LAFOLLETTE IN THE SENATE

The selection of Governor Robert M. LaFollette of Wisconsin for United States senator, to succeed Quarles, concerns not Wisconsin alone, but the whole country; and greatly strengthens the cause of reform in congress.

LaFollette has only just been reelected governor of Wisconsin, after one of the hottest campaigns ever known in this country, in which the disorganized. His victory was a brilliant one, and has made him the politto him were all the republican leaders of the state, including the entire Wisconsin delegation, both in the senate and the house, led by Senator Spooner, a man of great national reputation and power. Governor LaFollette prevailed over one of the strongest political combinations ever organized, and wholly through the popular support he received from democrats as well as republicans, for he was first of all a reformer, a strong advocate and support er of democracy, that is, of the will of the people as against the rule of the corporations and monopolies. This reform movement, as we have shown,

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is much stronger among the republicans of the west than is popularly supposed, and is now in control of the party organization of Wisconsin, Illinois and several other states.

When LaFollette became a candidate for re-election as governor he promised that he would fill the position to which he was elected by the people and that he would not abandon Wisconsin for the United States senrepublican party was badly split and ate. It is not surprising, however, that he should have broken this promise, for conditions have changed so ical dictator of Wisconsin, for opposed in Wisconsin of late as to force him into the senate-perhaps it did not require much forcing to induce him to reconsider his intentions, for the senate just now offers him a far better field to carry out his policy in regard to control of railroads and other corporations than the governorship of Wiscnsin.

> Governor LaFollette's worst foes were the senators and representatives from Wisconsin, who fought a outrance, and would give no mercy. They read him out of the national republican convention and they would have read him out of the party could they have done so. It is true that when the battle was over and LaFollette was victorious Quarles begged for mercy and asked to be allowed to go back to the senater Governor LaFollette refused to consent to this. To do so would have been to strengthen the railroad interests, for the fight for control of these interests has been transferred from the Wisconsin legislature to congress by the president's demand for legislation on this subject and extension of the interstate commerce law. When, therefore, it became a question of sending Quarles back or going in his stead, Governor LaFollette determined to go himself. As a matter of fact, he has accomplished nearly all the work he set out to do in Wisconsin, and can now turn his attention to the federal side of the problem, which is looming up into such importance. He is well qualified to do this. Mr. LaFollette has already served in congress; indeed, it was at Washington that he received his first lessons in politics and inaugurated his campaign of reform. As a member of the house he was especially active in probing the land frauds which have since been brought to light. He found the entire influence of the federal officials in his state turned against him to prevent the disclosure of the system of fraud that prevailed. They defeated all his efforts to secure reform or to probe the land frauds, and they finally succeeded in beating him for congress. He saw that he had to win his fight at home before he could carry out his program. He won it, became governor, and now goes to congress to continue the fight there, for the war has been transferred to Washington.

Governor LaFollette's pet hobby has always been governmental control of railroads and all corporations. The program announced by President Roosevelt is thoroughly in accord with LaFollette's aims and desires. He will unquestionably be an able lieutenant in the senate, where he goes, as he himself says, to do all in his power to aid the president to carry out his purposes in regard to the railroads.-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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Charlemagne, you were a kindergarten.

William the Conqueror, we scarcely respect you. Agamemnon, what did you do, any

Alexander, did you lick anybody? Napcleon, what was it they arrested | called Valley Forge? you for?

Funston-let's see! Where did we bear that name?

Kitchener, your last name sounds familiar

Bobs Bahadur, yours was some skirmuch in India, wasn't it?

Grant, you were merely going some. Wellington, you had some slight trcuble at Waterloo, we believe.

Washington, didn't you once run

short of home comforts at a place

Xerxes, what was it you were cured

Garibaldi-oh, yes! Some new brand of macaroni, probably.

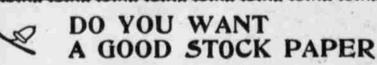
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