

LAFOLLETTE TO BE ENDORSED BY LEAGUE?

Progressives in Fargo Have Busy Day on Presidential Situation.

CUMMINS MAY WITHDRAW FROM NORTH DAKOTA

John Burke Seeks Senatorial Endorsement of Non-Partisan League.

Fargo, N. D., Jan. 18.—Robert M. La Follette's name will be placed upon the North Dakota presidential primary ballot. The members of the North Dakota Progressive Republican league in session here today received word from Walter Houser, La Follette's political manager, that the Wisconsin senator would try to capture the delegation as he did four years ago the North Dakota delegation.

No Contest for North Dakota.

R. A. Nestos, whom Cummins had designated as his campaign manager for North Dakota, is doing his best to have the Iowa senator withdraw and leave the field clear for "Fighting Bob." William Langer, secretary of the league, stated this evening that if La Follette's name was presented, Cummins would withdraw his name and not precipitate a contest.

A telegram was sent to Cummins by Nestos asking him to withdraw from this state in favor of La Follette. No reply was received so that there is no higher authority than the league members that Cummins will not contest with La Follette for North Dakota's support.

There were about 150 members of the league present, but all day spent in determining to support La Follette. Those present voted to select him in preference to Cummins on the ground that they believed he would make a stronger candidate in this state.

Seeks to Rehabilitate Self.

It was hinted that there is a working agreement between La Follette and Cummins. The Wisconsin senator, whose power is fast winning in Wisconsin, hopes to rehabilitate himself by securing North Dakota's endorsement. His friends admit there is little hope of his landing the presidential nomination, but they want to help him re-establish his political fortunes in Wisconsin, where his political machine has been badly shattered.

The Cummins men sought to eliminate La Follette but they were out-numbered. Remnants of the La Follette organization that carried this state four years ago were firmly in the saddle and Cummins men did not have a look in.

Still Skeptical.

There are Cummins men, however, who felt that the Iowa senator would allow his name to go upon the ballot and try conclusions with La Follette. They will not be convinced of a working agreement with La Follette until they receive a confirmation directly from the Iowa senator.

Select Ten Delegates.

Tomorrow the members expect to select ten delegates who will seek election at the primaries as La Follette men, pledged to stand hither with the Wisconsin senator releases them. If there is time enough, state affairs may be discussed. It was not known whether Thomas Marshall of Oakes, present national committee man, would be endorsed to succeed himself.

Burdick men were out in force and the indications are that he will receive the endorsement for governor. There was little discussion of the senatorial situation, although both McCumber and Hanna seemed to have their friends among the delegates. Officers of the league were not sure just how complete the state would be when the meeting adjourned. It will probably be in session for several days. The Grain Growers convention in session also, and the annual meeting of the Farmers' Co-operative exchange, scheduled for tomorrow, brought many people to the city, among whom are members of the league.

There is a quite a gathering of the members of the Non-Partisan league. It was rumored that this organization will enter the Democratic primaries. United States Treasurer Burke's friends are working hard for its endorsement and Dr. Platow, mayor of Valley City, seems the favorite as the gubernatorial candidate because of his endorsement of the tenets of this organization.

LID FOR PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Prohibition of the manufacture, importation or sale of all intoxicating drinks or habit forming drugs in the Philippine Islands, excepting native beverages, was written into the Philippine self-governing bill in the senate late today by a vote of 39 to 23.

Sensators Groun and Vardaman led the champion of the amendment.

Germany Wants Can. as Prize

Canadian Government Leader Says Nation Is in Grave Jeopardy.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 18.—James Loughhead, government leader in the senate, declared in a speech in the upper house of parliament today that Germany was known to desire possession of Canada as a prize of war, should she be victorious in the present conflict. Some Canadians, he said, could not yet realize that Canada was in as great jeopardy as Great Britain or any of her allies. He expressed the belief that Germans living in the United States would be glad to aid in the capture of Canada.

CONGRESS BUSY ON MILITARY BILLS

Administration Hopes to Force a Vote on Issue in the Near Future.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Congressional machinery was directed today toward the bills which finally will be drawn and brought to a vote as a result of the administration's program for strengthening the army and establishing a definite military policy for the nation.

