

LAFOLLETTE, PEOPLE'S SENATOR, WILL SOME DAY BE PRESIDENT

STORY OF THE MAN WHO DARED STAND ALONE IN THE MILLIONAIRE'S CLUB AND BRAVE THE CORRUPT ALDRICH MAJORITY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23.—If Sen. Robt. M. LaFollette would be less of a senator and more of a demagog, his enemies would be better pleased. His enemies in the United States senate relied on LaFollette to accomplish his own undoing. In this reliance they have been greatly disappointed.

Sen. John C. Spooner (now Wall St. Lawyer John C. Spooner) misled his colleagues. He filled Aldrich and Elkins with false hopes that LaFollette was a fool as well as a blatherskite, and that he would count for nothing in the senate, but a noise. He promised them that LaFollette would be undignified, tactless and ineffectual.

He has been not any of these things. He has been dignified; he has conformed to every propriety and parliamentary rule; he has avoided personalities; he has not indulged in empty or flamboyant speech. He has refused to lose his temper. He has talked for results, not effects.

At the same time he has declined to be "jollied" into ineffectuality. He has refused to knuckle under to alleged "senatorial courtesies" when senatorial courtesy meant "honor among thieves."

So, of course, LaFollette is the most disliked man in the senate, so far as his fellow senators are concerned.

Also Sen. LaFollette is the most influential member of the senate today—excepting only Nelson W. Aldrich.

The reason Aldrich is influential is entirely different from the one which applies to LaFollette. Aldrich is chief of what might be called the "Standard Oil ring" in the senate. In addition to the fact that he is related by family ties to John D. Rockefeller, Aldrich is a tactful and clever organizer. Therefore he has come to be the recognized head—the brains—of the non-partisan senatorial clique, which takes its orders from what may conveniently be called "Wall st.," and which embraces Standard Oil, the railroads and the tariff-protected trusts. There are about 60 votes in this combination, and they are cast at the beck and call of Aldrich.

Other members of the senate not directly controlled by Aldrich are men of too little force to resist the senate majority. They are content to look after their little local legislation; to speak once in a while for effect, and to lie up somewhere in the rear of the ranks. They see that there is butter on their bread, and that their bread stays butter-side up and are content with it.

So today LaFollette is really the senate minority.

He is so because he has the courage to stand alone against the senate majority—against the votes, the money and the concerted, brainy hate of all that the senate majority represents; and against all the cajoleries and all the bribes which are in the majority's other hand.

In the matter of its rules the senate is a peculiar body. Legislation is practically all done by unanimous consent. Which is at once the senate's strength and weakness. It is its strength for resisting legislation, and its weakness for creating legislation. Always some member of the combination controlled by Aldrich can resist a bill not wanted by the combination. But always a LaFollette can resist a bill wanted by the combination. The knife is double edged.

LaFollette wields that knife. He has had the nerve to stand against the Aldrich combination, and to refuse consent in times when consent meant everything to the authors of some bill. He has blocked the path and single handed held this pass of unanimous consent, when the forty thieves were marching through laden down with plunder.

This is how LaFollette forced the passage of the employers liability bill in the fifty-ninth congress; how he added more amendments to the rate bill than any single member of the senate; how he helped the president save the petroleum and coal deposits of the new state of Oklahoma; how he did many things which have been in the people's interest in the short time he has been a senator from Wisconsin. LaFollette had the courage to accept the enmity of the Aldrich ring and to refuse its bribes. He traded for the people, not himself.

LaFollette is a useful public man. He is useful to the people, not the trusts. It is not an easy role. The people mean well, but they often fail to understand. The game is mixed. Reports do not agree. They hear conflicting stories and all is so remote that they find it hard to reach the truth.

And that makes it hard to serve the people. Honest men and women are led to hate the public man who is their faithful servant. They help to undermine the confidence he

needs. They help to undermine his courage by the ingratitude they seem to show. They take his heart away, and often turn him from their service to the easy work and rich rewards of the man who will really take his orders from the other side.

