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PROGRESSIVES FORM A NEW BLOC

Plan for Agricultural Relief and for Release of Political Prisoners Made By Montana Senator-elect as 100 State and Government Officers Rally to New Cause in U. S. Capital.

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Washington, Dec. 4.—The purpose of the new "progressive" movement organized Friday by the organization of the "progressive bloc" in congress was declared formally to be legislative and not political in resolution adopted Saturday at a general conference.

Senator La Follette, republican, Wisconsin, who, with Representative Hamilton, democrat, of Alabama, presided over the conference, declared that the people's legislative service should be the general public interest, which was attended by more than 100 members of congress, members and other leaders. Representative Woodruff, republican, Michigan, was elected secretary.

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La Follette opens meeting by opening the conference as chair of the People's Legislative Service. Senator La Follette said the time seemed opportune for the progressive movement, and there seems to be a movement to "advance the interests of the people." He declared the organization of the new bloc was "the most and most encouraging thing" he had seen.

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their slogan "drive special privilege out of control of the government and restore it to the people."

A program of the course of action they will attempt in trying to translate their interpretation of the recent election results into legislation was outlined.

Direct Nomination Urged. The program calls for a nomination of presidential candidates by direct vote of the people without the intervention of any convention; for uniform primary laws in all the states; for the enactment of absent voters laws by all the legislatures which meet this winter; for a drastic federal corrupt practices act, and for the abolishment of the electoral college.

The conference, by unanimous vote, adopted a resolution offered by Mrs. Abbey Scott Baker, suffrage leader, calling upon President Harding to declare at once a general amnesty for persons convicted of violating espionage laws.

Legislative Body Named. The conference unanimously adopted a report presented by the resolutions committee, which stated that "your" committee, realizing the impossibility of reporting in a single day a legislative and economic program suggests that the chair appoint a nonpartisan committee for the purpose of bringing about the co-operation of progressives throughout the country to aid in the advance of liberal laws and a general reconstruction based upon a program which your committee on resolutions shall draft and report at a future meeting at Washington to be called by the chair.

Third Party Plan Denied. Senator R. M. La Follette who as head of the People's Legislative Service, called the conference, presided over the closing sessions. The proceedings were marked by harmony and by a concert of purpose which upset predictions that friction would promptly develop among the progressives in shaping their plans.

Mellon Attacked by Frear. Secretary of the Treasury A. W. Mellon was the object of vigorous criticism at the hands of Representative J. A. Frear, republican, Wisconsin. Mr. Frear assailed Mr. Mellon for failing to levy drastic penalties against big corporation seeking to escape taxation by the stock dividend route. He referred to Mr. Mellon as "the man who invented stock dividend melon cutting" and said the secretary could hardly be expected to enforce the laws when he was making \$500,000 a day private income. He demanded "a thorough housecleaning" of the internal revenue bureau.

FIRST VICTORY FOR INSURGENTS

PLAN FOR DIRECT ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FAVORABLY REPORTED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Members of the new progressive bloc in congress won their first legislative victory today by obtaining from the senate agriculture committee a favorable report of a resolution to amend the constitution to provide for direct election of the president and vice president.

The amendment also would change presidential inauguration day from March 4, to the third Monday in January and members of the senate and house would begin their terms of office the first Monday in January after the biennial elections. Congress would meet in regular session annually on the first Monday in January.

MONTANA SENATORS GET BUSY

FEDERAL OFFICIAL IS TO HOLD HEARING IN MONTANA—ASK CARS FOR STATE.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Walsh and Senator-elect Wheeler called upon the interstate commerce commission today to present the complaints of shippers from points on the Great Northern Pacific railroads as to their inability to secure cars for imperative shipments. Scores of letters and telegrams have been coming in, reciting the conditions prevailing in consequence.

As a result of the interview, the commissioners directed Inspector W. E. Weeks to proceed at once to Montana to investigate and report as to conditions. He will be at Missoula on Wednesday, the 6th.

