partisanship.

It is generally recognized that the question of the moral support for the demand of representation will be passed on by the democratic leaders only.

In the house and senate, representation of progressives on committees and commissions is likely to bring complications. In the last congress the democratic majority required the republican minority—the leading minority—to care for the socialist members in the commission appointments. The general rule in both the house and the senate is to place the minority leader to make assignment of minority members or senators to the respective committees.

TREASURER INDICTED.

Cincinnati, Nov. 7.—Daniel Keifer, treasurer of the Joseph Pels single tax fund, was indicted by the federal grand jury, according to a report tonight, by United States District Attorney McPherson. He was charged with using a frank of Congressman Henry George, Jr., in sending out mail.

SUIT TO RECOVER IS FILED

Helena, Nov. 7.—(Special)—Albert W. McCune has been sued in the federal court of that city by the government for \$254,254, alleged to be the value of timber unlawfully cut from the public domain in Deer Lodge county, Montana, from 1883 to 1895. Frank Hall, special assistant attorney general, with headquarters in this city, who has been working up the case for several months, filed it.

The action is for the conversion of cordwood, aggregating 717,987 cords, alleged to have been cut from townships 3 and 4 north, ranges 11 and 12 west.

The defendant was a member of the firm of Caplice & McCune, which held a contract for furnishing wood to the smelter at Anaconda.

WANTS A RECEIVER.

Lafayette, Ind., Nov. 7.—A receiver for the Retail Clerks' International Protective association, was asked in the circuit court today on the ground that the persons in control of the organization have been acting as a corporation without having been incorporated. The proceedings were filed by Miss Susie Waldron, a member, who alleges the union has 12,000 members.

Fighting Greeks Destroy Forts



At the top, Greek infantry in action at Ellassona, on the Graeco-Turkish frontier; at the bottom, Turkish frontier station after being demolished by Greeks.

The first pictures of the Greek soldiers on the firing line have reached America. They were taken on the Graeco-Turkish frontier, where there have been numerous bloody engagements. In these fights the Greeks have shown remarkable valor and have been uniformly successful. The entire Greek army is massing on the frontier, while but a small portion of the Turkish forces can be spared to ward off their advance. In one of the accompanying pictures Greek infantry is seen in action at Ellassona; in the other is shown a Turkish frontier station which they demolished.

A few years ago Greece suffered humiliating defeat at the hands of Turkey. Now, apparently, the tables are to be turned. The Greeks are spurred on by a spirit of mingled patriotism and revenge and show no quarter to their Turkish foes.



SOIL ROBBERY HURTS AMERICA

THIS COUNTRY GROWS POORER WHILE ITS FOREIGN COMPETITORS GROW RICHER

New York, Nov. 7.—That the United States for years has been growing poorer while its European industrial competitors were growing richer insofar as ultimate resources—the productivity of the soil—is concerned, is the startling opinion rendered here by expert authorities notwithstanding the fact that the largest crops in the history of the country have just been harvested. So great is the danger threatening the position of the United States as a food producer, considering that a movement has been started which is being participated in by bankers and users of grain, railway officials and bankers as well as by agricultural experts and practical farmers to increase the agricultural output of the nation by the adoption of better cultural methods.

"The great menace to the future development of American agriculture," said R. Higgins, a large dealer and export of the New York Produce Exchange who is one of the leaders in the movement for agricultural conservation, in an interview today, "is that for fifty years we have followed a method of systematic soil robbery in our farming operations. The same crops have been taken from the same ground year after year in many parts of the country. As a result the soil, deprived of certain of its elements essential to the production of these special crops, has begun to show the strain in decreased yields. It is only within the past few years that this tendency has begun to show its real dangers. Prior to that time new areas were continually being brought under cultivation. With most of our new land gone it is time to improve our methods if we are to avoid the fate of becoming soon a large importer of foodstuffs to feed our own people."

"While the prices of farm products have advanced steadily for the past fifteen years and the total value of our crops has increased more than one-half, the average yield per acre has practically stood still and in some sections actually has gone down hill. In every country of Western Europe the average yield has been growing steadily during the period. We get fourteen bushels of wheat to the acre in some sections as low as nine bushels. England gets 32 bushels; Germany 28 and Holland 34. Our wheat exports are falling off rapidly.

