

## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### Lucas Tries to Oust Senator Norris From Republican Party—Borah Thinks Special Session Will Be Necessary.

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**E**RADICATION of Senator George W. Norris from the Republican party is demanded by Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican national committee in a scathing statement which is said to have the tacit approval of the White House. In return, the independent Republican senators insist that the national committee oust Mr. Lucas. Chairman Fess of the committee has declared for a hands-off policy, but a showdown is demanded by Senator Howell of Nebraska and others, and there is in prospect a lively party quarrel that may very well embarrass the Republicans greatly. All this is the outcome of the discovery by the Nye campaign fund committee that Lucas financed a campaign against the re-election of Norris. Lucas has freely admitted the facts and defends his action by the assertion that the Nebraska senator is not really a Republican and has no right to be classed as such.

"To accept office at the hands of this party and then viciously oppose its policies, principles and leadership, brings an intolerable situation and one which must be eradicated, if the party is to live," says Mr. Lucas.

"Such conduct by Senator Norris has been revolting and until the leaders of the Republican party not only fail to support but give their active opposition to men like Senator Norris, they are not doing their full duty to the party which has come down to us from Lincoln."

After telling how he privately contributed three pieces of literature to the anti-Norris campaign, Lucas goes on to relate in detail the many ways in which Norris has displayed his "party treachery" and "ingratitude" by opposing the administrations and policies of Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, all of which is a part of history though heretofore officially ignored by Republican party chieftains.

Convened by an emergency call by Chairman Nye, the senate committee discovered further that the \$4,000 which Lucas borrowed to pay for the anti-Norris propaganda and for which he gave his personal note was guaranteed by a \$40,000 special account of the Republican national committee in the Commercial National bank in Washington. This was in the nature of a counter attack against Lucas and was reinforced by statements made by Norris and Senator Cutting of New Mexico. The Nebraskan openly charged that Lucas had sworn to a falsehood when he testified before the committee that the money he paid was his own private fund. Cutting defended Norris and attacked the national committee.

Then up stepped Representative Wood of Indiana on behalf of Lucas and leveled a 'arf a brick at Senator Norris; whereupon Senator Brookhart of Iowa, finding it wasn't a private fight, shield a dornick at Secretary Mellon and called Lucas "an insignificant wart."

There were indications that President Hoover and the other party leaders would ignore, officially, the entire quarrel, which would perhaps be the safest course if not the bravest.

**W**HETHER or not Lucas wins out in his fight on Norris. It is now thought doubtful that he will be made chairman to succeed Senator Fess. The man now most prominently mentioned for the place is Ray Benjamin of San Francisco, a close friend of President Hoover. Several weeks ago Mr. Benjamin had several conferences with the President. Then he went home and cleared up his private affairs and returned to Washington for an indefinite stay. When questioned concerning the report that he was to be given the chairmanship, he said he was in the capital to realize an old desire to open law offices there, and added: "I will do anything I can, however, for my party."



Ray Benjamin.

Mr. Benjamin has had an extensive legal career and has been active in politics in California. He was regional director for the national committee for the west coast section in the Republican campaign of 1920.

**C**OLONEL ARTHUR WOODS, chairman of the President's emergency committee on unemployment, believes the \$16,000,000 public works law enacted by congress and signed by Mr. Hoover, will have a big effect in reducing unemployment and stimulating purchases. In an interview the colonel said:

"With this additional opportunity and with the co-operation of all federal branches together with the help of state and local authorities, we should soon witness a material re-

sult in the absorption of unemployed and in the stimulation of purchases of building materials which will be involved.

"All branches of state and municipal governments throughout the country are working together to slash the red tape which is impeding their own public works projects. The result will be that a great program of public works will be pushed forward into production and jobs created to help meet the present emergency."

Colonel Woods issued another warning to unemployed men to stay in their home communities and not wander about aimlessly seeking work. Jobless transients, he said, are causing serious problems in many communities which, while organized to care for their own destitute, cannot be taxed by outsiders. Woods also called on farmers throughout the country to co-operate in giving whatever work possible to unemployed men.

