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WATCH THE FORESTS

Campers, vacationists, anglers and the public generally should exercise extreme caution over the July 4th holidays in protecting the forests of Klamath county. Released from the cares of work over the weekend there will be thousands who will take to the forests and streams.

History shows that most of the forest fires are due to carelessness or thoughtlessness. The carelessly tossed cigarette may, and often is, the source of a blaze which takes a toll of many thousands of dollars of standing timber.

Right now the people of Klamath county should exercise more than usual care in safeguarding the timber. The Northern lines are planning to extend their rails from Bend to Klamath Falls. They will tap a timber region where 20,000,000 feet are available. They will base their application for construction of the line on the fact that this lumber tonnage is awaiting them.

But what would happen if the red tongue of the fire demon should lick its destructive way through these virgin pines? It is not without the realm of possibility that an uncontrollable fire could start in this timbered area and bring such destruction as to make uncertain as to whether or not another railroad would desire to come into the Klamath country.

Forest fires in most instances are a needless loss and an almost criminal waste. It is good business to protect the forests. It is not alone the problem of the lumbermen, but the problem of every person who has the best interests of Klamath county at heart.

Stewart's Washington Letter

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WASHINGTON, July 2. — Upon the next twelve months' political developments growing out of Senator Robert M. La Follette's death depends national Progressive-ism's future, perhaps for many years.

Is Progressive-ism a movement of which La Follette was no more than a part—a mighty important part—but only a part?

Or was he the whole thing? If the former's the case, of course, even the death of a strong leader can spell no more than a temporary setback, a little more delay.

If the latter, the cause, too, is dead.

To be sure, there'll be progress, with a small "p," but the group the Wisconsin senator led inevitably will break up—various political careers probably will end with the expiration of current terms.

One thing which suggests weakness, at first thought, may prove to be Progressive-ism's strength—though referred to as a "bloc," it never was a hard-and-fast alignment, like a party, with regular adherents, requiring to be led.

Still, La Follette did sound the call for every rally which the independents made.

Will somebody else be found to do this in his place? Or is no particular leader needed?

The next session of Congress will begin to show. Administration spokesmen profess to feel sure already that insurgency is a thing of the past.

In reality, nobody can tell without a definite test.

If Progressive-ism's fate depends on a successor to La Follette who can fill his shoes, nobody's in sight.

Senator Borah has the necessary qualities of strength, courage and magnetism, but he isn't a Progressive—with a big "P"—all the time. A follower may be a part-timer, but a leader must be consistently on the job.

Senator Norris is so regular in his Progressive-ism as to be almost the real thing, but he hasn't the pug-

nacity La Follette possessed. He can put up a terrific fight when he likes, but he doesn't always like.

Senator Wheeler's a "whole hog" Progressive and nobody ever was readier for a scrap, but he isn't as yet, a political heavyweight, which is essential in this case.

Besides, he's a Democrat, and to be effective at this time, Progressive-ism needs to draw from the Republicans' strength.

That about exhausts the list of available.

Progressive-ism, if it's to survive without La Follette, must survive on its own merits. It can't hope to be pulled through by virtue of strong leadership.

This, of course, refers to the Progressive-ism which was launched at the Cleveland conference of a year ago.

Something else may develop later along the same lines. That's a different thing.

Needless to say, the regular Republicans will spare no effort, having been afflicted far worse by Progressive-ism than it has troubled the Democrats, to make Wisconsin safe for regularity at the election of 1926.

With La Follette gone, they are much more hopeful of Senator Lea-root's return to the upper house and hopes are expressed of putting a regular in La Follette's own seat.

They can't do this until November of next year, since the vacancy will be filled temporarily by Governor Blaine's appointment, and, as he is a Progressive himself, a Progressive will be his choice.

