

Progressives Plan To Gain Control Of Congress

Houston, Texas, Dec. 2.—Formal senators and house members in this congress, and those elected on November 7 to the 68th congress, gathered here today to organize a progressive block which will seek control of congressional machinery.

Headed by Senator Robert M. La Follette, Wisconsin, the progressives intend to band themselves together in support of a program which included these items:

1—Defeat of the administration's ship subsidy and anti-strike legislation.

2—Forcing of an extra session of the new congress shortly after March 4, 1923.

3—Enactment in the new congress of a large program of industrial and economic legislation.

Further than that, the aims of the progressives had not been mapped out when the conference met today. Whether the progressive movement as thus embodied in the national legislature will develop within the next two years into a third party is a question with which the progressive leaders announced today they would not now concern themselves.

Senator La Follette was expected to be chosen today as chairman of the progressive group.

It was uncertain when the conference met whether the farm bloc in House and Senate would agree to merge themselves in the new progressive bloc, and lose their identity, but progressive leaders hoped this would be the result. The present movement, like the farm bloc, is bi-partisan, numbering Republicans and Democrats in its membership.

La Follette was to open the conference with a statement to the progressives. He said beforehand that he would tell his colleagues that in the November 7 election the people, under spur of political unrest and dissatisfaction with republican and democratic leadership, had clearly given the progressives a mandate to take control of the House and Senate, by electing enough of them to hold the balance of power in both houses.

He will urge that an organization as definite and cohesive as the Senate and the House be formed by the progressives, and that from now on all questions involving national interest.

La Follette will suggest that the People's Legislative Service, organized by progressives in 1920 be continued to keep the people informed on governmental affairs, and particularly on the activities of the progressives.

A suggestion that the progressives acquire newspapers in various parts of the country may be taken up by today's conference or by a large meeting called for tomorrow, which will be attended by representative progressive men and women from all sections of the nation.

Indians Ask \$200,000,000 Worth Of Texas Lands

Washington, Dec. 2.—Progressive claim for possession of over 1,500,000 acres of land, located in the Panhandle section of Texas, will be presented to the Texas Legislature at its next regular session in January, by attorneys for the Texas Cherokee and other kindred bands of Indians.

The huge tract of land involved is one of the richest portions of Texas and is valued at more than \$200,000,000.

The land is dotted with thriving villages and is in the heart of one of the richest oil bearing sections in the United States.

The claim to this vast tract is based upon a treaty alleged to have been signed between the Indian tribes and representatives of the existent Republic of Texas, nearly a century ago.

According to the bill which will be introduced, the American colonists of Texas at the end of a disastrous Indian War made overtures to the various Indian tribes to formulate an agreement to govern the relations between the two races in the future.

On February 23, 1836, Colonel Sam Houston and John Forbes, acting as commissioners of the Texas Republic and a number of chiefs of the Indian tribes met at Colonel Bowie's village and drew up a treaty, which recognized and guaranteed the boundaries of this huge tract upon which the Indians were to rule.

Then, after the bill had been signed and the agreement had been in effect a few years the Texas Republic began to survey and locate the lands in violation of the treaty, they were driven out of the territory by the military forces of the Republic, without compensation for their lands, they claim.

A suit for recovery of the lands mentioned in the treaty of 1835 will be held up pending action by the legislature on the claim of the Indians.

The suit will be based upon another agreement which the early pioneers made with the Indians while the State of Texas was still a part of Mexico. The Indians claim that when the Tex-

ans established a provisional government and threw off the yoke of Mexico, they made a pact with the Indian Tribes of Texas, decreeing that the Indians had a just claim to the lands they were then occupying and signed a pledge renewing the bond of fealty between the two races and establishing the right of the redmen to that tract of land. This was done, the Indians claim, to gain the support to the Indian tribes in the hostilities with Mexico.

Besides the Cherokee Indians, other tribes that are a party to the proposed suit are the Shawnees, Delawares, Choctaws, Kickapoos, Alabamas, and several smaller tribes.

The Indians claim they have the right to sue the State of Texas as a successor to the old Republic of Texas.

