

PUTTING NAVY ON BUSINESS BASIS

Sweeping Changes in Administration Planned by Secretary Meyer are Effective Tomorrow.

DIVIDED INTO FOUR GROUPS

Responsible Adviser is Selected for Each Division.

FIGHTING MEN TO FRONT

Officers from the Line to be Eyes and Ears for Secretary.

CHANGES THE NEWBER.

Board of Construction is a Division of Manufactures is Divided into Two Divisions.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Headquarters for reform in naval affairs, Secretary Meyer today announced that he will inaugurate the most sweeping changes in the Navy department since the establishment of the bureau system in 1842. Himself a director of banks and manufacturing companies in New England in times past, he hopes to put the department on a business basis beyond the dreams of predecessors. The keynote of his reforms is the subordination of the bureau chief.

Summarized the essential changes in the Meyer plan are:

The selection of four responsible advisers on subjects of the four groups into which duties of the department fall, to be known as the aide for material, the aide for personnel, the aide for operations of the fleet and the aide for inspections.

The grouping of the bureaus into two divisions of the fleet will be according to the nature of their duties. The establishment of a division of operations of the fleet. The establishment of a comprehensive inspection system. The establishment of a modern and efficient cost-keeping system in the Navy department and at navy yards.

The separation of the navy yard work into two divisions of hulls and machinery. The abolishment of the board of construction. The abolishment of the bureau of equipment.

Fighting Men to Front.

"Henceforth the officers who fight the ships are to have more influence in the Navy department. Chosen men from among them are to be the official eyes and ears of the secretary, laden with full responsibility for their reports, but not his hands. The secretary will retain his administrative and executive power for his own exercise and that of the assistant secretary of the navy. All the reforms go into effect December 1 except the abolishment of the bureau of equipment, which congress alone can do. The aide for operations of the fleet will be Rear Admiral Richard Walworth, commander of the third division of the Atlantic fleet. The aide for personnel will be Rear Admiral W. P. Potter, now chief of the bureau of navigation. The aide for material will be Rear Admiral William Swift, commander of the Boston navy yard. The aide for inspection will be Captain Aaron Ward, recently supervisor of the New York harbor, who will become a rear admiral on January 3. Captain Reginald F. Nicholson, a member of the board of inspectors, will become chief of the bureau of navigation, vice Potter.

Too Much Confusion.

When Mr. Meyer assumed office he found some confusion in the department and in the navy yards, due to changes instituted by Secretary Newberry a few weeks before the close of his administration. Steps were taken to ascertain how far it was desirable to follow the reforms outlined by Secretary Newberry. The Sperry board was created to report how the various conflicting orders and regulations could be reconciled best. Then came the Leites board, which was asked to make recommendations concerning the consolidation of the bureau of steam engineering with other bureaus, a step undertaken by Secretary Newberry. Finally Secretary Meyer appointed the Swift board to consider the reports of the other board and to make recommendations for the improvement of the business methods of the department.

With these reports as a basis Secretary Meyer has evolved his reform.

The secretary found that the bureaus of the department were independent of each other and that he must decide all differences between them. The aide is to advise him on these points.

One Board Abolished.

According to the Meyer plan the board of construction becomes useless and will be abolished. This board was created originally to supervise ship designing and to decide questions in dispute between the bureaus when their duties overlapped or when one wished to procure more space or weight for its purposes in a ship's design. Under the Meyer plan the operating branch which deals directly with the military use of the fleet will originate the military features of new construction in consultation with the general board, of which the new aide for operations will be a member. Other officers will also be called in for advice and criticism before and after the sketch plans have been considered by the bureaus. These officers will be selected because of pronounced success in ordnance, engineering or torpedo practical work. The bureaus will be called upon finally to prepare the actual plans and will be responsible for their execution.

With the growth of the business of the department Secretary Meyer found the bureaus similar to those of the equipment bureaus were performed by the bureau of supplies and accounts, construction and repair, and by steam engineering. In this connection it is to be noted that Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles is now the head of the bureau.

Manufacturing.

Under the new plan the secretary has decided to divide the manufacturing department into two divisions, one for machinery and one for construction.

