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**AMERICAN POLITICAL INSURGENCY**

In the American Magazine for November there is a very able and illuminating article by Ray Stannard Baker, dealing with the new program and the progressive politicians in the Western States. It shows how Aldrich, Hale, Cannon and the other big political bosses have been largely shorn of their power, and how younger men with new ideals and the virility of new purposes are coming to the front. LaFollette and Cummins, who have fought a long and lonely fight, and who have been outcast rebels and insurgents, have at last come into their own. The insurgency in the Republican forces, which started a few years ago, is now becoming regular all over the West. The common people are rising and standing behind their own champions and demanding that they receive a square deal. The people of the United States and in Canada are tired of railroad and corporation rule, and of seeing the national resources of their country handed over to a few capitalists for their own private gain.

In the American Senate there were six men who made life miserable for the political bosses. These men were LaFollette, Cummins, Brewster, Beveridge, Dooliver and Clapp. Dooliver unfortunately died a few weeks ago before his great work was newly finished. In the house of representatives there has also been a noble bunch of twenty-five insurgents led by six able and fearless fighters. Outside of the American parliament, Gifford Pinchott has been in revolt. Judge Ben Lindsay has been writing and working and has won a magnificent victory in Denver against the corporation beast in the jungle of politics. James R. Garfield has been fighting for a square deal in Ohio and numerous other men of lesser note have been working along the same lines. The article includes a reference to the life and work of the leading insurgents and how they have brought themselves to a foremost position in American politics.

The only man that the author does not attempt to classify is Theodore Roosevelt. He says that Roosevelt is beyond classification and he does not know where to place him. In the senate of the United States the great fight against Aldrich is portrayed by Mr. Baker and he tells how Senator Dooliver and Senator Beveridge and their companies broke the power of that great political boss who is now retiring from political life. The progressives have been making splendid progress in spite of the tremendous opposition against them. The people are awake to the fact that the political bosses have not been giving them a square deal and that democracy in the United States has been on the edge.

The elections in the United States will show a greatly changed character in both houses of the American Congress. The progressives are in favor of real government by the people, while many others are "standing pat" for conditions as they now exist. The progressives believe that the people should have what they want, and that the people's voice is the only one that should rule.

**MORLEY ON PRIVY COUNCIL**

A London cable of Nov. 4 said:—The retirement of Viscount Morley from the office of the secretary of state for India in the Asquith cabinet was officially announced this evening. At the same time the following appointments, approved by the King, were made: Viscount Morley, to be lord president of the privy council, vice the Earl of Beauchamp; the Earl of Crewe, secretary of

state for India; Lewis V. Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, vice the Earl of Crewe; the Earl of Beauchamp, first commissioner of works, vice Lewis Harcourt.

**DUKES**

Some months ago "The Strand Magazine" published an article on this subject. There are 27 dukes. They own 4,239,033 acres of land in the United Kingdom. The richest duke is the Duke of Westminster. The Duke of Sutherland owns the most land. Next to the Czar of Russia he is the greatest landowner in the world. He is the President of the Tariff Reform League. Like Sir William Lyne, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Tudor, and other protectionists, he says that labor ought to be taxed to prevent the country going to the dogs. The poorest Duke is the Duke of St. Albans. The first duke was the Black Prince, who was created Duke of Cornwall in 1335. The Prince of Wales still holds that title. The following list supplies the areas of land owned by the dukes, which average 150,000 acres, and their rent rolls. In many cases the rent rolls quoted form only part of the incomes of the dukes. For instance, the great revenue from the London Estate of the Duke of Bedford are not included. The Duke of Hamilton also draws 170,000 from mines and quarries, and so on. Figures for the Dukes of Richmond, St. Albans and Westminster are not supplied. The heir of the Duke of Montrose recently by marriage acquired another 102,410 acres, rent roll £18,702. Force, fraud

and royal favoritism were the principal means by which the dukes got the land.

Duke	Land Owned	Annual Rent Roll
Duke of Norfolk	49,886	£80,000
Duke of Somerset	25,327	37,577
Duke of Grafton	23,773	39,254
Duke of Beaufort	51,055	56,226
Duke of Leeds	24,000	33,381
Duke of Bedford	86,309	142,000
Duke of Devonshire	180,750	180,750
Duke of Marlborough	21,511	36,537
Duke of Rutland	70,137	97,486
Duke of Hamilton	157,386	73,636
Duke of Buccleuth	460,108	221,000
Duke of Argyle	175,000	51,000
Duke of Atholl	202,000	42,000
Duke of Montrose	103,447	24,872
Duke of Roxburgh	60,418	59,917
Duke of Portland	183,000	509,000
Duke of Manchester	17,312	40,360
Duke of Newcastle	35,541	74,541
Duke of Northumber-	land	183,397 176,018
Duke of Leinster	73,100	53,877
Duke of Wellington	19,116	22,162
Duke of Sutherland	1,230,000	150,000
Duke of Abercorn	78,662	53,400
Duke of Fife	249,200	73,814

**RAILWAY COMMISSION'S ORDERS**

An Ottawa dispatch of Nov. 3 said: "The railway commission today ordered that all passenger, mail, baggage and express cars on trains be equipped with proper tools for use in case of emergency. The tools, the order states, must be put in a conspicuous place and be easily acces-

sible. Several representatives of signal manufacturers were heard, each spoke in favor of the advantages of his particular signal for use at lever crossings. The board will consider this matter and specify later the kind of signal that must be used at all level crossings.

**EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATISTICS**

Statistics from the Brandon Experimental Farm show that October was one of the driest months on record. Only .011 inches of rain falling during the entire period. The temperature was nearer normal, sinking gradually lower towards the end of the month, the highest recorded being October 9, when the mercury reached 85 f. on October 16 it again went over 80. The lowest temperature was on the night of October 28 when the glass dropped to 8 or 24 degrees of frost. On sixteen nights during the month frost was recorded including every night since October 12.

It has been officially announced that the C. P. R. will build four new vessels for trade between Nova Scotia ports and Boston and New York.

Frank Austin, a well known cattle and horseman, of Cardston, Alta. died as a result of blood poisoning from an accidental gun wound in the foot.

Thousands of garment workers in Chicago are out on a strike. There have been many bloody encounters with the police.

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