

LA FOLLETTE IS LIKELY TO BRING GENERAL FIGHT

Washington Report Says Wisconsin May Compete in Several States.

DAKOTA SITUATION BEING CONSIDERED

Gets Attention at Conference in Washington—All Interests There.

(Herald Special Service.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Progressive republicans of the senate, together with a number of their colleagues in the house, discussed their political plans at a private dinner. The leaders, who are insisting that progressive principles must prevail in the next republican convention if there is to be any hope of political success, are Senators Borah of Idaho, Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa, La Follette of Wisconsin, Clapp of Minnesota, Gronna of North Dakota, Sterling of South Dakota, Norris of Nebraska, Poinsett and Jones of Washington and Works of California.

Every one of these senators stated, in response to the direct question that the purpose of their conference was not to revive the old republican party that split off from the regular organization four years ago, but to bring about such a condition that a united front could be made of the common enemy in the coming campaign. While the senators are not disposed to talk now for publication, they cannot be taken into consideration as a candidate for the so-called regular organization and the so-called conservatives, and endeavor to arrange in advance of the Chicago convention a declaration of principles that could be supported by all republicans.

Platform the Important Thing. "This," said one of the most influential of the progressive group, "is of more importance to the cause of republicanism right now than the candidacy of any particular man. The right man can be found if the platform is all right, and the chances are that the republican party will profit from its experiences of the past four years, and go into the coming fight with a determination and the power to succeed."

"So far as the progressive republicans of the northwest and the middle west are concerned, former Senator Root cannot be taken into consideration. Under no circumstances could he be accepted as in any way progressive. Justice Hughes might be considered if there were reasons to believe he would be a candidate. Outside of the progressive candidates—by which I mean Borah, Cummins or La Follette—there are two men whose candidacy might be considered. One is Burton of Ohio, and Weeks of Massachusetts. The latter by reason of business affiliations is injured at the outset, but has many friends in the west."

See Good Points in Burton. "Senator Burton, however, more nearly than any other candidate will be the second choice of many of the progressive states. Though referred to generally as a conservative, he has strong progressive tendencies and would make an excellent compromise candidate, acceptable both in the east and the west. This subject of candidates has not yet been taken up, but the former senator from Ohio will figure to a large extent in the progressive campaign."

It had been understood that the progressive candidates agreed at their last conference and dinner not to have two progressives running against each other in any state. La Follette, who was not at the first dinner in person, was reported to be favorable to that plan. Yesterday it was understood that Mr. La Follette has told some of his colleagues included in the list named that no one had authority to make any bargain of any kind on his behalf. Unless La Follette becomes a party to the plan, several of the northwestern states the primary race promises to be a free for all with a splitting up of the progressive republican vote.

FIRST PROVINCE TO GIVE BALLOT

Manitoba Passes Woman Suffrage Measure at Peg This Afternoon.

(Herald Special Service.) Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—The woman suffrage bill, granting the vote to the women of Manitoba over 21 years, was submitted for final disposition in the legislature this afternoon, and passed.

The occasion was historic, in view of the fact that this is the first time in the history of Canada that such a bill has become a law.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Unsettled weather; cold tonight, and probably snow; Friday fair, and colder in northeast portion.

UNIVERSITY READING. 7 a. m.—9; maximum, —3; minimum, —11; wind, west, 11; snow, 0.5; precipitation, .11; barometer, 30.40.

Robbers, Threatening Lives of Bank Clerks and Depositors, Carry Off Rich Load of Loot

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Four robbers, armed with revolvers, entered the Washington Park National bank in East 63rd street, threatened the lives of the cashier, clerks and 20 depositors, and escaped with between \$15,000 and \$20,000 dollars. The twenty depositors were forced to stand in line facing the wall, while the robbers looted the money in the teller's cage.

After grabbing the cash, the robbers backed to the door covering the bank clerks and depositors and escaped in an automobile.

A. W. McCauley, assistant cashier, jumped into an automobile and attempted to follow the robbers, but they quickly outdistanced him.

Jake Stahl, former manager of the Boston American league baseball team, is vice president of the bank, which is situated in one of the busiest sections of Chicago, outside of the downtown district. Stahl said the robbers obtained more than \$12,000 dollars, and that none of the bandits appeared to be more than 20 years old.

