

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

Dangerous Decision. This Thrifty Country. Watching Teddy. New Ocean to Rule.

Laymen, out of respect for the courts, assume that the Supreme Court judges of California interpreted the law accurately when, by a majority of only one, they decided that La Follette's electors, although duly named by petition, should not go on the ballot in November.

The people do not like to be told by a judge, or anybody, that they may not vote for their own choice. For a court by a majority of one, in disregard of established custom, to say that state electors are the servants and agents of political conventions, and therefore the people have to name their own electors by petition, is DANGEROUS.

This California decision will be worth a great deal to those who believe that the public having power to put judges on the bench, should also have the power to take them off.

Louisiana follows California by refusing La Follette electors a place on the ballot. President Coolidge, much to his credit, expresses regret that any American should be forbidden to vote for the man of his choice. The president's statement will be applauded by ninety-nine per cent of American voters.

Somebody is saving money in this country, because of higher wages or prohibition, or whatever you choose. Savings deposited in 1923, as revealed at the bankers' convention in Chicago, amounted to more than EIGHTEEN THOUSAND MILLION DOLLARS.

While the population of the country increased fourteen per cent, savings bank deposits, increased 108 per cent.

Business men that put Detroit on the map and Detroit products all over the world, propose to add control of the flying machine industry to their automobile industry. Edsel Ford supplies money for airplane research, and puts a flying field near his Dearborn plant at the service of all working on metal airplanes. The Hudson and Packard motor companies are spending money generously in the same direction.

All that is good news for those interested in this country's independence of foreign domination.

Two thousand years ago the land in Palestine was marvellously fertile a real earthly paradise. Money would restore that fertility, and strangely enough, the money, more than Palestine ever dreamed of in all its glory, may be taken out of the Dead Sea.

That great body of intensely salt water is found to be heavily charged with potash. It can be got out simply, at a cost of \$5 a ton, and marketed in Europe at \$15 a ton, against the now prevailing price of \$30. There is a chance for enterprising Americans.

Americans will watch with interest young Theodore the Second, following in his father's footsteps. The original T. R. went to the New York Legislature, so did his son. The original T. R. ran for governor and was elected. His son is now running for governor. Whether he will be elected or not remains to be seen.

Georges Clemenceau celebrates his eighty-third birthday in his little house on the French coast, looking out on the wild waters where, ancient Basques used to catch whales. Clemenceau's health is good, because he is wise. A fighter all his life, he avoids all controversy now. Anger poisons men always, and in old age it kills them.

Picking a rose in his garden he says, "I like flowers; they have an advantage over men, they are silent."

The average citizen in this country pays less attention to news of the war in China than he would, to news about someone falling off a horse.

Yet there are 500,000 men lined up for the decisive Chinese battle that is expected. And that is no child's play. The Chinese, like the Japanese, are building fighting flying machines. Let that be remembered by elderly naval gentlemen dozing sweetly, unconscious of the fact that the battleship is obsolete, out of date, a joke in war. The flying machine is the new weapon. The air is the ONLY one that counts. The air is the NEW OCEAN. Who rules that ocean, rules the world.

Marriages

Sept. 28, Miss Bernice Townsend of Alfred Station and William Binder of Rochester, N. Y. After a short

wedding trip they will make their home at Syracuse, N. Y., where Mr. Binder has a position with the Dale engineering company.

Oct. 8, Miss Maud Allen and Richard M. Hammond, both of Richburg, married by Rev. Hargis at the S. D. Baptist parsonage at Little Genesee. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond will reside at Buffalo.

PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE STATE OF NEW YORK

Office of the Secretary of State
Albany, September 15, 1924.

Pursuant to the provisions of section eighty of the Election Law, the following proposition will be submitted to the voters of this State for approval on November fourth, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

JAMES A. HAMILTON,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 602
An act making provision for issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed fifteen million dollars for the extension and improvement of existing state parks and the establishment of new state parks and parkways in order to create a comprehensive and unified state park system for the promotion of the recreation, instruction and health of the people, and providing for a submission of the same to the people to be voted upon at the General Election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Became a law May 2, 1924, with the approval of the Governor. Passed, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. There shall be issued, in the manner and at the times hereinafter recited, bonds of the state in an amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars, which bonds shall be sold by the state and the proceeds thereof paid into the state treasury, and so much thereof as may be necessarily expended for the development, improvement and extension of state parks within the State of New York, including the acquisition of lands, and for the establishment of a unified state park system as hereinafter provided. Such bonds when issued shall be exempt from taxation.

