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"Success" Magazine by Series of Questions Sounds Sentiment of People.

COUNTRY LOYAL TO TAFT AND ENDORSES "INSURGENTS"

Straw Vote Enables Magazine to Ascertain Attitude of Nation Regarding Issues of the Day—Aldrich and Cannon Are Universally Copedemned—"Insurgents" to a Man Are Upheld—Hawley and Ellis Opposed As "Regulars."

New York, Dec. 18.—Apparently indicating that the country is still loyal to President Taft and supporting the so-called "insurgent movement" are the results of a sensational "straw ballot" which will appear next Tuesday in the January number of the "Success" Magazine.

Particular interest is attached to the ballot because a similar poll last year enabled the "Success" to predict the exact division of the electoral vote in the presidential election.

On November 9 the "Success" mailed 22,500 life subscribers a list of ten suggestions, designed to sound their public attitude. To these questions 13,102 replies were received.

Answers Show Attitude. The first question asked was: "Do you believe your vote for a presidential candidate last November wisely cast?"

The second question was: "Are you satisfied with the first nine months of Taft's administration?"

The third question was: "Do you approve of the position of Senator Aldrich on the recent tariff legislation?"

Three additional questions were designed to obtain their sentiment regarding Congress. The first question was: "Do you approve of the various legislative acts in relation to the subscribers?"

PORTLAND MAY GET \$1,500,000 POST OFFICE.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The treasury department has decided to recommend the appropriation of a million and a half dollars for a new building in Portland, exclusively for post office uses.

a reputable man of the opposition party?"

Hawley and Ellis Opposed. The "Success" says the republican insurgents against Cannonism were to a man supported except in a few cases.

BOY "SANTA CLAUS" WRAPPED IN FLAMES

Olympia, Dec. 18.—Believed to be the first "Santa Claus" victim for years, Earl Doeherty, a scholar of the sixth grade of the Washington school here, today is suffering from severe burns sustained when his cotton costume became ignited.

LYNCH IS NEW HEAD OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

Former Umpire Wins Through Recent Deadlock

Is Well Known Figure in Baseball World—Heydler is Chosen Secretary—Danger of Split in Major League Ranks Averted.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Thos. Lynch, was today unanimously elected president of the National League and John Heydler, who has acted as president since the death of Harry Pulliam, was chosen secretary.

The league's new president is a familiar figure to older fans of the national circuit. For many years he was a member of the organization's umpire staff, and bore the reputation of being the best umpire in major league baseball.

SAYS FOOTBALL IS WORSE THAN PRIZEFIGHTS

Spokane, Wash.—Judge Edward Whitson of the United States district court of eastern Washington, who presided at a banquet of representative business and professional men interested in the welfare of Spokane college, started something when he declared in the course of an address that football is more injurious than prize-fighting and more disreputable, adding:

"He who attends a prizefight stands in the shadow of the law and is liable to arrest and punishment. We read of deaths and injuries on the football field, but none in the prize ring. I am in favor of physical development, but not physical excesses that rob the homes of the land of their youth and strength.

Graduates of eastern universities and colleges in Spokane take exception to Judge Whitson's remark in declaring football more disreputable than prize-fighting, declaring that, while a lively game cannot be called a pink tea, college football is clean and the term he used, as generally understood, cannot be attached to it.

NORTHWEST COULD BE MADE GREAT HOG COUNTRY

Portland—Atchison, Kansas, is the central point of four states, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, that have on numerous years produced a corn crop of a billion bushels.

Clifford Brown, a graduate of the University of Oregon and a resident of Salem, is in Pendleton today, the guest of friends.

TWO WRECKS IN THE EAST

Lake Shore Passenger Collides With Switch Engine.—Chicago Train Leaves Track.

TEN MEET DEATH AND MANY ARE INJURED

Lake Shore Passenger Collides With Switch Engine With Terrific Impact—Both Engineers and Three Switchmen Perish—Contraction of Rails by Intense Cold Causes C. & Q. Train to Leave Track—Several Northwest People Injured.

Cleveland, Dec. 18.—Ten people were killed and between 20 and 30 injured this morning when Lake Shore passenger train No. 1, west-bound collided with a switch engine at the foot of East Twenty-sixth street.

None of the passengers were killed, but many were seriously injured. The list of dead is as follows: H. L. Adams, passenger engineer, Al. G. Burns, engineer of the switch engine, John A. Swales, switchman, George Frank, switchman, and Edward Bascher, switchman.

J. Carrier, passenger, was fatally injured. Both firemen were badly burned. The three switchmen who were killed were riding the switch engine at the time of the collision.

Icy Rails Cause Wreck

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Two women are reported to have been fatally injured and a number of other passengers hurt when a fast passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad bound from St. Louis to Chicago, was wrecked near Western Springs, Ill., early today.

