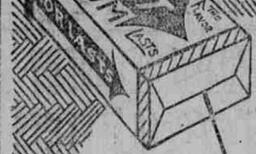


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MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1920. Vermont will surely have a good man in the Governorship chair to succeed Gov. P. W. Clement.—Waterbury Record.

The Banner has been accused of being a trifle unkind to Governor Clement but we never said anything quite so hard on him as this.

This paper finds no fault with Governor Clement for refusing to call a special session of the Vermont legislature to consider the Susan B. Anthony Amendment if he is satisfied that the session is not necessary to secure for the women of America participation in the next presidential election. If it develops that his action has delayed the adoption of the amendment until after the next election, he has erred. The reason the governor gives for not calling the legislature to wit,—that the ratification of this amendment to the federal constitution conflicts with the state constitution, doesn't appeal to us a little bit. The federal constitution, the supreme law of the land, provides explicitly in itself for its own amendment. It provides that legisla-

Ordinarily it is considered the duty of the supreme court to say what is constitutional and what is not. When a governor, who is not even a lawyer, undertakes to decide constitutional questions there is reason to suspect that he may have other reasons in reserve.

Socialists continue to be shot in socialist Germany because they are not of precisely the right shade of redness or blueness. The agitators who are trying to make the United States socialist might visit Germany and see whether they have the correct hue.

### PUT KAISER INSIDE FIFTEEN-FOOT FENCE

Preparations Indicate Former Emperor Will Pass Remainder of His Days in Holland.

New York, March 3.—There is such an air of permanency in the extensive preparations at Doorn to receive the former Kaiser when he leaves Amerongen that in the preparations alone would seem to be ample corroboration of the belief generally accepted that Wilhelm Hohenzollern will spend the remainder of his days unmolested in Holland, according to a Sun-Herald special from the Hague.

As cabled yesterday the Dutch will accede to no Allied demand concerning the disposition of the former Kaiser, but will adhere strictly to the law and custom governing the case, which means that they will provide asylum for him so long as it is not abused. In pursuance of such a decision long since reached and periodically reiterated in notes to the Allies, Holland is permitting Count Hohenzollern to feather his nest at Doorn to his personal liking in preparation for an indefinite stay.

When the former Kaiser moves from Amerongen to Doorn he will reside in lonesome grandeur and splendid isolation over a silent court, whose stillness will be broken only by the sentries' tread. A 15-foot fence of closely woven heavy wire surrounds the strong steel uprights, with three strands wickered by barbed wire now being completed. It is worthy of a wild animal cage and the panorama

of the estate reminds one of a vast zoo, with a white kennel in the center and acres of roaming grounds about it.

There has been dug a deep, wide moat inside the fence, into which water has not yet been turned. Far in the interior through trees enough to keep the refugees chopping for years, there rises an extremely modest two-story house which is nicknamed a castle. It is the last word in architectural sternness and plainness. Into its 11 high-ceilinged rooms are being moved furniture and personal belongings that just this week have been insured for \$4,000,000. Some of this comes from the Bert Inck estate at Amerongen, but most of it is being transferred from the imperial residence in Germany.

But if the former Kaiser gains homelike surroundings by his transfer he will lose companionship, for whereas now he has his own staff and the family of Count Bechtel within the same walls with himself, he will be alone at Doorn with two members of his personal staff and one servant. The correspondent asked a Dutch Cabinet official if Holland would permit Wilhelm at some future date to travel in other countries, particularly in Spain, where he is credited with desiring to go, and also to the United States. The official replied that he could not say that the Dutch would not permit the refugee to move at some future date when the war's wounds might be more nearly healed, but said that time and circumstances would guide their policy when the

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