

NON-PARTISAN SCENE SHIFTS TO MONTANA

Radicals Making Attempt to Capture Mining State.

FOES STRONGLY ORGANIZE

Loyalty League Forms With Com- mittee in Every Precinct to Fight Against Invasion.

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HELENA, Mont., July 10.—(Special.)—With the fight in North Dakota over for the present, interest in the Non-Partisan league's efforts for the time being centers in Montana.

Here the struggle presents a different angle than that shown in the native state of the league. Mining and stock raising, not wheat farming and socialism, are the principal industries of Montana. This being true, the league is forced to make a different appeal, and to capture, not the republican party as was the case in North Dakota, but the democratic party, which is at present in the ascendancy in Montana.

Here, too, is found a situation that naturally complicates matters for an agrarian organization, such as the league represents itself to be in North Dakota. Montana is the home of the Butte miners' union, one of the strongest and most radical of labor organizations. It has, too, the Montana Federation of Labor, as a strong factor in the politics of the state, and it is making its principal appeal, not to the farmers of the state, but to the organized miners and laborers.

Radical Law Proposed.

This appeal has taken form in an attempt to repeal the present workmen's compensation law and substitute therefor a law which for socialistic scope is not equalled in America. This law, while it has many of the basic features of both the Oregon and Washington laws, goes far outstrips them in awards and drastic provisions as to make them seem almost reactionary.

During the last week 2500 ranchers whose names were secured to the initiative petition for this measure, have withdrawn their signatures and it is believed that the measure can thus be blocked.

While the business men of Montana, like those of Oregon and Washington, have been asleep to the danger which confronts them through the advent of the Non-Partisan league, they are thoroughly aroused now. They have a real organization, not a hit or miss association, such as carried on the fight against the league in Minnesota.

League Opponents Organize.

Here in Montana they have done what the people of every northwestern state must do if it does not want the Non-Partisan league, and of socialism fastened upon it. They have organized. In 70 per cent of the precincts of the state the Montana Loyalty League has a precinct committeeman. They have members of the league in every precinct getting before the voters the result of the league's programme in North Dakota. They are printing a weekly newspaper that gets into the hands of the voters with the arguments of the league's opponents.

Papers Are Settled.

So successful has been the league in stifling the opposition papers in North Dakota, so persistently have the league papers branded all the opposition papers as "liars" that the truth cannot be told them, or if told to league members they will be rejected. On the other hand, no matter what appears in the columns of the Non-Partisan league papers it is accepted as the truth.

While the Non-Partisan league plans have not been fully revealed in Montana, the opposition will be ready to meet them. If necessary, plans are being prepared now to consolidate the republican and democratic party support upon one ticket for state offices and on county and legislative offices, too.

This, with the deflection of the Montana farmers from the Butte radical labor programme, is counted upon as certain to win in Montana this fall.

DEBS TO FIGHT FROM JAIL

"Front Cell" Campaign Is Proposed for Socialist Candidate.

DETROIT, July 10.—Plans for the "front cell" campaign of Eugene V. Debs, presidential candidate of the socialist party, who is now serving a sentence at the Atlanta federal prison on a charge of violating the espionage law were drafted here today at a meeting of the national executive committee of the socialist party.

George Roemer of Massachusetts, member of the committee, charged that the United States department of justice officials in Portland, Me., had notified socialist party leaders that the party would not be permitted to organize or carry on a campaign in Maine this year.

The committee meeting, presided over by Otto Branstetter of Chicago, national secretary of the party, will continue through Monday.

LONG HIKE IS PLANNED

Barber and Wife to Walk From Eu- gene to Stockton, Cal.

EUGENE, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—John Watts and his wife are planning to start today on a long hike to Stockton, Cal. They expect to go by way of Grants Pass, Crescent City, Eugene and Fort Bragg, crossing the Sierras from there to Sacramento, and thence to Stockton. After a visit there they will return to Eugene by train.

Florida Official Visits.

SALEM, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Ernest Amos, controller and member of the board of pardons of the state of Florida, was in Salem today inspecting the various state institutions and conferring with Governor Olcott and other officials. Mr. Amos had been at Seattle attending a meeting of the banking interests of the United States and stopped off here en route to his home.



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King's Navy Loses One of Its Most Picturesque Figures in Recent History.

LONDON, July 10.—The British navy today lost one of its most picturesque figures with the death of Baron Fisher of Kilverstone, admiral of the fleet, John Arbuthnot Fisher, who was a typical representative of the bulldog breed. His motto on his coat of arms, "Fear God and dread nought," was lived up to in his long career in the British navy. He was often called the father of the fleet and was responsible for the building of dreadnought battleships.

After a period of retirement, Lord Fisher was called in to help with his advice during the recent war, and his activities in a pressing controversy, in which he advocated a clean sweep of old officials as well as obsolete ships, earned him the name of "Scrap-the-Lot" Fisher.

Admiral Fisher had been ill for some time. He underwent a surgical operation Friday evening, which was the direct cause of death. He received an anesthetic and was conscious to the end.

A memorial service will be held in Westminster abbey Tuesday.

DEATH INQUIRY DELAYED

HEALTH BUREAU PROBES CASE OF KELLER INFANTS.

City Physician Expresses Opinion That Infected Milk Was Not Responsible.

DREAM PRECEDES KILLING

Albert Lillie Tells How He and Brother Almost Turned Back.

MARSHFIELD, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—A peculiar coincidence came to light at the inquest over the body of Clyde Lillie, killed accidentally yesterday by his brother, Albert Lillie, while hunting in the vicinity of Arago.

Albert related that as they were starting out in the morning Clyde Lillie was inclined to turn back and abandon the trip and explained he had dreamed the night before he had killed a man. This was a surprising statement to Albert, who said he had dreamed the same thing. Thereupon they discussed the seeming warning and concluded to return home, but later reconsidered, as they did not wish to be swayed by superstition.

The fatal shooting followed within an hour.

BAKER TO BUILD POOL

City to Take Role of Contractor in Construction of Natatorium.

BAKER, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—Mayor Gardner, Commissioners Mahan and Henry and City Advisers Foster and Shockey have decided that the construction of the proposed natatorium should be started immediately, with the city taking the role of contractor.

Rids from contractors were called for several weeks ago and when opened it was found that the construction would amount to \$28,000 more than was available by the city. As a result it is believed that under the new plan the building will be erected at a cost of about \$60,000.

Ammonia Prevents Ice Famine.

ROSEBURG, Or., July 10.—(Special.)—By the arrival of a tank of ammonia in this city today the threatened ice famine was checked and for the first time within a week local ice plants were able to take care of their customers and over 5000 pounds of ice was sold during the day.

Damages Asked in Suit.

When the schooner Ecopa was launched the craft ran amuck into log rafts owned by the North Portland Box company, doing damage to the extent of \$18,020, according to the contention of the company in a libel suit for this sum in the federal court yesterday against the vessel.

Robbery Suspects Held.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 10.—The police today communicated with the authorities in San Francisco, San Diego, Portland and Seattle, Wash., regarding John Adonias, Vern V. Johnson, Frank Pomonelli, Albert J. Chavez in custody here on suspicion of robbery.

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