

with reference to matters before him nobody has any right to attempt to influence, by fear or favor, the action of that Judge. There is the larger and more impersonal question of a free press and a free judiciary involved here. The only question here is: Is not a court to be permitted while it is cogitating or determining what is to be done, in a case to be submitted, to transact that business without annoyance?

In answer to this the attorney for Cochran replied:

I say our Government does not contemplate such power. That would be censorship such as of which we have never read. In comparison with such a censorship that of Russia and of the wars would be mild. The biggest questions of the nation are before our courts. And I say that there is no power that can place on the public a bushel which will smother the interest the public is taking in our public affairs. I do not agree with the Court in the statement that so long as any court has in its heart consideration of a matter that no matter where the court is, just so long must every one refrain from interfering. No speaker would dare speak for fear the Judge might be in the audience, and no writer would dare pick up his pen and write an article for fear the Court might read the article.

No decision has yet been rendered. [See current volume page 901.]



#### Possible Bequest for Suffrage Cause.

A news dispatch on September 26 states that the will of Mrs. Frank Leslie, former publisher of Leslie's Weekly, provided a bequest of \$1,500,000 to be used for the promotion of woman suffrage. The will has not yet been probated and definite details are consequently unknown.



#### Delaware Progressives.

The Progressive party convention of Delaware met at Dover on September 22 and nominated for Congress Reverend George E. Reed of Wilmington. The platform criticizes the Wilson administration on national issues, but contains progressive planks on State issues. The taxation plank is as follows:

We believe that the holding of unimproved real estate for speculation in no way contributes to progress.

We believe that a system of taxation which handicaps the improver of real estate and encourages the holder of unimproved land is wrong.

We deplore the fact that much of the unimproved land in our state is held by persons who are adding nothing to its business activity, and are in many cases non-residents. We affirm that such a condition is inimical to progress.

To encourage the use of land for manufacture, building and all other useful purposes, we believe that each county, city, town, village or other community should have power to lessen the taxes upon the improvements upon real estate within its boundaries and to proportionately increase the taxes upon

community made land values, thereby removing or lessening the handicap which is now placed upon business activity and discouraging the holding of land purely for speculation.

A graduated inheritance tax is also demanded.



#### Questions for Candidates.

Congressional candidates of all parties are requested by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to answer the following list of questions:

1. Will you, if elected, vote against any measure abrogating the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments?
2. Will you, if elected, vote against—
  - a. Segregation in the federal service?
  - b. Residential segregation in the District of Columbia?
  - c. Segregation in Jim Crow cars in the District of Columbia?
3. Regardless of whether you advocate racial intermarriage, will you oppose the passage of a law making such marriage in the District of Columbia invalid, since the enactment by states of such laws has led to the degradation of Negro women and children?
4. Do you under any circumstances justify lynching?
5. Do you favor the enforcement of Clause 2 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution?



#### Mexico and the United States.

Close upon the announcement that the United States troops would be withdrawn from Vera Cruz, a serious break occurred between General Carranza and General Villa. On the 23d General Villa disavowed the First Chief of the Constitutionalists, and announced that neither he nor any of his delegates would attend the convention called for October 1 at Mexico City to designate a provisional president. He further announced that he would back his stand with arms. Many conflicting reports come from the Carranza people in Mexico City and from the Villa partisans in the north. Actual fighting is reported between Carranza troops under General Benjamin Hill and the troops of Governor Maytorena of the State of Sonora, who has sided with General Villa, and declared his state independent of the government of Mexico City. General Villa has formally announced that he will not be a candidate for the presidency, and it is reported that for the sake of peace General Carranza will give a similar promise when all military candidates are eliminated. General Villa demanded that General Carranza resign in favor of Fernando Iglesias Calderon, who has been allied with neither faction. The Washington administration is hopeful that the rival factions will come to an agreement before the meeting of the conference, which has been