RAILS' CLAIM

The claim heretofore made by the railroads to the effect that the embarrassment under which they labor is due to their inability to secure the return of their cars from eastern roads was found from the reports of the roads and other information available to be only partially sustained. The experts of the commission attribute the delay rather to the slow movement of the car over these lines in consequence, apparently, of conditions attributed to the strikes of the shopmen.

WIRE TO GOVERNOR

Senator Walsh sent today the following telegram to Governor Dixon: "Interstates commerce commission directing Inspector W. E. Weeks, who will be at Missoula Wednesday, to inquire into and report by wire concerning railroad transportation conditions occasioning shortage of cars and resulting in delays in shipment of which insistent and widespread complaint is made. It is suggested attorney general, commissioner of agriculture and railroad commission get in touch with him."

DISTRICT COURT STILL GRINDS

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Scotty Walker Case, in Which Walker is Trying to Collect Wages for Opening Up Coal Mine, Occupies Attention of the Court All Week. The case of the Farmers Elevator Company of Outlook vs. Brown went to the jury Saturday, and early in the evening, it brought in a verdict against Brown in the sum of \$9,900.

STEVE O'BRIEN HERBERT BOXER WINS FROM MOE

BIG HEAVYWEIGHT GETS REFEREE'S DECISION—RETURN BOUT IN JANUARY.

The following article taken from the Regina Daily Post gives an account of a battle which Nels Moe, who is well known here, had with a much heavier opponent. Nels is confident that the next battle will be of a different nature and that he will get his man. Following is the clipping: Herbert, Sask., Nov. 29.—Before a packed house at Herbert, Sask., Steve O'Brien, of Herbert, won the referee's decision over Nels Moe of Yorkton in a bout that went ten rounds, although the popular opinion was that Moe was entitled to a draw.

O'Brien won a decision over Jim Gorman in 1917. He is six feet six inches in height and weighs 210 pounds. O'Brien's size and weight was somewhat of a handicap to Moe. A return match will be staged here some time in January.

\$340,000 IN TAXES ALREADY PAID

County Treasurer Olson Reports That When the Treasurer's Books Were Closed as of November 30, 1922, Nearly 71 Per Cent of Tax Roll Was Paid.

LARGEST COLLECTION FOR THREE YEARS

County Treasurer Dan J. Olson reports that with the close of the treasurer's books as of November 30th, 1922, the date when the taxes become delinquent and the ten per cent penalty is added, there has been paid into the county treasury of the 1922 levy, the sum of \$340,000, between 70 and 71 per cent of the entire tax levy as shown by the tax roll in the treasurer's office. This is the largest tax collection that has taken place in the last four years and it still means that 29 per cent of the taxes go delinquent or the sum of about \$140,000, which means that those going delinquent will have to pay the county in penalties about \$14,000, making the sum of \$154,000 to still be collected which, if they are not bought by tax speculators will bring the county interest at the rate of one per cent per month or a sum of \$1400 per month, and less as the taxes are paid. A large part of last year's taxes remain unpaid still, and these taxes are mounting up at the rate of one per cent per month also, totaling for the county a huge sum by the time the taxes are all paid.

JUDGE COMER DOCKS JOE DOLIN \$278 ON TAX RECEIPT CLAIM

County Attorney Erickson Stops the Looting of the Treasury By the County Printer By Means of Injunction—Judge Reverses the County Commissioners.

Judge Comer, in a decision, rendered Monday, December 4th, issued an injunction upon the petition filed by County Attorney Erickson last summer and answered by Dolin on the 15th day of September, directing County Treasurer Olson not to pay Warrant No. 15346, in the sum of \$416.50, issued to him in payment of printing six thousand tax receipts for County Treasurer Olson last fall, declaring the said warrant null and void and directing Dolin to return the said warrant to the court for cancellation, when in the place of it he will receive what his contract allows, namely, the sum of \$138.50, together with interest at the rate of six per cent from December 6th, 1921.

