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WILSON MAY MODIFY TAFT'S ORDER ABOUT POSTOFFICE JOBS

Postmaster General Burleson Has Long Conference with President About the Matter. MAY REQUIRE MERIT TEST Cabinet Officer Gives Some Hope to Hungry Plum Hunters. CABINET HAS LONG SESSION President's Official Family Discusses Routine Affairs. ALL MEMBERS ARE RETICENT

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Postmaster General Burleson, who remained with the president some time after the cabinet meeting, later gave his opinion of Mr. Taft's order placing 35,000 third and fourth class postmasters in the classified service. "The policy of the administration toward that order has not been determined," said Mr. Burleson. Personally I am in sympathy with it, but I don't believe it went far enough in that many men were retained in office for political reasons instead of having to pass a test of merit which should have been required.

Long Session of Cabinet. President Wilson held a two hours meeting with his cabinet today, in which the policies governing the organization of the various departments were outlined and a few minor appointments discussed. The president declared after the meeting that "merely routine" business had been taken up. He added that he regarded cabinet meetings as a "clearing house" for the handling of the details.

Members of the cabinet were reticent as to what had taken place, intimating that a general statement concerning the business of the meeting might be prepared later. One of the cabinet officials stated that the president had not taken up with them the question of what legislation he should recommend to congress. President Wilson had a busy two hours today before his meeting with his cabinet. Secretary Garrison of the War Department stepped into his private office at 9 o'clock. From 10 o'clock on the president had a series of short conferences.

Senator Gore of Oklahoma was first on the list of callers. Senators Stone, Lodge and Smoot, the latter being the first republican leader to call, had an engagement immediately after. Representative Kennedy of Connecticut, former Governor Campbell of Texas, Senator Johnston and Representative Richards of Alabama and Henry W. Dooley of Porto Rico saw the president before the cabinet meeting. The president receives this evening the judges of the United States supreme court of customs appeals, the United States commerce court and the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

Question of Philippines. Secretary Garrison's conference with President Wilson was to discuss many questions affecting the Philippine islands. Although the secretary did not wish to state the president's position, the impression about the White House today was that the subject would be left over until December. National Committeeman H. W. Dooley of Porto Rico, called to ask about the administration policy for Porto Rico. "We are after a larger measure of home rule for Porto Rico," said he and intimated he would have further conferences with the president and Secretary Garrison. The president recently favored the idea of granting citizenship to Porto Ricans.

Senator M. A. Smith of Arizona, talked briefly with the president, urging the appointment of H. W. Swettell of Tucson as a federal judge. P. A. Stovall of Savannah, Ga., is being strongly urged for a diplomatic post by Senators Bacon and Hoke Smith. He has been considered as likely to go to Switzerland, though no post has been definitely fixed on. Justice J. W. Gerard of New York continues to be prominently mentioned for an ambassadorship.

WOMAN DIES AFTER SLEEP OF THIRTY-FOUR DAYS

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., March 11.—Mrs. Rose Havens, 45, died at her home in Mahoningville today after a continuous sleep of thirty-four days. Fourteen years ago the woman slept 121 days.

The Weather Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday. For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity.—Fair; not much change in temperature. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Omaha Charter Commission Election Shows Light Vote

Omaha voted yesterday to elect fifteen members of a commission to draft a new charter for the city, under the home rule amendment to the constitution adopted last fall. The total vote was but a little heavier than that cast at the primary election last month. Thirty names were on the ballot, the fifteen highest to be elected. The vote of the city, with three precincts missing is:

Mythen Says Police Made Insulting Remarks to Women

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Edward S. Droup, president of the Washington board of state, was today's first witness. He declared that half an hour before the parade began he believed Pennsylvania avenue was clear. Dr. James Mythen, a clergyman of Baltimore, who marched in the Maryland division, said the marchers were forced to walk in single file and that they were greeted all along the line by jeers and shouts and obscene remarks from the bystanders. He gave the names of several police officers who, he said, neglected the work of keeping the crowd back. One officer to whom he complained he said, told him to "Go to hell." Dr. Mythen said that the police generally had become part of the crowd and did nothing to restrain those who insulted the parade. He testified that he had been told that Mary Melvin, a blind girl, who marched in the parade, had been pulled out of line by rowdies and that her guide had difficulty in rescuing her.

John A. Johnstone, commissioner of the District of Columbia, who has charge of the police department, was the next witness. He placed in the record all the correspondence between his office and the suffrage leaders relating to the issuance of the parade permits and the protection of the parade. Commissioner Johnson made a general defense of the conduct of Superintendent Sylvester and the police force in the disorders during the parade. He said the superintendent of police framed comprehensive orders embracing perfect arrangements for protection of the marchers. That the execution of the plans failed he said could not well be explained, nor could the "responsibility for the disorder accurately be placed."

