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**WASHINGTON LETTER**

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 WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(Special.)—“Blocs” of various kinds seem to be quite the fashion in congress these days. This is particularly so in the senate, where “group government” has grown stronger than in the house.

For some time the senate has contained a powerful “agricultural bloc,” small in numbers but so strong that it has been able to enforce its will in legislative matters on the republican majority. This occurred because the “agricultural bloc” contains both republicans and democrats, and they are therefore able to rally to their legislative plans members of both parties, irrespective of and in defiance of the policies of both parties. For instance the “agricultural bloc” wants certain legislation which it believes is of benefit to the farmers. This legislation may be opposed by the administration and both the republican and democratic congressional policies. This makes no difference to the “bloc” members. They go right ahead with their bill and force practically all republican and democratic senators who are from states largely agricultural to support the legislation. A senator with a strong farming constituency feels that he must vote for a “farmers’ bill” advocated by the “agricultural bloc” unless he wants to arouse the hostility of the farmers of his state. He must, perforce, support the “agri-

cultural bloc” program whether he wants to or not. It is this situation which has caused some bitter feeling in the senate, and which caused the president in his recent address to congress to mildly condemn “group government.” But the “agricultural bloc” cares little for presidential admonitions. It knows what it wants and it gets it.

Of less strength in the senate are the “veteran bloc,” the “labor bloc” and a few other combinations, including the “Old Guard,” that organization which the late David Graham Phillips called the “gray wolves of the senate.”

The “veteran bloc,” which is more powerful in the house than in the senate, advocates and stands solidly for pensions and other compensation legislation for former service men. It is stronger in the house because there are now a larger number of Spanish war and world war veterans holding house seats.

The “labor bloc,” made up of advocates of all kinds of labor legislation, and containing many men who carry union labor cards, is also stronger in the house.

In the senate the “labor bloc” is feeble, and its chief friends and advocates are to be found in the “agricultural bloc.”

Recently we have heard the ludicrous charge made on the floor of the senate that a “social bloc” exists in that august upper house, the charge being made in connection with the Newberry case. Statements were made by senators that so-called Washington “society” had been influencing senators who do not move in those exalted social circles where champagne, swallow tails and decollete frocks are prevalent, to vote for Newberry. In short a Washington “social lobby” was working the rabbit’s foot on senators to induce them to vote to seat Newberry. The “social lobby” may have been trying to influence a few senators for Newberry, but it is doubtful, because so-called Washington “society” is about the most futile, worthless and without real influence crowd on the face of the earth.

There are a lot of social cliques in Washington, including the “old timers,” natives of the District of Columbia, who hold themselves superior to a mere congressman or government official; the administrative set, the congressional set, army and navy set, the smaller government official set, the diplomatic corps, and so on. Swimming around these various “sets” are a horde of

newly rich, office seekers and various other small fry, including a large number of parasites of certain kinds, all seeking social “recognition,” and all making monumental asses out of themselves.

With the advent of the “social bloc” in the senate we may be prepared to hear soon of other “blocs” of various kinds. In the senate and house too, it would be easy to organize a “golf bloc,” a “Haig and Haig or Bourbon bloc,” a “Chautauqua platform bloc,” and even a “draw poker bloc,” which would have a large membership, rivaling in numbers the “Haig and Haig-Bourbon bloc.”

And why not, if the “bloc” craze is to run its course in congress, divide the worthy legislators according to religious belief and let us have a “Methodist bloc,” a “Presbyterian bloc,” a “Baptist bloc,” a “Catholic bloc,” and by all means a “Know Nothing bloc,” which would be particularly popular and contain many members in the house.

**N. Y. Am. Legion Plans Work for 1922**

(By International News Service)  
 NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—“The year of 1922 will be the biggest the American Legion has yet experienced,” announced William F. Deegan, state commander of the Legion, in his New Year’s greeting message to the posts from state headquarters. “We face the year stronger than ever and we find ourselves facing problems bigger than ever. We are now going to roll up our sleeves, cast aside petty details and head straight for the goal.”

“The disabled man is still entangled in red tape. Hospitals are still needed in this state and others for the care of tubercular and mental cases. Thousands of our comrades are still out of employment and facing privation with their wives and children. The ex-service man is still without properly adjusted compensation.”

“The radical un-American is still working hard to undermine the institutions of our democratic government and to substitute the soviet form of misgovernment. More and more tolerance is encouraging the foreign-bred agitator to greater and more open violations of our hospitality. “Our answer must be simple, di-

rect and forceful. We must insist, first, that our wounded and disabled comrades are cared for. We continually hear the cry that ‘Nothing is too good for the wounded and disabled’ and yet we find nothing being done beyond perfunctory aid from inadequate bureaus. We must insist that economic conditions of those who lost two years of prosperity through their service, be bettered. We must insist that America be kept wholly American in its form of government.”

