

Iowa
SENATOR CUMMINS HOME

He Says He is Pleased with the Political Situation.

INSURGENTS GAIN STRENGTH

Expresses Belief that Next Congress Will Not Be Democratic—Fight for Iowa Seats in Congress.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Cummins returned today from Washington, and expressed himself as immensely pleased with the political situation both at Washington and in Iowa.

"I am confident that the insurgent strength in the senate will be increased to about twenty before the winter is over," he said. "The reactionaries realize now that there is a fight on hand and that not only the west, but all over the country the progressive cause has been gaining ground rapidly. They are expecting a democratic congress next time, and believe we will disappoint them and make such gains, especially with progressives, that the congress will be all right."

The senator indicated that he never has had any doubt as to the outcome of next year's primaries in Iowa and that the progressives will make great gains in the state. He is especially well pleased with the settlement of difficulties in the seventh district.

Senator Dowell Withdraws.

The return of Senator Cummins from Washington, together with the announcement that Senator Dowell has withdrawn from the congressional race in the capital district, has started political gossip in the state. Captain Hull is also due to arrive home, probably tomorrow. Some of the other congressmen will return, though not all.

The significance of the withdrawal of Dowell is that it clears the situation in what both factions regard as the critical district of the state. It leaves a clear field for Judge Prosser, against Hull, and this means, to say the least, a very lively campaign. Captain Hull has the advantage that he has the backing of the large business interests of Des Moines, because of gratitude for the things he has secured from the federal government for the city. On the other hand, Prosser is a forceful speaker and aggressive in every way and he is well known in the district, having campaigned it so often. Outside of Des Moines it is believed he has a distinct advantage. The Dowell candidacy was bottomed almost solely upon the fact that the union labor interests of Des Moines were for him.

Ninth District Contest.

With the certainty of a hot fight for the nomination in the seventh district between men who distinctly represent the progressive and reactionary factions, it is regarded as certain that there will be a contest in the ninth district involving Senator Smith's seat. Whether Attorney General Byers will enter the race or not is not yet decided. That he is being urged to do so is certain. Personally he would rather continue in his present office another term, but he is regarded as the only person who can make a winning fight against Smith.

The clearing of the situation here will

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also add to the strength of the progressives in the eighth district, where there are already two candidates in the field—Judge Towner and Representative Darrah. The fractional lines cannot be drawn entirely here, for each one will break over these lines. But Darrah is hardly as strong a man personally in the district as the judge nor does he have the acquaintance.

In the first district it is certain there will be a contest. Representative Kennedy is not very strong personally, and already Joseph Frailey of Lee county is announced as a candidate against him. There has also been expectation that Smith Brookhart of Washington county would get into the race. However this may be, it is regarded as certain that the first district will be debatable ground.

No Other Contests.

It is doubtful if there will be contests in any of the other districts, in the districts represented by Hubbard, Haugum, Woods, Pickett and Good there is no possibility of any contest worthy of the name. The republicans of these districts are solidly back of the members of congress.

In the districts represented by Dawson and Kendall there is always a chance for a fight, but nothing has yet developed to indicate that it will turn up next year. Both these districts are close at the general election, so that if there is a fight for the nomination it will endanger republican success.

Two things have recently occurred to stir up matters, especially in the eighth district, now represented by a democrat. The first is the discovery that in that district Postmaster General Hitchcock has been prevailed upon in some way to take the federal patronage into his own hands and to state to the Iowa delegation that he will arrange the postoffice to suit himself. He has stated that he will not make removals simply to get new men in. If a postmaster is satisfactory he will remain. Inasmuch as ex-congressman Hepburn, who appointed all these postmasters, is now located in Washington and will remain there easy of access, it is the belief that "heavily" he will handle the patronage of the district just as the patronage of the sixth district was disposed of by Major Lacey after he had been defeated for office.

The other trouble-maker in the eighth district is the fact that someone, in the name of the republican congressional committee, is said to be sending into the district literature, especially to editors of republican papers, which is distinctly hostile to the Iowa delegation in congress. Some of the editors who are receiving the literature are engaged in exposing the plans, and this is causing a great deal of interest in the district.

