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ELKS' ANNUAL BALL DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Two Hundred Persons Enjoyed Themselves Thoroughly as Guests of Lodge Last Night

The annual ball of Lodge No. 46, Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, held last night in the Home on Third Avenue, proved the usual success. There were about 400 couples in attendance and dancing kept up in full swing until 2.30 this morning. The hall was decorated with balloons and streamers in the lodge colors which were released after supper to the delight of the crowd. Music was furnished up till 11 o'clock by Mrs. Gawthorne's orchestra, the Elks orchestra, under Charles Balagno, taking over the duties after that time. Delightful refreshments were served at midnight.

George Frizzell was master of ceremonies and Harry P. Lipsett presided at the door. The Elks' 11 o'clock ceremony was carried out by L. Murray Fuller. The committee in charge of the affair comprised Ben Self, A. A. Easson, C. Balagno, W. E. Williscroft, J. Gawthorne, Mrs. Ben Self, Mrs. Arthur Bailey and Mrs. T. Annesley.

LA FOLLETTE IN POLITICS

Is Political Boss with Wide Influence in Several States

MAY BE INDEPENDENT

Speculation as to Action he will Take in Forthcoming Election

By Ben Deacon
Canadian Press Correspondent
NEW YORK, March 5.—Robert M. "Bob" La Follette, Radical-Republican, "Boss" of Wisconsin, stormy petrel of the U.S. Senate, enemy of "the interests" and friend to Germany during the Great War, will play the big emotional scenes of the 1924 political drama. That is one of the best things he does. La Follette can "emote" thrillingly upon almost any conceivable subject, but he devotes most of his dramatic talent to depicting the villainies of the railroads.

La Follette can think up more hard names to call Wall Street and the transportation barons than even Hiram Johnson, but he does rather less talking than Johnson and displays more practical activity. Unlike Johnson, he is feared as well as hated in the realms of big finance. Unlike Johnson, too, he will probably wield an influence in the presidential race, though he is not expected to figure in the running himself. Johnson, trying to run with both hare and hounds, seeking the favor of both the "old guard" and progressive factions of the Republican party, has won comparatively little support. He is not even by any means certain of the backing of his own state, whereas La Follette is sure to control an important block of delegates in the national convention if he so desires.

INCREASED SAILINGS TO THE OLD COUNTRY

In order to take care of increased travel expected from Canada to the Old Country this summer, the White Star, Cunard and Anchor-Donaldson Lines announce additional sailings from Montreal and Quebec. It is also suggested that those going to the Old Country should make reservations and secure passports as early as possible. Write or call Canadian National Railways, 528 Third Avenue, Prince Rupert, B.C. Phone 260.

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NEW CANADIAN FLAG WILL FLY IN LONDON

Blue Ensign Will be Replaced by Red as Result of Order-in-Council

OTTAWA, March 5.—The practice of flying the blue ensign with the Canadian arms over the offices of the Canadian high commissioner in London has been stopped and in future the red ensign will be flown. On the recommendation of Premier King an order-in-council has been passed which sets forth that the flying of the blue ensign on land in the heart of London is manifestly irregular, this flag having been authorized in 1870 for use on Canadian government vessels.

The reason offered for flying the blue ensign in London, instead of the Union Jack, which is flown over all Canadian government buildings in Canada, is the need "very generally felt by Canadians in London for a distinctive emblem which will afford a ready means of distinguishing the character of the buildings over which it floats, and the portion of the empire to which they belong," in the language of the order-in-council.

The prime minister considers that this purpose would be served by the employment of the red ensign with the Canadian arms, this flag having been displayed from government buildings in Canada in the past, and being often spoken of as the "Canadian flag."

There will be no variation from the present practice in regard to the flying of flags from government buildings in Canada.

In the Letter Box

URGES NEW FLAG

Editor, Daily News:

I was glad to read in your paper the other day an article urging the adoption of a Canadian National flag. While no one is suffering from the lack of a proper piece of bunting, it would add much to the dignity of Canada as a nation to have a flag selected that would be really emblematic of the nation and yet be so simple that it would be made without difficulty and understood by everyone.

As a Canadian I should like to suggest that the Canadian Club here take up the matter, or else if they have not enough energy, perhaps the good sports in the Sons of Canada would like to immortalize themselves and benefit the country at the same time by starting a campaign for a real Canadian flag. Perhaps it would be best to choose a design first and then set about a campaign of publicity to get it generally adopted. Another way would be to offer a good prize for a design and get the other clubs throughout Canada to take it up and give it publicity.

Yours for a flag with a beaver and a maple leaf—industry and beauty, under the Union Jack.

YOUNG CANADIAN.

Against Coolidge

La Follette is not likely to support President Coolidge in the convention. At the opening of the present session of Congress he waged a violent and successful warfare against the administration Republicans by lining up his little band of Progressives with the Democrats. Moreover, he issued a statement on President Coolidge's message to Congress in which he declared the President had presented "a stand-pat, reactionary theory of government," and had proved himself the champion of "the interests of the railroads, the profiteers, the coal magnates and our other overlords against the mass of the people." After this outburst it would be a bit inconsistent for La Follette to support Coolidge in the convention, and, whatever else he may be, La Follette is not inconsistent.

The Wisconsin senator is even less likely to support Hiram Johnson. He has no love at all for Johnson, against whom he has an old political score to pay. In 1912 La Follette had high hopes of securing the Republican nomination. He had waged a strong pre-convention campaign and, among others, he thought he had the California delegates lined up. Johnson, in "Bob's" view, stole the California delegation from him and

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Possibility of Election

"La Follette can be nominated and elected president of the United States. A word from him that he would accept our nomination would sweep like wildfire through the country and would unquestionably result in his unanimous selection by the National Farmer-Labor-Progressive Party Convention."

Despite Mr. Hopkins' optimistic prediction, it is pretty generally agreed by impartial political observers that La Follette, running as an independent, would have no chance of winning the Presidency. However, his third-party candidature might settle the fate of Coolidge. He might very well carry all the states from Wisconsin west to Oregon, and as these are nearly all certain Republican states that Coolidge could not very well spare, the result might be disastrous for the New Englander.

THE PARSON'S FEAR

The Rye Country Club, of Rye, New York, has issued a warning to all ladies wearing short skirts or knickers to keep out of the Parson's cow pasture adjoining the eighteenth fairway. The reason for the said warning is that strange calves often excite a cow's anger.