

Fall to Quit Cabinet in Short Time

Secretary of Interior Peeved Over Alaskan Policy and Failure to Get Hold of Forestry Service.

New Probable Successor

By GEORGE F. AUTHIER, Washington Correspondent. The Omaha Bee, Washington, Dec. 26.—Albert B. Fall, secretary of the interior, it became definitely known today, will leave President Harding's cabinet before spring and Senator Harry New of Indiana, recently defeated, is likely to be named in his place.

The determination of Secretary Fall to resign, making the second break in the Harding cabinet, followed a spirited session in the president's committee on reorganization of the government, held at the White House last week.

It signifies a complete victory for Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in the fight which has been waging about the future policy toward Alaska and is interpreted by leading senators as spelling the utter defeat of the ambitious reorganization scheme. An effort will be made to get the plan before congress. There is some doubt whether this will be accomplished and even if it is, it is not expected congress will approve of what has been done.

Prodded Along Plank. The fact that Secretary Fall has been compelled to walk the plank in the contest for supremacy in the president's cabinet, wins for Secretary Wallace the principal place among the president's advisers. His victory in defeating the purposes of the reorganization scheme, by keeping control of the forestry service in his department, instead of placing it in the Department of Interior, where the president originally wanted it placed, establishes a precedent for the rest of the bureaucracy, who are now insisting upon retaining their prerogatives.

The army will not surrender to the navy, nor will the sea forces give place to those of the land. Heads of bureaus in either department whose "lines" have become crossed in the slow and complex development of the machinery of government, are equally obstinate.

Balks on Alaska Policy. The decision reached by Mr. Fall to retire from the cabinet hinges relative to the administration's policy relative to Alaska, although it develops the secretary of the interior has not been in complete harmony with his chief and other members of the cabinet on important issues.

Chicago "Graft Gang" Attacked

City Looted of Millions, Municipal Voters' League Charge.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Municipal Voters' league in a statement made public today charged Mayor William Hale Thompson and his supporters in this city council with responsibility of alleged waste of city funds in what is declared excessive payments to five real estate and building experts employed by the city.

In 1920, the Municipal Voters' league charged, five "Thompson real estate experts" got away with \$2,742,666 from the city treasury and drew a total of \$3,287,634 in three years, according to the city controller.

"Chicago's city hall gang is believed to have cost Chicago more than the Tweed ring cost New York," the statement continued.

Commenting on the city council's responsibility, the statement said: "Nothing so dastardly and servile, nothing so degrading in its tendencies, and so deadly to the ideals of aldermen, has occurred in the council since the league was organized 27 years ago. It was the act of a gutted, pliable, incompetent Thompson council."

The Pennsylvania and the New York state capital grafts, the robbing of San Francisco by Ruef's machine, Christmas genuis of official brigandage show no such clear, quick and neat profits to subordinate individuals as our experts got."

Suits have been filed in court against Mayor Thompson, the city controller and the five experts for recovery of part of the alleged wasted money paid the latter.

In concluding, the statement asked "why not clean out such a council, root and branch, saving only the handful of honest men in it?"

Waiter in Senate Cafe Is Discharged for Bootlegging

Washington, Dec. 26.—The drive to keep bootleggers out of the capitol building severed from the government payroll today a waiter said by senate officials to have dropped a flask of champagne whisky on the floor of the senate restaurant.

Senator Curtis of Kansas, chairman of the senate rules committee, who recently ordered the capitol police to arrest all bootleggers found in the building regardless of what influence they might invoke, deprived the waiter of his job after an investigation of the flask episode.

Teeth Church Burns

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Word was received today that the 10th fire to sweep a Catholic edifice in Canada this year had destroyed the parish church of Saint Thomas d'Alfred at Parnett.

"Divine Sarah" Near Death



Sarah Bernhardt

Sarah Bernhardt, now 77, and acting despite the loss of a leg, suffered a heart attack while playing recently in Paris and was forced to ring down the curtain. She declares, however, she will continue her stage career until she dies. The "Divine Sarah" recently was reported preparing for her 10th "Eurewell Appearance" in America. In this photograph she appears in the title role of "Un Theatre au Champ d'Honneur."

Sarah Bernhardt Much Improved; Family Is Happy

Room is Banked With Roses by Friends—Americans Send Cablegrams—Servants Overjoyed.

Paris, Dec. 26.—The household of Sarah Bernhardt was jubilant this evening over the remarkable improvement shown in the condition of the famous actress. The deep gloom which had settled down upon the family and faithful followers of the star was almost entirely dispelled by the continued optimism of the doctors, who have permitted Madame Bernhardt to sit up in her room twice during the last 24 hours.

Madame Bernhardt had Christmas dinner last night with the members of her family and a few intimate friends. She ate a small piece of turkey and talked cheerfully and hopefully of her return to the footlights.

She was beginning to believe, she said, that she would be spared to act 10 years more. She confided to several friends that she expected to assume her role in the new Guitry play, that was about to be produced when she was stricken, within three weeks.