Resolution Against Any Form Of Conscription Passed by Great Bristol Labor Conference

Bristol, England, Jan. 27.—A resolution protesting in the name of the national labor party against the adoption of conscription in any form, was passed by the labor congress by a card vote of 1,796,000 against 219,000.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT, SAYS JAPAN OFFICE

New Demands Not Laid Before the Chinese, is the Word From Tokio.

Tokio, Jan. 27.—The London report that the Japanese government had delivered to the Chinese minister in Tokio, a note embodying seven demands which were included in the Japanese program of last spring said by the Japanese foreign office to be untrue. The Manchester Guardian said yesterday it had learned from far eastern sources that demands had been presented by Japan.

GREAT BATTLE NOW PREDICTED

Big Fight in North Sea Expected—Air Raid on London First.

New York, Jan. 27.—The German fleet, with the heaviest new battleships armed with 17-inch guns, far outranging the latest of the British vessels and escorted by a fleet of Fokker aeroplanes and Zeppelins, armed with a new pneumatic gun ever increasing range of speed projectiles, will soon appear in the North sea to give battle to the British, according to Thomas R. MacMechan, aeronautic engineer and president of the Aeronautic Society of America.

Mr. MacMechan said the basis of his prediction is from sources of authoritative information in Germany. Predicts Air Raid. The time of the German navy's dash from the Kiel canal will be fixed, mainly by the results of the testing of the new engine of destruction from the air—the pneumatic gun or torpedo tube, Mr. MacMechan asserted. The weapon will be tried out, the engineer asserted, within two or three weeks, and a monster raid by Zeppelins on London.

"For the past four years the Krupp company experts have been working on the aerial torpedo, which, according to my information is now perfected," said Mr. MacMechan. "Briefly the torpedo tube or pneumatic gun launching the projectile is about eight feet long. Air pressure is used because of the danger of using powder for a gun that call for an airship. The projectile is shot from the mouth of the gun with a velocity of 650 feet per second.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS WIN BIG BATTLE

Three Thousand Men Enter Yunnan Province and Defeat Force of 1,000 Revolutionaries.

Peking, Jan. 27.—Three thousand government troops from the province of Kwang-si have entered Yunnan province and defeated a force of a thousand revolutionaries there.

WILSON FLATLY AGAINST THE SUFFRAGE PLAN

Again Declares Problem is One for Individual States.

STATES POSITION TO BIG UNION

Meets Women in New York This Morning—He Kept Them Waiting.

New York, Jan. 27.—President Wilson today refused to support the movement for amendment to the federal constitution providing for woman suffrage. He spoke briefly to 200 members of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage and told them he felt the suffrage question should be dealt with by each individual state.

Efforts made by Mrs. Mary Beard, wife of a Columbia university professor, to cross-examine the president on his position, met with failure. Mr. Wilson refused courteously to reply to her queries.

President Wilson told the women the suffrage question should be handled by the state. "I may be a little old-fashioned in my view, but the suffrage question should be handled by the state," he said.

President Wilson promised again that he would discuss the subject with members of congress as soon as possible. President Wilson went to the parlor engaged by the suffragettes, and was greeted with warm applause as he entered the room.

FRENCH LOSSES ARE 80,000

Claimed that Number Have Been Killed During the War to Date.

Bristol, Eng., Jan. 27.—M. Longuet, French socialist deputy, who addressed the labor conference here, on being questioned regarding French losses in the war, said that 800,000 French soldiers had been killed, that 1,400,000 had been wounded and that 300,000 had been taken prisoners.

WOODROW WILSON HAS TOUGH JOB KEEPING CLEAR OF THE ELITE IN AMBITIOUS CITIES

(By James Gray.) Washington, Jan. 27.—Woodrow Wilson is having a terrible time with the American snobocracy. Each day he has to issue a new order to the effect that on the coming tour of the middle west he does not propose to attend any private meetings, nor sit in at any partisan entertainment nor yet speak to an audience of people who paid for their tickets of admission. And each day comes a new reason for the repetition of the order.

Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Started. The Pittsburgh chamber of commerce started to use the president as the star attraction for the organization's annual dinner. So much pressure was put on the president's announcement that he would not speak to people who had paid for their seats. Also he changed the Pittsburgh date so that he would speak there in the middle of the day, thus making it certain that he would miss the dinner.