Young Men Would Hold World's Fair In 1927

Portland, Ore., Dec. 2.—The Atlantic-Pacific highways and electrical exposition, which was better known as the "Portland Fair," has long been a topic of speculation in the United States. When the fair idea was first broached, Boston was considered as the site. Boston disapproved of the idea and Portland was chosen. Now that Oregon, but not Portland, has disapproved of the exposition idea it is a mooted question whether or not a fair will be held to commemorate the nation's highway and electrical growth and achievements. Portland's private enterprise may see the fair idea become a reality, but doubt is expressed here if it will ever become a state or municipal enterprise.

(By The United Press)
Portland, Ore., Dec. 2.—The young men of Portland may make possible a world's fair here in 1927, despite the repudiation of the exposition idea at the recent general election.

Following the defeat of the exposition amendment at the polls, fair proponents are considering ways and means for obtaining the approval of various city clubs and organizations in their drive to raise money entirely by stock subscription. With the organized backing of these city clubs a new organization would be effected, and probably incorporated, stock would be sold to whomsoever would want to buy it and the money turned into a general fund for the promotion and financing of the fair.

At least \$4,000,000 is needed to put the fair on a running basis. This would have been raised through subscription and taxation, but the voters said there was nothing doing with taxation. Multnomah county would have raised practically the entire amount of the money needed, but permission was needed from the state at large. This permission the state refused to give.

The fair was initiated by two measures. The first was a constitutional amendment which would have allowed the city of Portland to exceed the 6 per cent tax limit imposed for taxation purposes by the state constitution. Since this was to be an alteration in the constitution, it had to be passed upon by the state as a whole. The second measure was confined to Multnomah county. It provided that, should the state permit the city to do so, taxpayers would pay with their regular taxes sufficient funds to raise \$3,000,000 in three years, provided that the exposition committee, which had been duly incorporated, could obtain \$1,000,000 in stock subscriptions.

There were a number of provisos: The city would raise \$3,000,000 by direct taxation, if the state would amend the constitution and thus give its permission and if the fair committee raised \$1,000,000 by subscription. When the state refused its okeh, the plan fell through. The second proviso was never reached. Had the state approved the constitutional amendment, it was regarded as certain that the needed million would be forthcoming from somewhere.

In Multnomah county, which was immediately concerned, with approving and financing the fair, both the state and city measures carried. The majority in each case was substantial. But this substantial majority was not sufficient to give the state measure a majority, and it lost by 4,000 votes.

Woman Lauds Sex As Superior Surgeons

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Woman is more skilful user of the surgeon's knife and scalpel than man, according to Dr. Bertha Van Hoesen, head of the department of obstetrics and gynecology in the Frances Willard hospital here.

"Woman's greater manual dexterity gives her a potential superiority in surgery," Dr. Van Hoesen said. "That, of course, means a better technique and more careful work."

"Even the greatest men surgeons prefer women assistants because of their carefulness and better technique in the operating room."

"Too much carefulness and conscientiousness, however, is a handicap to the woman surgeon. She is at times slower than a man in operations where speed is the all-important factor."

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In proclaiming woman's superiority in the field which has generally been regarded as belonging by natural endowment to man, Dr. Van Hoesen spoke from years of experience in the Frances Willard hospital and in the Cook county hospital where she is attending obstetrician.

There she has had the supervision of ushering from 250 to 350 babies into the world each month. She was for a long time one of the storm centers in the controversy that raged over the use of "twilight sleep" in obstetrics. She employed the anesthetic with marked success.

Dr. Van Hoesen has been granted a leave of absence to visit the orient. She will study Chinese surgical methods and then go to India to teach in the Women's Christian Union College to aid the movement to advance women's education in medical schools.

CAN STEER SHIPS BY THE ECHO

New York, Dec. 2.—Dr. H. C. Hayes, physicist, told the National Academy of Science here that with an echo you can tell to a hair just how deep the ocean is, at any point in all its 140,000,000 square miles, and with an echo to guide you will be able to navigate safely through a fog so thick you can't see the bows of your own boat.

Dr. Hayes has been conducting research work at the navy department's experimental station at Annapolis. He told the academy:

"During the war, while the navy was experimenting with the device known as the M-V type of listening instrument, it was found that with this instrument the location of an enemy submarine could be determined, together with its direction of movement, and that other sounds, to which the listener did not wish to pay attention, could be focused out. Subsequent experimentation enabled the navy to work out three methods, all using the M-V sound receiver, of determining the depth of the ocean and to chart the entire surface of the ocean floor from New Port, R. I., to Gibraltar, some 3,000 miles.