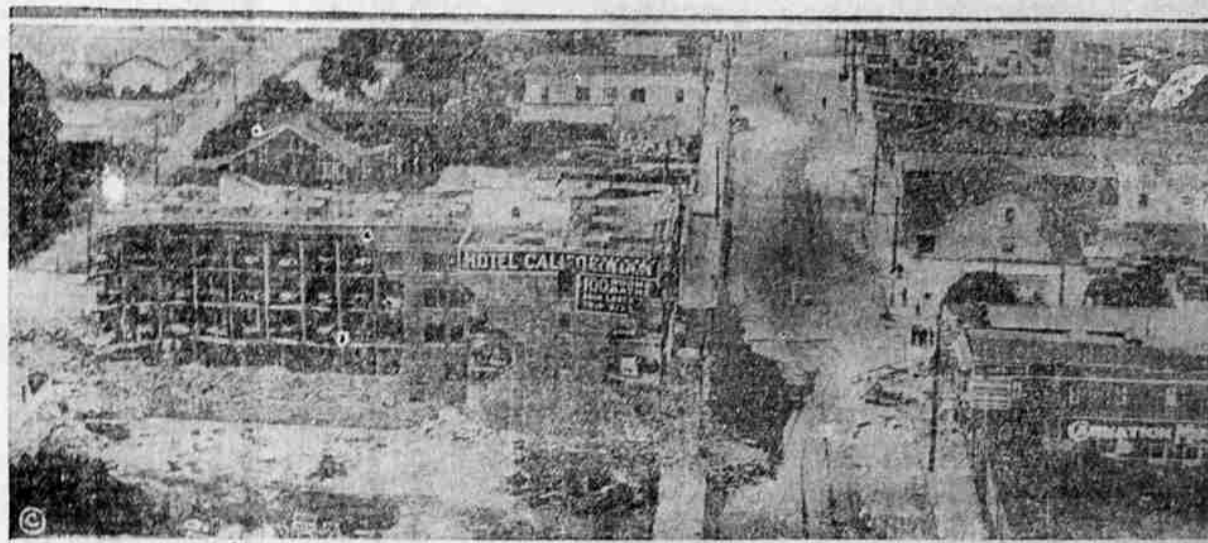
One remark by Senator Wheeler may prove significant—that "La Follette dead will be more powerful even than La Follette alive."

This isn't impossible. His name may become one to conjure by.

With his death, much of the bitterness which was felt toward him living will disappear.

Idealized, it is quite likely there will be immense strength for the cause he preached in his memory—perhaps a strength greater than his own, a living man on the Senate floor.

Here Are First Earthquake Pictures To Be Shown In Klamath Falls



When guests in the California hotel, on State street, Santa Barbara, felt the first tremor they awakened to see the wall of their room cave away. This remarkable photograph shows State street, littered with debris, and the California hotel, a cross section of itself. Note the beds in the rooms.



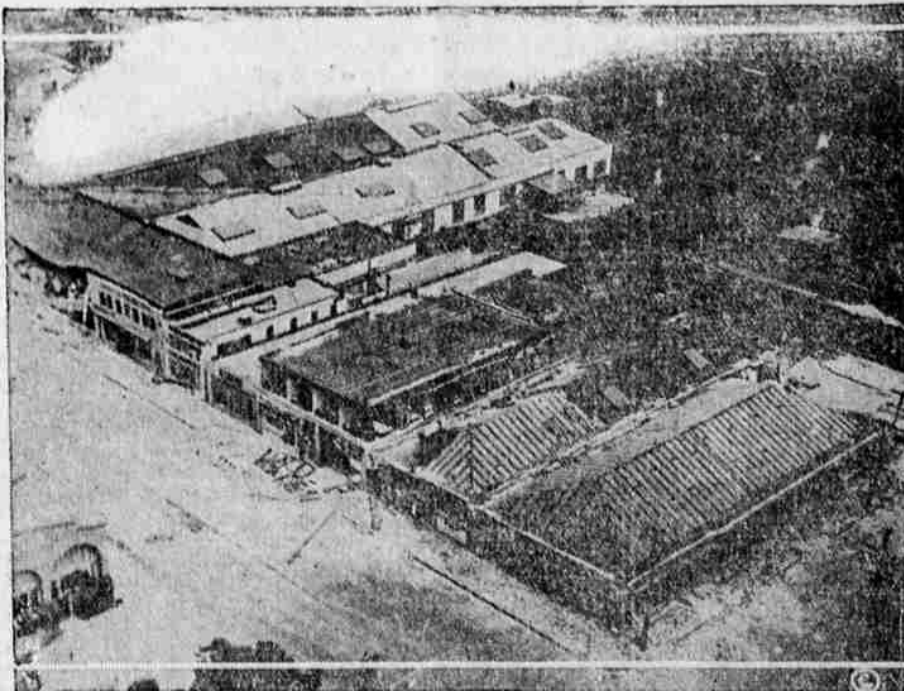
The pride of Santa Barbara, the Arlington hotel, is not much more than a pile of stone following Monday's earthquake.



Once this building covered a whole block in Santa Barbara. Today it is a demolished structure, shaken to the ground by the earthquake last Monday.



Santa Barbara's earthquake partially demolished its famous mission: this photograph shows how the Catholic church, standing alongside of the Knights of Pythias hall, was ruined.



Birds-eye view of a portion of Santa Barbara's business district, showing how walls and roofs were shaken to the ground by the second greatest earthquake in America.



Another view of the Catholic church as it was wrecked by Santa Barbara's earthquake.