Absolutely nothing is doing in the matter of the state ticket. Practically every state official whose term of office expires next year is a candidate for re-nomination on the theory that a state official whose term is good ought to be permitted to have another. As all the state officials have records that are hard to attack it is expected that a precedent will be set of retaining them all in office as long as they desire to remain.

Iowa News Notes

STATE CENTER—Jack Triplett, a well-known livery stable owner of this place, was probably fatally injured when he fell from a load of hay and struck on his head. He struck with terrific force, he being a large man, weighing 300 pounds. He is now in the hospital.

CRESTON—The Fremont County Stock farm added a fine stallion to its account recently when Marion Wagoner of Sidney, La., sold to stock buyers of Sidney a yearling, netting the sum of \$1,800.25.

LYONS—Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Hutton, of the sixty-eighth anniversary of their wedding. They have lived in Lyons for fifty-five years and have eleven children, twenty grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

WATKIN—Leonard Cahoon, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cahoon, was accidentally killed in the sawmill of Baldwin Bros. at Lyons, Iowa, yesterday. He was nearly 16 years of age. The young man was struck by a log while he was working in the sawmill.

CRESTON—The public schools closed here yesterday for the Christmas holidays. A two-weeks' vacation will be given the students, and the schools will not open until January 3rd. The young men who are in the military service are being sent to the front.

CRESTON—Rev. Floyd Aldrich, who for some time has held the pastorate of the Methodist church at Macedonia, and Anderson, has decided to return to the fields of India, where he spent one-half of his life. Because of ill health he was obliged to return to this country, but having regained his health he will return to India.

CRESTON—Falling but a few feet from a step ladder, Walter Chipman, one of the proprietors of the Chipman cafe of this place, is lying in a serious and, it is feared, a dangerous condition. In falling a deep gash was cut in his head just above the temple, from which he was rendered unconscious and is still in that condition. He also suffered a broken collarbone.

IOWA FALLS—Michael Hogan, for whose release from an asylum in West Dubuque the Knights of Pythias lodge of this city has taken an active part, has been transferred to this county and by a mutual agreement between the lodge and the interested Mr. Hogan was brought to Eldora. The sheriff Walsh started the habeas corpus proceedings, and taken before the insane commission to determine his mental status.

MARSHALLTOWN—A dozen owners of fine residences in the vicinity of the Pilgrim hotel today began suit in the district court to have the Pilgrim hotel company and its manager, C. M. Coleman, enjoined from continuing the alleged smoke nuisance resulting from the black smoke which pours from the hotel's chimneys.

The homeowners allege that it has destroyed their furniture and clothing and has made impossible the comfortable enjoyment of their homes.

IOWA FALLS—The contract has just been let to the Western Construction company of Chicago for another big drainage ditch in this county, requiring an estimated removal of 80,000 cubic yards of earth. The ditch is known as the Big Four County ditch and the contract is for 60 cents per cubic yard and work on the ditch is to commence early in the spring.

WINNIPEG FLYER WRECKED

Fast Train on Great Northern is Derailed by Split Rail Near Monticello, Minn.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 19.—The northbound Winnipeg flyer on the Great Northern railway went into the ditch four miles east of Monticello, Minn., at 7:30 o'clock to-night. Fireman Robertson was killed by being crushed beneath his engine. No passengers are reported hurt. The cause of the wreck was a split rail.

The flyer was drawn by two engines, the first of which went over the broken track. The second engine went into the ditch, breaking the boiler. The train was traveling about thirty miles an hour. The head engine went on into Monticello and secured two boxcars and doctors from Clifton Hill. The passengers were taken to nearby farm houses. A wrecking crew went out from Minneapolis and St. Cloud.

Twelve corpses consigned to various points west were incinerated by the burning of the baggage car. The baggage and mail were saved from destruction. Investigation is being made by the railroad company to establish the identity of the bodies through inspection of the shipping records.