"Two of the methods are for determining depths of shallow water, the other for deep-sea depths, but all depend on sending out a sound from a vessel and receiving an echo from the sea bottom."

The M-V receiver, he said, is mounted near the bows of a long naval vessel. The ship's propellers revolving at the stern, throw out sound in every direction, but no attention is paid to anything but the echo coming back from below."

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STOP TO THINK!

Questions Answered Tomorrow

1.—If we had no clocks could we measure the passage of time with equal accuracy?

2.—Is a monkey a biped like a man?

Yesterday's Questions Answered

1.—Is linen an animal product like wool?

Answer—NO. Linen is woven from flax, a vegetable growth, like cotton.

2.—Is silk an animal product like wool?

Answer—YES. Strictly speaking, silk is an animal product. It is derived from silk-worms which feed on the leaves of the mulberry tree; silk is obtained in a thread-like substance and is the raw product from which silk cloth is developed.

CONFUSING TERMS IN EVERYDAY ENGLISH

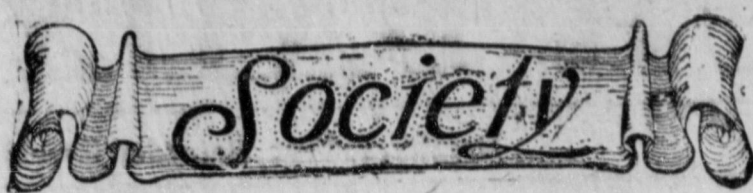
COMPLETED — COMPLEXIONED
"Completed" is incorrect. There is no such word. "Complexioned" may be used "She is dark complexioned," or the phrase "with a dark complexion," etc.

LUCKY LOAN

Albany, Ga., Dec. 2.—Three years ago J. M. Bundrick of Albany "fell" for a hard luck story.

A few days ago, the bread he cast on the waters was returned to him in the form of a cashier's check for \$500. His original investment in humanity was \$50. Three years ago, Bundrick, at that time, a soldier at Columbus, Ga., befriended a man named Averil. He was impressed with the sincerity of the man and his history. He loaned him \$50 that enabled the man to get home to Tulsa, Okla. A few days ago the amount was returned—tenfold, along with a letter expressing gratitude.

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Saturday

Bazaar by Ladies of Christian church in Mrs. Burdette's Millinery store all day.

Monday

Research Club—Mrs. Elliker—2:30.

Tuesday

Psi Iota Xi—Geraldine Everett at C. C. Humphrey home—8 p. m.

C. L. of C.—K. of C. hall.
Woman's Home and Foreign Society of the Presbyterian Church—Mr. Chas. Teeple.

Queen Esther—Miss Hazel Devor.

Friday

Bazaar at Presbyterian church, afternoon and evening.

Mrs. John Carmody has returned from a week's visit in Grand Rapids, Michigan, bringing with her, Miss Valora Quinlan to be her house guest.

A very pleasant Thanksgiving day was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolfe, west of Monroe, by the children and grandchildren including, Mr. and Mrs. Orval Hosterman and family, of Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Andrews and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and family, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Howard and daughter, Dwona of Craigville; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wolfe and children of near Willshire; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolfe and children of Decatur; and Jerry Howard of Fort Wayne. At noon all partook of a delicious dinner. All departed in the evening wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe many more happy Thanksgiving days.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, which is to be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Teeple, has been changed from Thursday, the regular meeting day, to Tuesday at 2:30. A good attendance is requested.

Several friends and relatives spent last evening with Mrs. Phoebe Rice, it being her seventy-fourth birthday. Mrs. Rice is making her home with her daughter, Mrs. Horace Callow. Delicious refreshments were served.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. L. R. Blossom gathered to help him celebrate his eightieth birthday anniversary on Thanksgiving day. A bountiful dinner was served and Mr. Blossom received many useful gifts.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Perkins, and children, Victor and Tommy, of Jefferson, Ohio; Olive Perkins, of South Whitley; Frank Blossom and son Lyman, of Youngstown, Ohio; Paul Blossom, of Hillsdale, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. James Stogdill and son, Ralph, of Ft. Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Peterson; Mrs. Arrilla Burkhardt and daughter, Blossom; Albert Eeineke; Lathia Townsend; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Janniman and son, Don, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Philip and son, Forest.

