

In Union Of Conservatives Is Republicans' Only Hope

Coalition Government by a Fusion of Conservatives of Both Parties Seems Sole Means by Which Any Legislative Program Can be Put Through Congress

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Washington, December 3—Coalition government—a new line-up of conservatives from the Republican and Democratic parties as against the radical groups—is the only possible way out of the chaos in which Congress finds itself today.

The legislative program will either be a fizzle due to deadlocks and insurgency or else a temporary fusion of Democrats and Republicans will be made necessary on major questions.

Congress has before it a number of important tasks which ordinarily would occupy the attention of both houses for more than a year. Obviously much of the program will not even be touched but it is too early to be sure of what will be given priority.

At present writing the following would seem to be the principal items on the program:

First. The usual appropriation bills. These will provoke many controversies especially since an effort will be made to cut even further the estimates of expenditures by the executive departments.

Second. Tax revision. There is unanimity on the proposal to reduce the taxes of persons of incomes below \$10,000. This cannot be done, however, without providing revenue to take the place of the amounts lost by reducing smaller incomes. To obtain the new revenue, the Treasury declares surtaxes should be cut. The radicals think surtaxes should be retained at the present scale and other levies made besides such as excess profits taxes. There is a disposition to increase the rate on inheritance taxes.

Third. Treaties before the Senate. The general and special claims convention negotiated with Mexico will encounter little opposition but already there are evidences that a one-third bloc will endeavor to prevent the ratification of the proposed rum pact with Great Britain, whereby British ships can bring into American ports liquor under seal and American coast guard vessels can pursue rum runners flying the British flag for 12 miles out. The "wets" will line up against this treaty as well as many senators who think the American Merchant Marine will be put at a disadvantage. Then there are also the senators who think the constitution cannot be superseded by a treaty of this kind and that the decision of supreme court of the United States recently announced would be contradicted by the treaty. It's a legal point on which authorities differ. The total opponents may be sufficient to block ratification as two-thirds are necessary to adopt the pact. There may be a fight also on the proposed treaty with Turkey negotiated at Lausanne as the sympathizers with the Greeks are lining up against it.

Fourth. The World court proposal may never come out of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee but if it does it will start a lengthy fight. Senator Lodge, Republican leader, would like to bury it in committee. He may succeed unless the Democrats make a motion to discharge the committee.

Fifth. Efforts will be made to amend the Transportation Act to obtain the repeal of the so-called "guarantee" clause, but the chances at present are that the move will not succeed as the combination of conservatives can prevent it.

Sixth. Immigration legislation is always on the calendar though this time there will be a pressure both from the people who want the law amended to admit more aliens and those who want it restricted and measures taken abroad to keep undesirable from emigrating. This is not a party question but it is liable to be lost in the shuffle of partisan disputes.

Seventh. Legislation to prevent a recurrence of the troubles experienced in the Veterans Bureau will be insisted upon by the American Legion. Of all the bills to come before Congress this has the best chance of approval unless it is tied up with the bonus which Mr. Coolidge would probably veto.

Eighth. Muscle Shoals will be a constant issue as the demand of the farmers for cheaper fertilizer is something which neither party can afford to ignore. Ultimately a plan of government operation will be pressed unless the scheme for amending the Ford offer meets the approval of the Detroit automobile king.

Ninth. Prohibition will furnish a number of the interesting debates but the outlook would seem to be unfavorable to any proposal looking toward the immediate modification of the Volstead Act.

Tenth. Presidential politics will permeate the session on both sides of

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Secretary-general Jones has been with the organization since it was formed in 1917. It now counts 40,000 members in 700 clubs, distributed over 47 states and four Canadian provinces. These 700 clubs, have, in the last year, engaged 300 major activities, all for the upbuilding of their communities, the teaching of service and patriotism, and the promotion of good fellowship.

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The international convention will meet in Omaha in June, 1924.

TRAP SHOOTERS MAKE RECORD

New York, Dec. 4—Trapshooting averages established in the 1923 season rank among the best performances in the history of the sport, figures compiled here reveal.

John R. Taylor, Newark, Ohio, professional, is credited with the highest average ever made. Taylor shot at 2,000 targets and broke 1,969 for an average of 98.45. The best previous average was 98.38, made in 1922 by Frank Troch.

The best amateur average in 1923 was 98.23, made by P. R. Miller, of Dallas, Tex. W. H. Heer, of Guthrie, Okla., an amateur, and Fred Tomlin, of Glassboro, N. J., professional, also had averages of more than 98 per cent.



Knicks

Knickers have become the garb of the Indian maidens of the Passamaquoddy tribe, on the east Maine coast, near Eastport. The style was set by Princess Susan Neptune, 15 (above).

AGED SUFFRAGE WORKER ESCAPED INJURY IN JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE

Tokio, Dec. 4—One of those who escaped bodily harm in the Japanese earthquake and fire was Madame Kajiko Yajima, the 90-year-old suffrage advocate and president of the Japanese Christian Women's Temperance Society.

After her home had been damaged by the earthquake she was removed by girls to the residence of Marquis Kuroda, when she was obliged to flee, because of fire, to the First Regiment barracks. Later she was assisted to the Woman's Refuge Home.

Mme. Yajima represented Japan at the international conference of the Woman's Temperance Union in the United States in 1906.

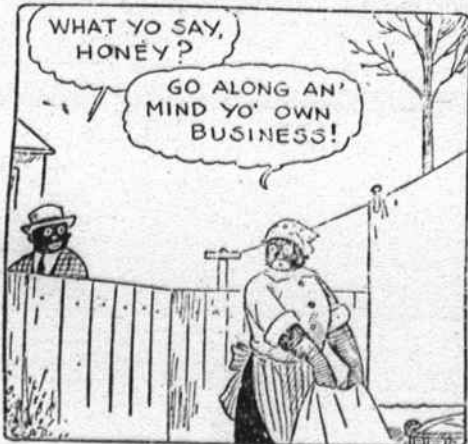
The political aisle as the maneuvering for delegates has already begun. So also will the Democratic party play the usual minority game about which the Republicans in past years have taught them so much, a game of obstruction on so-called party measures but indications are that this will not be permitted to imperil tax reduction or the bills for the Veterans Bureau or immigration reform.

Congress probably will hardly get started before the Christmas holidays and the real battle will come after the first of the year.

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