NORTH DAKOTA GETS READY FOR BATTLE

Most Crucial Struggle in History Impends.

RECALL ELECTION NEAR

of Non-Partisan League Scaled if State Officials Are Forced to Retire.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Sept. 22 .-(Special.) - North Dakota, scene of many intense political struggles in the last five years, is preparing now for the most crucial one in the his-

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Upon the petition of more than 86.

1000 citizens of the state an election has been called for October 28 to pass upon the recall of the three leading officials. Governor Frazier, Attorney-General Lemke and Commissioner of Agriculture John N. Hagen.

It is not only that the political futures of the three officials named which is involved, but the fate of the entire non-partisan league movement is in the balance. If the people of North Dakota, where Townley's league had its birth, dismiss from office the Townley-elected officeholders, the doom of the movement elsewhere will be the result.

The fortunes of United States Sentiar McComber have become involved.

the senatorial struggle next year, when McCumber asks re-election.
Independent forces which have been since the general election. fighting the non-partisan league for years are confident they can win the election and put into effect certain initiated laws which are to be sub-

O'Connor to Be On Firing Line. Despite attempts of the league to

O'Connor will be found on the firing line battling for the independent candidates, he said.

The battle is going to bring to North Dakota many men of prominence from outside the state. The non-partisans have already afnounced that John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency under Wilson, would tour the state. John Lind, former governor of Minnesota and another appointee of Wilson, will also speak. On the other hand, the anticague forces will have the aid of Governor Preus of Minnesota and many others who have been fighting the radical movement.

It succeeded, however, in adding control in the proposer. In the state senate to its other powers.

"Contrast those results of four and two years previous with the general and two years previous with the general two years previous with two

the radical movement.
That the non-partisan league realizes that it is fighting with its back against the wall is indicated by the lengths it has already gone to avoid the holding of the recall election. Even now attempts are being made to

forestall it.
The constitution of North Dakota provides that a publicity pamphiet must be insued to the voters in an election where laws are submitted in referendum. A \$10,000 appropriation for this, voted by the last legislature, was mysteriously eliminated from the enrolled copy of the bill To date. Governor Frazler, as chairman of the emergency commission, has refused to make an appropriation. Saturday, Tom Hall, secretary of state, made a second formal demand upon the com-

of the emergency commission to pro-vide funds for the publication of the October 2. publicity pamphlet," said Mr. Hall. Sandy Houston and Robert Mac-"It is the will of the people, and must Donald, boy directors, who will lead

Action by the emergency commis-aion is now being awaited. The league forces may decide not to appropriate the chorus at rehearsal, the money and throw the whole matter into the courts in that way.

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Another Course Open.

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The governor, attorney-general and commissioner of agriculture and labor, make up the industrial commission, the body which has complete and autocratic control of state industries.

It is because the independent forces in North Dakota want to call a halt upon the socialistic experiments indused in by the Townley group now in control tame the recall has been directed against those three officials. At the same time the laws submitted to referendum call for liquidation and closing of the Bank of North Dakota. 'From now until the recall election is held-ewery voter in North Dakota will be urged to come out on one side or the other. And, moreover, every public man will have to take one side or the other.

That is where the troubles for Senator McClumber commence. For a long time there have been intimations in North Dakota that the McCumber backers—and that means the old Alex McKenzie faction—have been working in close harmony with non-partizan league leaders, including A. C. Townley and William Lemke.

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Five years ago when the league was first swept into power, no candidate was put up against McCumber. He had clear sailing. Since that time there have been many indications that the senior senator was trying hard to please the non-partisan league con-

fingent.
Miller Is Recommended.

Lately there has come up a federal appointment to plague Senator McCumber. He has recommended to the president the appointmen, of Andrew Miller of Bismarck for d strict judge. Miller is the personal attorney of Alexander McKennie. Senator Ladd, the junior senator, has recommended Seth Richardson of Fargo But there have been rumors that Ladd was perfectly willing to see Miller named.