Senator Wagner of New York says that as soon as congress convenes after the holiday recess he will introduce a resolution calling for a study of the public and private unemployment systems here and abroad, and also a bill proposing federal and state co-operation in the maintenance of such a system.



Senator Borah

**S**ENATOR BORAH doesn't want anyone to think he would conduct a filibuster in congress after the holidays, but he believes there is so much important legislation to be disposed of that a special session immediately after March 4 will be necessary and should be called by the President. It was his persuasion that brought about the special session in the spring 1929. Legislation which the Idaho solon considers of pressing importance includes power and railroad measures, the anti-injunction bill, the motor bus bill, further unemployment relief and, perhaps chief of all, the export debenture farm relief scheme.

In the closing hours before congress recessed for the holidays Mr. Borah led other senators in a hot attack on the federal farm board's wheat operations. Chairman Alexander Legge of the board, being asked what he thought of Borah's charge that the board in buying wheat is merely postponing "the day of reckoning" that will come when it sells, replied: "Please don't ask me to discuss cyclones. You know the definition of a cyclone—something made of hot air which runs amuck and usually is destructive." He went on, however, to defend the board's policy in some detail.

Mr. Legge also paid his respects to John Simpson of Oklahoma City, new president of the Farmers' union, who was quoted as asserting the board is "deliberately" holding down wheat and cotton prices, and citing a senator as authority.

"You can say to Mr. Simpson that any man making that statement, whether in public office or not, is an unmitigated liar, and say it with my compliments," the chairman said. "Such a statement has never been made by any member of the board or anyone else in authority. The absurdity of it is proved by the fact that wheat still is sinking in the world market. Today Chicago wheat is some 16 cents above the Liverpool close, and, adding a similar amount for transportation, our wheat is 30 to 32 cents above the world parity."

**V**ERMONT will hold a special election on March 31 to choose a successor to the late United States Senator Frank L. Greene. Until then the seat will be filled by Frank C. Partridge of Proctor, who has been appointed by Gov. John E. Weeks. Mr. Partridge, who is sixty-five years old, is a Republican and a business man and lawyer.

**C**AMERON MORRISON, the new senator from North Carolina, was scarcely in his seat before he totally wrecked an ancient tradition of the upper house by arising and making a speech. Of course he should have sat silent for at least a few weeks, but the attack made by Senator F. R. McNinch



Walsh of Montana on Frank R. McNinch of North Carolina, one of the President's nominees for the federal power commission, was more than he could endure without retort. He spoke eloquently and warmly for twenty minutes, starting out with the declaration: "I would scorn to stand in this body and hear this noble man traduced by anybody," and when he was all through he mildly expressed his regret that he "had to trespass upon

the attention of this body in almost the hour of my entrance."

Mr. McNinch, the speaker explained, never received nor handled a nickel of any power company's money. True enough, he was an anti-Smith Democrat in 1928, and he, Morrison, as a regular, took the stump against him, but that did not make him a Republican.

**F**AILURES of relatively small banks of the country were rather numerous, and on Tuesday the Chelsea Bank and Trust company of New York city was closed after runs on its main office and six branches. The bank had more than 40,000 depositors and gross deposits as of November 14 of \$23,923,000. The deposits had shrunk in the last few weeks to around \$16,000,000, it was said.

The runs were attributed by officials of the bank to unfounded and malicious rumors for which Communists, among others, were held responsible. Investigation of the rumors were begun by the state's attorney general, District Attorney Crane and the police department, and two men were arrested charged with circulating false rumors.



Lord Willingdon

**T**HERE was considerable surprise in Great Britain when it was announced the other day that Viscount Willingdon, now governor-general of Canada, had been appointed viceroy of India to succeed Lord Irwin when the latter retires in March, 1931. There had been much talk to the effect that Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald probably would be given the rich plum. Lord Willingdon, who is sixty-four years of age, was governor of Bombay from 1913 to 1919 and of Madras from 1919 to 1924, earning a name for a conciliatory attitude. He has been governor-general of Canada since 1926.

