

PROGRESSIVES' CONCLAVE WILL BAN 'ORATORY'

Party Rallying Cries to Be Stilled to Hear Views of Economic Expert.

By Raymond Clapper

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WASHINGTON, March 10.—Procedure relatively unique to politics will prevail at the conference of progressives Wednesday and Thursday when expert discussion of social and economic proposals will be heard instead of traditional party rallying cries.

This is the method chosen by the progressives to prepare themselves for their responsibility in the next congress, where they will hold the balance of power in both houses.

Senator George W. Norris (Rep., Neb.), who called the meeting of independent-minded friends in and out of congress, said he would make only a brief address of welcome.

The general plan, he explained, provides for an almost total absence of senatorial oratory, leaving the talking to experts.

Prohibition to Be Shunned

The prohibition issue, which is agitating both parties at the moment, will be shunned if Norris has his way. He believes it is used by many politicians as a smoke-screen to obscure what he regards as more vital, but possibly less spectacular, economic questions.

At the same time the appearance of Senator William E. Borah (Rep., Idaho), as one of the prospective key figures in the conference, added new interest among politicians to the possible result of this movement.

Borah was listed in the program to be chairman of the conference on farm relief, one of the five divisions which have been arranged.

Six Meetings Planned

Norris will preside over the conference dealing with public utilities, Senator Bronson Cutting (Rep., N. H.), over the discussion of "return to representative government," Senator Edward P. Costigan (Dem., Colo.), over a tariff discussion, and some one yet to be selected to conduct the meeting on unemployment and industrial stabilization.

It is possible a sixth meeting will be held to summarize the whole proceedings. After this, it is planned that the groups of experts shall continue through the summer working on legislative proposals to be pressed in congress next winter.

Norris emphasizes that no third party talk will be permitted.

This is the first extensive attempt of progressives at organization since the collapse of the movement in 1924, when the late Senator Robert La Follette Sr. was an independent candidate for President, polling about 16 per cent of the popular vote.

Plan Bipartisan Action

So far as leaders of the present movement have discussed their plans, they are concentrating now upon thorough bipartisan action in behalf of legislative ends, a method which is favored by the even division of both houses of the new congress.

It is the method by which the Anti-Saloon League brought about federal prohibition after a prohibition third party organized soon after the Civil war, and waged futile warfare for generations with only slight progress.

It also is the method of the farm bloc, to which many of the progressives have been leading forces.

\$7,500,000 STEAL IS TOUGH ON INVESTORS

Beesmyer Leaves Only 25 Per Cent for Those Who Trusted Him.

By United Press

LOS ANGELES, March 10.—A. M. Kemp, federal receiver, disclosed today that certificate holders will realize 25 per cent of their investments in the Guaranty Building and Loan Association, which Gilbert H. Beesmyer wrecked by misappropriating \$7,500,000 of its funds to his own use.

"I was afraid it would be worse," declared H. L. Carnahan, state building and loan commissioner, in commenting on a belief the stockholders had done well to realize as much as they did.

After declaring dramatically, "I'm a crook," Beesmyer was sentenced to San Quentin prison for embezzlement and mismanagement of the company's funds over a period of years during which he was recognized as one of the west coast's leading financiers.

APPROVE WIDENING OF MICHIGAN STREET

Woodruff Place Required to Pay Part of Costs.

Widening and resurfacing of East Michigan street from Highland avenue to Tacoma avenue tentatively was approved by the works board Monday in a conference with trustees of Woodruff Place.

City Engineer A. H. Moore advised the two groups that Woodruff Place owns to the center line of Michigan street, where the street passes their town. Thus they will be required to pay for that amount of pavement. The material to be used was not decided.

Suit for Airport Rent

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 10.—Judgment for \$700 is asked in a suit filed against Columbus Airways, Inc., by Michael Wolf, who alleges it failed to pay rent on land he owns and which it used as an airport.

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DRY UNIT MAY ADD AIR FORCE

Aid in Finding Stills Is Cited by Woodcock.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 10.—An air force may be added to the federal prohibition unit, if plans of Director Amos W. W. Woodcock go through.

Woodcock disclosed that a Mexican plane had been seized recently by dry agents in Texas, after its crew had been arrested on charges of smuggling liquor. He said that if the plane should be ordered forfeited by the federal court, it will be taken over by the prohibition unit and used to look for stills where the terrain is favorable for such work.

