GAMBLER'S CHANCE LA FOLLETTE HOPE

Candidate Not Particularly Optimistic, but Trusts in Possible Deadlock.

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Having Attacked Both Roosevelt and Taft, Senator's Political Future Presents Problem for Study of Politicians.

OREGONIAN NEWS BURFAU, Washington, Feb. 21.—Even though he realizes that his chance is small, Senator La Follette has decided to remain in the race for the nomination for President, even though it is a 100-to-1 shot. La Follette, in other words, is playing what might be called a "Gambler's chance."

chance."

Senator La Follette figures that there is a possibility the Chicago convention may not nominate on the first ballot, and he figures it out about like this. Rosevelt may develop unexpected strength, Taft may fall short of having a majority and if he himself can control the delegates from Wisconsin and two or three other states, he may hold the balance of power. He believes he has a fair chance of getting the delegates from the two Dakotas.

Should such a situation develop and if it happened that Senator Cummins, with the lowa delegation could not turn the tide. La Foliette figures that he, with his following, could dictate to the convention and shape the nomination to suit himself. By holding out his delegates he reckons that he could prevent the nomination of either Taft or Roosevelt, and could announce to the assembled delegates that he stood ready to deliver his own strength to a suitable "progressive" candidate. Of course there is only one man in the country who meets La Foliette's specifications, and that man is himself. It is peculiar reasoning that leads La Foliette to believe that he could bring the convention to his support Baisace of Power Is Hope.

bring the convention to his support when he had pledged to him only a handful of delegates—a woful minority. But La Follette is just egotistical enough to think that the convention might take him up as a compromise andidate if Taft and Roosevelt de-veloped about equal strength and rendicate if Tail and Roosevelt developed about equal strength and neither could get the necessary additional votes to nominate. He does not stop to reckon that in case such a deadlock should occur, Roosevelt delegates would go to Taft before they would to La Foliette, and that Taft delegates would go to Roosevelt before they would to the Wisconsin man.

Rope Is Made of Sand. Rope in Made of Sand,
It is a certainty that no Taft delegate ever would turn to La Follette,
no matter how serious a situation
might develop and it is hardly to be
expected that Roosevelt, if he had a
large following, would allow any of
his delegates to go to the Wisconsin
man, for Roosevelt is sure in his own
mind that the Republican party with
La Foliette at its head, would meet
defeat more overwhelming than ever
befell the Democratic party under the
leadership of Bryan.
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There is not one chance in a thou-sand that La Folletto will hold the balance of power at the Chicago con-vention. As things are shaping now, rention. As things are samping newit looks as though Taft would be everwhelmingly nominated on the first ballot. Certainly, if Taft is not to be
nominated, he must be defeated by
Hoosevelt and if Roosevelt is destined
to be the nominee, that fact will have
been established long before the convention meets. In other words, if
Hoosevelt is nominated it will be the
result of a landslide; he will not be
nominated as a compromise candidate.

Political Future Is Problem. What ultimately will become of La Follette is a matter of interesting speculation among politicians in Congress. He has shown such bitter enmity towards Rossevelt of late and his leaders have so viciously assailed the Colonel, that it is not thought probable
La Follette will support him in the
convention, or after, if he is nominated.
On the other hand, La Follette has
never found anything good in President Taft and he cannot, without swallowing his own words, give Taft his dent Tart and he cannot, white the support if Taft is the nominee at Chicago. There would appear to be nothing for La Follette to do but support the Democratic ticket or else drop out of the Presidential campaign entirely and he can hardly do this as the self-angineed champion of "the people."

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It calls for extreme egotism on the
part of La Folistte—under all existing
circumstances—to even think of himself as having a possible chance of
sweeping the Chicago convention. But
of egotism La Folistte has his full
share: he is the one man, in his own
estimation, who can be elected by the
Republican party this year, and he is
living in hope that the Republican
party will "come to its senses" before
the Chicago convention and cast aside
all spurious candidates, in favor of the
one man who is ordained to fill the
Presidency and fill it right. But for
his egotism, he would long ago have his agotism, he would long ago have acknowledged what his friends do ac-knowledge—that he is clear out of the

WOMAN TRIES TO ENLIST

Girl Wants to Join Sweetheart With Marine Corps in China.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Feb. 21.—In the hope of joining her sweetheart, who is in the Marine Corps, stationed in Pekin, China, a young woman, clad in male attire, applied at the marine recruiting office here today for enlistment. She broke down when ordered to undergo the physical examination and admitted her sex.

She refused to give any name other than the one under which she applied, "Jacob Lansing, of Tell City, Ind.," and tearfully confessed she had "bobbed" her hair and disguised herself that she might be sent to China.

"And now my hair is ruined," she lamented.

