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If straws show which way the wind blows, General Leonard Wood appears to be a strong favorite for the presidency. Last week The Herald chronicled the result of such a vote taken in Box Butte county, and the judgment of local republican politicians is shown to be sound by another straw ballot taken at the constitutional convention. In a total of 67 votes, the general received 36, more than all the rest put together. Governor Loudon of Illinois, who has been considered as having strong chances of winning the Nebraska electoral vote, received but 2, as did ex-President Taft. The democrats who voted did not appear to take the matter seriously, as witness the vote cast for Jerry Howard of Omaha, who was the preference of 4, and William Jennings Bryan, who was supported by 5. Some of the other votes were: Hiram Johnson 4, McAdoo 2, Champ Clark 2, Schwab

1, Hoover 1, Poindexter 1, Wilson 1. Thirty-three of the members refused to vote. There seems to be a crystallization of republican sentiment in favor of Wood, but democrats are in no hurry to make a choice.

Within the past ten days, a movement has been started to make General Pershing the next president. In that time, The Herald has received columns of suggested copy, and one or two columns of boiler plate, somewhat cleverly disguised as news, coming, as it does, at the time the general is returning to Nebraska for his first real visit since the war. Mark Woods of Lincoln is chairman of the national Pershing-for-president committee, and seems to be aided and abetted by ex-Senator E. J. Burkett, who evidently hopes to get another ray or two of the limelight. So far as is known, the committee has never received any intimation that General Pershing would accept the nomination if it were offered him on a silver platter; in fact, all his published utterances have been to the opposite effect. But they are going ahead on a huge scale, and the press of the state which needs filler will be publishing long articles about "Nebraska's favored son" until the primaries are a thing of the past. The editor of The Herald, who has all due respect for General Pershing as head of the American expeditionary force, lays no claim to being a political forecaster.

of Havanas that the general will not get to first base in any such attempt. These millions of soldiers who have returned home from barracks and trenches do not appear to meet the suggestion of a military man for president with any great degree of enthusiasm, and we know of less than half a dozen, scattered from Newport, R. I., to Florida, who have expressed even a lukewarm sentiment in favor of Pershing. General Wood is much more popular with the ex-soldier element than Pershing, and if the newly appointed "national committee" doesn't already realize this fact, they are in a fair way to discover something.

The good ship Buford, carrying a cargo of 249 anarchists, communists and radicals, sailed Sunday from New York under sealed orders, with destination unknown. The Reds cursed and yelled their defiance at the country which deported them. It was a motley crowd; collected in raids in all parts of the country; that thronged the decks and yelled "To hell with America!" and "Long live the revolution in the United States!" Some of them, unconcerned, played guitars and sang in Russian—while others wept. Within three weeks the whole lot will be deposited in some foreign port with access to the Russia they profess to love, and the United States will be rid of exactly 249 plague spots. There are others of a similar nature, and doubtless other shiploads will be deported in good time. The effect of the deportation will have one beneficial effect—it will have a tendency to restrain the Americans who have been financing the propaganda. A number of wealthy people, with no work to do and more money than they know how to spend, have drifted into a support of bolshevism. These parlor bolshevists have contributed most of the money, some of them out of pure devilry and others because they knew no better. The prospect of deportation will be sufficient to deter these weak-minded brethren and disaters, and no revolution can really flourish without financial encouragement in a country like the United States.

And now there is proposed a plan of education for labor unionists. The last workers to organize and join the federated ranks is the associated teachers' union, composed of the faculties of schools and colleges. That's the worst thing about college professors—they take themselves too seriously. Here they barely get into the ranks of organized labor when they feel the call to educate their less fortunate brethren, who do not in the least desire to be educated. They plan to open night courses for labor leaders, where the latter will be told all there is to know about economics, management and other subjects, with the idea of developing "a new type of labor leader, who will co-operate in managing industries instead of spending his time bickering with employers." The socialists in England have a similar group, known as the Fabian society, who have taken it upon themselves to educate their more humble brethren, and while they have a number of interesting volumes and have given thousands of illuminating lectures, have succeeded only in getting themselves known as "intellectuals," which, oddly enough, is a term of contumely. May be our labor leaders will attend night classes and learn all about the law of supply and demand, wages curves and the like, but we have faith in human nature and fancy these earnest professors will have their labor for their pains.

Authorities differ as to the feasibility of a pipe line to bring oil and natural gas from Wyoming to Nebraska. It appears that the Wyoming law prohibiting the shipping of crude oil from that state, in order to build up the state's refineries, is unconstitutional. Here is the opinion of S. C. Bassett, who discourses at length on the plan, the only apparent error being in quoting "Hon. Lloyd D. Thompson" as author of the suggestion:

"There is much of merit in the suggestion of Hon. Lloyd D. Thompson of Alliance, to establish pipe lines with which to bring fuel oil and natural gas from a region in Wyoming adjacent to the west line of Nebraska. Along the boundary line of the old home farm in New York are two such pipe lines through which runs crude petroleum from the oil regions of northern Pennsylvania and southern New York to the tide-water on the Atlantic coast, a distance of some 300 miles. These lines are laid on top of the ground where they run through woods and in crossing the valleys they are buried deep enough not to be disturbed in plowing. It is understood there are stations at which by means of a force pump the oil is forced over mountains several hundred feet in height above the level of the valley. Where these pipe lines cross the Conchocton river they are plainly to be seen resting on the bottom of the stream.

"These pipe lines could be laid in the valley of the Platte river, following a water level across the state having an average fall of eight feet to the mile. It is believed a pipe line for fuel oil across Nebraska from the Wyoming oil fields would be a much more practical plan to furnish power and light to the people of the state than the attempt to make use of the

all time to come, would be largely dependent on a quicksand foundation for support of dams across streams and for support of power houses."

—There will be a Christmas tree and dinner on December 27, at the I. O. O. F. hall on West Third street given by Alliance lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., colored, to which parents are requested to have their children

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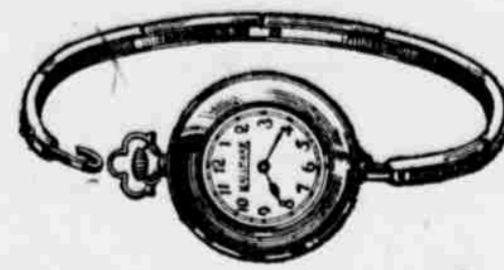
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