The physicians smiled when Madame Bernhardt indulged in the three weeks talk, merely saying, "Persevere." They frankly stated on the other hand that the "divine Sarah's" condition was very weak, her long years of hard work on the boards having told upon her, and that it was quite possible it would be many months before she was able to appear in public. There are not lacking, indeed, those who think Bernhardt may never act again.

The few old and faithful servants, who have followed Madame Bernhardt around the world through fortune and adversity, presented a touching picture tonight. They were overjoyed at the prospect of their mistress's return to health.

"Just think, Madame Sarah sat up again tonight," said the old butler. "I will make a bet that madame will be back on the stage in a month—and such an ovation as she will receive!"

Scores of prominent people continued to call at the Bernhardt home today to express their happiness over her improved condition and there was unrestrained rejoicing among the actors and actresses of Paris, many of whom went to her residence with flowers and filled her room with roses. Many cable messages arrived from American friends and admirers, including actors and actresses on the American stage. Madame Bernhardt was especially pleased with the American cablegrams.

Stolen Car Recovered. David City, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—A Ford coupe belonging to Dr. J. H. Meyers of David City, which was stolen Friday morning while he was lunching at a local restaurant, has been recovered near York, Neb., out of gas.

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Arbuckle Barred in Nebraska

State Head of Theater Men Says House Owners Will Refuse to Show Pictures.

Takes Issue With Hays

A. R. Pramer, president of the Motion Picture Theater Owners' Association of Nebraska and Iowa, addressing a meeting of women and ministers in the Young Women's Christian association auditorium yesterday afternoon, said: "Our theaters will not open their doors again to Arbuckle films."

Mr. Pramer stated that he is a member of a board of 12 directors of the national association of motion picture theater owners. Rev. Arthur Atack, pastor of Hanscom Park Methodist church, grasped Mr. Pramer's hand. Mr. Pramer was applauded.

Surprise at Hays Decision. "Hays does not represent the exhibitors," Pramer went on. He read aloud the letter sent from the national headquarters of the M. P. T. O. A. in New York, which expressed surprise at Hays' decision and stated that as theater owners, they knew of no new developments to change the mind of the public in regard to Arbuckle.

"No act of an official cannot make up the public mind," the letter said. The Rev. Paul Calhoun summed up the spirit of the meeting when he said "Arbuckle has forfeited his right to entertain the youth of America."

Approve Stand. A dozen civic and Christian organizations voiced, through representatives, their approval of Mr. Pramer's stand. He was unanimously made a member of the resolutions committee, which sent to Will Hays a strong protest against Arbuckle's reinstatement after he remarked that the original resolution as read was not strong enough. The message was redrafted directly after the meeting and carried the signatures of the W. C. T. U., the Y. M. C. A., the Omaha Woman's club, the South Omaha Women's club, the school forum, the chautauque circles, the Lowe avenue Presbyterian church, the Central United Presbyterian church, the Hanscom Park Methodist church and Leffler, Madison Methodist church.

The Rev. Arthur Atack voiced his indignation that Hays should try to give the public "Fatty Arbuckle as a Christmas present." "The motion picture industry must clean up or shut up about censorship," he declared.

Bishop E. V. Shaylor referred to Arbuckle's pictures which were suppressed as "frozen credits of the motion picture industry."

"The concerns which own them, want their capital to pay dividends and they are bringing influence to bear on Hays. They are the men who are paying him his salary," the bishop said. "Film actors are teachers of the public and Arbuckle stands for something wrong."

Mrs. Mary Phillips of the Teachers' Forum, one of the speakers, said that Arbuckle had been a child's hero, and if they thought he could do wrong and still succeed, they would reason that they could do the same thing.

Mrs. W. F. Knight, Mrs. M. D. Vieno, Dr. Jennie Callias and the Rev. A. J. Ernst were also among the speakers.

Day's Activities in Washington

Neither the senate nor the house was in session. The semi-weekly cabinet meeting was devoted mainly to discussion of the effects of the new tariff law.

Advisability of supporting in modified form the Borah proposal for an economic conference of world powers was considered by senate republicans.

Chief Justice Taft announced that semi-circuit judges would meet here to discuss means of relieving docket congestion in the federal courts.

Administration leaders in the senate were reported opposed to McKellar shipping bill amendments which call for the abrogation of commercial treaties discriminating against the United States.

Saturday Sets Trade Record at David City

David City, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Saturday was a record-breaker for the business men of David City, more business being done on that day than on the Saturday before Christmas for many years.

During the evening, a community Christmas program, with distribution of presents of popcorn and peanuts to the children. Immediately following, 25 turkeys were given away by the business men of the city.

Des Moines Police to Photograph All "Drunks" Taken to Jail

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 26.—John B. Hammond, chief of police, announced today that every drunken man who is brought into police headquarters will have his picture taken.