HOUSTON SUFFERS BY FIRE

Continued From First Page. and the Houston Packing Company. The latter was damaged to a consid-

oil Plant in Danger. Several times the roof of the oil plant was ignited by flying brands, but the inciplent blazes were quickly ex-

The industrial plants destroyed in-

factory, a pencil factory, two rice milis, a cotton pickery and three lumber yards. The compresses and cotten alone were valued in excess of \$5,-

St. Patrick's Catholic Church and ademy also were destroyed. Quick action was taken for the relief of those rendered homeless and nightfall found the victims with their immediate needs cared for. Outside aid will not be needed in caring for the

As the advancing flames began to reach the Bayou banks thousands of streams of water were hurled into them, checking, little by little, their progress. At some of the narrower portions of the stream the flames leaped across, but the more substantial buildings did not afford the tinder-like fuel heretofore encountered, and the spread of the fire was prevented. Thousands of persons were driven from their homes. In the cold of the norther they suffered slightly from exposure. Relief work was at once set under way, however, and food and clothing were provided.

The burned area is at least a mile and a half long and, at points, a quarter of a mile wide. It embraces the ashes of long rews of cottages and solid streets of manufacturing plants. It was swept clean.

'PROGRESSIVE"

Four Speeches in Ohio Mark Return of Colonel to Active Campaigning.

"BIG BUSINESS SHUDDERS"

Speaker Says So Himself, Addressing Constitution-Makers--Recall He Regards as Issue for Each Locality.

SCENE IN TEXAS CITY RAVAGED BY FIRE.

ers in Wisconsin have turned that state into an experimental laboratory of wise governmental action in aid of social and industrial justice. They have initiated that kind of progressive government which means not only the preservation of true democracy, but the extension of the principle of true democracy into industrialism, as well as into politics."

The Colonel defined a "real progressive" as a man who endeavored to shape the policy of state and Nation so as to encourage legitimate and honest business at the same time that he warred against all crookedness and

he warred against all crookedness and unfairness and injustice in the business world. He said he believed in the short ballot and in direct nominations, including those of delegates to National conventions. Of the initiative and referendum he said:

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"I believe that the initiative and referendum should be used not as substitutes for representative government, but as methods of making such government really representative. Action by the initiative or referendum ought not to be the normal way of legislation; but the power to take it should be provided in the Constitution, so that if the representatives fail truly to represent the people on some matter of sufficient importance to rouse popular interest, then the people shall have in their hands the facilities to make good the failure.

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One of the first of the more pretentious buildings attacked was the brick Star and Crescent Hotel. Inmates had



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ARE READ TO JURY.

Threat to Reduce Shipments Made if New York Does Not Do Better in Future.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Scores of telegrams, alleged to have been sent by Louis H. Heymann, manager of the dressed beef department of Morris & Co., urging Eastern representatives to the obtain higher prices, were read to the jury in the packers' trial today. The object of the Government in introducing them was to show that the test cost was the basis used by the packers in the relief that the state of the colonel's speeches in the re-

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—The Pacific Printers' Cost Copgress elected officers for the ensuing year today and, after selecting Seattle for the next convention, listened to addresses on trade conditions and adjourned. The following officers were elected:

President, I. H. Rice, Los Angeles; secretary-treasurer, A. W. Archer, Seat. tie; vice-presidents, Joseph Borden. Spekane: Waiter Tueley, North Yakima; N. A. Judd, San Francisco; D. Munson. Sacramento; W. V. Harrington, Oakland; R. A. Heffner, Los Angeles; A. G. Bagiey, Vancouver, B. C.; A. J. Sherman, Seattle; C. A. Whittemore, Partiand; G. W. Anderson, Tacoma; George Snyder, Salem, Or.

Among the speakers was Seneca C. Beach, of Portland. Mr. Beach declared that combinations were absolutely necessary to peace and progress and that unrestricted individual competition meant war, in that it meant low wages and inefficient workmanship. He protested vigorously against the indiscriminate sale of supplies te incompetent printers.

injury.

The flames' roar gave warning and hundreds of persons, giving no heed to the cold, rushed from their homes clad only in their night clothes. Women, carrying bables; women at whose skirts small children clung, gathered in homes of neighbors for refuge, only to be driven out a few minutes later by the oncoming fire.

Firemen appointed leaders among the been warned and all escaped without Roosevelt, who made four speeches in

MAIN STREET IN HOUSTON.

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Colonel Roosevelt delivered his principal address before the state constitutional convention at Columbus. He made a short speech to a crowd in the retunda of the capitol. At Gallon he spoke from the train, and at Cleveland from a barrage truck.

from a baggage truck,
Here tonight, Colonel Roosevelt was
asked what he thought of his reception

"Bully, by George," was the reply.
Addressing the constitutional convention, the Colonel several times turned aside from his prepared speech long enough for an epigram or two.

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fixing the solling price.

