

PROGRESSIVES WILL MEET IN CHICAGO LATE THIS MONTH

Political wisecracks today are closely watching the rifts appearing in the Republican party. In the Senate, the old issue of seniority promotion is a bone of contention between conservatives and progressives.

PROGRESSIVES IN RANKS OF G. O. P. WILL HOLD CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

The forthcoming conference of progressive Republicans, talk of which has aroused widespread political interest, will probably be held in Chicago the latter part of this month.

this month on his way to the Pacific Coast, and others will gather there at the same time for the meeting.

To Plan Program. In view of the enormous volume of proposed reconstruction legislation which must be taken up by Congress in the near future, the conference will devote much attention to mapping out a progressive program of lawmaking.

The indications are that whatever may be the result of the conference as to the Presidency, the progressive Republicans will make themselves a formidable factor in Congress by agreeing on a program of proposed reconstruction legislation of an advanced and liberal sort.

Some talk is heard that the conference is intended to head off the nomination of former President Taft by the Republicans. As a matter of fact, the Progressive leaders do not expect the political rehabilitation of Mr. Taft, and they have not planned the conference, they say, because of any effort to boom him for nomination.

21 YANK MOEWE PRISONERS BACK IN STATES AT LAST

BOSTON, March 7.—Twenty-one American prisoners in the sensational German raider Moeve, and who saw from the inside, the rise and fall of Teutonic arrogance, walked down the gang plank with 2,392 home-coming soldiers from the White Star liner Yedic today.

U. S. SUPERVISION OF R. R.'S, HIS POLICY

Private ownership with broad supervisory powers vested in the Government, is what Senator Cummins of Iowa expects as a permanent railroad policy, to be enacted by the next Congress, he said today.

Cummins will head the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee, which will frame the new railroad law. Before leaving Washington for a brief rest, Cummins outlined what, in his view, will be the probable direction of Congressional action.

The main features of the law Cummins expects to see enacted are: 1. Return of the lines to their private owners. 2. Consolidation into a few great systems. 3. Guaranteeing of a certain rate per cent of return on capital.

Several other members of the Senate and House committees incident to the testimony gathered during the hearing in the past session, so that little time need be lost in Cummins' view, in getting further information.

Most members of the two committees believe that private ownership, supported by Government backing, will put the railroads on their feet financially, and result in more efficient operation.

TRUSTS BOND TO STRANGER; IS STILL WAITING FOR HIM

T. E. McGowan, of Great Cacapon, W. Va., reported to the police today that he was robbed of a \$50 Liberty bond by a young man who offered to sell it for him.

NEW GOVERNOR OF VIRGIN ISLANDS



Rear Admiral JOSEPH W. OMAN, Commandant of the Second Naval district, with headquarters at Newport, R. I., will be appointed governor of the Virgin Islands, according to an announcement at the Navy Department in Washington.

URGES LAYMEN'S AID PLACING YANKS

ATLANTA, Ga., March 7.—Every church in the country should form a league of laymen to help returning soldiers and sailors to fit themselves into the industrial life of their respective communities.

This is the reconstruction program launched here by the army and navy department of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at a three-day conference of field secretaries from all sections of the country.

"Every church has a service flag," said F. S. Titworth, executive secretary. "Let each church in each community see to it that the men represented by the stars on its flag are helped to secure jobs when they return home."

The first thing the new members are anxious about are their franking privileges and pay checks. "The most unique case facing these clerks is the disposition of Victor Berger, Socialist, elected from Wisconsin, drawing pay as such from March 4, privileged to obtain quarters in the House Office building, but whose actual service is in doubt because he is under sentence for violation of the espionage act."

He draws his salary and may enjoy other privileges of a Congressman, however, until he is unseated by the House, if such action be determined upon.

WOMAN DIES AFTER CLOTHES CATCH FIRE

Mrs. Sophia Brown, seventy-five years old, of 913 K street northwest, died today at the Emergency Hospital from burns on the body received last night when her clothing became ignited from a lighted match while she was attempting to light the gas in her room.