Before the senate military committee, the war department's plans were reviewed by Secretary Garrison, virtually as he presented them to the house committee last week. Brigadier General Skirven, chief signal officer, was questioned closely by the house committee about the aviation work of the army.

Garrison Examined.

The trend of Secretary Garrison's examination by the members of the senate committee indicated less opposition there to the plan of the continental army than had been shown in the house committee. Mr. Garrison again urged that the president be allowed wide discretion in the organization of this force. He expressed strong opposition to payment of national guardsmen by the federal government.

General Skirven placed the producing capacity of American aeroplane factories at 29 complete machines a day. The United States certainly could count, he thought, on several hundred machines a month in time of war.

To Stump Country.

President Wilson is planning to assume personal leadership in the fight for a stronger army. So many reports have reached him of confusion over the issue before congress and of the uncertainty of the outcome that he has determined not only to go before the country in public addresses, but to confer further on the subject with leaders of the senate and house.

He is said to be firmly of the opinion that the program prepared by Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels is the best that can be offered at this time.

Plans for the speaking trip will be prepared as quickly as possible.

RIOTS FOLLOW PANAMA ELECTION FIFTY KILLED

Panama, Jan. 18.—According to information reaching here by steamer and mail from Guayaquil, serious disturbances marked the recent elections in Ecuador, when Alfredo Baquerizo Moreno was elected president of the republic.

Steamship passengers, arriving today, declared that fifty persons had been killed in the rioting in Guayaquil alone, and 150 wounded.

NIGHT RIDERS PLEAD GUILTY TO CHARGES

New Madrid, Mo., Jan. 18.—Six men pleaded guilty to charges of participation in recent night rider outrages, two others were tried and found guilty on similar charges here, and all were sentenced to the penitentiary for terms of from two to five years. The trial of fifty-nine other men, similarly charged, who are being tried separately, will be resumed tomorrow.

THE WEATHER.

For North Dakota: Partly cloudy Wednesday; Thursday snow and colder.

FORD'S PEACE PARTY BOARD HAS COLLAPSED

American Members But One Refuse to Serve Any Longer.

BUSINESS MANAGER SUMMONED HOME

Only Scandinavians Allowed to Cross German Territory, Len Lindsey Quits Also.

The Hague, Jan. 18.—While preparing for the proposed departure to Stockholm, where it is intended to begin sessions in an attempt to bring about the termination of the war, the Ford Permanent Peace board was threatened with disruption today by refusal of all members to proceed on the trip to Stockholm. Of the five American members of the board, only Dr. Charles F. Aked has announced his willingness to go to Stockholm. Mrs. Joseph Fels, of Philadelphia, says she is going to England on business. William J. Bryan, Henry Ford and Miss Jane Adams, who are the other American members, are still in America, and as nothing has been heard from them, members of the expedition here are much perplexed over the absence of news concerning them.

Schwimmer Starts Trouble.

The disagreement developed over five alternates, Madame Roseika Schwimmer, who is employed by Mr. Ford as a peace expert, announced that she had cabled to Ford for permission to dismiss John D. Berry of San Francisco, who was elected an alternate member of the permanent peace board by members of the expedition, most of whom are now homeward bound on the steamer, Rotterdam.

Madame Schwimmer says she will appoint Harry Evans of Des Moines. The objection to Mr. Berry is that he refused to sign a statement on board the steamer, Oscar 11, denouncing President Wilson's preparedness policy. The other alternates declined to proceed to Stockholm.

Lindsey Tired of "Peace."

Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver says he is preparing to leave the party and is going to Germany in an attempt to formulate a plan to relieve the children of belligerent countries. The Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago, another alternate, says that he is preparing to leave on the steamer, Ryndan, on January 24, for New York.

The situation, as it now appears, eliminates all American members of the permanent peace board for the present, except for Dr. Aked and, possibly, Mr. Evans, unless Mr. Bryan and Mr. Ford come to The Hague or Stockholm.