Mrs. S. R. Stein of Spokane was slightly injured, Benjamin Bales of Portland, Ore., had his right side injured; Mrs. Bernard Eschbacher of Portland, had a knee injured, and M. L. Lane of Seattle had his knee wrenched and body cut and sustained bad bruises.

BUTTE MINES CLOSED BY COAL FAMINE

Butte, Mont., Dec. 18.—The Boston and Montana mines of the Amalgamated Copper company are idle again today because of a coal shortage resulting from a coal blockade during the switchmen's strike.

SCHOOLS OF COUNTY ARE IN FLOURISHING CONDITION

The schools of the county were never in such good condition in every way as they are this year, according to Frank K. Welles, the county superintendent, who has nearly completed a tour of visits to the different districts.

FIGHT OVER KING'S MONEY

Leopold Only Left Three Million of Vast Fortune to His Three Daughters.

PEOPLE MAKE PRETENSE OF GREAT SORROW

All Brussels Decked in Mourning—Official Decree Lauds Leopold as "Great King With Grand Reign"—Countess Gets Biggest Part of Plum—No Fear that Her Children Shall Ever Ascend Throne.

Brussels, Dec. 18.—The entire kingdom of Belgium mourns its departed ruler, Leopold II. Courts, schools and theaters are closed, parliament and the municipal council have adjourned and flags are at half mast in every city, town and village of the kingdom.

Under the constitution, affairs of the nation lie in the control of the cabinet until Prince Albert will take the oath of succession next Thursday, the day after the funeral of his uncle.

An official decree lauds King Leopold's career and declares his creation of the Congo independent state was unique in history.

The body of Leopold remains in the mortuary chamber of "The Palms." Tomorrow night it will be removed to the palace in Brussels. The face of the dead ruler will not be again exposed to public view.

The filing of the will of King Leopold shows that he divided \$3,000,000 among his three daughters, Princess Louise, Princess Stephanie and Princess Clementine. This practical disinheriting of his children signals the beginning of a gigantic legal battle to obtain the king's wealth, similar to that which ensued on the death of their mother, Queen Henrietta.

Exact Fortune Not Known

The exact amount of Leopold's fortune probably never will be revealed. Senator Winer, the king's friend and confidential legal adviser, told the newspapers today that King Leopold turned over a large portion of it to the Baroness Vaughan and her children and created a stock company of his estates to forestall a possible raid upon it by the Princess Louise and Stephanie or their children.

Senator Winer said that later perhaps large portions of the estate would be given to Belgium. The Princess Clementine, aside from bequests she will receive is provided for by a special income from Congo property.

Investigation shows that the right of the succession to the throne of a child of the king by the Baroness Vaughan is not worthy of serious attention. It is pointed out by Senator Winer that if there were only a religious ceremony, laws of the kingdom would prevent the accession of a child of such a union. The senator, however, does not believe there was ever a religious marriage. If it is established that the Baroness Vaughan will be expelled from Belgium, like the favorite of Leopold I, the Baroness Mayer, whose house was attacked and destroyed by a mob after the king's death.

Under the Belgian law a parent is not permitted to bequeath more than a quarter of his belongings away from his children and reports are current

tonight that counsel for Princess Louise has made the first move toward a legal contest.

The court of first instance granted an injunction last night sought by the Baroness Vaughan, restraining the authorities from affixing seals on her residence. The action of Princess Louise is due to her belief that valuable property belonging to King Leopold is in the villa of the baroness.

SUGAR CRIMINALS WILL BE SENTENCED JAN. 18

New York, Dec. 18.—The sentencing of the five sugar trust employees convicted last night of criminal conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the weighing of sugar importations was deferred today by Judge Martin until January 18.

LOCAL NIGHT SLEUTH A SHERLOCK HOLMES

JOHN KEARNEY IS A CHAMPION BURGLAR CATCHER

Three of His Victims Now Laugh in Basille—Land Man Last Night Who Appropriated Various Articles—Took Half an Hour to Turn the Trick.

Night officer John Kearney is proving to be a veritable terror to burglars and the number of men now confined in the county jail as the result of the prowess displayed by him during the past few weeks has been increased to three. The third man was taken in last night and he answers to the name of Earl Smith.

It seems that Smith had stolen a suit of clothes and a sheepshearing machine from the room of another man and had disposed of them at the Bowley second hand shop on West Webb street. In less than half an hour after Kearney was put on the fellow's trail he was lodged in the city jail. He was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Joe H. Parkes, this afternoon and held over to the grand jury, under \$250 bonds.

Not being able to furnish this amount of money he is being held at the county jail with the two other men Kearney captured a few weeks ago while in the act of breaking into the Bend Brothers store. All three are transients.

