

## New Senators Who Are to Sit in Next Upper House

Senator H. D. Stephens.  
(By I. N. S.)

When Senator Hubert Durrell Stephens, of Mississippi, retired from the House of Representatives in March 1921, at the close of the fifty-sixth Congress it was with the flat declaration that he never again would venture into public life, that he was going to an aspirant for state or national office. He had served eight years at the south end of the Capitol and was determined to go back to his home at New Albany, Miss., to practice law.

Nearly two years passed. Stephens was keeping his promise.

Finally, however, his old friends in Washington and Mississippi went to Stephens and told him they could find to run for the Senate post that was to be vacated by Senator John Sharp Williams, one of the best in the upper chamber of that famous old school of chivalrous Southern statesmen. Williams was a heritage from the pre-war days of the South and had served long in the Senate, but he desired to return to Mississippi and spend the rest of his life in quiet and ease with his beloved home and his companions.

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Stephens was born in New Albany, Miss., August 17, 1865, the oldest son of Justice and Mrs. Z. M. Stephens. After attending public schools in his native town he was graduated in law from the University of Mississippi and admitted to the bar shortly after reaching his majority.

His only important state office was that of district attorney in the district of eight counties surrounding New Albany, to which he was elected in 1907. He resigned that post in April, 1910, to make the race for congress.

Hubert K. Wheeler.

"Whatever else he may be, Hubert Wheeler is not, thank God, a politician!" This remark was made by a man who has known Montana's new Democratic Senator since the time, several years ago, he was a young district attorney in Butte.

If there is one man in the Senate who cannot be labeled and ticketed as being a "regular" of any political faith, in the sense of always voting for and with the party leaders, that Senator is Wheeler.

Wheeler is ultra-progressive. Some political writers prefer to classify him as a member of the so-called "radical bloc" in the Senate, comprising, besides Wheeler, Brookhart, of Iowa; Frazier, of North Dakota; and Shipstead, of Minnesota.

His friends say that is stretching a point too far.

Wheeler does not believe in reform that certain methods of running the country are not in the best interests of the people; that many of our laws are archaic and need new life and revamping and in objection to more modern ideals.

For instance, as regards foreign relations, he is found at variance with most of his colleagues in Washington. He feels that the time long since has passed for the recognition of Soviet

Russia. He has made this known to President Coolidge and, in addition, told the Executive that Russian leaders have promised to pay and redeem all outstanding debts.

He is opposed to large military forces. He favors a home. The Executive, which he regards as a source of unfair and discriminatory attacks from him this winter. The Executive, in his opinion, should not be permitted to decide acts of Congress unconstitutional merely by a majority vote of the court.

These are fundamental principles of the La Follette brand. Whether they go along with that group on these issues, in some others he may go further. It's a certainty he can't be classed as a "regular" on the legislative side.

Wheeler, a lawyer by profession, was born in Hudson, Miss., February 23, 1892.

Senator Frazier.

The story of Senator Lynn J. Frazier's rise from a poor farm lad, of how he worked his way through secondary school and college, being forced to live in the cheap lodgings of a grain buyer's office until finally he was called, like Senator Johnson of Minnesota from a harvest field to accept the Non-Partisan League nomination for Governor of North Dakota, reads like an extract from a book of fiction.

Frazier is a dirt farmer, having lived upon a farm all his life. Shortly after his birth in Minnesota on December 21, 1874, he was taken by his parents to a government homestead in Perlina, North Dakota, which farm ever since has been his home. The original homestead, however, has been supplemented until now it is a farm of 480 acres in the fertile Red River valley.

After graduation in 1901 from the University of North Dakota, where he was a star football player, Frazier began preparations to study medicine, but the death of his father and older brother forced him to return to manage the farm.

He soon became a thorough student of farm economics and noticed that farmers oftentimes struck a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, not himself to better agricultural conditions through political and legislative action. To this end he labored in forming the Non-Partisan League, hoping only to mitigate rural distress and with no thought of official position.

When the first Non-Partisan League State convention was held in Fargo, April, 1916, Frazier was at home working in a field, not knowing that his name was under consideration for the gubernatorial nomination. He was called to the telephone and lost of his selection. He won the nomination over two opponents and was elected Governor. Three times he was re-elected.

After a defeat in the fall of 1921 Frazier came back in 1922, won the Republican primary nomination over Senator McCumber, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance committee and co-author of the present tariff law. The election proved easy.

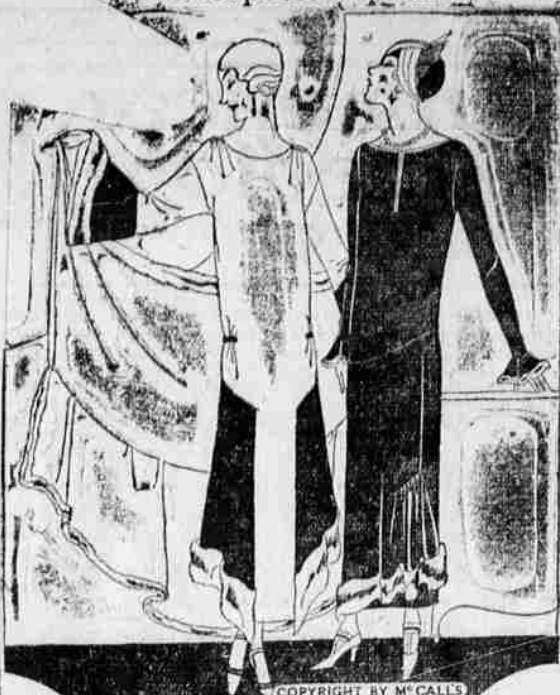
Frazier in 1923 married Miss Lettie Stafford. When twin daughters were born they were named Clio and Verale, in honor of the University of North Dakota.

Senator Copeland.

Senator Royal S. Copeland, virtually unknown political quantity to New York before he was elevated to the Senate with the Smith Democratic landslide last year, now has become almost overnight one of the potential presidential candidates within the Democratic party.

It is no closed secret in Washington that Copeland is being put forward by certain factions within the

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party as a possibility for the nomination next June. And why? Because these friends, sensing a possible deadlock in the party, believe they have in Copeland a man who can step in as a "dark horse" and rally sufficient delegates to win, if not the presidency.

Already political pilgrims are trekking to Copeland's suite in the Senate office building. He is being called into high political conferences and gatherings. McAdoo has been a frequent caller; so has Underwood, an avowed candidate.

His profession, Copeland is not a politician. All his life he has practiced medicine, headed medical colleges and was health commissioner of New York City, when elected, in 1922, over Senator Calder, the Republican incumbent.

Copeland received the degree of doctor of medicine from the University of Michigan in 1889. Since that time he has been given degrees by Lawrence University and Syracuse University, and he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

After a post-graduate course in Europe, Copeland was appointed a professor in the Michigan Medical School, a position he held for 12 years, during his residence at Ann Arbor he served as mayor, president of the Board of Education and member of the State Tuberculosis Board of Trustees.

In 1908 he was called to New York to become Dean of Flower Hospital Medical College. This position he filled for ten years until commanded by Mayor Hylan for Commissioner of Health.

His majority over Calder was 251, 246 votes. He polled heavily in New York City.

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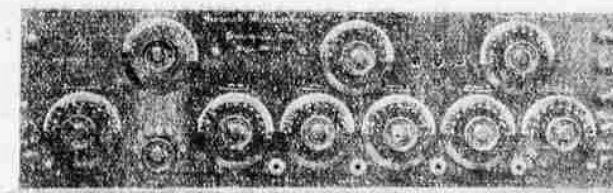
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