LaFollette is a demonstration, not a theory. He has passed through the fire. He has fought the powers of evil now for 17 years, beginning as a humble citizen, a unit in the population of a country town, and working up through all the intervening stages to the senate. He has fought graft in the legislature, the primary and the executive departments of his state. He has redeemed Wisconsin from its railroad rule. He has put good statutes on its books; has brought public service corporations to their duty; he has equalized the taxes, thrown out grafters, set up a rule

by honest men, and now has carried the same fight into a broader field—the nation.

Some day—if he lives—possibly four years from now, LaFollette will be a winning candidate for the presidential office. Why not this year? Because LaFollette is still unknown. Too many voters know him only as he was advertised for all those years when he was fighting railroad and corporate power in his native state—as a "dangerous man." His own state has learned better. Some people outside his state have learned better. But Spooner did his work with Roosevelt long before LaFollette came; and the result is seen in a political antagonism between two men who are each as honest as the other, and who ought to be working on most harmonious lines.

WENT ON TRAMP WITH HUSBAND



MRS. C. E. VILLIER

Special Correspondence to The Press
NORWALK, O., March 23.—When C. E. Villier, of Kansas City, was offered a job in a Pittsburg steel mill, Mrs. Villier would not hear of his going alone. Although Villier had only money enough to carry him through, she insisted upon accompanying him regardless.

They traveled first class to Mattoon, Ill., where their money gave out. Mrs. Villier then donned a suit of her husband's clothes, a red sweater which came up about her ears and served as a partial disguise, and a big cap which covered her hair, and together they "hit the box cars and the railroad ties."

The police found them in a box car when they reached Norwalk, and promptly arrested them for stealing a ride. When Mrs. Villier's identity was disclosed the police made her hustle back into her own clothes. Then they bought the couple tickets to Pittsburg.

HEARST WILL SPRING HISGEN

NEW YORK, March 23.—Thomas L. Hisgen, who was Hearst's Independent league candidate for governor of Massachusetts, will probably be sprung by the Hearst papers as a presidential candidate of the league soon. Hisgen is a noted opponent of Standard Oil.

GRABBED HIS BRIDE ON WAY TO ALTAR

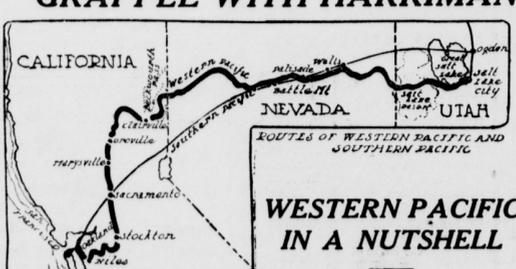
PUEBLO, Col., March 23.—Just as she was about to be led to the altar by L. W. Stanley, Miss Callie Fanchier was seized by her mother, taken to the kitchen and forced to work at the wash tub all night, guarded by two brothers.

The mother declares the girl is under age and warns Stanley to keep away from the house or be shot. The lover insists that the girl is of age and says he will out-wit the mother. Her sons side with her and sleep with guns ready. She had neglected the washing to prepare for a secret marriage and they made her finish it as punishment.

COOKS ARE CHAMPIONS

Cook's indoor baseball team won the championship of the city yesterday by defeating the S. A. C. 5 to 2.

WHERE GOULD WILL SOON GRAPPLE WITH HARRIMAN



State	Length of Line, Miles.	Grading, Miles.	Track Laid, Miles.
Utah	122	122	122
Nevada	427	227	39
California	380	275	124
	929	624	285

Twelve months will be required to finish the line. The distance 929 miles, is from the Rio Grande Western depot at Salt Lake to the Ferry building at San Francisco. The Nevada Utah line was crossed by the Western Pacific tracks on Sept. 12, 1907.

There have been 23,000,000 yards of material moved. There are 4,000 men now at work and 700 horses. There are 43 tunnels on the road, aggregating 45,342 linear feet. Twelve are completed.