The fact that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is pleasant to take has made it a favorite with mothers everywhere.

WOMEN ASK FOR PROTECTION

Petition Requesting Intervention Presented to Acting Consul.

WASHINGTON NOT SURPRISED

Diplomat Says Zelaya is Vindictive and that His Cruelty is a Byword in Central America.

MANAGUA, Via Corinto, Dec. 18.—Some of the most prominent women in Managua have sent a petition to Henry Caldera, the acting consul of the United States here. Their names are signed to the petition, which sets forth the tortures to which Zelaya's prisoners have been subjected, and pitifully requests the intervention of the American government.

"Numberless prisoners," says the petition, "have been tortured in their cells in the prison, their families have been impoverished, their lives have been crushed and patriots have been killed because of their efforts to end crimes, extortion and tyranny and to prevent the assassination of Groce and Cannon."

"We implore you to bring the malefactor to justice that his many crimes may receive the punishment they deserve, and that he be not permitted to escape."

For weeks the associates and adherents of Zelaya have been conducting a reign of terror. Their chief victims have been the best people of the country. Property has been confiscated, fathers and sons impoverished, wives and daughters forced to submit to unspeakable outrages, dragged out to jail or cruelly injured. So appalling were the conditions that a large number of women met together and finally decided to submit their plea to the representative of the government whose warships are close at hand. It is not only their protection they seek, but the safety of those who, in the last few days, have had courage enough to rise in the public places and denounce Zelaya.

Many Prisoners Released.

The agitation became so strong against the holding of hundreds, and perhaps thousands in prison, that the officials deemed it advisable to take steps to release at least some of those against whom crimes had only been alleged. Most of the political prisoners, therefore, were released today, but there are still many others behind the walls.

It was after reaching Corinto that the demonstrations against Zelaya became pronounced, for those who have been crying for the revolution were fully convinced that bluejackets and marines from the ships would be landed. Now they are terrified lest no men are sent ashore. In such an event they fear reprisals by the Zelayan forces which are still strong in Managua.

Many revolutionary suspects have been thrown into prison and put to torture, and there are a number now in chains who refuse to do the bidding of the government. Among these is Anibal Chavez, an officer in the army, who was taken from the firing squad when Groce and Cannon were brought out for execution. He refused to give the firing order, exclaiming, as he threw down his sword: "I am a soldier, not a murderer."

Uncle of Czar
Dies in France

Grand Duke Michael Was Oldest Representative of Russian Imperial Family.

CANNES, France, Dec. 19.—Grand Duke Michael Nicolaievitch, grand uncle of Emperor Nicholas, died here today.

Grand Duke Michael Nicolaievitch was the oldest representative of the imperial house, having been born in 1820, the fourth son of Emperor Nicholas I. He repeatedly distinguished himself during his long military career, which, like those of other grand dukes of the old system, commenced at an early age. He entered active service at the age of 14 as a lieutenant and at 20 had attained the rank of general.

Grand Duke Michael fought throughout the Crimean war of 1854 and 1855, was present at the battle of Lukerman and the siege of Sevastopol, and in 1863 was appointed by his brother viceroy of the Caucasus, and commander-in-chief of the Caucasian army, with instructions to bring the warlike, unsubdued tribes of this region under the Russian flag. This task he accomplished.

In the Turkish war of 1877 and 1878 the grand duke commanded the Russian army operating against the Turks in the Caucasian theater of war and in spite of early reverses was finally able to force the surrender of a large part of the Turkish forces at Ardahan and Kars. In civil life he was a member of the commission which arranged the emancipation of the serfs.

In 1881 Grand Duke Michael became president of the council of state and played an active role in its deliberations until its reorganization in connection with the establishment of the duma, when he was named its honorary president. In late years he had lived almost constantly at his villa at Cannes.

PELLAGRA AT PEORIA, ILL.

