

Pitiless Publicity to Be Discarded at Progressive Meet

Conference Called for Purpose of Formulating Executive Program to Be Behind Closed Doors.

Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Nov. 30.—The conference of progressives called for Friday for the purpose of formulating an executive program for the present and coming session of congress will be attended by at least 12 senators and 25 representatives, according to announcement by Senator La Follette, Wisconsin, Representative King, Illinois, and Representative-elect Reid, Illinois, who will succeed Representative Copley are included in the list.

Pitiless publicity will be tossed into the discard and all proceedings will be behind closed doors, it was announced by Senator La Follette in a formal statement. This policy of secrecy would be adopted, he explained, "in order that there may be full and free discussion upon the important subjects of legislation which will be taken up for consideration." He added that "any statement which senators or representatives may care to make to the press will be given out after the deliberations of the conference are concluded."

Senators and senators-elect in the list given out by Senator La Follette's office include eight republicans, four democrats and one farmer-laborer, Senator-elect Shipstead of Minnesota. The republicans listed are Borah, Idaho; Brookhart, Iowa; Capper, Kansas; France, Maryland; Frazier and Ladd, North Dakota; La Follette, Wisconsin; and Norris, Nebraska. Nineteen republicans and seven democratic representatives and representatives-elect announced as conferees are: Republicans—Brock, Browne, Cooper, Frear, Lampert, Nelson, Peay, Schneider and Voigt of Wisconsin; Burke, Pennsylvania; James, Michigan; Keller, Minnesota; King, Illinois; Knight, Ohio; LeGuardia, New York; Reid, Illinois; Schall, Minnesota; Sinclair, North Dakota; and Woodruff, Michigan. Democrats—Collins, Mississippi; Huddleston, Alabama; McSwain and Logan, South Carolina; Mansfield, Texas; Mead, New York, and Thomas, Oklahoma.

Danish Countess Is Now Common Sailor



Countess Marie A. Billie-Brohe

Countess Marie A. Billie-Brohe, Selby, one of the best known members of the Danish nobility, is now on board the steamship Solandia, in the orient, as a common sailor. She shipped to serve a term as electrical apprentice, in which work she is deeply interested.

Senator Norris Urges Amendment to Constitution

Nebraskan Would Have President and Congress Take Seats Immediately After Election.

By GEORGE F. AULTHER, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Washington, Nov. 30.—(Special Telegram)—Senator Norris is taking seriously the proposal to amend the constitution to the extent of having members of congress and the president take their office as soon as practicable after the elections are held. It developed today that when the Caraway resolution was presented to the agricultural committee, it was done in the nature of a joke. Several efforts have previously been made to have the judiciary committee take up the question of the proposed amendment, but without avail. "Now that the farmers have turned lawyers," said Senator Norris, who is a member of the judiciary committee, "there is action, and I shall present and urge the resolution which the agricultural committee authorized me to write and present. It appears now there is much sentiment for the proposed amendment in congress. I have had a proposed amendment before the judiciary committee for some time, calling for the abolition of the electoral college, and while I am chairman of the subcommittee which has the matter in charge, I have never been able to get a meeting. Perhaps there will be a disposition to act on that too, now that the agricultural committee has commenced to take up judicial questions."

Grand Larceny by Trickery Is Charged in Complaint

F. H. Gregory, Carlton hotel, arrested by Detectives Haze and Donahoe, was arraigned in central police court Wednesday on a charge of grand larceny by trickery filed by Joseph P. Kudlac, 6514 Blondo street. His bond was set at \$1,000 and the hearing continued to Friday. Kudlac alleges that Gregory sold him for \$50 an option on 10 acres of land in the Lincoln vineyards in Placer county, California, said to be worth \$2,500, and agreed to go with him to California. Then, he said, after he gave Gregory \$75.00 to buy a ticket, Gregory began dodging appointments with him.

Debs Recovers Health.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, who has been in a sanitarium here for several weeks, announced that he had fully recovered his health and departed for his home at Terre Haute.

Judge Soothes Sleuth Chief's Ire

Jurist Who Said Detective Had No Right to Arrest Woman on Iowa Warrant, Asserts He Misunderstood Facts.

He came in like a lion but went out like a lamb, Charlie Van Dusen, chief of detectives, who stands high into six feet in his stocking feet and weighs heavy. Van Dusen strove into the county courthouse Wednesday with fire in his eyes. Straight to the county attorney's office he went. "Where do you get the idea we can't arrest anyone on a warrant charging a felony in another state?" he demanded of Chief Deputy County Attorney Raymond Coffey. "What you want to do is to be the hands of the police department."