Two Boys Plan to Rob a Bank; Lookout Flees

Would-Be Youthful Desperado Left in Lurch by Companion Who Hastily "Ducks."

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 29.—Tom Gallagher, 13 years old, captured after a wagon load of men had surrounded the Lafayette bank, Broadway and Park avenue, early today, confessed that he, with another boy, had planned to rob the bank. The other boy, who was acting as a lookout, fled when the patrol wagon approached. Tom Gallagher, who had ascended to the third floor of the building in the effort to get into the bank, was captured as he descended the fire escape. The boy had no burglar tools and no weapon. He technically committed burglary, as he entered the office of a physician.

"The other boy put me up to it," said the young prisoner. "We were going past the bank the other day and he pointed to a pile of money we saw through the window, and said it would be easy to get that. Then he made me go ahead of him, and said he would whistle if he saw anybody coming. But he never did. He just ducked."

Iowa Student Judges Win First Prize

Stock Judges from Ames Take First Honors at Live Stock Show—Ontario is Second.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—Students of the Iowa Agricultural college today were awarded first prize in the students' judging competition for the J. Ogden Armour scholarship at the International Live Stock exposition. The Iowa students won with a total of 4,900 points. Their nearest competitors, the students of the Ontario Agricultural college, were 192 points behind. Ohio State university was third, Kansas Agricultural college, fourth; Mississippi, fifth, and Texas, sixth.

Travelers May Ride the Freights

General Solicitor Kelby Tells Railroad Commission Burlington Will Accede to Requests.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Traveling men will soon be permitted to ride freight trains, as of yore, and their lack to the railway commission will bear fruit before the formal hearing, which has been set for December 11. General Solicitor J. B. Kelby of the Burlington was at Lincoln today in the matter of the complaint and when the board set the hearing for the December date, he said before that time the Burlington would put back the old rule and the commercial men might ride freight as before if they desired.

Governor's Power is Exaggerated

Under Sackett Law He Can Only Certify Cases of Neglect of Duty to Attorney General.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 29.—(Special.)—From the tone of the letters being received by Governor Shallenberger asking him to remove Mayor Dahlman and the members of the Omaha police board it is very evident that the writers have an exaggerated idea of the governor's authority in the case now pending.

Oh, Dearie, Do Look Here at This Horrid Tariff Bill!

Senator Aldrich is a stern man of facts and figures. His thoughts are on the financial destiny of a nation. Meanwhile Beauty is stamping her dainty foot vainly on the tufted white and baby blue rug of her dressing room and scowling a most touching frown into the big French mirror across the table. "It was all just this way," she explained. "There was a perfectly dreadful law-tariff bill, I believe they call it—made by those careless men in Washington. "Now look at that," she peered, holding up a violet and gilt box of powder and tiny silverdust puffs. "A dollar and twenty-five cents! Used to cost me just five cents! The drugist man says it is all because of that horrid tariff bill. Why did they do it? "Some day we girls will go to congress-then you'll see. Hair oil, soap, everything really proper that comes from Paris, is going higher and higher. Guess when they see us without all these little helps they will repent."

MANY VISITORS AT WHITE HOUSE

Junior Senator from Iowa Discusses Interstate Commerce Law with President.

MR. ELKINS PROPOSES A BILL

He Would Reduce Duties on Goods Brought in American Ships.

GOMPERS AND MITCHELL CALL

Injunctions by Federal Courts in Labor Disputes Discussed.

CERTAIN CHANGES SUGGESTED

Labor Leaders Want Their Organizations Exempt from Certain Provisions of Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A conference on the amendment to be proposed by President Taft to the interstate commerce act was held today at the White House. Attorney General Wickliffe, Senator Cummins of Iowa, who will introduce a bill of his own next week, and Senator Elkins, chairman of the state committee on interstate and foreign commerce, took up the subject with the president.

The president has his mind set on accomplishing something in connection with alterations in the law, and while his policy is not to interfere with the work of congress, he will use every reasonable influence to make the laws governing transportation stronger in their control over the railroads and in their benefits to the shipping public and the masses.