Miller, however, has the most active opposition of the North Dakota Bar association and most of the leaders in

association and most of the leaders in the ranks of the independents. If the president appoints Miller McCumber's troubles will be doubled. Last week the independents, meeting in Fargo to outline plans for the campaign, called openly upon Senator McCumber to state his position on the recall election. He, together with the congressmen, was told to take one

side or the other. "No more pussyfooting" was the word that went out from that conference, and that applied to Senator Mc-Cumber and all the rest of the office-

olders who have been elected to high Senator Ladd, naturany, has already aken sides with the non-partisar league. He was elected by the non-partisan league. He was elected by the non-partisans, with aid rendered by the McKenzie faction. The McKenzie faction put Frank White of Valley City into the race for senator against Ladd

and A. J. Gronna. The White vote was enough to defeat Gronna and give the toga to Ladd. White later became treasurer of the United States. He broke into the limelight by publishing a recom-mendation for North Dakota bonds. It has been intimated that White did

this at the request of both Senators Ladd and McCumber. The recommendation was withdrawn when it was made plain that it was a viola-tion of the law for the treasurer of the United States to give his recom-mendation to any such bond issue The incident was one which caused untold chaprin to the Harding administration.

Former Senator Gronna is reported

as ready to get into the race against McCumber next year. He will have the support of the independents unless, in the meantime, Senator McCumber comes into the fold.

Battle New On.

The recall election campaign is expected to go forward with a vim this coming week. Mr. Nestos, guber-natorial candidate, has already taken natorial candidate, has air-eady taken the stump. Mr. O'Connor will speak armament conference have been made in every county of the state. The by at least two of the invited governleague forces are already busy trying ments.

will be the result.

The fortunes of United States Sentor McCumber have become involved, and the fight now impending is certain to have a tremendous effect upon takes note of an even later developtakes note of an even later develop

> since the general election. Margin Continually Cut.

"Consider a few outstanding figures which show the political trend of things," Mr. O'Connor continued. "In mitted to the people at the same time.

This confidence is voiced in Minneapolis by J. F. T. O'Connor of Grand
Forks, who predicted the election of R. A. Nestos, candidate for governor against Frazier a year ago. Frazier came within a few thousand votes of the state supreme court and the house of representatives. In 1918, after two vears of simost unbridged authority. years of almost unbridled authority, during which it was free to go shead with its widely heralded programme. create a contrary impression, Mr. its majority was cut down to \$2,000. O'Connor will be found on the firing It succeeded, however, in adding con-

"This was the effect of the general ship. But in another and more sig nificant sense, it pointed defeat for the non-partisan league. Five laws initiated by the independents and directed against the league, were car ried by majorities ranging from 8000 to 10,000."

Whitney Boys to Hold Last Practice Before Going to Fair.

A special rehearsal of the Whitney om Hall, secretary of state, made a condition of the cond feel that it is an imperative duty rehearsal of the chorus before the

Sandy Houston and Robert Mac-Donald, boy directors, who will lead several numbers at the Salem concert, will direct a portion of the rehearsa tomorrow. New members may join

Prunes Not Badly Damaged.

Another Course Open.

There is another course open for them, and that is to attack the signatures of the petitions calling for the recall election. More than 73,000 such the second signatures were filed with the original the feult is in the driers Lane county. ignatures were filed with the original the weather remains good until al petitions, or more than \$000 in excess the fruit is in the driers Lane county of the number necessary. Since that time still more have been filed, bringing the total up to 50,800.

In compliance with the law relating to recall elections, the independents have filed three caedidates for the places now held by the officials against whom the recall is directed R. A. Nestos is the candidate for governor; Sveinbjorn Johnson is the can-

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Sept. 23 .-(Special.) Jack Kreigh, accused of larceny, is the only one of six pris-oners who broke Jail Wednesday



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ON ARMS LIMITATION

"New Agencies of Warfare" Is Section Questioned.

TWO GOVERNMENTS ACT

None Has Manifested Dissatisfac tion With Agenda So Far Suggested, However.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 23 .- Inmiries as to the meaning of the sec-

armament conference have been made by at least two of the invited governments.

