

nett of the General Land Office on the 26th to be invalid, and the secretary of the interior, Walter L. Fisher, approved the finding. This decision is regarded as a triumph for Pinchot and a blow to the Morgan-Guggenheim syndicate. [See current volume, page 153.]

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The Illinois Deepwater Way.

When Governor Deneen's waterway measure came into the Lower House of the Illinois Legislature from the Senate, it was referred to a committee which reported it out on the 23rd, with an unfavorable recommendation by a vote of 10 to 9. An amendment transforming the measure into a simple power-conservation measure was tabled by 72 to 43, and by 71 to 53 a hostile amendment attaching a referendum clause to the \$20,000,000 appropriation was adopted. This was at the end of a long session of the 23rd which terminated at nearly 3 in the morning of the 24th. At the regular session of the 24th, soon after the House was called to order, the bill was put on its passage and defeated by 75 for to 52 against, the affirmative vote necessary to enact being 77. On the 26th the bill was to have been presented again in the Senate, but in the absence of a quorum a recess became necessary. [See current volume, page 583.]

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Progressive Republicans of Illinois.

In preparation for an immediate Statewide campaign, the managing committee of the Progressive Republican League agreed on the 20th at Chicago to the following platform drafted by the executive committee consisting of Charles E. Merriam, Charles M. Thompson, J. W. Breen, C. R. Bechtel and Harold L. Ickes.

We believe in a Republican organization which derives its authority from the free and independent expression of the will of the voters of the party under direct primaries. We believe such an organization will deserve and receive the enthusiastic confidence and support of the people. We do not believe the party should be manipulated and controlled by a few selfish persons holding their power by traffic in patronage or through connection with special interests. We believe the party should pledge itself to and faithfully carry out a platform of progressive ideas and principles. We favor principles rather than men. We shall support the candidacies of those men who are known to believe heartily in the principles here set forth and who will fight for them: Direct election of United States Senators. Initiative, Referendum and Recall. A thoroughgoing corrupt practices act. Enforcement of the civil service laws, local and State, with such additional legislative safeguards as may be necessary. Business methods in public office. A short ballot. Separation of the judiciary from politics. Conservation of our natural resources. A law providing for the instruction of delegates to national

conventions by popular vote. Let us make 'government of the people, for the people, and by the people' something more than an empty phrase in Illinois.

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Mexico.

The independent insurrection in the Mexican peninsula of Lower California, officered by Socialist and Anarchist leaders from the United States, which opposed itself to Madero in succession to Diaz, appears to have been suppressed, according to somewhat confused dispatches of the last week. Many of the insurrectionists have been driven across the north border into the United States. C. Rhys Price, who has been a chief leader in the Lower California insurrection, is a prisoner at Los Angeles. Other refugees are being held at Fort Rosecrans. It is announced that all these will be released except "General" Jack Mosby and two others for whom warrants are held. [See current volume, pages 562, 584.]

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Emma Goldman and British Socialists.

An attack upon Emma Goldman by "Justice," the Socialist organ of London, has been resented by supporters and other friends of Miss Goldman of the United States in a numerously signed protest to "Justice" which reads:

We write to protest in the most emphatic manner against this outrageous slander. It passes our comprehension why you should soil your columns by printing such an absolutely unsupported charge against one of the most devoted and beloved representatives of the radical movement in America. Emma Goldman has given the best years of her life to the Anarchist cause. Her integrity is above suspicion. There is not an iota of truth in the charge.

Among the signers are Leonard D. Abbott, associate editor of "Current Literature"; William English Walling, Hutchins Hapgood, J. G. Phelps Stokes, William Marion Reedy, Alden Freeman, Bolton Hall, Rose Pastor Stokes, Theodore Schroeder, James F. Morton, Jr., Edwin C. Walker, Daniel Kiefer, Rose Strunsky and Huldah L. Potter Loomis. The charge published by "Justice" appeared in its issue of May 13 and was as follows:

It is not generally known that Emma Goldman is in the pay of the police, though the fact has leaked out recently. At one time she was employed by Mr. A. E. Clarovsky, of the Russian secret police, in San Francisco, as an agent and a spy.

NEWS NOTES

—James B. Smiley, long familiarly known in Chicago as a Socialist, and a book publisher here for twenty years, died suddenly on the 26th at the age