In other words Judge Comer held that Dolin had collected from the county on this job alone, \$278.50 more than he had coming, and it means that the taxpayers through the activities of County Attorney Erickson have been saved just that amount. It will be remembered that when the county commissioners allowed this claim, the Producers News called the attention of the taxpayers to the fact of the graft, and County Attorney Erickson and Clerk and Recorder O'Grady objected to the payment of more than \$138.50, but the commissioners allowed the same, giving as their excuse that they would be through with Dolin in the spring and it would be cheaper to pay his illegal claims than to hire lawyers to fight them. However, the County Attorney has demonstrated, after the new contract was given to Dolin that money can be saved by litigation.

There are still a large number of warrants for sums in excess of what is allowed by the contract, issued to Dolin, and County Attorney Erickson will bring an injunction against the whole bunch and see that they are cancelled and new ones in the proper amount issued. Only last meeting there were a number of fraudulent claims railroad through by Dolin, but the county commissioners have promised to see to it that this game is not repeated again in the future.

WHEELER NAMES NONPARTISAN AS SECRETARY

Billings, Dec. 5.—Richard A. Haste of this city, nonpartisan league organizer, candidate for secretary of state two years ago on the nonpartisan state ticket, and secretary of the conference for political action, representing the nonpartisan league in that combination, has been named by Senator-elect B. K. Wheeler as his private secretary, and will remove to Washington when Wheeler assumes his office next March. Mr. Haste has been resident of Billings for eight years and is associated with P. B. Moss in publication of Campbell's Scientific Farmer, a publication which Haste founded some years ago.

CATTLE MARKET FAIR SAYS BARNHOUSE

U. G. Barnhouse, Sr., of Comertown came over from his ranch in the Comertown country Tuesday to interview a dentist in regard to certain pains in his teeth, and stayed over in the county seat a couple of days to have the offending members treated.

While in the county capitol Mr. Barnhouse made the Producers News office a pleasant call. He reports that he has just returned from Chicago where he accompanied a shipment of cattle. A number of the cattle growers in his section shipped out of McElroy, over the Soo about three weeks ago; viz, Sig Nelson, 3 cars; Ed Strand, 3 cars; Peter Marron 8 cars of sheep; Peter Bruvold 1 car and U. G. Barnhouse 1 car. Mr. Barnhouse reports that the party struck a fair market in Chicago when they arrived, reporting that the best grass fed fat steers and heifers sold for a little over eight cents and the other classes for relative prices down to 2-3-4 cents per pound for a number of old shells. The sheep brought 13 cents per pound. The freight from McElroy to Chicago is 60 1/2 cents per hundred weight.

Dagmar Sells Quota of Tuberculosis Seals

Dagmar has the distinction of being the first precinct to report a complete sale of its quota of Tuberculosis Seals, having sold every one of its allotment and having sent for 600 more. Nels Christiansen of Dagmar managed the distribution and sales. The ladies managing the T. B. seals for Sheridan county have sent congratulations to Dagmar and await the report of the next community completing sales.

BEISEKER ARRESTED FOR FORGERY

ON INFORMATION CHARGING HIM WITH FORGING HAIL INSURANCE DRAFTS AND COLLECTING THE MONEY FILED BY T. C. KELLY.

When Chester Beiseker arrived in Plentywood the latter part of last week, he was at once arrested on five warrants issued out of Judge Olson's court, on complaint filed by T. C. Kelly, charging him with the forging of her name to \$2,000 worth of hail insurance drafts about four years ago, and for other alleged felonies and converting the money collected on the same to his own use. The warrants had been issued the latter part of August and had been in Sheriff Collins' possession ever since. Beiseker was taken before Judge Olson and the date for the preliminary hearing was set for Monday morning.