There are to be 72 steel bridges, aggregating 15,000 feet. Seven are completed.

The road completed will cost \$50,000,000.

RAILROAD HIRES CONGRESSMAN

PORTLAND, Me., March 23.—Congressman Littlefield has sent his resignation to Gov. Cobb, of Maine, to take effect Sept. 30. The reason given is a desire to resume law practice. A close friend of Littlefield states the congressman will take up the law business for a western railroad at a salary of \$30,000 per year.

DYNAMITER HAS CONFESSED

An Italian anarchist was housed in the city jail last night in the person of Frank Ciddil, who Nov. 18, 1906, at Nizara, B. C., blew up a boarding house owned by Mr. and Mrs. King, and killed Miss King, the young daughter, and wounded 10 boarders.

The Canadian authorities have searched hard for Ciddil, and Chief Constable Devitt, of Kootenay police district, had been on his heels a number of times since the man fled from British Columbia.

Devitt left for Nelson, B. C., with his prisoner this morning. He arrived last night from Salt Lake, where he captured Ciddil, who will neither escape nor do himself harm. He has confessed to the crime. He said he did it out of revenge. The boarding house proprietor had ousted five Italians who were a nuisance. That same night the house was dynamited. Ciddil was the only Italian who fled, and making this evidence of his guilt, the Canadian authorities immediately took his trail.

URGE NEW FIRE ORDINANCE

The board of works within a day or so will send a communication to the mayor and city council asking that a new building ordinance be passed. The present building rules are said to be out of date and not complete in any particular.

The new ordinance will provide better fire protection and require escapes on two story instead of three story or over structures.

This provision is designed to protect school buildings, in practically all of which children are exposed to danger from jumping to the hard ground or pavement in case of a panic.

SAYS THEY HOLD HIS DAUGHTER PRISONER

John Schmidt, of the Kaiser hotel, this morning reported to the police that Harvey Patty, of Edmonds, Wash., will not give up his 14 year old daughter, Mary. He says that about a year ago he let Mr. and Mrs. Patty have his daughter and has been paying \$3 a week for her keep. He has wanted his daughter back for some time, but cannot get her.

He says that Mrs. Schmidt received a letter several days ago in which the girl says she was afraid to write for fear of being whipped.

TILTED LID ON THE STREET

Patrolman Pbelan thought he was at a country dance yesterday afternoon when he walked over to three men on Stevens st. who were selling swigs of liquor out of a bottle to anyone who was feeling the pangs of a closed Sunday town.

He arrested the three men, who gave the names of Frank Preston, Phil Carney and Ed Kelly, on a charge of selling liquor without a license.

SUNDAY CONVERTS CITY

DECATUR, Ill., March 23.—The revival of Rev. Billy Sunday, former ballplayer, has been a record breaker. At the close of his services here there were 5,843 conversions, 691 of which occurred in one day.

PIONEER VICTIM OF BLAST

BUTTE, March 23.—A premature blast yesterday killed Robert Hanswirth in the Silver King mine. He was a pioneer of the state and well known in this city.

PENNSYLVANIANS BANQUET

The first annual banquet of the Pennsylvania society will be held Tuesday night at Masonic temple. A special program of speeches and music has been prepared.

ALLIGATORS FOR MANITO

Owen Burns, of Chicago, who owns considerable Spokane property, has donated two alligators to the Manito Park zoo.

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PROUD MOMENT OF FIGHTING BOB'S LIFE WHEN FLEET SAILED INTO MAGDALENA

Special Correspondence to The Press

MAGDALENA BAY, March 23.—On behalf of Rear Admiral Evans, incapacitated through illness, Capt. Royal Ingersoll, chief of staff, made the following statement to the correspondent of this newspaper when the fleet arrived at the bay, and the most remarkable cruise in the history of the American navy was at an end, officially:

"I can assure you," he said, "that it was with great pride and elation that our admiral was able to communicate to the commander-in-chief of the navy at Washington the fact, which no one can gainsay, that the 16 battleships that have just completed the long cruise around the horn, arrived in this bay in better condition than when they left Hampton Roads.