Gaston Plantiff, personal representative for Mr. Ford, has received cablegram instructions to return to America and explain the situation to his employer. In the meantime, Madame Schwimmer is pleading with the American members of the expedition to remain together and work for peace, inasmuch as \$375,000 already has been spent upon the expedition.

Other difficulties arose over the manner of reaching Stockholm. The German government late today granted permission to 32 Scandinavian members of the party to return to their homes through German territory. It is expected that they will leave tomorrow, crossing Germany in a sealed train.

Rains Still Falling in California

Much Territory Flooded and Damage Runs Into Many Millions of Dollars.

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—New dangers from flood waters which have accumulated in the mountain regions today threatened to increase the property damage, already enormous, as the result of the rain storm which has held all of southern California in its grip for more than three days. Flood conditions also prevailed in sections of Arizona, but no damage or loss of life is reported there.

The loss of life from drowning remained at four tonight. Many sections of California were without means of communication to the outside world as the result of the damage to the telegraph and telephone systems, which railroad traffic was greatly delayed.

The local government weather forecaster announced that the backbone of the storm had been broken.

MURDERED TO MAKE A MEXICAN HOLIDAY



W. J. Wallace, Michigan, is one of the Americans taken off a train and killed by Mexican bandits last week. He was a graduate of the Michigan School of Mine at Houghton.

REGENTS ENGAGED IN BUSY SESSION

State That Sixty More Days Are Needed to Complete Educational Survey.

NOTHING MADE PUBLIC BY THE MEMBERS

E. J. Taylor Wants Great Care Given the Rural School Problem.

Fargo, Jan. 18.—Sixty more days will be necessary to complete the educational survey of North Dakota. The rough draft has been completed and referred to Dr. E. B. Craighead for the polishing process. When he has finished the entire report will be referred to United States Commissioner of Education Claxton, who is directing similar work in several other states.

Dr. W. T. Bawden of the United States Bureau of Education and Dr. L. D. Coffman, dean of the Minnesota University college of education, left last evening for the east. They have been assisting in the preliminary work of the survey.

The board of regents in session today continued its consideration of the rough draft of the educational survey, but none of the conclusions were made public. In fact, the board has not adopted any of its findings and will not take any action until the finished report is presented.

Principal Fred W. Smith of the Bottineau forestry school, Fred E. Smith school of science, and Dean Kennedy of the state university were given a special hearing before the board relative to the needs of the various institutions.

Mrs. Minnie Clark Budlong, secretary and director of the public library commission, gave an interesting position of the work of this body. Plans are being made to bring this institution into closer relation with the educational system. She told of the valuable services of the commission in the circulation of good literature in rural communities where there were no library facilities.

N. C. Macdonald made a strong plea for greater co-operation between the institutions of higher education and the rural schools. He urged the necessity of better trained and more teachers for the rural schools and asked that the educational institutions assist in preparing more teachers for the rural schools.

BRITISH TRYING TO RECRUIT MEN IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Jan. 18.—Count von Eernstoff, the German ambassador, has called the attention of the state department to public charges that agents of the British and French governments were endeavoring to induce members of militia organizations in the United States to join the forces of the Allies.

The state department has turned the matter over to the department of justice for investigation.

AHEARN BUMPS FLOOR IN VERY FIRST ROUND

Gibbons Puts Him to Sleep in About One Minute.

ST. PAUL PHANTOM GIVEN OVATION

English Lad Gets Knockout Blow Squarely On His Jaw.

St. Paul, Jan. 18.—Mike Gibbons, of St. Paul, knocked out Young Ahearn in the first round of their scheduled ten-round bout here tonight.

The fight had been in progress about a minute and a half when Gibbons worked his man over to the corner and with a smashing right swing to the jaw sent him to the floor for the count.

Ahearn raised his head slightly at the count to four, but his eyes closed again and his head bumped the floor. Seconds carried him to the corner and it was three minutes before he gained consciousness.

Ovation for Gibbons.

The thousands of fans howled, scores rushed into the ring and carried Gibbons away on their shoulders. Just before the fight started it was announced from the ring that a telegram had been received from Les Darcos of Australia challenging the winner of tonight's contest for a battle "to decide the middleweight championship of the world."