CONDITION OF EMPEROR JOSEPH

Rome, Jan. 27.—It is reported in Vatican circles that the condition of Emperor Francis-Joseph, of Austria, who has been ill for several days, is growing worse.

EFFECT RESCUE OF AMERICANS TAKEN CAPTIVE

Carranza Soldiers Deliver U. S. Privates Across the Line.

Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 27.—Privates William C. Wheeler and Vigo Pederson, of Battery D, Fourth artillery, who were kidnapped by Mexicans late yesterday and taken south from the border, were rescued by Carranza soldiers.

WITNESS AND JURY IN TEARS

Thief River Falls Court Had to Adjoin for Short Time—Defense to Begin.

(Herald Special Service.) Thief River Falls, Minn., Jan. 27.—Because Miss Josie Peterson, one of the chief witnesses for the state in the case against Dr. J. M. Charest, charged with being responsible for the death of Mrs. Howard Gessel through a criminal operation, broke down and several of the jurymen were so overcome that tears coursed down their cheeks, court had to adjourn at 11 o'clock this morning until 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was one of the most dramatic scenes witnessed in the local court room.

CAMPAIGN TO RAISE JEWISH RELIEF FUND

\$250,000 Within 24 Hours is Mark Aimed at in San Francisco—First Time Jews Ask Relief.

San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 27.—San Francisco opened last night a campaign to raise \$250,000 within 24 hours for the millions of starving and destitute Jews in the European war zone with a mass meeting at the new civic exposition auditorium. Justice H. C. Stone of the state supreme court presided.

DAKOTA PRESS GANG IS DUE HERE FRIDAY

Fine Features, With Elaborate Banquet, Planned For Visitors.

Grand Forks, for the next two days, will belong to the "press boys" of North Dakota. The annual winter meeting of the North Dakota Press association will open in this city tomorrow morning and will continue through Saturday. Indications today are that the meeting will be one of the most largely attended in the history of the organization.

FIERCE ATTACK BY GERMANS IN WEST DISTRICT

Berlin Declares the Teutonic Forces Have Taken Many Trenches.

ALLIES SILENT ON OPERATIONS

Hand to Hand Fighting Precedes Capture of Positions.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—German attacks on French positions near Neuville was resumed yesterday with great intensity. The war office reports that between 500 and 600 yards of French lines were captured after terrific hand to hand fighting, with heavy losses.

British Reported in Bad Positions Now

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The Cologne Volks Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Cairo, stating that the British in southern Arabia are in a dangerous position as a result of the fierce attacks of Arab and Turk forces. It is stated that the British casualties up to December 30, amounted to 15,000 killed and 20,000 wounded. The number of British troops now at Aden is given as 20,000. Quoting from Volks Zeitung, the Overseas News agency says:

SOVIET PRESIDES

Washington, Jan. 27.—A socialist presided over the house yesterday for the first time in its history. Representative London of New York was in the chair for about two minutes, being called to act for Speaker Clark when the house rose from sitting as a committee of the whole to receive an executive report.

Montenegrins Agree to Lay Down Arms, Report

Berlin, Jan. 27.—The delegates to the Montenegrin government Tuesday night signed articles providing for the laying down of the arms of the Montenegrin forces, according to an announcement made Wednesday by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters. The communication says: "The disarming is going on without difficulty and has extended to the districts of Kolasi and Andrijevica. Several Austro-Hungarian troops, the statement added, occupied portions of the Italian positions near Osilava and took as prisoners 1,097 soldiers, including 45 officers."

Great Destruction

Berlin, Jan. 27.—That one of the bombs dropped by the German air squadron when it raided Dover on Monday fell on a deposit of mines, which exploded and caused enormous devastation in the neighborhood. Thirty-nine persons, including one officer and 24 soldiers, the newspaper says, were killed.

Aviator Killed. The Overseas Agency says: "The German aviation corps lamented the loss of Lieut. Boehm, who fell to the ground at Ennsheim, in Alsace, and was instantly killed." Lieut. Boehm was a member of the Bavarian aviation corps. He was decorated with the Iron Cross of the First Class for an aerial exploit in which he vanquished two French aeroplanes.