Squire A. C. Butcher officiated at the wedding of Mr. E. Fisher to Miss Fern North, which was solemnized in the Squire's office at 1:30 Wednesday afternoon, Maurice Butcher acting as witness. Following the ceremony the couple left for Geneva where they will make their home. Mr. Fisher is a farmer.

On next Friday, December 8, the ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar in the church, during the afternoon and evening. There will be all kinds of fancy articles, aprons, candy, and pastry articles, for sale. A parcel post sale will be held also. A program will be given for the entertainment of the visitors.

The Queen Esther Circle of the Methodist church will meet at the home of Hazel Devor, Tuesday evening.

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Reynolds, Wrestling Coach At I. U., Busy

Indianapolis, Dec. 2.—No athlete in Indiana is as busy as Jack Reynolds wrestling coach at Indiana University. Reynolds is at work developing what he reports from Bloomington claim is the greatest wrestling team that ever represented Indiana University and one of the best combinations of amateur mat men in the country. Still

this wonderful wrestler finds time to compete in many wrestling contests meeting the best professionals in the welter weight class.

It was Jack Reynolds, world's welter weight champion wrestler, who put the mat game back on the map in Indiana. He has had sixty two matches since he established a residence in Indianapolis, a little more than a year ago. Most of these have been in Indianapolis where the followers of the game have given the champion wonderful support. However, Reynolds appeared on the mat in Bloomington Martinsville and other cities of the state as well as contesting in matches in at least six other states during the year.

His speed, quick thinking, and his aggressive style coupled with his clean wrestling has made this pupil of old Farmer Burns the most popular man who ever wrestled in Indiana. The big problem seems to be this winter to secure opponents for Reynolds.

While many matches are indefinite it is known that Indianapolis promoters as well as wrestling promoters in other Indiana cities who plan to match Reynolds this season are considering only the best men in this country as his opponent. Tony Ross, of Junction City, Kansas, will probably meet Reynolds in December. He won a fall from the champion with a headlock some months ago, but Reynolds came back and won the match. Louis Nelson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., former welter weight champion of the world who met Reynolds and lost one fall to him will return to Indianapolis in February. Efforts are being made to match Reynolds and Ray Carpenter, of Lancaster, O., for a match in Indianapolis.

Rochester—Fred Degree and August Decmester of South Bend claim a record of four hundred rabbits killed this season.

DISTRIBUTION OF FALL TAX SOON

County Auditor Has Settlement Sheet Completed; Checks Ready Dec. 15

The December tax settlement sheet has been completed by Martin J. Jaber, county auditor, and the same has been accepted by the auditor of state. The checks are being made out and will be ready for the township trustees and other officers who draw money from the taxes, about December 15, Mr. Jaber stated today.

A total of \$489,960.93 will be distributed among the various units. The total current and delinquent tax amounted to \$490,875.54 before the few deductions were made. The amount will be distributed among the units as follows:

State tax, \$2,766.11; benevolent institution fund, \$14,744.82; state school, \$17,981.81; state educational institution fund, \$12,288.09; vocational education fund, \$1,229.29; state highway commission, \$8,109.39; state soldiers' memorial, \$1,474.44; agricultural experiment station, \$983.31; state teachers' pension fund, \$491.65; county tax, \$53,999.00; gravel road repair, \$56,551.60; road bond interest, \$103,829.43; township tax, \$9,424.32; tuition tax, \$67,649.10; special school tax, \$77,921.64; road tax, \$8,702.71; township poor, \$1,727.42; corporation, \$17,907.14; library, \$2,219.60.

Explosion Threatened Lives Of Rail Workers

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 2.—Police today were probing the bomb explosion which last night threatened the lives of 550 workmen in the shops of the Missouri Pacific railroad here, shattered windows throughout the building, and resulted in serious injury to Clarence Billington, blacksmith.

The bomb, which exploded just as employees were laying down their tools for the day, shook the entire group of buildings in the yards.

Windshields were blown from employees' automobiles. A deep hole marked the spot where the bomb explosion took place.

Authorities were unable to offer an explanation for the explosion, which occurred while eight special police were patrolling the shops. Missouri Pacific officials declared there had been no labor troubles among the men.

Billington, who was working at his forge near an open window, was struck by a shattered window sash. He is expected to recover.

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