The messages were identified by William E. Ehrlet, margin clerk in the
Morris & Co.'s dressed beef department,
who was recalled to the witness stand.
In one message sent to Boston, Heymann asked:

"What are you trying to do, put us
cut of business with your low selling
prices?"
One telegram, addressed to a New
York representative, read:
"This is awful and we cannot stand
for it. Hold beef for better price if
you don't sell another carcass this
week."
Another message to a New York
agent read:
"If you don't get prices up we will
have to reduce your shipments."

PORTLAND MAN NAMED

C. A. WHITTEMORE VICE-PRESIDENT PRINTERS' CONGRESS.

Seneca Beach Tells Los Angeles Cost
Meeting That Combinations
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what he cannot legally and properly do."

As to the fitness of the American people for self-gevernment, Colonel Roosevelt said:

"Many eminent lawyers believe that the American people are not fitted for popular government and that it is necessary to keep the judiciary 'independent of the majority of the people.' I take absolute issue with all those who hold such a position."

Of the recall of judges he said:

"The question is one of expediency merely. Each community has the right to try the experiment for itself in whatever shape it pleases. I don't believe in adopting the recall save as a last resort, when it has become clearly evident that no other course will achieve the desired result."

Sanator La Follette was mentioned but once, as follows:

"Following Senator La Follette, a number of political workers and think-

to better social conditions. Give the Legislature an entirely free hand, and then provide by the initiative and referendum that the people shall have power to reverse or supplement the work of the Legislature should it ever

"As to the recall, I don't believe that there is any great necessity for it as regards short-term elective officers. There remains the question of the re-

call of judges.
"An independent and upright judic-iary which fearlessly stands for the lary which fearlessly stands for the right, even against popular clamor, but to have framed if their reasoning be to have framed if their reasoning be accepted as true. In its essence it was reversed by the decision of state courts in states like Washington and Iowa, interpretations of the law, as law, without the power to change the law.

to keep him on the bench as long as possible, and to keep off the bench, and, if necessary, take off the bench. the wrong type of Judge. The ques-tion of applying the recall in any shape is one of expediency merely. Each com-munity has a right to try the experiment for itself in whatever shape it that it be repeated.

Then followed it

"I don't believe in adopting the recall save as a last resort, when it has become clearly evident that no other course will achieve the desired result. which I very earnestly believe, and the immediate adoption of which I urge. When a Judge decides a constitutional question; when he decides what the people as a whole can or cannot do, the people should have the right to re-

Court of Appeals of my own state, the State of New York, declaring unconstitutional, the workmen's compensation act. The judges admitted that other civilized nations had abolished those wrongs and practices. But they took the ground that the Constitution of the United States, instead of being an instrument to secure justice, has been ingeniously devised absolutely to prevent justice. They insisted that the Constitution had permanently cursed our people with impotence to right wrong and had perpetuated a cruel infiguity.

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interpretations of the law, as law, without the power to change the law, or to substitute some other thing that law for it. But I agree with every great jurist from Marshall downwards, when I say that every judge is bound to consider two separate elements in his decision of a case, one terms of the law, and the other the conditions of actual life to which the law is to be applied. Only by taking both these elements into account is it possible to apply the law as its spirit and intent demand that it be applied.

"Moreover, never forget that the judge is just as much the servant of the people as any other official. Of course, he must act conscientiously, He must not do anything wrong, because there is popular elamor for it, any more than under similar circumstances a Governor or a legislator or a public utilities commissioner should do wrong. But in their turn the people must follow their conscience, and when they have definitely decided on a given policy they must carry out that policy.

"Keep clearly in mind the distinction between the end and the means to attain that end. Our aim is to get the type of Judge that I have described, to keep him en the bench as long as possible, and to keep off the bench,

RAY HOME "BY DIRECTION" cablegram dated January 13 and asked

Then followed this interchange of messages

"Washington, Feb. 1, 1989.-Colonel Stephen Mills, Manila: The following is But there is one kind of recall in message 13 referred to in message to you (quotes message to Bliss of January 13). Take necessary action to get above message complied with, sending all evidence with papers to me for further action here. ceed Honolulu without further delay .-

call that delston if they think it wrong.

To should hold the judiciary in all respect; but it is both absurd and degrading to make a fetich of a Judge or of anyone else.

"Now, the power to interpret is the power to establish, and if the people are not to be allowed finally to interpret the fundamental law, ours in not popular government.

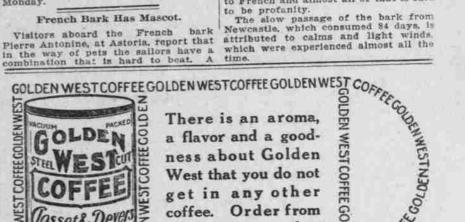
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"Manila, Feb. 5, 1909.—Staff War, Washington: Instructions in your telegram of February 1 have been carried out. Beecher B. Ray sails February 7 on commercial liner at his own expense, reaching Honolulu about March 7.—Mills."

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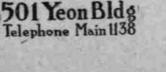
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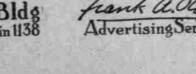
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