Senator Elkins today renewed his suggestions that the best way to encourage American shipping would be to enact a law giving a reduction of 5 per cent in customs duties on all imported goods brought into the United States in American bottoms.

"This would not only build up American shipping, but would be a reduction downward in duties," said Senator Elkins.

The president is preparing his recommendations favoring ship subsidy legislation and Senator Elkins wished to lay his project before him before that paragraph of the message to congress was completed. Recommendations looking toward the improvement of the condition of the laboring man which it is desired the president incorporate in his annual message to congress were urged upon President Taft today by a delegation of labor leaders headed by Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell, James O'Connell and Frank Morrison accompanied Mr. Gompers to the White House.

Foremost of the subjects considered was the issuance of injunctions by federal judges, particularly as they apply to personal liberty and their use in the settlement of disputes between employers and employees.

The exemption of labor organizations from certain provisions of the Sherman anti-trust act was also discussed.

The president has practically decided that his message to congress will make no recommendations regarding the Sherman act. His decision, which is a decided change from his intentions of a few weeks ago, is largely based upon the fact that there are pending in the supreme court and on their way to that tribunal a number of important cases involving interpretation of the act.

He feels, he says, that specific recommendations from him at this time might be construed as an attempt to influence the court.

SIDNEY C. SINGER AND MISS MAY MARRIED

Notable Society Event at Des Moines Attended by Several Omaha People.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) DES MOINES, Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—An event in the society circles of Des Moines was the wedding this evening of Sidney Charles Singer and Miss Corinne May. A large number of the friends of the bride and groom gathered in the parlor of the Savoy house and at 7 p. m. the ceremony was performed by Rabbi Mannheim after which a sumptuous banquet was spread. The bride is a daughter of Joseph May, a business man of this city, who presented the bride. At the banquet Herbert Meyer was toastmaster. Those from out of the city were Mrs. Charles Singer, mother of the groom, of Omaha; J. J. Singer, his brother, Miss Blanche Rosewater and Miss Florence and Mamie Miller all of Omaha, also Mrs. I. Rosenthal and son of Peoria. A great many telegrams of congratulations were received by the groom from friends in many cities. They started on an extended eastern trip.

THROWN OFF TRAIN; IS UNHURT

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Has Miraculous Escape From Death.

OTTAWA, Kan., Nov. 29.—Thomas Biggs, 13 years old of Vincesee, Ind., was thrown from the vestibule of a passenger train yesterday when the train gave a sudden lurch at Childs, a small station near Osawatimie. Mrs. A. E. Biggs, mother of the boy, did not miss him until Osawatimie was reached when a message was received. He has started back to Childs and found he was unharmed except for bruises on the shoulders.

Christmas will be here before we know it. While you are thinking about Christmas presents turn to the "Everything for Women" column on the first want-ad page.

There are a number of suggestions there that come from enterprising merchants. They want your Christmas trade and will take good care of you.

You will find far more of this kind of advertisements in The Bee than in any other paper.

Have you read the want ads yet, today!

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Train Crew Sent Out to Signal Passenger Collides with One Dead.

PARSONS, Kan., Nov. 29.—A fireman was killed and several passengers were injured, none seriously, in a collision at Olive, near here today, between north-bound Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train No. 52 and an engine sent out to flag the passenger.

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Becomes Bride Beside Coffin of Her Father

Daughter of James Howard Carries Out Wish She Should Wed in His Presence.

KILLS MOTHER, OFFICER, SELF

Greenville, O., Man Runs Amuck, Wounding Other Persons.

POURS SHOTS INTO THE WOUNDED

Suffering from Exaggerated Ego, Appearance of Sheriff Drives Him to Frantic Deeds of Murder.

Flag-Engine is Cause of Wreck

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ZELAYA MAY TRY TO ESCAPE

Rumor from Nicaragua that President Will Resign and Try to Leave Country.

THREATS AGAINST CONSUL

Agent of United States Given Permission to Occupy Legation.

CAPTURE DUE TO TREACHERY

Cannon and Groce Were Captured Under Promise of Protection.

BOTH SHOT TEN DAYS LATER

News of Execution Did not Reach the American Authorities Until Five Days After Killing—Both Officers in Insurgent Army.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The United States consul at Managua has been threatened by President Zelaya and he has been granted permission to occupy the legation premises as being more secure.

