

# WHAT LA FOLLETTE SAID AT ST. PAUL

## Outpourings Against U.S. Part in War Which Prompted Inquiry

Washington (Correspondence).—A single reading of the speech which Senator Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin delivered before the Non-Partisan league at St. Paul, Minn., on September 20 convinced the senate committee on privileges and elections that it could not avoid consideration of the demand made by the Minnesota commission of public safety and various other organizations throughout the country for La Follette's expulsion from the senate.

Just one reading sufficed to make the committee vote to have the matter formally investigated by a subcommittee of five.

Just what was the origin and the ultimate purpose of this so-called Non-Partisan league is a matter that of itself holds much interest. When it decided to hold its convention at St. Paul and announced that it wished to bring together producers and consumers to discuss the high cost of living the Minnesota authorities appear to have been puzzled. When it was announced that Senator La Follette was to be the star speaker the state authorities seem to have grown dubious. At all events the resolutions which the commission of public safety sent to Washington demanding La Follette's expulsion set forth the fact that the speech had been delivered "under the protection of a guarantee of the president of the Non-Partisan league that no disloyal expression would be permitted during the alleged conference."

**Some Passages Quoted**

Following are some of the passages quoted by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, who found in them cause for his sensational demand upon La Follette to "resign his seat in the American senate and appeal to the kaiser for a seat in the German bunderath."

"Think for a moment for what Washington's army starved and froze at Valley Forge. . . . It was that we should have builded up here in this country of ours the only government on this earth that should be truly representative of the people. . . . never the United States Steel company, never the ammunition makers, but always representing the people."

"Of course, I know the fellows who are waving the flag of today most frantically, the bloated representatives of wealth who are shouting loudest for democracy today, are trying to invest this particular time with a new form of democracy; a democracy that has attached to it as a cardinal principle, not liberty, not equality, but profit."

"I come before you here tonight. . . . I bid you to be brave, not to be intimidated because there may chance to be sneaking about here and there men who will pull back their coats and show a secret service badge."

"Now, fellow citizens, we are in the midst of a war. For my own part I was not in favor of beginning the war. I didn't mean to say we had not suffered grievously. We had at the hands of Germany serious privations. I had cause for complaining, they



FRENCH WOMEN HARVEST GRAIN IN RECONQUERED SOMME DISTRICT

French peasant woman reaping grain while her chubby little child plays in the heaped-up grasses. This scene typifies the spirit of women in France today. While the men are fighting the Germans in the trenches the women work in the fields for the potatoes which are being fed. This photo was taken in the district reconquered from the Germans along the Somme. Many of the inhabitants hearing of the retreat hurried homeward and found their places of birth reduced to a heap of stones.

### To Relieve Catarrh Catarrhal Deafness And Head Noises

Persons suffering from catarrhal deafness and head noises will be glad to know that this distressing affliction can usually be successfully treated at home by an internal medicine. . . . Instances have effected complete relief after other treatments have failed. . . . Persons who could scarcely hear have had their hearing restored to such an extent that the tick of a watch was clearly audible seven or eight inches away from their ear. . . . Therefore, if you know of someone who is troubled with head noises or catarrhal deafness, cut out this formula and hand it to them. . . . You may have been the means of saving some poor sufferer perhaps from total deafness. . . . The prescription can be prepared at home, and is made as follows:

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### Boers Valorous in Great War

