

the city, taxation was not put on a unified basis, particularly with reference to the building and maintenance of public schools; each ward has constituted one, some of them two, separate tax districts. . . . The low rates have been paid almost entirely by large "agricultural" holdings and expensive residence property, while the high rates have been saddled upon small business realty, small residences, and congested tenement neighborhoods.

It is this system which The Survey reports as having now been consigned to the legal scrap heap. [See current volume, page 581.]

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Progress of People's Power.

Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, president of the National Progressive Republican League, has made the following public statement showing progress in the movement for People's Power: "The States in which the Initiative and Referendum have been adopted as a Constitutional amendment are Oregon, Oklahoma, Nevada, Missouri, Montana, South Dakota, Arkansas and Maine. Utah has adopted an Initiative and Referendum amendment which is inoperative because of failure of the legislature to enact necessary legislation. The States in which the Initiative and Referendum amendment has been submitted by the legislatures but has not yet been voted upon by the people are California, Colorado, Washington, Wyoming, North Dakota, Nebraska, Florida and Idaho. The States that have adopted the Oregon plan of popular election of Senators are Oregon, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Kansas and California. The States that have adopted the Oregon plan of popular vote for candidates for President and Vice-President are Oregon, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, and Wisconsin."

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National Educational Association.

At the opening session of its forty-ninth annual convention, on the 10th at Los Angeles, the National Educational Association, Dr. Ella Flagg Young presiding, was welcomed with addresses by Hiram Johnson, Governor of California; by David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University; by Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California, and by Mayor McCarthy, of San Francisco. [See vol. xiii, p. 659, and current volume, page 83].

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Prior to the general session the board of directors met, with President Young in the chair, and the resignation of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, New York, was presented and accepted. Dr. Butler is described in the dispatches as a leader of "the old guard" which the "insurgents" described as the inner ring that has irresponsibly "run" the organization for years.

Dr. Butler's successor, J. Stanley Brown, of Joliet, Illinois, is also of "the old guard." He was elected to fill the vacancy by 18 to 17 over James Y. Joyner, of North Carolina, an insurgent.

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The Canadian Reciprocity Agreement.

The first vote in the Senate on the Canadian reciprocity agreement was taken on the 8th, with a Senate so very empty that but a bare quorum was recorded in the vote. [See current volume, pages 582, 625.]

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This vote was taken on an amendment offered by Senator Cummins, adding meats to the free list provided for in the agreement; and the amendment was defeated by 32 to 14, as follows:

Yeas: Borah, Bourne, Bristow, Clapp, Clark (Wyo.), Cummins, Dixon, Gronna, Kenyon, Nelson and Sutherland (Republicans); Bailey, Simmons and Thornton (Democrats).

Nays: Brandegee, Burnham, Burton, Crane, Culom, Curtis, Heyburn, Jones, Lippitt, Page, Poindexter, Smoot and Wetmore (Republicans); Bryan, Chamberlain, Chilton, Fletcher, Gore, Hitchcock, Johnson, Johnston, Martin, Martine, Myers, Owen Pomerene, Reed, Shively, Smith, Stone, Swanson and Williams (Democrats).

Several other amendments offered by Senator Cummins were voted down on the 10th by votes ranging from 12 to 14 for and from 51 to 53 against.

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The Woman in Danger.

Movements are springing up everywhere in the States and in Canada for the relief of Angelina Napolitano, the woman who is to be hanged in the Province of Ontario early in August (as soon as possible after her baby is born), for having killed her husband to prevent his forcing her into a life of prostitution. [See current volume, page 626.]

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In Chicago the women heading the movement are Mrs. Charles Henrotin of the Chicago Woman's club; Mrs. LaVerne W. Noves, of the D. A. R.; Mrs. L. D. Reilly, of the Catholic Women's league; Mrs. Charles F. Fishback, of the Tuesday Art and Travel club, and Miss Julia Lathrop, of Hull House. Their campaign takes the moderate form (as reported in the Chicago Tribune of the 7th), of an appeal to every woman in Chicago to write a letter to Sir Allen Aylesworth, M. P., K. C., C. M. G., Minister of Justice of Canada, whose address is Ottawa, urging him to grant Mrs. Napolitano a respite until a month or six weeks after the child is born. Margaret E. Burlingame is promoting a movement in Indianapolis. Great quantities of mail matter in the case are reported as on the way to the Canadian authorities or as