“We cannot accomplish these results without solid and steady growth in our membership. Renew your dues at once; bring in your buddies; talk the Legion wherever you go; make the ex-service man outside the Legion see that this is his own organization for the expression of his feelings; encourage the women’s auxiliaries to greater strength as our valued right arm in the fight for justice.”

“We learned in the service that we were happiest when working. Let’s keep on working for our country and our community. No Legion year can be counted which does not bring forth constructive efforts. Our strength rests in your post and your post’s strength rests in you.”

**BEN SCOVELL NOTED ACTOR SPEAKS HERE**

Ben Scovell, known by all the doughboys as the actor-soldier, will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning and afternoon, at the First Methodist Episcopal church. He will also give some of his famous readings Tuesday evening at the same church. The time and subjects may be seen elsewhere in this issue.

Mr. Scovell never fails to please. Alternating pathos and drama with delightful humor, he soon wins over his listeners. If you wish to hear a lecturer who can hold his audience tight in the spell of his personality, then make them rock with laughter as he changes to the humorous, hear Ben Scovell.

Mr. Scovell has a well established reputation, not only as a reader and entertainer, but also as teacher and actor, having spent a number of

years as professor of dramatic art and elocution at Toronto university, Toronto, Canada, and Occidental college, Los Angeles.

When the war broke out, Ben was one of the first to offer his services as an overseas entertainer. With the Canadian boys he first went over to the battlefields, working just back of the first line trenches until he was gassed. Then his work took him into the hospitals of England and Scotland.

When America entered the conflict Ben lined up with the doughboys under Old Glory and again made the boys right back of the trenches laugh and forget their troubles. At Vimy Ridge he was both gassed and shell shocked. Obligated to return to America, he directed his efforts for the balance of the war to the Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives.

**DAMAGE SUIT OVER A BOTTLE OF LIQUOR**

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 14.—An unusual suit for damages as a result of the enactment of the prohibition law was filed in federal court here by Mrs. Irene Dauberman, of Lewisburg, Pa. Hepolit Szutowicz, of Milton, Pa., is the defendant.

Mrs. Dauberman charges that last August her husband, Clarence Dauberman, purchased a quart of whiskey from the wife of the defendant and then lost control of his reason and shot Sheriff Renner of Lewisburg, in the wrist, and John P. Tegmeier in the chest. Dauberman was later convicted and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary on charges of assault with intent to kill.

Mrs. Dauberman asks for \$30,000 damages from Szutowicz because of the humiliation and disgrace caused her, and for being deprived of the society and financial support of her husband.

**Smiling Face Contest**

Boys and Girls—Save all the smiling faces, clipped from newspapers and magazines, with part of the advertisement attached, and bring them to me.

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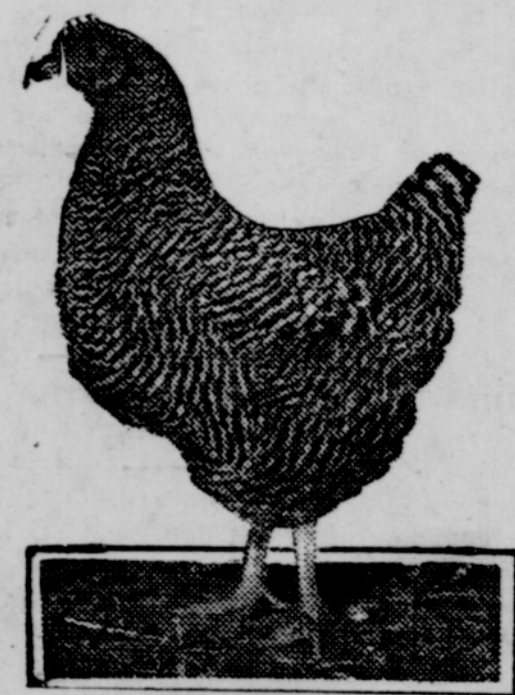
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There are many commercial feeders that have a local supply of milk necessary for the consumption of the hen, as well as many that are still holding to the egg mashes with a base of meat, fish and vegetable proteins and to meet the demand the Portland Flouring Mills have before the public Olympic Egg Builder. This feed has for a protein base the highest grade of fish and meat meal, together with linseed oil meal, all of which must come up to the highest possible test and is supervised and inspected by Olympic representatives of national reputation.

Both of the above mentioned Egg Mashes carry the maximum amount of protein for highest safe egg production, and all feeders when feeding have no fears of many troubles arising from improper, unbalanced rations, for all Olympic ingredients are of the highest value obtained in the markets of the world.



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