When the offender has become sober again he will be presented with a picture of himself, so that he may know how he looked when taken to the jail. Hammond hopes this "picture cure" will be a potent weapon against drunkenness. Eighty intoxicated men spent Christmas eve in the city jail.

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Flames and Smoke Inflict Loss Estimated at \$75,000 on Courtney Building at Seventeenth and Douglas.

Thousands Crowd Streets

Fire of unknown origin which broke out on the second floor of the Courtney building at Seventeenth and Douglas streets shortly after 7:30 Tuesday night threatened neighboring buildings and resulted in an estimated loss of \$75,000 before it was brought under control by the fire department.

Three alarms were turned in. Thousands of persons jammed the streets on both sides of the burning structure, while a dense volume of smoke poured from the roof and from windows on the north side.

Explosion Shatters Windows. Shortly before 8 o'clock a muffled explosion, apparently of gas, broke several windows in the north wall of the building, driving more than 1,000 persons back to a vantage point at Seventeenth and Dodge streets. Smoke pouring from the windows hampered the firemen in their work.

A helmeted, rubber-coated figure at the top of a ladder experienced difficulty in raising window, and shouted to his companions below for a stick with which to prop it up. He remained on the ladder until the stick was forthcoming, when he climbed in to the building.

Charities Records Destroyed. The offices of the Associated Charities on the second floor of the building, near where the fire originated, were gutted. Records covering a period of 30 years were destroyed, officials of the organization reported last night, following the blaze, together with all the office equipment.

On the first floor of the building is the store of the Table Supply company, owned by Louis Sommer and Jacob Berkowitz. Here the damage ran into thousands of dollars, and occurred chiefly by smoke and water. The stock is largely just new than it has been for some time, the owners stated.

Severely Hit. Offices of the Associated Charities and the Nebraska Christian Endeavor on the second floor were hit more severely than any other in the building.

The third floor contains offices of Weaver, Giller & Berger, attorneys; Brundard, Elmsner & Robinson, attorneys; the Jones Construction company, and the Shinn Comptometer school.

The blaze was reported under control shortly after 8.

Fire insurance policy for \$10,000 was recently relinquished by the Table Supply company on its stock.

Amount of the insurance on the building proper and equipment in the various offices was not available last night.

Top of Head Blown Off by Shotgun

Sioux Falls Farm Hand Loses Life While Riding in Hayrack.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 26.—Luther White, 22, a compicker on the farm of Henry Kelly, near Sioux Falls, died in local hospital as the result of injuries received when he was accidentally shot while carrying a shotgun on a hayrack on which he was riding. The top of his head was partly blown off. He never regained consciousness.

A few moments before the accident had been joking with Conkel, who was driving the horses attached to the hayrack. The driver had gone to tie up the lines when he heard a shot and saw the young man sink down in the rack. White, fond of hunting, had taken the gun along with him and was watching for rabbits when the weapon was accidentally discharged. The body has been sent to the home of his mother, Mrs. Aud White, Toledo, Ill.

Two Slightly Hurt When Autos Crash

A small automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Welker of Lyons were riding was struck yesterday noon in front of the Hoffmann funeral home at Twenty-fourth and Dodge streets, by a large machine. The smaller automobile was wrecked and the large machine sped away.

Mr. and Mrs. Welker, 69 and 70, respectively, were slightly injured.

Unconscious for Days, Denison Woman Dies

Denison, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Charles Cassidy, one of the oldest residents of this county, died at her home here Christmas day. She had been unconscious for several days.

Mrs. Cassidy was regarded as an authority on local historical data. Funeral services will be held Wednesday from the Baptist church, of which she was an active member.

Chicago Man Walks Into River in Fog; Drowned

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Unable to see his path ahead of him because of a dense fog, Andrew Hazzard yesterday walked off the bank into the Calumet river and drowned while on his way to work. Another workman, hearing his cries, rushed to his aid, but could find nothing but a floating dinner pail. Police later recognized the body.

Bank Squad Seeks Mint Bandits Here

Members of the Omaha bank squad, made up of detectives, were searching the city yesterday for a train porter believed to have a clue to the whereabouts of the Denver mint highwaymen.

The porter is alleged to have received \$25 in \$5 bills from two men who boarded the train at Denver, bound for Omaha.

Detectives believe that if they can locate the porter, they may secure valuable information in the nationwide hunt for the bandits.

Couple Holds Fifty-Fourth Anniversary of Wedding

Nelson, Neb., Dec. 26.—Clark R. Stoner and Miss Jennie French were married at Smithfield, Pa., December 24, 1868, and they celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary here last night. They came to Nebraska in 1876, a homesteaded a farm on Elk creek, three miles east of Nelson.

After a few years they moved to Nelson, and have lived here ever since. Three children were born to the couple.

Mr. Stoner is a veteran of the civil war and one of less than a dozen members left of the George H. Thomas Post, G. A. R.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Fair Wednesday and probably Thursday; somewhat warmer Thursday in extreme east portion.

Iowa: Fair in north, unsettled in south portion Wednesday; Thursday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

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