SIMPLICITY REIGNS IN LINGERIE

PETTICOATS MUST BE SHEER FOR NO EXTRA BULK IS ALLOWED.

Sheerness, simplicity and slenderness are the three S's which cover modern lingerie garments. Everything that is worn beneath the frock is as straight, as narrow and as soft as it can possibly be, so that there shall be absolutely no extra bulk of material to spoil the lines of the outer costume. Fashionable simplicity is the thing in lingerie now, and this is fortunate for the woman who must economize, for the loveliest undergarments may be concocted at very little expense and with a minimum of labor.

The most radical change in under-wear in the past few seasons has been in the petticoat. Petticoats nowadays are made of about half the material that went into them formerly, and the new petticoats are so soft and limp that they have no substance whatever, beneath the gown—a very different condition from the time, not so very long ago, when thick petticoats of muslin, stiffly starched were worn to make the foot of the gown stand well away from the feet. The new petticoat does not come anywhere near the feet; it stops short at the ankle, if it is a dancing petticoat trimmed with lace, fine embroidery and ribbons; and half way between the knees and ankle, if it is a simpler affair for use with the tailored skirt. These abbreviated petticoats are delightfully comfortable, for while giving one the satisfactory feeling of having a petticoat on, beneath the gown, they leave the limbs free in walking and the skirt over them takes on the slender, clinging lines at the foot now considered graceful and fashionable.

When a silk petticoat is worn it is as soft and limp as the model of tub material and is gulfless of a dust ruffle, the scant little flounce being placed at the edge of the rather short skirt. These silken petticoats never fall below the top of the buttoned walking boot and show only when the skirt is lifted in crossing a gutter or stepping from a vehicle. Fine white machine embroidery is liked better for wash petticoats than lace, though the latter is used on very costly silk petticoats for evening wear. Yet even these models are trimmed with embroidery, exquisitely fine patterns on a sheer ground being used.

A beautiful petticoat, like nightgown and combination garment, is part of a trousseau now being prepared for a November bride. This petticoat is made of nainsook and has a deep flounce being attached to nainsook by a wide Valenciennes lace insertion. It will be noted the flounce is attached almost without gathers so that the petticoat is no more than a yard and three-quarters wide at the foot, and the strips of insertion running down into the flounce add to the daintiness of the model. Instead of passing through a heading the wide, pale-blue ribbon is threaded through button-holes slashed in the flounce. This is a novel touch and as the slashes are buttonholed by hand the effect is exquisitely fine and delicate. Beneath the flounce of sheer machine eyelet work there is no deep ruffle, such flounces now being applied directly to the top of the petticoat and falling softly and limply about the ankles.

The nightgown is a new yoke model, for yokes are again very popular in lingerie and are seen in chemises and corset covers as well as in nightgowns. A lovely model now shown is of the finest nainsook attached to a yoke of pin-tucking and lace with a lace heading, through which pink ribbon is drawn. The yoke is square, running down over the top of the nainsook sleeve, and the heading and ribbon go all around it, a deep scant

frill of lace forming the embryonic sleeve. Within the deep border of lace which forms the square of the yoke are set back and front panels of pin-tucking, broken by inserted medallions of the lace. The gown is finished in bridal style by knots of pink ribbon through which are thrust pale pink satin carnations, one knot on each sleeve and one at the front of the yoke.

The Val-trimmed nightgown is not very practical for week-in-and-week-out wear, as this lace must be laundered with extreme care to look like anything but a rag after two or three visits to the tub. Dainty and practical nightgowns are made of fine longcloth with imitation cluny lace around a square neck and edging the short kimono sleeves. A row of ribbon short embroidery heading makes a pretty finish inside the lace edge. There is a pad for adding scant flounces at the lower edge of nightgowns and the finish is rather graceful, though it gives the gown the effect of a wrapper and the straight, slender clinging effect of the long hemmed gown is considered by most women more pleasing.

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