Section 2. The comptroller is hereby directed to cause to be prepared the bonds of the state to an amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars (15,000,000), such bonds to bear interest at the rate of not in excess of five per centum per annum, which interest shall be payable semi-annually in the city of New York. Such bonds, or such portion thereof as may be issued, shall be serial bonds payable in equal annual installments, the first of which shall be payable one year after the date of issue and the last of which shall be payable at such time as may be hereafter prescribed by law, but not more than fifty years after the debt or fraction thereof shall have been contracted. Such bonds shall be sold for not less than par. The comptroller is hereby charged with the duty of selling such bonds to the highest bidder after advertising for a period of twenty consecutive days, Sundays excepted, in at least two daily newspapers printed in the city of New York and one in the city of Albany. Advertisements shall contain a provision to the effect that the comptroller, in his discretion, may reject any or all bids made in pursuance of such advertisements, and, in the event of such rejection, the comptroller is authorized to readvertise for bids in the form and manner above described as many times as in his judgment may be necessary to effect a satisfactory sale. Said bonds shall be sold in such lots and at such times as may be required for the purpose of making partial or final payments in accordance with the provisions of this act. The principal and interest on such bonds as the same accrue shall be paid out of appropriations made therefor pursuant to law.

Section 3. The proceeds of such bonds, after appropriation or appropriations therefrom by the legislature, shall be applicable to the development, improvement and extension of state parks within the state of New York, including the acquisition of lands or waters or both for the extension or establishment thereof, and for surveys, examination of titles and other necessary expenses incidental to the acquisition of such lands, as follows, provided that no part of the sum set aside for the state forest preserve shall be used for any other purpose than for the acquisition of lands within the forest preserve counties, which lands if now owned by state under existing law, would be part of the forest preserve:

For the state forest preserve	\$5,000,000
For the Palisades Interstate park	3,500,000
For the Allegany state park	2,000,000
For the New York state reservation at Niagara	
For the Letchworth park	500,000

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For the development of a state park system on Long Island 1,000,000

For the development and extension of other state parks and the acquisition and development of additional parks, including the further development of the state reservation at Saratoga Springs, the Taconic park and the park on the Tongue mountain peninsula at Lake George 500,000

Section 4. The moneys for the state forest preserve shall be expended and lands acquired under the direction of the conservation commissioner by and with the advice and consent of the commissioners of the land office. The moneys for the development, improvement and extension of the Palisades Interstate park shall be expended and the lands shall be acquired by the commissioners of the Palisades Interstate park under the provisions of chapter one hundred and seventy of the laws of nineteen hundred, as amended. The moneys for the extension and improvement of the Allegany state park shall be expended by the commissioners of the Allegany state park. The moneys for the extension and improvement of the New York state reservation at Niagara shall be expended by the commissioners of that reservation. The moneys for the Bronx parkway extensions and connections shall be expended by the Westchester county park commission as the agent of the state, or otherwise as the legislature may determine. The moneys for the Long Island park system shall be expended by a commission constituted by the legislature, to be known as the Long Island state park commission. The moneys for the extension and improvement of the Letchworth park shall be expended by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. The moneys for the extension and improvement of state parks in the Finger Lake region shall be expended by a commission to be constituted as the legislature may determine. The remaining moneys for other park extensions and for new parks, including the further development of the state reservation at Saratoga Springs and Lake George park, shall be expended under the direction of the conservation commission, or otherwise as the legislature may determine. The legislature may at any time hereafter provide that the moneys as to which it is hereinbefore provided that the expenditure shall be made under the direction of the respective commissioners, commissions or societies in this section specified, may be expended by any other state department, board, commission or officer that it may designate. Except as in this section otherwise provided such lands may be acquired in such manner as the legislature may provide, which may be either by purchase, by condemnation or by entry and appropriation with submission to the court of claims or supreme court for the determination and award of damages for such entry and appropriation, or by one or more of such methods as the legislature may provide.

Section 5. The moneys appropriated for the acquisition of lands under this act shall be available for the payment of the purchase price where lands are acquired by contract or for payments of judgments and awards in case of purchase by condemnation. Moneys appropriated for the acquisition of forest preserve lands, and of lands in the Allegany state park shall also be available for the payment of judgments and awards in case of proceedings by entry and appropriation.

Section 6. The term "lands" as used in this act includes the improvements thereon. All lands acquired under the state park system contemplated by this act shall be for the use of all the people.

Section 7. This law shall not take effect until it shall at a general election have been submitted to the people and have received a majority of all the votes cast for and against it at such election; and the same shall be submitted to the people of this state at the general election to be held in November, nineteen hundred and twenty-four. The ballot to be furnished for the use of the voters upon the submission of this law shall be in the form prescribed by the election law and the proposition or question to be submitted shall be printed thereon in substantially the following form, namely: "Shall chapter (here insert the number of the chapter) of the laws of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, entitled 'An act making provision for issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed fifteen million dollars for the extension and improvement of existing state parks and the establishment of new state parks and

parkways in order to create a comprehensive and unified state park system for the promotion of the recreation, instruction and health of the people, and providing for a submission of the same to the people to be voted upon at the general election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four be approved?"

FORM OF SUBMISSION OF PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

"Shall chapter 602, of the Laws of 1924, entitled 'An act making provision for issuing bonds to the amount of not to exceed fifteen million dollars for the extension and improvement of existing state parks and the establishment of new state parks and

parkways in order to create a comprehensive and unified state park system for the promotion of the recreation, instruction and health of the people, and providing for a submission of the same to the people to be voted upon at the general election to be held in the year 1924, be approved?"

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