The Nicaraguan congress will assemble next Wednesday, December 1, and it is rumored that President Zelaya will retire and possibly attempt to escape from the country at night by the Pacific coast. Anarchy, it is said, may ensue. Persistent rumors from various quarters indicate that Irias may succeed Zelaya as president of Nicaragua.

This information is embodied in telegrams more or less delayed in transmission which have been received at the State department from the consular representatives of the United States in Nicaragua.

The first telegram, dated Managua, states that Leroy Cannon was captured on October 21, and Leonard Groce on November 2. They were executed November 12, and no news reached the department of the execution until the 17th.

Members of the Red Cross arriving from Castillo state that Cannon and Groce were captured while they were on the banks of the San Juan river and that the captain of a ship called them, promising not to harm them.

Charges are continued. These allegations were in part confirmed by the Nicaraguan press, which stated that the execution was for an attempt to blow up steamers. The execution caused general indignation, which was shared by the commander-in-chief, Minister General Irias claims to have interceded on the grounds of humanity.

Nicaraguan lawyers maintain that the execution was unlawful. The Nicaraguan captain is in prison for refusing to carry out Zelaya's sentence that the Americans be shot.

The consul states that he has once more been threatened by President Zelaya, indicating that other threats have been made, but on this point no information is available.

Another telegram from the consul at Managua states that on November 14 picaruds appeared on the walls in Managua favoring the revolution and denouncing President Zelaya. One of the other consuls had information that President Zelaya was preparing to escape by night. Anarchy, he states, may ensue. The consul asked permission to occupy the legation premises as being more secure against possible vandalism, and this has been granted him.

Both Regularly Bullied. A later telegram from the consul at Bluefields states that Cannon and Groce respectively were Nicaraguan colonel and colonel of engineers in the revolutionary army and both were regularly enlisted under the command of General Chamorro. The highest revolutionary leaders declare that Groce, acting in the line of duty, was with an outbreak of ten men beyond the camp of General Chamorro, and Cannon, with two men, had been sent beyond to survey a new position. The outpost was surprised by the forces of General Toledo and both officers were captured.

General Chamorro afterwards learned from an officer of the Zelaya that both Americans had been put to death by order of President Zelaya; that General Toledo refused to carry out the order and took them both to Port Castillo.

A dispatch from Corinto states that it is reported there that 1,200 troops of the revolutionary army are in Chinandega, and there is rumor of a rising in the west in favor of Irias.

A later dispatch from Managua states much excitement prevails and that the position of President Zelaya has become precarious.

The latest dispatch received by the department comes from the United States consul at Tegucigalpa and states that there are rumors of a rising in Honduras, headed by Manuel Bonilla.

A dispatch received from Commander Hasted of the Vicksburg at Corinto informs the secretary of the navy there are persistent rumors that Chiriqui will revolt on December 1 in favor of Irias.

Foreigners engaged in business, he says, are very apprehensive and there are reports that Zelaya is preparing to leave the country by way of the Pacific coast.

Heavy fighting is going on everywhere. No disorder has occurred at Corinto.

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Cables Not Cut

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"It is now quite plain to the impartial public," said Charge d'Affaires Rodriguez today, "that the reports given to the press by the revolutionists agents are to say the least, gross exaggerations. The legation has been in constant communication with Managua by cable, and there is no truth whatsoever in the report that lines had been cut in the interior of Nicaragua."

Senator Rodriguez says that the revolution is at a standstill. Estrada has in his power the towns of Bluefields, Rama and Cabo. Greytown is put down as in dispute. Denial is made that the revolutionists have gained a footing on the Pacific slope.

"It is false that Zelaya is not friendly towards Americans in Nicaragua," said he. "Americans hold the best concessions in Nicaragua."

He added that the process, relating to the executions of Groce and Cannon, and two Americans, were on their way to the legation, and that they would show the men had been executed legally.

Only a Riot, say Romas. NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—President Zelaya will not give up his post. That much is certain, for there is no reason why he should quit," said Dr. Hector Roman, a



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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