

WASHINGTON NEWS

Representative Maguire has introduced a bill increasing the number of wireless operators on ships. This is identical with the bill introduced by Mr. Hitchcock in the senate.

Representative Sulzer of New York has received from Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press, the following letter:

"I have your letter of January 3rd and note contents. It is quite true that in a dispatch dated Washington, December 16th, the Associated Press was led to say that the Russian government had protested against the house resolution through Ambassador Bakhmeteff. But on December 18th we carried and transmitted to the American newspapers a rather lengthy dispatch from St. Petersburg, in which the Russian foreign office denied explicitly that any such protest had been made. Also, on the same date we carried a dispatch from Washington quoting Secretary Knox as saying that Russia had not protested either 'against the abrogation of the treaty or against the language of the Sulzer resolution.' So it seems to me we have already clarified the situation as well as it is possible for us to do."

An Associated Press dispatch says: Books and papers of the United States Steel corporation are to be examined by the government. Chairman Stanley, of the house "steel trust" investigating committee, issued subpoenas duces tecum for all the documents, which thus far the steel corporation had not produced, although the committee expressed its desire to examine them.

Andrew Carnegie appeared before the Stanley committee and said: "It does my heart good to think that I got ahead of John D. Rockefeller, my fellow millionaire, in that Lake Superior ore deal." Mr. Carnegie had just told the committee about his deal with Mr. Rockefeller whereby he obtained control of Mr. Rockefeller's iron ore holdings in the Lake Superior region at a rate of 15 cents a ton, holding which when turned into the steel corporation later formed a large part of the assets valued at \$700,000,000. Mr. Carnegie laughed like a school boy as he referred to the business triumph he had achieved over his "fellow millionaire." As he spoke of Mr. Rockefeller he took the committee into his confidence and told of a New Year's call he and Mrs. Carnegie made on the oil king and Mrs. Rockefeller.

"We had an enjoyable chat, but in our conversation I never referred to that ore purchase," Mr. Carnegie chuckled, while his auditors enjoyed the laugh with him.

Throughout the inquiry Mr. Carnegie declared he had come to tell all he knew, but he was unable to supply many facts which the committee desired, stating that he had never paid any attention to the books of the Carnegie company before its absorption by the steel corporation.

He was particularly emphatic in his testimony relating to the sale of his property to the United States Steel corporation at the behest of J. P. Morgan, and told the committee he wanted to end gossip that he had held out for an unreasonable price. He also declared that when his partner, H. C. Frick, asked him for an option for unknown persons on the Carnegie Steel company, that he demanded \$2,000,000 as an earnest of the intentions of the prospective owners, and that when the deal fell

through and he learned that the Moores of New York were behind it, he was surprised.

"Had I known that the Moores were behind that option, which I made on a valuation of \$320,000,000," said Mr. Carnegie, "I never would have given it."

Robert Bacon, United States ambassador to France, has resigned.

Frank A. Munsey, owner of the Washington Times, prints over his own signature an editorial entitled, "Mr. Roosevelt and the Presidency." In this editorial Mr. Munsey says: "That he is not a candidate for the nomination is certain. If no call comes to him to lead the fight he will keep right on having a good time with his work as he is now doing. But if the call does come he will buckle on his armour and 'go to it' with all his old-time impetuosity and energy."

A dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald says: An insurrection among the house democrats, which may involve the presidential aspirations of Speaker Champ Clark and Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, developed recently over a republican insurgent fight.

The democrats of the house divided into two clearly defined factions: those of marked progressive tendencies voting in repudiation of the leadership of Mr. Underwood.

To fill a vacancy upon the committee on rules caused by the death of Representative Madison of Kansas, Representative Mann of Chicago, as minority leader, following the old Cannon methods, nominated Representative Campbell of Kansas. The rules of the house now provide that assignments to committees shall be made by the house.