Druesedow, Howell and Lee, Omaha's Great Reformers

LINCOLN, Neb., March 11.—(Special.)—"Well, well, well! Isn't that rich? Our great reformer, Howell, saves the remnants of his water bill in committee by the votes of 'Bob' Druesedow and 'Mike' Lee," exclaimed an Omaha visitor, looking up from his paper. "While down at Lincoln I have found that every one here was onto Druesedow and that his colleagues avoided him as a rat would a belled cat. They all remember what Omaha people have forgotten—that Druesedow used to be a professional lobbyist of the hold-up variety and was kicked out of the lobby a few years ago for being placed in a mess of bribery charges—and everything he proposes or favors now is tainted with suspicion. In several instances he has told people interested in bills that a little money would help out, and he declared to several that if he voted for the Howell bill it would be because there was a consideration. "In the case of 'Mike' Lee the consideration was already chafed up in the payroll job Howell gave him in 'inspector' right after election, which he doubtless has a promise to get back after adjournment. Lee's record was to have been made by putting through consolidation of Omaha and South Omaha as his crowning achievement, but he destroyed whatever chances there were for this by letting Howell trade him off to pull chestnuts out of the fire. 'Mike' will make another gallery play on St. Patrick's day, so the folks at home won't forget him."

INJUNCTION AGAINST TWO CHICAGO UNIONS

CHICAGO, March 11.—A temporary injunction restraining locals Nos. 9 and 34, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, from interfering with the property of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company was granted today by Judge Carpenter in the United States district court. Officers and members of the two locals are named in the restraining order that a violation of the decree will mean contempt of court. The unions, through their counsel, agreed to the entry of the decree after several changes had been made.

Noted Singer Dies

LONDON, March 11.—Francis Alexander Korba, singer and composer, died in London yesterday. He taught singing in the Royal Academy of Music in London for a time. In 1912 he secured and gave some recitals in New York. Korba, who was born at Budapest in 1856, was a student of Liszt.

REPUBLICANS OPPOSE WILSON'S APPOINTEES

Minority Senators Want Appointments Taken Up for Confirmation Once. NO APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED Names Were Referred to Committee Yesterday. COMMITTEES NOT YET COMPLETE Nine Senators on Job Find Many Obstacles. TILMAN MAKES HARD FIGHT Friends of Postoffice Senator Have Made Persistent Efforts to Induce Him to Give Up Claim to Post.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—A hint of opposition to President Wilson's appointments came in an executive session of the senate today when republican senators insisted that confirmation should be taken up for confirmation. As a result no appointments were confirmed, although those of Daniel C. Roper, Alexander M. Dockery and James I. Blakeslee, appointed, respectively, as first, third and fourth assistant postmasters general, were ready for action. The appointments made by President Wilson were referred to committees yesterday. When the senate went into executive session today Senator Bankhead offered the Dockery appointment for consideration, Senator Pearce the Blakeslee appointment and Senator Smith of South Carolina the Roper appointment. Senator Townsend of Michigan asked whether the full committee on postoffice had acted on the appointment. Democrats replied that the usual custom was being followed of making the appointments after the lapse of one day, but without the formality of a committee meeting. As the result of Senator Townsend's objection the names were withdrawn at once and arrangements made for a committee meeting.

Want No Big Contest

Republican senators said that there was no purpose on their part to conduct any general opposition to the Wilson appointments such as the democrats had displayed against the Taft appointments last session. Today's development, however, gave concern to the democrats. Senator Kern, the democratic leader, announced today that the "steering committee" expected to complete its work on the new senate committees so that they might be presented in full on Thursday. The senate was in session but a half hour and adjourned until Thursday at 2 o'clock. It is expected that officers will be elected then and all committees named and that the senate will be prepared to bring the special session to an end. The democratic committee of nine, worked throughout the day in an attempt to complete the committee assignments but many obstacles were encountered, particularly in the organization of the new committees on banking and currency which is to take on the finance problems of currency reform. The hard fight that is being made by Senator Tilman for the chairmanship of the appropriations committee also has been an important factor in delaying the completion of the steering committee's work. Persistent efforts have been made to induce Senator Tilman to give up his claim to the chairmanship of the committee, but to no definite conclusion has been reached as to whether or not he should have the chairmanship.

