

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICANS HOLD CONTROL OF U. S. SENATE, MAY ABSTAIN FROM VOTING

Washington, Dec. 5—Control of the lame duck Senate meeting depends on the Progressive Republican group which bolted the Hoover candidacy to support Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt's candidacy.

If Senator Norris, Rep., Neb., and his Progressive colleagues abstain from voting, the Democrats will assume immediately the control which will be theirs without question after March 4.

It is a coincidence that the control of this short session should depend largely upon Norris whose amendment to the Constitution is being ratified so rapidly that this probably will be the last lame duck Congress in American political history.

Famous Figures

Famous figures are passing from the American scene as the Senate meets in this short session finale to the Hoover Administration. They are leaving in the midst of bitter controversy. Prohibition and specifically the question of repeal lead almost at once to Senate dispute.

Republicans may have a technical majority which would consist of 48 Republican votes, the vote of Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Labor, Minn., and the vote of Vice-president Curtis. Democrats have 47 seats. But the Republican power and prestige regained in 1918 after six Democratic years has vanished.

Eager Democrats await the committee chairmanships, the patronage and the majority which will be theirs when the new Congress meets sometime after March 4. The alignment then will be Democrats 59, Republicans 36, Farmer Labor 1.

The Old Guard will vanish after this short session. Indiana repudiated "Jim" Watson, the affable, politician-extraordinary who is Republican leader of the Senate. Senator Moses, Rep., N. H., president pro tem of Senate will not entertain the galleries and expedite Senate business next session with his staccato hurrying of bills into law. The "sons of the wild jackass" clan—the Progressive Republicans—are glad to see Moses go.

"Five and Ten" Author

Senator Jones, Rep., Wash., chairman of the Appropriations Committee, Senator for more than a score of years, lost, too. He died soon after

ward. Jones was author of the "five and ten" prohibition penalty law.

And after March 4 the lank figure of Senator Smooth, Rep., Utah, no longer will tower in the center aisle pleading the cause of high tariffs. Smooth has been in the Senate since 1903, longer than any other member. He was chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and is said to have exercised more personal authority in the Government of the United States than any other man excepting only the President.

Chairman Borah of the Foreign Relations Committee will be the new Senate dean but he will remain as chairman only until March 4, and not that long if Republican Progressives decide to permit Democrats to organize the Senate this winter.

Lost Opportunity

Democrats had an opportunity last month to win control of the short session Senate. Two unexpired term Republican seats were at stake in New Jersey and Colorado. But the political storm which overwhelmed Republican candidates for the 73rd Congress was not sufficient to beat Republicans in those two States who were candidates for the unexpired terms. Karl C. Schuyler, a Colorado Republican, will occupy this winter the Republican seat vacated by the death of Senator Waterman. Senator Barbour, Rep., N. J., succeeded himself for the unexpired term of the late Dwight W. Morrow.

The death of Senator Jones vacated another Republican seat, but the Governor of Washington is a Republican and so is his short session appointee, Captain Elijah Sherman Grammer. All told, 12 Republican Senators were defeated last Nov. 8. Jones is dead. The remaining 11 will sit this winter.

Political Wrangling

This short session Senate will have a few weeks of almost uninterrupted political wrangling before the serious business of legislation begins this winter. The routine appropriation bills, the beer-for-revenue bill and the tax bill—if one is to be passed this winter—must originate in the House.

Meantime the Senate may concern itself with repeal, Philippine Independence, farm relief and economy. It appeared likely in the closing hours of the last session in July that the Senate would meet today to find the

unfinished business a repeal resolution sponsored by Senator Glass, Dem., Va. He offered a resolution which was similar to the Republican platform prohibition project. It would have retained for the Federal Government certain police powers in preventing the return of the saloon. By a strange political quirk, the Democratic Glass offered this resolution in opposition to Senator Bingham, Rep., Conn., who sought to carry out the Democratic platform pledge for unqualified repeal. But in the last moments of the long session the Glass resolution was displaced and now awaits in its regular turn on the Senate calendar.

But by agreement the Senate must begin at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, consideration of a bill for Philippine Independence. Aside from that the time of the Senate is its own until the revenue and appropriation bills begin tumbling in from the House.

GRAHAM GOES TO WOLVERINES

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 7—Frankie Graham, star defence man of last year's Maritime hockey champions, the Dalhousie Rangers was a passenger on the Ocean Limited, of the Canadian National Railways this afternoon enroute to Halifax. The Dalhousie team has released him and it is understood that he will play for the

Halifax Wolverines when they meet the Charlottetown Abbies in Halifax Friday night. The Hawks of Moncton and the Abbies have agreed to the release of Graham by Dalhousie.