Army Medical Officers Say It Has Long Existed in State Hospital.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The medical officers of the army who were sent to the Illinois state hospital at Peoria to investigate the occurrence of pellagra among the inmates of the institution have reported that the disease has existed among the inmates of this hospital for a number of years, probably, although it has not been recognized as pellagra. During the last year the officers found there had been probably 175 cases of pellagra in this institution. From May 1 to August 16 twenty-six deaths are accredited to the disease.

It is said that all the patients were very poor and in all probability the cause of the disease was the use of freshly immature corn, containing diseased kernels, which planted the malady in the intestinal tract.

ITALIAN BURNED IN CAR

Dito Ladina May Die of Injuries Received in Destruction of Box Car at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—A box car occupied by a number of Italian laborers was partially burned in the Burlington yards this morning. Dito Ladina was seriously burned and may not recover.

Bankers' Club Officers.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The bankers' club of Pierre has elected for the coming year: President, P. E. Hattin; vice president, Jesse Pond; secretary, Pearl McKay; cashier, A. Gundersen; chaplain, Laura Stearns; messenger, Howard Stearns; trustees, Mrs. E. Jacobson.

STATE BANKS HOLD OWN

Deposits Eight Million Less After Autumn Drain.

AVERAGE RESERVE IS HIGH

Secretary Royce Says Condition is Healthy, with No Bank Failures During the Year in Nebraska.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The reports of the state banks of Nebraska at the close of business November 30, have been compiled by Secretary Royce of the state banking board, showing a total deposit of \$73,253,626.75. This is a decrease of only \$1,000,000 from the high water mark reached in August.

"Although the demand upon the banks for money has been unusually active during the last two months, caused largely by the impassable condition of the country roads, making it almost impossible for the farmers to market produce of any kind, and the increase of loans over for and one-half millions of dollars since the report of August 31, last, the banks are running strong, carrying an average reserve of over twenty-six per cent, being almost double the amount required by law."

"The deposits amount to over seventy-three and one-quarter millions of dollars, being only about one and one-half million dollars less than the amount reported August 31, 1909, which was the high water mark in the history of this state. This is an unusually light decrease in deposits for this season of the year."

"Compared with one year ago the number of banks has increased thirty-four; deposits have increased nearly eight millions of dollars, and loans and discounts have increased \$10,300,000."

"The banks show a very strong and healthy condition generally and there has been no bank failures in Nebraska this year, and only one since November, 1904."

Following is the abstract of the condition of the incorporated, private and savings banks of the state of Nebraska at the close of business November 16, 1909. Number of banks reporting, 62. Average reserve 26 1/2 per cent.

Assets	\$73,253,626.75
Loans and discounts	\$10,300,000.00
Overdrafts	\$48,736.40
Bonds, securities, judgments, etc.	\$65,530.10
Due from banks	\$15,076,682.91
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures	\$2,344,530.85
Other real estate	\$13,564.09
Current expenses and taxes paid	\$1,989,821.30
Dividends unpaid	\$4,424,434.00
General deposits	\$7,284,000.00
Notes and bills re-discounted	\$1,000,000.00
Bills payable	\$64,211.81
Total	\$73,253,626.75

OLD RESIDENT LEAVES BLAIR

First White Native of Washington County Moves.

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—R. C. McCandlish has sold his residence property and will move to Holdrege, Neb., where he has three sons in the electric light business. Mr. McCandlish is an old-time citizen of this community, being the first white child born in this county, his parents living at the time near Pontonville. Incidental to this is the fact that living here in Blair, hale and hearty, enjoying with his aged husband a comfortable home, is Mrs. A. Achilles, who officiated at Mr. McCandlish's birth in 1857.

Improvements for Callaway.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—It is stated upon good authority that the Union Pacific Railroad company intends making some improvements at Callaway, work to commence in the near future.

A water supply system will be installed, the present one being inadequate to supply the demand for water. Also the building of a road here is another improvement which will soon take place. When the road was built into Callaway in 1899 a round house

was built, but during the hard times, when only three trains a week were run up the K. & B. H. branch, there was but little need for the round house and the same was torn down. However, with three trains a day, as is now the case, two of which lay over here at night, a round house is badly needed.