Ahearn weighed in at the ringside at 154½ and Gibbons tipped the scales at 155½.

Both boys seemed a trifle nervous before the bell, but both were confident and a moment before they clashed said "St. Paul loses its favorite tonight."

Closed Quickly.

They came together like a flash and exchanged blows. Gibbons sent a left jab to Ahearn's ribs, but it apparently did no damage. They clinched and both displayed speed at in-fighting. As they backed off, some stiff right arm jabs were exchanged, but without telling results. Both were fast on their feet.

In a world-wide exchange of blows at long range, Ahearn landed a left on his opponent's jaw, and Gibbons' head rocked slightly. They clinched again and neither had an advantage in the break-away.

Rushed Ahearn to Corner.

Then, Mike stepping lively, rushed his opponent to the corner of the ring, with a volley of rather light Ahearn swung, but missed. There was another quick exchange, then Gibbons sent the slashing right hand blow which landed squarely on the English lad's jaw and he dropped to the floor like a log.

At the count of ten, Gibbons tried to lift his fallen opponent's head, but seconds relieved him of the task. Jack McGuigan, of Philadelphia, refereed the bout.

Von Wedell Supposed to Have Died

Was Indicted by Federal Court for Passports Fraud in This Country.

New York, Jan. 18.—Hans Adam von Wedell, indicted here on February 4, 1915, as head of an alleged conspiracy to furnish American passports to German reservists returning home by neutral ports, is believed to be dead, federal prosecuting authorities said here today.

Advices received from England, it was said, indicate that von Wedell, who was taken from the Norwegian-American liner Bergensford by the British authorities while attempting to escape from this country, was drowned with many others when a naval vessel conveying him from Kirkwall to a British alien enemy detention camp, struck a mine and was sunk.

RESCUE CREW FROM FERRY.

Ludington, Mich., Jan. 18.—Braving one of the worst storms of the winter, the crew of the Ludington coast guard this afternoon tossed for hours over heavy seas in a blinding snowstorm, and landed safely on shore 17 of the crew of 40 of the stranded car ferry, Pere Marquette.

America Is Worst Enemy Says Speaker

Prussian Deputy Declares This Nation Is Prolonging European Carnage.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—In the Prussian chamber of deputies today, Herr von Heldebrand, the conservative leader, referred incidentally to America as among Germany's worst enemies. Germany, he said, enjoyed the splendid feeling of being innocent of all the horrors of this war.

"I should not wish to bear the responsibility of the worst enemies, among which America must now be reckoned, because it prolonged the war for at least one year," he declared.

Discussing taxation prospects, Herr von Heydebrand expressed the gravest concern at the probable burdens to be placed on the wealthier classes, and feared for the independent existence of the individual states.

SAYS SOCIALISTS WOULD FIGHT

Representative London of That Party Gives Stinging Address Against Preparedness.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Every Socialist in the United States would defend this country if attacked by a foreign foe, Representative London, the only Socialist in congress, told the house today in an address against preparedness.

The house shouted down attempts to limit London's time. His declaration that the Socialists would fight was greeted with thunderous applause. Representative O'Shaughnessy of Rhode Island demanded of London what would be the attitude of the Socialists in case the American flag were attacked.

"I desire to say that, if the people of the United States were attacked, every Socialist would fight," London replied.

"What is the distinction between the flag and the people?" half a dozen Representatives immediately asked in as many different ways, while London smiled and answered the question.

"The people throbs with life," he said, "while a flag is an emblem only. Any lunatic from an insane asylum can attack the flag and trample on it, but it is a vastly different thing for an attack to be made on the people."

London then was asked if he supported a Socialistic pledge against enlistment.

"As for me," he answered quickly, "if we were attacked, nothing would prevent me from sacrificing my life."

LABOR HEADS OFFER PLANS FOR DEFENSE

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—Two incidents that stood out in the opening proceedings of the biennial convention of the United Mine Workers of America here today were the hearty approval given by the 1300 delegates when President John P. White said that the miners should share in the present prosperity, and the waves of applause that followed the declarations of the mine leaders and Secretary-Treasurer Greene that the working men of the company were opposed to the present preparedness agitation.

