

WASHINGTON NEWS

A United Press dispatch says: In announcing his approval of the sentence of the court dismissing Midshipman James C. Cook, of Arkansas, from the Annapolis naval academy, Secretary Daniels made it plain he intends to stamp out hazing in the future and that he considered that the court had been exceedingly lenient with Cook in not imposing a sentence of one year's confinement in addition to his dismissal "I have no sympathy with hazing," said the secretary. "A hazer is a bully and must necessarily have in his nature a streak of the same innate cruelty possessed by brutes who torture dumb animals for the pleasure of watching their suffering." Daniels emphatically declared that the navy

was no place for youths of this type. The specific charges upon which Midshipman Cook was convicted by the court were not revealed by navy department officials. It was stated, however, that their nature was extraordinary and that because of this reason Secretary Daniels decided to make an example of the case.

Secretary Lane, of the interior department, has designated Oscar W. Lang, assistant attorney of the interior department, as his personal representative to investigate charges against special agents in South Dakota homestead cases.

Senator Shafroth, of Colorado, has offered an amendment to the constitution providing that newly elected members of congress shall begin their labors immediately after election instead of thirteen months later. The proposed amendment provides that the terms of the president and vice president shall commence on the second Monday in January following the election.

Representative Underwood was sick for a few days, threatened with a breakdown from hard work on the tariff bill. He is better now.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau since 1985, appointee of the Cleveland administration, was removed from office by President Wilson. He had resigned, the resignation to take effect July 31, but later President Wilson withdrew his acceptance of the resignation and removed him.

A bill has been introduced in the house of representatives making it unlawful for a caucus or conference to adopt rules requiring requiring a member of congress to vote against his judgment.

President Wilson has nominated former Governor John E. Osborne, of Wyoming, to be first assistant secretary of state; Walter H. Page, of New York, to be ambassador to Great Britain; William H. Osborn, of Greensboro, N. C., to be commissioner of internal revenue, and H. Snowden Marshall to be United States attorney for the southern district of New York.

These other nominations were transmitted to the senate:

Surveyor general of Oregon, Edward G. Worth, of Portland.

Registers of land offices—Onias C. Skinner, Montrose, Colo.; John H. Bowen, Springfield, Mo.; James F. Burgess, Lakeview, Ore.

Receivers of Public Moneys—Lee A. Ruark, Del Norte, Colo.; William A. Maxwell, Denver; Samuel B. Berry, Montrose, Colo.; Sam Mothershead, Burns, Ore.; L. A. Booth, The Dalles, Ore.; Nolan Skiff, LaGrange, Ore.; Samuel Butler, Sacramento, Cal.

Postmasters—Frank S. Myers, Portland, Ore.; John E. Conner, Chattanooga, Tenn.

John J. Mitchell, democrat, has been elected to congress from the Thirteenth Massachusetts district. He succeeds John W. Weeks, who was elected to the senate.

Samuel Houston Thompson, formerly republican attorney general of Colorado, has been selected for assistant attorney general of the United States before the court of claims. He was the head of the Woodrow Wilson Rocky Mountain club, one of the president's students at Princeton and a member of the famous Princeton eleven of '96.

Following is an Associated Press dispatch: The democratic tariff revision bill came in for its first attack in the senate, and the skirmish outlined the scope and

vigor of the fight that will be made against it by republican forces when tariff discussion begins in the two houses. Backed by requests from many interests for hearings on certain sections of the Underwood bill, republican senators made a demand upon members of the finance committee for hearings and openly attacked the "secret legislation" now going on in the democratic caucus of house members.

Democratic senators who replied to the attack made it clear that the finance committee does not plan to grant any public hearings. Senators Williams and Stone insisted full hearings had been given by the house committee before the bill was prepared, while republican senators declared that these hearings had been of little value because the rates of the Underwood bill were not then known.

Charles H. Mann, for thirty years superintendent of the press gallery in the house of representatives, is dead, aged seventy-four.

Republican leaders in the house sought to get into the record an open letter written by William R. Hearst criticising President Wilson's innovation in addressing congress personally and condemning the democratic tariff bill.

Among the appointments announced by the president, are the following:

Member United States board of general appraisers—Jerry B. Sullivan, Iowa.

Appraiser of customs at Philadelphia—William Roper.

Auditor for the interior department—Robert W. Wooley of Virginia.

Collector of internal revenue—Herman S. Hanson, Second district, Wisconsin.

Assistant secretary of war—Herbert C. Breckenridge, Kentucky.

Judge of the district court of Alaska, division No. 1—Robert J. Jennings of Alaska.

United States district attorney for the district of Oregon—Clarence L. Reams.

United States marshal, eastern district of Texas—Benjamin F. Sherrill.

Director of the census—William J. Parris.

Register of the land office at Kalispel, Mont.—Frank O. Williams.

Register at Santa Fe, N. M.—Francisco Delago.

Recorder of the general land office—Lucius Q. C. Lamar.

Receiver of public moneys at Cheyenne, Wyo.—Luke Voorhees.

Diplomatic appointments were announced as follows:

George W. Guthrie of Pennsylvania, for ambassador to Japan.

Charles R. Crane of Chicago, for ambassador to Russia.

Frederick C. Penfield of Pennsylvania, for minister to Spain.

Associated Press dispatches say that James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union, will be appointed public printer.

R. S. Whaley was elected to the house of representatives from the first South Carolina district, succeeding the late George S. Legare.

An Associated Press dispatch says: Information from the White House announced that Henry Janes had been recalled as arbitrator between the government of Ecuador and the Guayaquil & Quito Railroad company, an American corporation, in a claim dispute. It was said that, while there was nothing in the recall of Mr. Janes to reflect upon him personally, the policy of the administration would be not to have the

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