Still Boosting Extra Session

Prominent Democrats and Office Holders Busy—South Omaha and Annexation.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Prominent democrats who want once more to connect with the state's cash drawer have not yet given up hope of securing an extra session of the legislature and they are still bringing pressure to bear on his excellency.

One Omaha citizen, who called on the governor recently in that city, suggested that the governor should include in his call the commission plan of government for cities. This party desired this act so that Omaha and South Omaha could be merged into one city.

"South Omaha will be willing for annexation under the commission plan of government," said the Omahan, "but not otherwise. So if you call the extra session please bear that in mind. We are very anxious to have the cities united before the census is taken."

Speaker Pool and Tremore Cone, the chief clerk, are both anxious to have the extra session and it is reported so are the many employees, a great many of whom were children of the members. Governor Schallenger is listening to those who desire to talk to him about the matter, but so far he has given no indication of what he intends to do.

Death Result of Accident.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Chauncey Graham, a young man who was a week ago accidentally shot at his home near Arnold, an inland town some twelve miles northwest of this place, passed away after hovering between life and death for over a week. The young man and a friend were shooting at a mark with a .22-caliber rifle. The friend was aiming at the mark, when Chauncey spoke to him, causing him to wheel around with the gun pointing toward him, when in some manner the gun was discharged, the ball penetrating the abdomen. Interment was made in the Arnold cemetery.

Kreuger Killed Under Cars.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—S. D. Kreuger, one of the men brought from Chicago to do railway work at Blunt, was brought to the hospital here last night with both legs cut off by falling under a passenger train at Blunt last evening. He lived to reach the hospital, but died soon afterwards from the injuries received. On his person was found a ticket to Chicago, but he was attempting to ride the blind baggage with friends not so lucky, and fell under the baggage car.

Falls from Wagon, Nearly Frozen.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—J. V. Godfrey, who resides near Syracuse, fell from his wagon while loading hay and was so badly injured that he could not help himself and when found was nearly frozen to death. He is 77 years of age and his recovery is doubtful. He had gone to the field alone to get a load of hay and it is not known how the accident occurred.

Robinson Case Continued.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—The case of the state against Fred T. Robinson of Lincoln, charged with murdering his wife, Ellen, in this city November 23, was called in county court today and continued to December 23.

The Chamberlain case, which has been on trial here the last three weeks, will probably go to the jury late tonight. Arguments were made in the case this evening.

New Lieutenant.

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Arthur Naslund has been elected second lieutenant of Company E, second regiment, located at Holdrege. The election was approved by Adjutant General Hartigan today.

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East St. LouisHighwayman Kills Motorman and
Fatally Wounds Conductor, Who
Was Unable to Stop Car.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—An uncontrolled street car, bearing a dead motorman and a dying conductor, ran wild through four miles of city streets here tonight. The men were shot by a negro highwayman, who escaped with a small sum taken from the conductor.

According to the few words spoken by N. P. O'Brien, the conductor, who is desperately wounded, the negro boarded the car near Fireworks station, in the south-eastern part of the city. The conductor refused to obey the highwayman's order to hold up his hands and a struggle ensued. E. V. Goody, the motorman, is supposed to have assisted O'Brien's assistance. From the position of the bodies in the car, it is inferred that he was shot down while still some paces from the negro.

Whether O'Brien was shot in the first struggle or when trying to prevent the negro's escape could not be determined.

No passengers were on the car, and with its motorman dead and its conductor helpless, it started on a wild run through the streets. Several times as it rounded corners without warning from its gong, pedestrians and vehicles were missed by narrow margins.

The car kept on to the downtown terminal, where employees of the street car company boarded it and brought it to a halt.

The East St. Louis & Suburban Railway company offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest of the negro highwayman. Two suspects were taken to police headquarters shortly before midnight. Bloodhounds, which were used recently at Cairo, will be put on the trail tomorrow. The conductor's clothes are being saved to give the dogs a scent.

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