YOUNG ZELAYA'S LETTERS THROB WITH TROPIC PASSION

New York.—Seventeen letters full of picturesque expressions of tropical love constituted part of the evidence introduced at the trial of Miss Elizabeth Juliette Hero's breach of promise suit against Dr. Anibel Zelaya, nephew of President Zelaya of Nicaragua. The plaintiff said she had chosen these from a bundle of glowing epistles she had received from Young Zelaya when he wooed her while attending Columbia University.

Miss Hero is suing for \$100,000. Zelaya's counsel is trying to prove that Miss Hero accepted the attentions of others after Zelaya ceased his courtship, about two years ago. When Miss Hero took the stand she hotly denied that she had ever gone to a dance with another young Latin-American physician, Zelaya's friends, and would not even admit she had played checkers with him.

"I never loved anyone else," she insisted.

She told how she had purchased a trousseau two and a half years ago, expecting she said, to become Mrs. Zelaya within a month.

The defense later turned the tables on Miss Hero by producing letters which they said she had written recently to another admirer. One began: "My dear, dear Eugene," and said:

PADEREWSKI STORMS AT PHONOGRAPH FIEND

London.—"If I had had a pistol I would have shot you," thundered Paderewski, in his retiring room, to a crestfallen phonograph fiend, who was caught red handed at Belfast Philharmonic society's concert, in the act of attempting to take records of his playing in Ulster hall.

The famous pianist stopped dead in the middle of his best selection and directed the attendants to investigate the cause of the annoyance. They proceeded to the back of the hall, and after a few minutes' watching, secured the offender, who had encroached himself in the niche beside one of the doors.

PLAN TO FORM ANOTHER U. S.

Believed Confederation Central American Republics is Being Planned.

MEXICO IS FATHER OF THE NEW SCHEME

State Department Learns on Good Authority That Southern Neighbor is Secretly Engineering Deal With That End in View—Dr. Luis Anderson Leaves Washington Hurdled for Cartago and Departure is Considered Significant.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Plans are afoot, it is believed, for the consummation of a confederation of the Central American republics. Proof of this is offered to the minds of Central American diplomats here in the sudden disappearance of Dr. Luis Anderson.

Dr. Anderson was here as special representative of Costa Rica and was the candidate of Mexico for president of the proposed "United States of Central America."

He left on receipt of a telegram and it was learned that his destination is Cartago. Before going he held an interview with Senator Creel, former Mexican ambassador to the United States, and now here as a special envoy of Mexico in the existing mode in Nicaragua.

Central American diplomats fear there may be a conflagration while now there is only a blaze. In such case the governments most interested in the various countries would interfere, with the result that chaos would ensue and new organization would be necessary.

Has Mexico's Endorsement

It is believed that Anderson hurried south in anticipation of such an eventuality. He has the endorsement of Mexico, the most powerful neighbor of Central America, and holds the confidence of at least two other states on the Isthmus.

In the event the affairs reached a crisis demanding consolidation, he would be on the ground and ready to step into the breach.

Friends of Dr. Anderson insist that he has gone to San Jose merely to attend a meeting of the International Society of Sanitation and to visit his family. This, others declare, is a clever blind. They maintain that Dr. Anderson's plans were not changed until it was learned that Zelaya's abdication was inevitable. Then followed the hurried interview with Senator Creel and the journey.

The Mexican government is committed to the amalgamation of the five fiery little republics on the Isthmus. Senator Enrique Creel has declared that his government would like to see such a consolidation, though qualifying the declaration by saying that he did not believe the time ripe for such a transformation.

United States Not Enthusiastic

Although the United States has been deliberately and studiously shy of the subject, it is understood that this government would not entertain any great enthusiasm over such a consolidation. It would mean that Mexico could exercise a far greater influence over such a group and that the United States would lose prestige. The close alliance of the Latin-American race would bring such a situation about.

The state department disclaims all knowledge of the movements of Dr. Anderson or of his object in going to Costa Rica.

STOLEN BOOTY LOCATED THROUGH A DREAM

London.—Worried out by his search for a quantity of silver stolen from a Monmouthshire villa, a sergeant of police fell asleep and dreamed twice of finding the lost property beneath a flagstone. He got up, and went straight to the place where the booty had been secreted, and drew the whole of it from its hiding place.

Such is the story recalled by the death of Cardiff of J. G. Benfield, who is well-remembered in Monmouthshire as a sergeant in the county constabulary. He afterwards became a retainer of Lord Tredegar.

COOK'S RECORDS SHOW NO RECORD OF CLAIMS

Copenhagen, Dec. 18.—It is reported today upon high authority that the committee of the University of Copenhagen in its preliminary examination of his records failed to discover proof that Dr. Frederick A. Cook reached the north pole. The committee has not completed its investigation.