Beiseker was placed under bonds in the sum of \$1500 but upon being unable to furnish them, he was released by his Honor in the custody of L. J. Onstad for appearance Monday morning. Monday morning County Attorney Erickson appeared in Justice Court and moved the dismissal of all of the cases without prejudice, until after the trial of the Kelly-Beiseker cases, when if the evidence depended upon for a criminal charge is produced, information will be filed direct against Beiseker in the district court, which motion was granted by Judge Olson.

SCOTTY WALKER CASE

The next case called was the case of Walker vs. George Svorum, both of Antelope, in which Walker is attempting to collect wages for the digging of an entry into a coal mine in the vicinity of the Richardson Mine near Antelope. It seems that Svorum hired Walker and his boys to dig an entry for a coal mine and they started the entry, but after digging considerable distance, did not find coal and that entry was given up and another was dug and coal was found, and that Svorum does not want to pay for the building of the first entry.

KELLY CASES UP MONDAY

The Kelly cases against the Sheridan County State Bank and C. J. Beiseker were set for Tuesday, but Kelly's attorney, Art LeSeuer, could not get here before Friday and O'Leary of Great Falls, his other attorney could not get here either, so Kelly asked for a continuance until December the 4th, but the Beisekers, by their attorneys, George Hurd and Onstad and Greer resisted the continuance, claiming they were here at great expense and were ready for trial. Kelly begged time and finally the Beisekers made a proposition to grant a few days time if Kelly would pay \$400 in cash to pay their expenses, otherwise they would not agree to an extension of time. The court was not inclined to grant the extension over the objection of the Beisekers, so Kelly filed an affidavit of prejudice against Judge Comer which automatically secured the continuance, for another Judge could not be secured before Monday, when Judge Green of Conrad will arrive, when the cases will be called for trial. LeSeuer of St. Paul and O'Leary of Great Falls will appear for Kelly and George Hurd of Great Falls and Onstad and Greer of Plentywood will appear for the Sheridan County State Bank and Chester Beiseker. The case promises to be sensational, as it is claimed that Kelly has set up in his suit, charges of fraud, forgery and conversion against the Sheridan County State Bank and Chester Beiseker, and in view of the exposures of the conditions existing in the bank in reference to Sheridan county at the time of the failure of that institution, great interest is being taken in the case, when together with the prominence of the attorneys, a packed court house is certain during the entire trial.

DANISH PRINCE DECIDES TO STAY ON U. S. RANCH

London, Dec. 4.—The Daily Telegraph Copenhagen correspondent, in a dispatch by his paper, states that Prince Erik of Denmark, who is traveling incognito, is now living on a ranch in the United States. The prince has decided to stay in America for several years and is selling his estates at Kokkedal in Jutland.

MUSSOLINI GOVERNMENT VOTED FULL POWER

Rome, Nov. 30.—The chamber of deputies today approved the law conferring full powers upon the Mussolini government until December 11, 1923. The vote was 275 to 90.

HOUSE OF COMMONS REJECTS LABOR PARTY AMENDMENT

London, Dec. 6.—The house of commons today rejected by a vote of 303 to 172 the amendment to the speech from the throne moved by the labor party.

OUTLOOK GENERAL HOSPITAL NOTES

The hospital authorities seized the opportunity to completely renovate the hospital rooms during Dr. Faucett's recent illness. All rooms have been painted and kalsomined, floors have been painted, and the Hospital Aid purchased and laid linoleum in the halls.

The upper floor of the Outlook Hospital has been arranged to care for obstetrical cases with a specially equipped operating room. Surrounding towns and country are sending many obstetrical cases to this hospital, and for that reason the additional equipment has been added.

A complete laboratory equipment with microscope has been added to the Doctor's office.

Mrs. Faucett has gone back to Seattle, Wash.

The second Tuesday in December is the date of the Annual Meeting of the members belonging to the Outlook General Hospital. This is your hospital, give it your moral and your financial support.

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