The potentialities of the airplane in prohibition enforcement were demonstrated recently when a deputy commissioner, flying from Philadelphia to Washington, detected a still in New Jersey, and notified agents of its location.

While the prohibition bureau has a few pilots in its service, Woodcock said he doubted whether the bureau had authority to buy planes for such work.

ATTACK PROHIBITION

Woman Leads Organization in Liquor Reform.

By Scripps-Howard Newspaper Alliance

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The women of America are not for prohibition, in the opinion of Mrs. Cecilia Casserly of California, vice-president of the Women's Organization for National Prohibition Reform.

"We are not for modification, but for repeal of the eighteenth amendment," said Mrs. Casserly. "We have enrolled in our organization 200,000 women. Women, outraged over the lawlessness, racketeering and corruption born of prohibition, are joining our movement by the thousand every day. In New York our membership is increasing at the rate of 2,000 a week. Since the Wickersham report, women have felt that their criticisms have been more than justified. We now propose to do something about it."

The organization will hold its second annual convention here on April 14 and 15. More than 1,000 delegates are expected to attend.

Rockefeller Gives to Job Fund

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 10.—The women's fund committee, which is raising money to create jobs for unemployed single women and girls, has received a contribution of \$50,000 from John D. Rockefeller Jr., it was learned today.

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BLIZZARDS FAIL TO PUT END TO DROUGHT PERIL

Moisture of Last Several Days Merely Cares for Present Needs.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Snows and rains of the last several days brought cheer to thousands of farmers worried over the driest winter in more than thirty years.

But officials of the United States weather bureau today said that much more moisture is needed if a serious situation is to be averted.

J. B. Kincer, chief of the division of agricultural meteorology, completed a study of comparative charts and announced that Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wyoming had suffered the driest winter since the weather bureau began gathering statistics. That was fifty-eight years ago.

The winter has been the driest in thirty years in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky and South Dakota. Kincer said the recent snows and rains, while relieving the drought and bringing hope to many, had not penetrated the subsoil, but merely took care of present needs.

"We need three or four times as

Charge Huey Is Misled on What Corn Pone Is

DALLAS, Tex., March 10.—Governor Huey P. Long of Louisiana, who claims to be an authority on the etiquette of eating corn pone and petlikker, may not even know what corn pone is, the Dallas News has suggested in an editorial entitled "Governor Long Unmasked."

Commenting upon a picture of Long giving a demonstration of eating petlikker and corn pone in the manner he approves of and wants others to follow, the News said:

"In the Governor's left hand, as shown in the photograph authorized by him, is some article of diet about the shape and size of three-fourths of a peeled banana. It is grasped as one might hold a cob or a flashlight or the handle of a tennis racket. The News petlikker department does not assert as a fact that this substance is a cob or a flashlight or a handle to anything at all. But it is clear that it is not corn pone."

"It is a pity that the education of our public men is so neglected that the culture of our forefathers is thus ignored by their children."

MACDONALD TO FACE FIGHT ON INDIA PROBLEM

Conservative Party's Stand Throws Whole Issue Back Into Politics.

By United Press

LONDON, March 10.—The Labor government of Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald emerged victorious in a parliamentary battle over measures for international security, only to meet new and serious obstacles in its effort to stabilize peace within the empire.

After a heated debate involving the international policies of the United States, the house of commons passed without a vote the motion of Arthur Henderson, foreign secretary, accepting the League of Nations general act for pacific settlement of international disputes. The measure was described as greatly improving the chances for success of the forthcoming 1932

world disarmament conference and as strengthening the Kellogg anti-war treaty.

Simultaneously, it was revealed that Stanley Baldwin, leader of the Conservative party, had decided the Conservatives would refuse to participate in the impending second round table conference, to be held in India, to continue work on a new federal constitution with the recently won co-operation of the Nationalists under the Mahatma Gandhi.

The Conservative decision, revealed by approval of Baldwin's

decision at a meeting of the conservative "India committee" in the house of commons, caused something of a sensation in political circles in view of the difficulty with which the peace negotiations in India have been carried out.

The Conservatives were held to have thrown the entire India question back into party politics, although they participated in the London round table conference.

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