**O**F GREAT importance in the economic affairs of northern Europe was the signing by six nations of a convention binding them not to raise existing tariff rates or introduce new ones without consulting one another. This was done at a conference in Oslo, Norway, called to enforce "liberal principles in commercial policy." The six nations are Norway, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and Luxembourg.

The signatories also agreed to consider the application of the principle which was the basis of the treaty to "other arrangements likewise calculated to favor international trade."

**D**ICTATOR Stalin, in the process of "cleaning house" in the Soviet regime, has now got rid of Alexis Rykov. Recently that gentleman was removed from his high position as president of the council of people's commissars, which corresponds to premier in other governments. The other day by action of the central committee and central control commission of the Communist party he was deprived of membership in the important political bureau. It was a part of Stalin's plan to get rid of all the right-wing leaders and was followed immediately by the dismissal of Tomsky as vice chairman of the supreme economic council. Both Rykov and Tomsky had long opposed Stalin's industrialization program, and though they rejected publicly last summer during the party congress, this did not save them. Rykov was absent from recent Soviet celebrations in Moscow, and it was explained that he had gone South "for his health." That was the way Trotsky went.



Alexis Rykov

Only one right winger of prominence remains in a high post. He is Nicholas Bucharin, a member of the central committee and also of the supreme economic council. The general expectation is that he, too, will be dropped eventually, thus leaving Stalin's ideas supreme.

**P**RESIDENT HOOVER'S Christmas present to Warren T. McCray, former governor of Indiana, was a full pardon restoring him to full civil rights. McCray served three years and four months of a ten year sentence to Atlanta penitentiary for use of the mails to defraud in connection with the sale of worthless cattle paper. He was paroled by President Coolidge in August, 1927.

**R**EPRESENTATIVE CHARLES B. Timberlake of Colorado, seventy-five years old and wealthy, and Mrs. Roberta Wood Elliott, a thirty-five-year-old widow who has been working as a waitress, were married in Washington by Rev. Dr. J. S. Montgomery, chaplain of the house. They started on a honeymoon trip to North Carolina, the bride's home, and a cruise in southern waters.

**N**OTABLES who died during the week included Gerrit J. Diekmann, American minister to The Hague; Vintila Brattianu, Rumania's foremost statesman and bitter opponent of King Carol; Charles K. Harris, writer of "After the Ball" and many other popular songs; Claude A. C. Jennings, editor in chief of the Toronto Mail and Empire; Flo Irwin, veteran actress, and Sir Harry Perry Robinson, an eminent English journalist.

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## Community Building

City Betterment Seen

as Matter of Morale

A nation-wide study to promote better planning of all communities for permanent human use as essential to modern civilization" has been started by the committee on city and regional planning of the American Institute of Architects.

Finding that millions are wasted annually on ugly buildings, and that bad environment blights behavior health and enjoyment of life the committee, as its initial task, is seeking an answer to the question: "An character and individuality of cities and regions be consciously attained?"

Replies received indicate a conflict of opinion, according to Charles H. Cheney, of Los Angeles, chairman of the committee. Frightened, intelligent planning and careful building up of the morale of the district is cited as the best method by J. C. Nichols, Kansas City, member of the National Capital Park and Planning commission.

Herbert U. Nelson, of Chicago, executive secretary of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, questions the value of conscious striving for municipal beauty. Cities are composed of men and women working for better standards of living, and will continue to improve the quality of their development, Gardner S. Rogers, of the civic development department of the United States Chamber of Commerce, declares. Others doubt whether American cities can have any well-defined character.

General Recognition of

Value of Civic Beauty

American cities, having passed through the period of struggle for size, are now so rich and strong that they are launched on a career in pursuit of glory. They want to be beautiful—all of them. After they have become shipshape in regard to sewerage, paving, water supply and the essential needs of a metropolis, they mobilize their forces for grandeur.