Man Denied Permission to Remove 90 Barrels of Whisky for Own Use

Washington, Nov. 30.—Samuel Pollock of New York, was denied in the District of Columbia supreme court, a mandamus to compel Commissioner Blatz of the internal revenue bureau to issue a permit allowing him to remove 90 barrels of whisky from a warehouse in Baltimore to his residence for personal use. Pollock told the court he had purchased the warehouse receipts covering the whisky in December, 1919, and intended to make legitimate use of the beverage. He said he would suffer irreparable loss if not permitted to transport the 90 barrels.

Britain Disposed to Take Firm Line on Reparations

Premier Poincare to Hold Conference with Bonar Law Preliminary to Parley in Brussels.

Copyright, 1922. London, Nov. 30.—It has now been settled that Premier Poincare of France will come to London within a week for a conference with Prime Minister Bonar Law preliminary to the Brussels parley which the French are still pressing to have held on December 15. The British would rather wait until after Christmas as Mr. Bonar Law will be busy until nearly December 15 with pressing home affairs.

The British government is now disposed to take a very firm line with the Germans after it is satisfied that the French are demanding only things possible of attainment. In return for the restoration of the entente it might even be ready formally to forgive the French debt which it knows can never be collected. While it is impossible for the British government to finance a German loan for the payment of reparations, it is ready to assist in working out with France, some scheme by which Germany can be put on its feet so that Germany can pay. If this is done the government is confident that British private investors will look kindly on German bonds.

Question of Taxes on Liquor Argued in Supreme Court

Status of Revenue Laws Enacted Prior to Prohibition at Issue in Three Cases.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The status of internal revenue laws imposing taxes on the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, enacted prior to the national prohibition, was at issue in three cases argued before the supreme court today. Two of them were appeals by the government and the other reached the court on questions submitted by a circuit court of appeals which designed instructions.

In Missouri the lower courts held that Chris Elloff Staoff could not be prosecuted under the revenue laws for failure to register an illicit still in Ohio; it was held that George Remus, Harry P. Brown and others could not be prosecuted for failure to pay taxes imposed upon rectifiers, wholesale and retail dealers, while the Ninth circuit court, in considering an appeal from the United States district court of Arizona in a case in which James L. Brooks was convicted of violation of certain internal revenue sections of the revised statutes, suspended further proceedings and asked instructions of the supreme court as to whether the sections had been repealed by implication by the federal prohibition act.

Disabled War Veteran Is Shot and Robbed in Lincoln

Lincoln, Nov. 30.—Howard Cross, a disabled world-war veteran of Ragan, Neb., was shot in the shoulder, robbed of \$15, his sweater and raincoat, and struck a blow that left him unconscious, according to a story he told at the home of W. B. Windross, where he went for help after regaining consciousness. The shooting and robbery occurred in a residential district. Cross says his assailant shot him when he failed to quickly raise his hands when ordered. He was taken to a hospital where it was said the wound was not serious.

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Lions Club Learns Chinese Customs

Electrical Salesman Tells of Experiences With Oriental Merchants.

J. Nightingale of Pasadena, Cal., who has been an electrical salesman in China for several years, told the Lions club Wednesday in the Hotel Fontaine many strange things about that land.

Once he went into a Chinese store and saw a beautiful vase. The proprietor, thinking him a tourist, asked \$200 for it. Mr. Nightingale knew it was worth about \$1, but he offered \$1.50. The Chinaman thereupon offered it for \$2.

"How come you all-time talker \$200 and this time you talker \$2?" demanded Mr. Nightingale, accusing the Chinaman of his brazen attempt to get \$200 for the vase. The merchant, entirely unembarrassed, shrugged his shoulders and replied simply, "Sometimes I sell."

"There are practically no highways in China except a few dozen miles in and about the great seaport cities," said Mr. Nightingale. All the rest is covered only by footpaths where travel must be on foot or in sedan chairs. If you want to go fast you take a sedan chair with six coolies. Two of them carry you while the other four rest as they run behind. China is the land of opposites. The women wear pants, the men skirts. You start to read a book or newspaper from the back; you shake your own hand instead of your friend's when you meet him."

Case of Columbus Gunman Goes Before Grand Jury

Columbus, Nov. 30.—While a posse continued its search for the fourth member of a band of gunmen who Tuesday killed Patrolman Granison Koehler and wounded Corporal Roscoe Fridle, the Franklin county grand jury began consideration of the case of Loomis Cummins, one of two bandits captured Tuesday and who pleaded not guilty when arraigned on a charge of first degree murder.

Sheriff Will Not Eject Widows for Nonpayment of Rent During Holidays

Chicago, Nov. 30.—City Sheriff Harry Bablis announced that during the holiday season of until January 3, he will not be a party in ejecting any widows or orphans from their homes because of inability to pay rent, neither will he aid in garnishing the wages of workmen, or in making any forced collections. Further, he declared that during the holidays in will not receive requests, ejectment or garnishment writs.