It has been the practice from the democratic members of the committee on ways and means to consider the names suggested by Mr. Mann for committee places. Mr. Underwood and other democratic members of the committee, advised Mr. Campbell's selection, but Representative Norris of Nebraska, a leader among the insurgent republicans, offered the name of Representative Murdock of Kansas for the vacancy, insisting that the place should be filled by a progressive, Mr. Madison having belonged to that faction.

On the surface it appeared to be a fight among the republicans, but the progressive element on both sides of the house quickly changed this aspect and revived the issue, which had been fought out while Mr. Cannon was speaker.

Mr. Underwood, with his presidential aspirations, did not hesitate to accept the challenge and he made an impassioned appeal to his party associates to approve the organization methods of the Cannon regime, which have so often been criticised in the house and throughout the country. He insisted that the republicans of the house should be permitted to decide among themselves, in caucus or otherwise, how republican vacancies on committees should be filled. He insisted that, if the republicans were willing that Mr. Mann should follow the Cannon practice, the democrats should not object.

Exciting days of two years ago were recalled by the debate, but when the roll was called it was found that seventy-nine democrats, recognized as including the progressive members on their side of the house, deserted Mr. Underwood, un-

willing to follow his conservative counsel.

The organization republicans and the conservative democrats who did follow Mr. Underwood mustered sufficient strength to defeat the progressive movement in support of Mr. Murdock's appointment, and by a vote of 167 to 107, they voted down the Norris motion.

It was notable that the opposition to Mr. Underwood's counsel was led by the closest friends of Speaker Clark, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Shackelford. Other friends of Mr. Clark participated in the debate in opposition to Mr. Underwood.

Representatives Evans, Fowler, Buchanan, Sabath and Stone of Illinois voted with the insurgents.

Representative Norris followed his first defeat with a resolution for the appointment of Representative Warburton of Washington, insurgent, as a member of the special sugar investigating committee, of which the late Representative Madison was also a member. This resolution was tabled on the motion of Mr. Underwood, 167 to 21. The insurgents could not muster enough votes to force a roll call on the question.

Senator Townsend, republican, of Michigan, says that the presidential candidates will be Taft and Clark.

JUDGED MEN BY THEIR CLOTHES

Herman Fellner tells this story on himself, according to the New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Times Star. He was in Washington on business recently and met three or four friends on the street. After a moment's chat he beckoned them to come with him. "I'm off the stuff," said he, "but I want to buy you each a cigar."

They happened to be in front of a combination cigar and news stand at the moment. Led by Mr. Fellner, they all trooped in. The clerk hurried to the cigar case to wait upon them. Before Mr. Fellner could indicate his wishes the clerk had slapped a box on the glass case. "Here y' are," said he. "Best dime smoker in town."

Mr. Fellner is sort of fussy about his smokes. He looked at the cigar offered him rather dubiously and then shoved the box away. "Have you no other price," he asked.

The clerk shoved the box in the case. "Sure thing," said he. "My mistake and your treat."

Having pulled off this time-worn witticism, he addressed Mr. Fellner confidentially. "Your clothes sort of fooled me," said he. "You fellers are a pretty well dressed lot, you know." Then he put another box on the counter. "Here," said he, "is the best nickel smoker in the village."

WHAT THE COOK WAS DOING

While a certain Richmond family were in Europe the dusky housemaid acted as caretaker, and more than once she received in the dining room an admirer in the person of one Henry Morgan, cab driver.

One evening, as the maid and the Jehu were making merry, there came from the kitchen a painful scratching sound.

"What's dat noise in de kitchen?" demanded the maid's admirer. "Must be a dawg tryin' to git in."

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Mistress—"Bridget, I told you not to put these silver knives in with the steel ones again."

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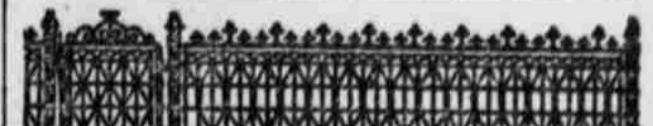
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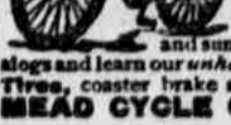


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