Mrs. Brown went to her room about 10 o'clock last night and a few minutes later her screams attracted Clinton Coffin, a roomer, who rushed to her room and found the woman's clothing in flames.

Testing a horn on Armistice Day did not end your part in winning a peace with victory. Paying your income tax makes more real sense than tooting a horn.

CAPITAL PRODUCTS TO BE ADVERTISED

Washington Manufacturing establishments are appealed today to send their census reports to Chairman R. F. Andrews, of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association committee on industrial development by next Wednesday, as a whirlwind campaign to make an industrial city of Washington is planned.

Mr. Andrews' committee will meet next Tuesday and begin the work of advertising the present manufacturing establishments and their products will be advertised through the United States, as it is believed by the committee that the only way to attract other enterprises is to let it be known that similar industries are prospering in the District of Columbia.

"Most people right here in Washington don't even know there are any factories in their city," said Mr. Andrews. "As a matter of fact, we have a concern in Georgetown with \$1,000,000 invested which does a greater business in Tokyo, Japan, than in this city. It is the D. C. Paper Manufacturing Company, and they turn out blotting paper, book covers, and specialties."

"The Royal Glue Company, whose product I have bought in France and England, and is sold all over the world, is another product right here in Washington—at Second and N streets southwest."

"Ninety per cent of all the soda water straws used in the world, made at 32 and 34 O street northeast by the Stone Straw Company. "Not many people know why Washington is called the 'Gateway to the World.' It is because all rail freight from the East bound for Dixie has to pass through Washington. We also have the cheapest freight rates to the seaboard of any city in the country so far inland."

'CHEROKEE BILL' IS OLDEST MAN IN U.S.

GRAND JUNCTION, Col., March 7.—Nothing ever seems to bother "Cherokee Bill," 122 years old, credited by the United States census of 1910 as being the oldest man in the United States.

He lives on and on in his little hut on the bank of the Grand river, south of this city. Influenza, jaundice, smallpox, and other diseases never bother him, and he lives like a mole—underground—cooking in all his own meals and living alone.

The statement he gave the census enumerator in April, 1910, that he was born in the lower Mississippi valley region of this continent June 5, 1787—is one that he always sticks to. He tells of the war of 1812 and says he was an old man when the civil war broke out in 1861.

He gathers his fuel along the railway embankments and on the streets, and in some ways manages to get enough food to keep alive. He appropriated an old well once belonging to the city water works, which was closed in 1890, and has been living in the little underground hotel ever since.

PLANS SALVADOR REFORMS. SAN SALVADOR, March 7.—Carlos Melendez, inaugurated Sunday as new President of the republic of Salvador, is expected in the next few days to announce a program of radical reforms which he expects to urge before the national congress. Alonso Quinones is vice president of the republic.

Only Feathers Left After Parrot Fights Dogs in Show Window

AMERICUS, Ga., March 7.—Several hundred persons looked on helplessly at a battle between a large white parrot and two Boston bulls in the window of a bird and dog store owned by Joseph Hambleck, Inc.

The parrot was in a large cage on a shelf in the window. The dogs made effort after effort to reach it, and their barking attracted a crowd. Finally one of the animals succeeded in bringing down the cage. The door opened and the parrot came out. Immediately the dogs attacked it and it fought back. The battle lasted fully ten minutes while men and women knocked on the windows in an attempt to frighten the dogs away.

An excited woman telephoned to the East Fifty-first station and two policemen responded. There was nothing for them to do when they arrived for all that was left in the window was the parrot's feathers. The dogs had adjourned to the rear of the store.

News Notes of Stage and Screen

Where are our villains of yesterday? The new comedy, "Adam and Eva," at the Belasco, is an excellent example of the type of play that has been coming much into vogue of late—entirely harmless, and with only one character that doesn't have the complete sympathy of the audience.