LUMBERMEN ARE CHEERED BY NEWS

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 7—East Texas lumbermen have been cheered by news that shipments of staves for European wine casks will be resumed from this port early in December.

Three hundred tons of staves the first consignment to leave Beaumont for more than a year, will depart at that time for French and Italian ports on the Mediterranean.

The staves are made of special grades of white and red oak.

Charlie Chaplin's little boys are probably not old enough to take up training for movie acting, even if Charlie were willing. It would be such a deprivation to any little boy to throw a custard pie instead of eating it.

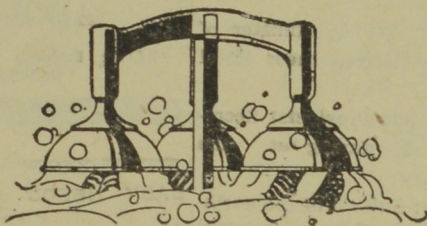
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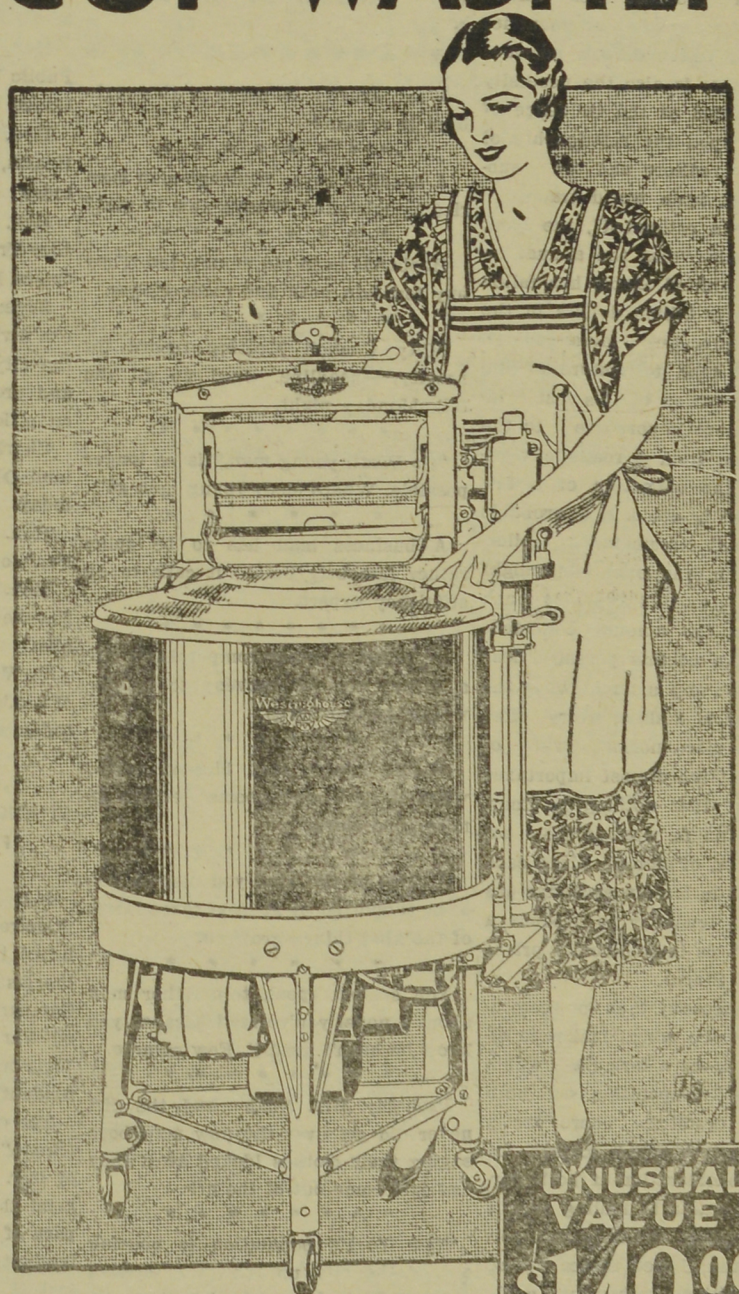
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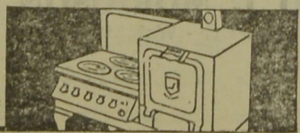
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