"The battleships lying in this bay today are on actual war footing. In fact are ready to go into action on an hour's notice. I invite the correspondents and naval experts who may be here to inspect personally each and every ship composing this fleet, and thus satisfy himself of the accuracy and conservatism of the admiral's report to the commander-in-chief.

"On account of structural defects or any other cause attributable to physical construction, no ship in this fleet has had one hour's delay during the cruise, and, while there have been changes and substitutions in the formation, no ship has lagged at any time, and we arrived here with sufficient coal in the bunkers of each and every ship to meet any contingency.

"We arrived in Magdalena bay for target practice. We remain here one month or six weeks. Our cruise is officially terminated, and we are waiting orders from the commander-in-chief.

"Doubtless it is true that the people of the country consider the feat attained as one remarkable, but I can assure you that in the routine of this operation, the personnel has considered the cruise as all in the day's work, and, while we are delighted, too, at the successful termination of the operation, there is really nothing to boast of; for anything less than what we have accomplished would have been failure.

"The misfortune of the cruise is the protracted illness of our commander-in-chief. Rear Admiral Evans has been very ill since we left Trinidad, and the principal portion of his time has been spent in the confinement of his bed-chamber. Though at times suffering intensely from his rheumatic ailment, his interest in this operation has at no time flagged, and he has presided at every conference of importance that justified his attention. Every order of importance has been signed by him personally and his devotion has been superb.

"The advantages that Magdalena bay offers are splendid. The practice begins immediately and will, as I say, continue indefinitely.

"If I know the admiral's wishes, and I think I do, the fleet will not be separated for any reason whatever. The American people who live on the Pacific coast want to see the united strength of the fleet, and it will be kept intact as to numbers unless positive orders to the contrary are received from the commander-in-chief."

Replying to a request for a statement from Admiral Evans to the people of the country, upon the successful completion of the voyage of 12,000 miles, Capt. Ingersoll said:

"Admiral Evans is not a boastful man, and would decline to prepare such a message on the ground that his report to the commander-in-chief at Washington sufficiently covered that matter. He has said that the fleet arrived in better condition than that in which it set sail, and that it is ready for any eventuality upon one hour's notice, which indeed is the test involved, and nothing can be added to the importance of that statement."

When Admiral Evans bade farewell to Roosevelt at Hampton Roads he promised his chief that he would make Magdalena bay on the 14th of March, or better, and arrive on a war footing. "The whole blooming works will be on time, Mr. President," was the phrase he used when he left Hampton Roads. He more than made good.

STRAPHANGERS BEWARE

WINSTED, Conn., March 23.—H. B. Bagg, of Watertown, is suffering from a disease which doctors believe was contracted by holding onto a strap in a trolley car, and then putting his hand on his face. A physician cut out the affected part and the man is making good progress toward recovery. His daughter, who took care of him, had to wear rubber gloves so as not to come in contact with the microbes.

PROVES WORTH OF WIRELESS

MAGDALENA BAY, March 23.—Never has the wireless telegraph shown its wonder compelling efficiency to better advantage than on this coast-to-coast cruise of the United States Atlantic fleet.

Between ships communication has been constant and perfect at all times. The apparatus has almost never been seriously "out of kilter" on any ship, and very little repair work has been necessary.

Communication with shore points from 200 to 1,000 miles away has been easy during most of the trip. The greatest distance spanned was that of a United Press message from the Georgia, which leaped about 1,600 miles, across Mexico, to the station at Pensacola, Florida.

Regarding the wireless telegraph, it can only be said that it is still in the experimental stage. It has been used very little on the trip, hardly at all since Rio Janeiro was left. It would, perhaps, have shown more satisfactory results had an expert traveled all the way with the fleet to look after it. The system was rather hurriedly installed, and some of its shortcomings may be due to that fact.

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generally of the belief that the telephone will eventually work out to as successful a stage of development as the telegraph. It is too new as yet to be judged.

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