London Correspondent Tells of South African Troops

No troops have played a finer or more dramatic part in the war than the South Africans. There is something extraordinarily appealing in the mere fact that so many of the force are of people who but a few years ago were in arms against us. . . . Apart from that the composition of the force is probably unique even among overseas troops, as illustrated by the fact that one company alone contains among the privates fighting in its ranks two magistrates and one member of parliament. . . . At the beginning of the war the South Africans were ringed round with German enemies at home, and we know how capably they have taken care of them. . . . Here on the European front, the fortunes of war have again and again given them peculiarly hard fighting, and nothing has been finer than the behavior of the South Africans at Delville wood and at Arras. . . . In the recent attack they again had the most important position in the battle line. It was they who swept over the country east of Presenberg. They took the fortresses of Borri farm and Vampire and Bremen redoubts, which other nameless strong positions, as well as bearing a large share in the capture of Potsdam redoubt. It was a great performance most gallantly carried through. . . . South Africans Had the Brunt The troops on the right had the hardest work, for it was on that side, especially about Potsdam, that the German resistance was stoutest, and it was machine guns snuffing them from this last point which caused their greatest difficulty, though something of the same kind also happened from the direction of Hill 37 on the left. Bremen redoubt, which was expected to give serious trouble, was taken with great dash and comparative ease. . . . In the same area one big concrete structure, more like a portmanteau than a pillbox, yielded up between sixty and seventy German prisoners and four machine guns. . . . A strong cluster of concrete buildings northwest of Potsdam was a German aid post. While the line was resting between the advances the South African saw machine guns firing from it, so went out on their own accord without an officer to tackle it. The battalion commander, seeing them go, toppled to call them back, went out and joined them. There proved to be some sixty Germans inside, and from one part thirty of those with two medical officers came out and surrendered, but the other half refused to come out and stayed firing through the loopholes at the side and the back, for many of these pillboxes have no opening in front to meet a direct attack, but have their orifices at the sides and back only, to guard each other by flanking fire. . . . The Man from Johannesburg A little body of our men got up to the place, but were puzzled how to get in, till a certain man, notorious before the war in Johannesburg, climbed up on the roof and found a ventilator or periscope hole, through which he dropped an incendiary bomb, which set the place in a sudden blaze. The garrison then broke out, or as many as could, and ran for it. They were all shot down, and afterwards more than a dozen dead were found inside. . . . This same man has already won fame among his comrades by his refusal ever to be in less than all the fighting that is going. Twice in former battles he has gone over with the first troops attacking, and when their job was done has contrived not to stay with them, and has gone on with the others. On one occasion he actually finished the day with a totally different division because he found it had the farthest to go. It may be in different discipline, but it is a gorgeous fighting spirit. . . . Two medical officers taken here as-

# Germany Is Losing By Land, Sea, and Air

"We can wait," Imperial Chancellor Michaelis assured the Reichstag only last week. "Time is working for us," he declared; and he went on to breathe uncompromising defiance to Germany's foes so long as they dream of restoring Alsace-Lorraine to France or of driving a wedge between the German people and the emperor: "Until our enemies perceive that they must reduce their claims, so long must the cannon speak and the U-boats do their work." But can Germany wait? Is time working for her or for the allies? Can the German cannon still speak in compelling tones, and can the German U-boats still do their work effectively? An examination of the available testimony bearing upon these questions is of supreme importance to Germany and to us, and it must be said that the evidence does not reveal grounds for Dr. Michaelis' professed confidence.

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for October 20th, there is a careful summing-up of indications from all quarters bearing upon the present war situation. Residents of Canada will be particularly interested in reading this article as it shows in clear and unmistakable terms that the fortunes of war are assuredly favoring the allies.

Other articles of unusual interest in this number of THE DIGEST are:

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**HUNGARY HAS SUFFERED MOST OF ALL COUNTRIES**

Suffering Confined Chiefly to Civilian Population; Deaths Exceeded Births 130,000

London, Oct. 19.—Hungary has suffered most severely of all the belligerent countries, in proportion to her population, according to the Budapest newspaper Pest Naplo. It draws this conclusion from the study of the vital statistics just issued by the Hungarian government. German cities ceased to publish such statistics early in the war, but the Hungarians have continued on a pre-war basis, and the reports of birth, deaths and marriages this year are characteristic of the paper says:

"The war has caused a destruction of man power at the front which can hardly be estimated, even approximately, but the devastation caused at home seems to have been even more terrible than that among the fighting-forces. The losses at home have certainly been much more serious. . . . The number of deaths over births in the civilian population alone has grown to such a frightful extent that in February of the present year the deaths exceeded the births by more than 13,000."

The writer, after his pointing out that deaths among civilians during the third year of the war exceeded the births by 350,000 says that the Hungarian losses at the front in the same period were over 100,000, according to the 600 casualty lists published. The number of men who are at the front or who have done military service, is given as 3,000,000 or one-seventh of the entire population. . . . The civilian death rate, the writer says: "Deaths due to bad and insufficient food certainly increased in a very marked way."

**COST OF POTATOES**

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—The food controller reports the following price paid today for potatoes, quotations being on the basis of a 50-pound bag in each case: Toronto, \$1.90; Montreal, \$1.97 to \$2.25; Quebec, \$2.02 to \$2.25; St. John, \$1.62 to \$1.75; Prince Edward Island stock and \$1.75 to \$1.87 for New Brunswick white stock. The Quebec market is reported uneasy with potatoes scarce.

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