

A NEW NATIONAL PARTY SEEMS TO BE PROBABLE

Gardner Sees a "Progressive Party" to be Composed of Deserters From the Trust-Controlled Old Parties.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 16.—A new party to bear the name "progressive" is taking shape. Every day sees the old "democratic" and "republican" lines more faint. Every day sees the issue more sharply drawn between bi-partisan self interest, on the one hand, and the people's interests on the other. The vote on the tariff bill is tremendously significant. That 10 republicans—a sixth of the party strength in the senate—should have voted against the party measure, came as a shock even to Aldrich.

A few weeks ago Aldrich turned with a sneer on Senator Beveridge and asked mockingly:

"What is it that you and your progressive friends would like?"

He used the term in ridicule.

On the evening of July 8, when the 10 "progressive republicans" voted against the passage of the tariff bill, and used the name of President Taft as their justification, Aldrich took a different tone. He said:

"The republican party is a party of majorities. The senator from Indiana does not speak for the republican party. He has no right to call here the name of the president of the United States in support of any of the suggestions he has made. Those of us who are here representing states and voting as a majority in this chamber represent the republican party." And so on.

The Rhode Island senator had come down to an apologetic and al-

most whining tone. He was seriously disturbed.

Another thing that disturbed the senator from Rhode Island was the rumor that President Taft had at last voiced sympathy for the "progressives." He is quoted as saying:

"I hope all the progressive members of the senate will vote against the bill. The moral effect of such a vote will be tremendous. It will help to get a better bill from the conference. It will help the members of the house in fighting for the report spread rapidly and was taken to mean that Taft had quit his hard and fast alliance with Aldrich. Those senators who had helped to make up Aldrich's 38 votes, heard the news with sorrow. They had supposed that Taft was on their side to stay.

The words of Beveridge replying to Aldrich in the senate had a solemn sound.

"That pledge (for revision downward)," he said, "was voiced by our party's candidate and leader, in the party's name. That promise and the people's faith that it would be kept, was one of the three principal reasons why the people made our candidate their president. To keep that pledge has been the effort of those republican senators who have battled against increasing rates. Our votes shall be cast in harmony with our party's pledge as voiced by our party's leader—the nation's president."

So 10 republicans broke over party lines. The states from which they came are the states which hold the balance of political power. The "progressive" members of the senate—a group very likely destined to be the nucleus of a "progressive party"—are: LaFollette, Wisconsin; Beveridge, Indiana; Dolliver and Cummins, Iowa; Burkett and Brown, Nebraska; Nelson

and Clapp, Minnesota; Crawford, South Dakota, and Bristow, Kansas. "Progressives" on the democratic side of the chamber who have acted with the republican "progressives" are Gore and Owen, Oklahoma; Newlands, Nevada, and Shively, Indiana.

In sympathy with the "progressive" movement, but not bold or strong enough to be with it in the tariff fight, are several republican members of the senate like Borah of Idaho, Dixon of Montana, Bourne of Oregon, Johnson of North Dakota and Jones of Washington. For these there is still hope.

In the house of representatives the "progressives" are the "anti-Cannon insurgents." Victor Murock of Kansas, Cooper and Leinert of Wisconsin and the others who made the good fight against the Cannon rules—these are the "progressives" in the lower house.

It will be well for the people to watch these men. They are coming right along, all of them.

Shaking his finger in the face of Aldrich, LaFollette uttered a prophetic warning, when he said:

"The clock has struck for the old order in the senate. The time has come by when one man can hold up his finger and have his will. The time is here when the people's voice will be heard and when it will become effective in the formulation of our laws."

What LaFollette had in mind was the Aldrich organization. Speaking of the tariff act, the Wisconsin senator said:

"On that day last winter when Mr. Aldrich was permitted to name all the committees of this senate, this bill became a law."

Today the public pretty well understands this fact. The people have seen the Aldrich organization out from under cover. They have seen how it reaches across the aisle which is supposed to divide republican from democrat, and takes democratic and republican votes impartially for some special legislation desired by some specially favored financial interest. They have seen senators appearing as paid attorneys for business and corporate interests. They have seen such attorneys assert that the "consumer is a myth," and that

"these trusts are ghosts." They have seen senators openly defy the people, while consulting in their committee rooms with paid lobbyists and delivering speeches written for them by attorneys for interests seeking special legislation. And the results they have seen in the tariff bill raising rates and increasing the cost of living, when reduced rates were the promise.

Such things cannot happen without consequences.

Representative Stevens has just returned from Minnesota. He reports all the middle west up in arms. He says the people are indignant. Their resentment is aimed at everything republican.

From all sides similar reports are coming in. A political revolution is apparently impending, and following an overthrow of the republican majority in the house, it is predicted that there will be a breaking up of party lines and the development of an independent party. The beginnings of this party will be seen when candidates appear for congress, and its further development will work out when a successor is to be named to President Taft.

SMART BOYS CATCH WIRELESS MESSAGES FROM SHIPS AT SEA



JOHN PETRI AND WILLIE LAUER AT THEIR WIRELESS INSTRUMENTS.

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CHICAGO, July 16.—Two boy rivals of Marconi have built a plant of their own on top of a Twenty-second street store here, and have intercepted messages for lake steamers. They are John Petri, age 15, and Willie Lauer, age 14.

The boys have been playmates since John wore short pants—Willie still wears 'em—and when they started to dabble in electricity nothing but wireless looked good to them.

Wireless outfits cost lots of money, so the boys made their own battery, wound their own coils and built their own tower out of old iron.

But their principle was right. They got that out of a book that both studied when they weren't building the wireless outfit.

One day when the machine was all set up and John had learned the Morse telegraph code, they thought they would send a message.

John opened the key and when he did the sparks began to fly.

"Cr-r-r-zz; cr-r-r-zz; cr-r-r-ack!" the message ran.

It was an aereogram for the big steamer Theodore Roosevelt, which then was 40 miles out in Lake Michigan.

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Both boys want to be like Jack Binns some day, and send real wireless messages from big ocean liners.

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