

### Move for Third Party Loses in Labor Meeting

#### Heated Debate Ends With Rejection of the Minority Report From Committee; May Be Taken Up Later

### To Form State "Groups"

#### Organizations Are to Work Through Either Republicans or the Democrats

CLEVELAND, Dec. 12.—The movement to launch a third party was definitely rejected to-night at the final session of the conference for progressive political action. A minority report of the resolutions committee calling for the formation of a new political organization was rejected, after a heated debate, by a vote of 64 to 52. This action finally silenced the repeated efforts of some faction of the conference to form the issue at the present meeting.

### Mason Mitchell, U. S. Consul in Malta Shot; Ex-Soldier Held

#### VALETTA, Malta, Dec. 12 (By The Associated Press).—Two arrests have been made in connection with the shooting to-day of Mason Mitchell, American Consul here. Mr. Mitchell was resting at his home to-night, suffering from a flesh wound in the left side, which is said not to be of a serious nature.

#### One of the men arrested is Lorenzo Bonello, a Maltese, who was dishonorably discharged from the American Army during the war, after court martial on a charge of disobeying orders. Bonello called recently at the consulate to press a claim for pension, but was told that, as a dishonorably discharged soldier, he was entitled to none.

#### Mr. Mitchell was shot at close range from behind, his assailant using a .38-caliber revolver. At the impact of the bullet, which he described as "staggering," the wounded official turned and saw his assailant running down the street; then he coolly picked up

#### comes and inheritance and payment of a soldier bonus by restoring the tax on excess profits.

#### "6. Legislation providing minimum essential standards of employment for women, equality for women and men while improving existing political, social and industrial standards, and state action to insure maximum benefit of Federal maternity and infancy act."

#### The purpose of the conference, as stated in the adopted report of the organization committee, is:

#### "To secure the nomination and election of Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the United States, Senators, Representatives in Congress, members of the state legislatures and other state and local public officers who are pledged to the interest of the producing classes and to the principles of genuine democracy in agriculture, industry and government."

#### State Conferences Shortly

#### Detailed methods for operating are set up with the national committee of twenty-one in general charge of affairs. State conferences are to be held as soon as possible. The organization report directs that the state conferences be held in every state in the Union. These state conferences may decide whether it is best to work through the old parties or to form a new party for that particular state. In any case, a state organization is to be formed separate from the old party organizations.

#### In case at the primaries the members are unsuccessful in nominating a man liberal enough to appeal to them they may place an independent ticket in the field.

#### This organization virtually is modeled on that now in use in the Northwestern states by the Nonpartisan League.

### Irish Senate Acts to Stop Civil Strife

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#### its attempts to upset the treaty, by the fury of destruction it had enhanced to an incalculable extent the problem of unemployment. Governor Healy read a message from King George expressing the hope that the peace and prosperity of Ireland might be insured by faithful observance of the treaty.

#### Armed men to-night entered the offices of the government solicitors and government printing works and set fire to the premises. Some documents were destroyed, but the damage to the building was not serious.

#### Peace Move Seen in Dublin Council

#### One more indication of the general sentiment for peace was the passage yesterday by unanimous vote of the Municipal Council of Dublin, with all members standing, of a resolution of sympathy, wherein the name of Sean Hales, slain Dail deputy, was bracketed with those of the four republican prisoners executed as a reprisal for his death.

#### Councillor O'Callaghan, a strong supporter of the treaty, said the whole business was a tragic mistake; the entire country seemed to be getting deeper and deeper into the mire and it would be far better to get back to the original position and demand a truce. If a truce should be declared, O'Callaghan said, it would bring gladness to many Irish homes and hearthstones.

#### In this assertion the councillor was the spokesman for most of the non-combatant population, especially during recent days, when their feelings have been shocked by the horrors of

### Burns Assailed As Daugherty Hearing Opens

#### Witnesses Testify Before House Committee as to the Detective's Alleged "Stacking" of Oregon Jury

#### Clashes Mark Proceeding

#### Keller Wins Fight Concerning Order in Which Charges Are To Be Taken Up

#### From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—William J. Burns, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, was the principal target at the initial hearing to-day before the House Judiciary Committee of the impeachment charges lodged against Attorney General Daugherty.

#### These demanding the ousting of Mr. Daugherty trained their guns upon Burns in an effort to show that the Attorney General appointed him with knowledge of a past history making him unfit for the office. The specific allegation against Burns involved "jury stacking" in the Oregon land frauds in 1907.