Cities, like people, are ambitious. They are not content with the stodgy smugness of mere well-being. After securing comfort, they demand statues, fountains, fine gardens and architecture.

Culture lightens and softens the treadmill of work. It brings the glow of a higher life. There is no doubt a city that has provided visual magnificence in its buildings, public and private, and made noble vistas of its streets, makes its inhabitants happier. That is part of their recompense for the sacrifices all must submit to in making their dwelling places in communities where many of the privileges of less populous regions are surrendered for the convenience of all.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Planting Always in Order

There is an erroneous idea quite prevalent that when the home grounds are once planted, the planting is over with. This is all a mistake. Few places ever have all the different classes of plants they need—that is, they may have all the shrubs necessary for year-round beauty, yet be lacking in fruits or flowers. Then there are few places which do not need some "patching up" and renewal of plants after they have been planted for several years.

Need to Spruce Up

Practically every city and town needs sprucing up. Money contributed for such service is not waste. It constitutes a genuine investment in beauty and order for the common benefit of all.

To banish slovenliness from American communities would be to improve the standards of citizenship and to give to everyday life in those communities a new zest.

Knowledge Aids Community

Knowledge, to be of use in trade, must be applied, and its application usually requires the aid of capital. The greater and more productive the stock of capital in any community, the more goods it can put into the currents of trade.

A mill will make a town a center of trade. Docks, elevators, warehouses, and railway terminals help transform a harbor into a port of commerce.

Plant a Tree

Figures show that Springfield, Mass., has more trees in proportion to population than any other American city. With an appraisal value of \$100 on each tree, its 25,000 trees add \$2,500,000 to be counted as an added asset to the community. This would seem an excellent example for other cities to follow in adding to their valuation. Plant a tree!—Exchange.

Waterproofing Walls

All masonry walls, including stucco, should be made waterproof by a finish of waterproof solution or waterproof paint. It is possible to have the waterproofing element put into the stucco while it is being mixed.

Architects as Allies

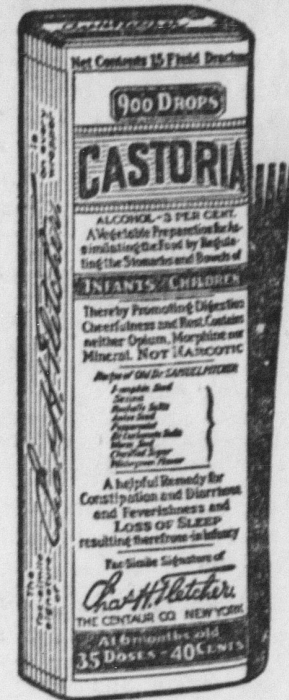
Kansas City architects have gone on record as willing to help in the campaign to abolish billboards. Hand some examples of architects' work are not helped in appearance by adjacent "uglies."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The night scenes in the cities will become grayer than ever if the scheme of polychromatizing comes into general use. The first polychromatic floodlight system operated by Thyra-tron tube control has been installed on a building at Decatur, Ill. The structure is rectangular up to the sixth story, and from that point a central tower-like section rises in successive steps for nine stories more. Nearly 200 floodlights are employed in the exterior lighting. The central section of the facade is a luminous white panel up to the seventh floor. From there to the top the polychromatic system tints each side of the exterior with a different shade of glowing illumination, changing constantly on each of the four sides.—Washington Star.

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"Wandering Jew" Legends

A legend of a surviving witness of the Crucifixion who is represented as the victim of a curse, was long current in Jerusalem, and is frequently referred to in records of travelers in the Holy land.

His name is generally given as Joannes Buttareus, in Italian as Buttadio, and is translated as "God-smiter." There is an old Italian legend that tells of a similar punishment inflicted on a soldier who struck Christ before the High Priest, and later on this soldier was identified as Melbus, whose ear was cut off by Peter.

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City's Origin Undetermined

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Senate Membership

United States senators are elected for a term of six years. One-third of the senate is elected every second year; therefore, the membership of that body changes one-third at each new congress.