President White also touched on war and opposition to preparedness on a large scale, brought real applause in the convention. He said he was fully confident that the men of labor are opposed to the whole scheme of preparedness and added that it is to be earnestly moved that the plans to make our country an armed camp which may be used to exploit commercialism abroad and exploit labor at home will be defeated."

BLOOD TRANSFUSION FOR GAS POISONING

Chicago, Jan. 18.—The first case of blood transfusion in a case of gas asphyxiation, performed at the county hospital here today, bore great promise of success tonight. Dr. Karl Meyer, who performed the operation on Gustave Musell who was brought to the hospital in a dying condition, said that the patient continued to gain strength, although two or three days must elapse before the experiment may be called conclusive.

TEUTONS HOLD THEIR PLACES IN GALICIA

Loses Inflicted on Russians Are Estimated at 70,000 Men.

GREECE ORDERED TO BREAK WITH GERMANY

British Navy Has String of Bases Around the Grecian Peninsula.

London, Jan. 18.—The offensive which the Russians launched against the Austro-Hungarians in eastern Galicia and along the Bessarabian frontier came to an end January 15, according to the Austro-Hungarian war office, with the Teutons holding all their lines in the 80 miles front, having inflicted losses on the Russians estimated at 70,000 men killed and wounded and 6,000 captured. That this ends only one phase of the offensive, however, is indicated by the Austrian official statement that Russian reinforcements are being thrown into east Galicia.

Greece Center of Interest.

Greece has again become a center of great interest. In addition to the reports that the Entente allies have ordered Greece to hand passports to the representatives of the Central powers in the kingdom, comes the assertion that British and French troops have been landed at Corinth, 48 miles west of Athens.

Should the latter report prove true, the Entente allies would have a line of bases almost surrounding Greece, at Saloniki on the east, at Corinth on the south, and at Corfu on the west.

Hostilities Cease.

The official communication of the Austrian headquarters, dated today, says:

"The negotiations concerning details for the capitulation of the Montenegrin army began yesterday and the Austrian troops, which in the meantime had occupied Virbazar and Rieka, ceased hostilities."

New Year's Battle Over.

"The Austro-Hungarian arms were completely victorious on the 80-mile battle front. The great New Year's battle began December 24, and ended January 15.

"The Russians' losses were at least 70,000 killed and wounded and nearly 6,000 Russians were made prisoners by Austro-Hungarians. All the Austrian nations took part in the New Year's battle.

Lutsk, the important fortress in Volhynia, one of the triangle of fortifications there, is being evacuated by the Germans, according to information obtained from prisoners arriving here. Four thousand prisoners have recently arrived here from the southwestern front.

Many Joined Servians.

London, Jan. 18.—According to reports received by the Exchange Telegraph company from Cetinje, King Nicholas of Montenegro has issued a proclamation to his people, declaring that surrender was necessary in order to prevent the complete ruin of his country. The white flag was hoisted at Grahovo, where the king handed his sword to General Heriotes. Generals Ostovic and Valutovic, refusing to surrender, the advances ad, escaped and joined the Servians.

London, Jan. 18.—The steamer, Ryndan, which had been sighted in distress and believed to have struck a mine or to have been torpedoed, has arrived at Gravesend. The passengers, who did not land at Falmouth, will remain on board in accordance with official instructions. None of them was injured.

With the ending of the Montenegrin campaign by the capitulation of the Montenegrins to the Austro-Hungarians, hostilities for the moment have ceased in the Balkans, although a dispatch from Athens reports the dropping of bombs by 25 French aeroplanes on a Bulgarian position north east of Saloniki. Hundreds of Bulgarians are declared to have been killed in this attack and a very large number wounded.

The British and French, on the western line, continue their artillery duels with the Germans.

640-ACRE HOMESTEAD BILL PASSES HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 18.—The Ferris bill to create a system of 640-acre stock raising homesteads on arid, semi-arid and mountainous lands in 17 states was passed late today by the house.

All three of the administration conservation measures now await action of the senate.