While none of the governments has manifested dissatisfaction with the list of topics suggested, it was learned today that there have been requests for somewhat more definite information regarding certain suggestions, among them that relating to commitments. In response the United States government has advised the inquiring powers of its conception of the subject, but it is understood, has relievated that it has no desire to limit unnecessarily the scope of the conference by hard and fast of the conference by hard and fast

Submarine Topic Expected. As to existing commitments men-tioned in the agenda, the inquiring

governments were understood to have had indicated to them the long list of treaties and other agreements, many of them entered into long be-fore the European war and a few since then.

Although no official indication has been given it was believed that the submarine will take first place in the discussion of the topic entitled "New Agencies of Warfare." To Great Britain and Japan the development and use of undersea craft in warfare have particular significance when considered with problems concerning

Gompers Asks Demonstration. Labor organizations in Great Bri-France, Italy and Japan were tain, France, Italy and Japan were asked to join in "world wide demonstrations for disarmament" on Armistrations for disarmament confering tice day, when the armament confering to today by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

The demonstrations by organized labor in the various countries would be held in conjunction with that

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planned by organized labor in the United States.

The cablegram sent to C. W. Bow-erman, chairman of the parliamentary committee of the British trade unfon congress, with which the other cablegrams are practically identical, follows:

lows:

"American Federation of Labor wholeheartedly for fullest possible disarmament in interest of international peace and good will. Isn't it possible to have demonstrations of English people in support of this humanitarion process." manitarian purpose with a view of having them prevail upon the British government as we are trying to prevail upon ours and all others to insist upon the fullest limit of disarmament at Washington conference."

PRESS IN PARIS INTERESTED

Editorials on Arms Conference Are Published Each Day.

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Newspapers of his city have begun to devote much attention to the conference to be held in Washington in November, and daily publish editorials regarding the moeting. This morning L'Avenir asked if the real reason for General Pershing's visit to this country was not to carry out conversations with quiries as to the meaning of the sec-tion relating to "new agencies of warfare" in the programme sug-gested by Secretary Hughes for the armament conference have been made

WAR IN CHINA IMMINENT

Portuguese at Outs With Troops o Southern Government.

SHANGHAI, China, Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press.) — Warfare is imminent between forces of the Chinese southern government and the Portuguese at Macao, a reaport and dependency of Portugal, 35 miles wear of Hongkong. A controversy of long standing growing out of Portuguese effects to reclaim land sings the war efforts to reclaim land along the waterfront has culminated in the firing on a Portuguese port launch by Chi-

5000 troops near the city.

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erfront has culminated in the firing on a Portuguese port launch by Chicago soldiers.

The Portuguese force at Macao O'Connor of the Citizens' club and financial institution, according to umbers 800, while the Chinese have T. P. Horn, president of the Rotary testimony given today by E. W. Wilson, the bank's general manager, at Concepcion's trial on charges of the land and Professor Brockway re

What the Arms Parley Means to the World

Something worse than failure may be the alternative to success when the representatives of five nations meet in Washington on November 11th to discuss the limitation of arms. For if the twenty men who will speak for the United States, Great Britain, Japan, France and Italy fail to reach an agreement, some editorial observers aver, they will leave the world in a far more desperate position than if the conference had never been held. The failure of this portentous experiment could "sow throughout the earth the dragon's teeth of distrust" declares the San Francisco Argonaut, which is convinced that this "will not be a case where it was better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all." Lord Northcliffe declared the other day at Honolulu that "if the conference on disarmament should fail, the consequences will be utterly disastrous to the whole world."

There is much in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week (September 24th) that will throw a flood of light upon the coming arms conference at Washington. The leading news-feature takes up the question of what would be the outcome if some understanding is not reached and its effect upon civilization. "British Hope in the Washington Conference" is another article that outlines, in the words of great British newspapers, what the British nation hopes to achieve at Washington, while still another article explains the reason why the churches of America have fixed upon November 11th as a day of prayer for a limitation of arms.

Other striking news-features in this number of THE DIGEST are:

Is Business Turning the Corner? Six Months of Harding Importance of Landis Wage Decision Will "Tino" Enter Constantinople? East vs. West in the Madras Riots Poisoning with Food Millions in Scientific Boxing Physicians as Safe Chauffeurs

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