#### Only two witnesses were heard during the all-day session of the committee and no appreciable progress was made. The hearing was more a contest of time-jockeying between the committee and counsel for Representative Keller, who brought the impeachment charges, for apparently counsel for the latter are seeking a delay, while Chairman Volstead and his committee are attempting to bring the whole matter to a head as speedily as possible.

#### The entire morning session was taken up with a clash between the two over the procedure to be followed, the committee at first holding that the twenty-three charges be taken up in regular order. Jackson H. Ralston, counsel for Representative Keller, finally won his point on this, however, and the committee agreed to hear the charges in the order specified by him.

#### The accusation that Burns is unfit heads his list. The second is that Attorney General Daugherty over-stepped his authority in seeking the railroad's

### Cut Rates or Congress Will, Rail Men Are Told

#### 'Very Gizzard' Likely To Be Taken Out of Transportation Act, Says Cornwall

#### Voluntary action by the railroads to reduce freight rates and so forestall government action to the same end was recommended last night to 3,000 members of the New York Railroad Club by John J. Cornwall, a former Governor of West Virginia, who is now general counsel for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Mr. Cornwall also urged upon railroad executives the wider use of newspaper advertising to "tell their story to the public."

#### There could be no real prosperity, Mr. Cornwall told his hearers, unless the farmer had his share of it. At present, he said, prices of farm products had been defeated to a greater degree than any others, while the farmer was forced into competition in the labor market with other industries in which wages have not been defeated at all. He called attention to the growing strength of the agricultural bloc in Congress, and added:

#### "The next Congress probably will seek to do some very decisive things. Instead of putting teeth into the transportation act, as some of you railroad men have been talking, they are likely to cut the very gizzard out of it, if indeed they do not scrap it altogether. The farmer is in a bad temper and the recent elections show some of the results."

#### Other speakers were H. H. Vreeland and George A. Post.

#### Dry Conference in January

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The Governor's Conference on Prohibition to be called by President Harding, as indicated in his message to Congress last week, will be held some time in January, it was said to-day at the White House.

#### Western Reserve Banks Ask Reduction in Grain Rates

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Officials of Western Federal Reserve Banks are testifying to-day before the Interstate Commerce Commission declared that financial conditions in grain producing territories of the United States are so

### Mongolia Sails, Undamaged

#### Big Liner Delayed Nearly Day by Mud-Flats Accident

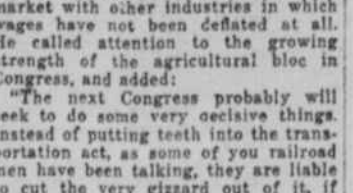
#### The steamship Mongolia, of the American Line, which sailed on Monday afternoon with 14,412 sacks of Christmas mail destined for Central Europe, and went around several hours later on the Bay Ridge flats, did not leave port until yesterday morning, clearing Quarantine at about 10 o'clock.

#### The vessel remained fast in the mud for nearly four hours Monday night, being pulled off at high tide by ten tugs. Officers of the ship, before proceeding, waited until yesterday morning so as to make a survey of her hull. No damage was reported.

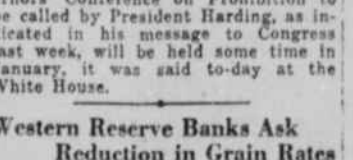
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### Harding Again in 1924, Says Fess, on Visit Here

#### Mellon and Hughes Have Made World History, Declares Ohio Senator-Elect

#### Representative Simon D. Fess, Senator-elect from Ohio, at the Waldorf-Astoria last night, said President Harding will be re-nominated and re-elected in 1924. The only thing that might prevent it would be the serious illness of Mrs. Harding, he added.

#### "President Harding will be re-nominated without serious opposition in 1924, and he will be re-elected," said the new Senator. "It is a little too soon for the people as a whole to appreciate what the Republicans have been able to accomplish during the first two years. But in the next two years it will speak into the minds of every one and there will be no question about the result."

#### "The record of the Treasury Department in re-establishing our credit and at the same time reducing the expenses of government is the greatest financial achievement in the history of the world. Secretary Hughes in the last two years has made a record of real accomplishment that never has been paralleled. All we need is continued industrial prosperity and a square deal for the farmer."

#### "President Harding's message to Congress was by far the greatest that he has written. He not only courageously took up the problems confronting the country, but he recommended constructive methods for their solution."

#### "You were elected on a deep platform. What about prohibition?" he was asked.

#### "Enforcement will continue to be difficult in cities like New York and Cincinnati, for instance, because so many people wish to drink and are willing to pay excessive prices for bootleg pleasure," replied the legislator from the Buckeye State. "But it is different in the villages and country districts. There the people keep in mind that prohibition is the law of the land, and they respect the law."

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