A few years ago such a thing would have been unheard of. Any producer would have told you that it was out of the question to have a play without a villain; there wouldn't be any contrast, no foil for the hero, and all that sort of stuff.

Yet the villainless play is undoubtedly a success. It's certainly more pleasant for the players to have parts that don't make the audiences hate them, and the audiences themselves go home with better tastes in their respective mouths as the result of not having to hate anybody all evening long.

Edwin Carewe will, in the future, confine his directorial efforts to Viola Dana in the Metro pictures. Mr. Carewe was Harold Lockwood's director, and since the death of Mr. Lockwood has directed several Dana productions. His success has been so marked that the country are decided to let him devote his exclusive efforts along this line.

Related news comes of the death of Dudley McKelvey, twenty years ago, who was a product of the country manager of Kellar, the magazine. He died last Saturday night, at his home in New York.

Lloyd Hughes, a youth of nineteen from Blaine, Ariz., is the latest find of Thomas H. Ince. Young Hughes was taking a course in the Polytechnic school in Washington, and in a spirit of fun joined a bunch of students who one day sallied forth at the behest of a moving picture casting director to furnish well-dressed students who are graphed with the camera for his naturalness. Mr. Ince happened to see this picture and gave his casting director, Freddie Bralick, the difficult task of finding the boy.

Imagine starting out to locate, in a city of 600,000 population, a face that appeared in a mob scene. But Bralick succeeded in running down the youth. He was invited to meet the producer, was given a test before the camera, and today has a long-term contract with a nice fat figure on it tucked up in his safety deposit vault.

Mr. Hughes makes his debut as an Ince player in support of Enid Bennett in a picture just nearing completion under the direction of Fred Niblo.

Tom Moore, president of Moore's Theaters Corporation, left Washington last Thursday evening for a fortnight of golf at Pinehurst, where the foremost players of the country are assembled in tournament play. Washington golfers have reason to know that Mr. Moore swings a wicked club.

Tom Wise of "Cappy Rickers" is preparing to celebrate his thirty-sixth stage birthday. Because of her capable work in "Don't Change Your Husband," a picture play which will be shown at Moore's Garden Theater here next week, Gloria Swanson and Jack Pickford are to join the "Big Five," recently formed by Charlie Chaplin, D. W. Griffith, Mary Pickford, William S. Hart, and Douglas Fairbanks. They will be a regular baseball nine—and some team—if they do.

President Albee, of the Keith circuit, is trying to persuade Eddie Richbacher, the American "ace," to sign up a vaudeville contract. It is said that the aviator is holding out for \$10,000 a week. More power to him.

Comes the cheering news from New York that, to mark the passing of John Barrymore on June 30, Arthur Hammerstein will distribute that night among the patrons of "Somebody's Sweetheart," at his theater, souvenir half-ounce flasks of whiskey, draped with black crepe. The bottles'll be filled with the real stuff.

Players have just adopted a plan whereby at every benefit in which professional actors or actresses participate—which means practically all benefits—the Actors' Fund is to receive 10 per cent of the receipts. The system is being inaugurated in New York at the Rudolph Aronson benefit.

Philip Moeller, author of Henry Miller's new play, "Mollere," went to Philadelphia this week to see the production. While in the lobby of the theater a New York ticket broker approached him without recognizing him.

"Say, phi," came from the broker. "I'm a ticket broker and I'm thinking of buying some seats for this show. What do you think of it. Is it any good?" "Ask the stage director," replied Mr. Moeller meekly. "He knows all about it."

AMUSEMENTS B.F. KEITH'S DAILY 7:15 SUN 3:00 HOLYS 1:00, 5:00, 8:15 "MANY ENCORES" --Star LOUISE DRESSER JACK GARDNER THE FOUR MORTONS, MR. AND MRS. JIMMIE MARRY, CLARA MORTON, ETC.

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