Bucket Shop Men Plead Guilty and Pay Their Fines

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Joseph Gattus of New York and Virgil P. Randolph of Keosauqua, were fined \$2,000 each. William B. Price of Baltimore was fined \$1,000. Edward Everett Taylor of Washington was fined \$500 and Edward Weldon and James A. Anderson were fined \$250 each in the district supreme court today after pleading guilty to indictments charging conspiracy against the United States in operation of bucket shops. This was the last chapter in the government's nation-wide bucket shop crusade begun in 1910, which has resulted in total fines of \$78,100 being imposed on various defendants. Indictments against H. M. Randolph, Thomas Morehead, Thomas Kemble and John P. Altberger for the same offense were dismissed.

Wild Asses of Desert Break Into Green Corn

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Senator Tilman of South Carolina today evinced his displeasure at the persistency of hundreds of office seekers who have flocked to the capital since the inauguration. With characteristic vigor of language the senator condemned the scramble for jobs. He said the situation reminded him of a Bible text: "I have forgotten just where in Holy Writ I read it," he said, "but it fits the case exactly and runs something as follows: 'The wild asses of the desert are athirst and hungry. They have broken into the green corn.'"

LAST SURVIVOR OF JOHN BROWN'S RAIDERS IS DEAD

WINONA, Minn., March 11.—William Galne, said to be the last surviving member of the original John Brown's raiders, died here suddenly this morning, aged 76. He attended the semi-centennial celebration held recently at Orem, Utah, was a son of a Liar.

AGUA PRIETA SURROUNDED

General Ojeda Unable to Obey Order to Evacuate It. ATTACK SEEMS IMMINENT Small Federal Garrisons in Nogales, Naco and Cananea Are Also Hard Pressed by Sonora State Troops. DOUGLAS, Ariz., March 11.—With orders in his pocket from the secretary of war to evacuate Agua Prieta and move westward Nogales to join other federal commands, General Ojeda, today finds himself bottled up beyond the change of obeying without an encounter with insurgent state troops. Constitutional forces much superior to the federal garrison surround Agua Prieta, demanding Ojeda's immediate surrender. Ojeda believes that it would be suicidal to attempt to move his troops. Agua Prieta was strongly entrenched and fortified some days ago, but if he does not move, he is ordered from Mexico City, the general admits that an attack is imminent. The constitutional leaders, Miguel Samaniego and M. M. Diquez with their forces located within striking distance, has each demanded Ojeda's surrender. E. Calles, former commander of Agua Prieta, elected by Ojeda today, is on his way from Colonia Morelos to join in the expected attack on the border town. The only federal garrison in the northern part of the state are at Agua Prieta, Nogales, Naco and Cananea. With depleted ranks and no one point containing more than 500 men, each in hard pressed today. Ojeda today dispatched a messenger to Mexico City explaining his and the other commanders' predicament.

Stefanssen Party Will Start for Home of Blonde Eskimos

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The steam whaling bark Karluk is moored at its pier today ready to sail tomorrow for Esquimaux, B. C., on the voyage of Arctic exploration to be undertaken under the auspices of the Canadian government by Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefanssen, discoverer of the blonde Eskimos. On board will be Captain C. Theodore Pedersen, an American citizen in command as navigator, and Dr. R. M. Anderson, at the head of a party of ten scientists. Dr. Stefanssen, who is now abroad, will join the expedition. Captain Pedersen said today, at Esquimaux with a wireless outfit and a motion picture equipment. Under the terms of the Canadian subsidy the crew and navigating officers of the Karluk must be Canadian. Captain Pedersen was still hoping today that he could come to an agreement from which he will not be required to forfeit his American citizenship. "This expedition," he said, "means the hopes of twenty years to me. I was with Stefanssen when he discovered the blonde Eskimos, and I feel sure there are more of them to be found even more remote from known territory. I believe, too, that there are rich copper deposits in the country for which we are headed, but if the Canadian government is rigorous I shall turn back. I won't give up my American citizenship."

Crusade Started to Exclude Plumage of All Wild Birds

CHICAGO, March 11.—Led by the Audubon society bird lovers of the United States have organized a nation-wide crusade for the amendment of the tariff law to prevent the importation of the plumage of wild birds. Under the present law there is a duty of 60 per cent on dressed and 20 per cent on undressed plumage. The crusaders favor the shutting out entirely of all such plumage. The women of America are said to use more plumes than the women of any other country in the world. It is contended that unless the United States takes the lead in prohibiting the traffic in the plumage of wild birds it will only be a short time until a dozen or more of the most beautiful species of birds will have become extinct.

Former Secretary Wilson at Ames

AMES, Ia., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—James Wilson, retiring secretary of Agriculture, arrived at Ames this morning from Washington after the last day of his sixteen years in the cabinet. He spent the day at the Iowa State college, meeting President Pearson, deans, old friends and new college people. College and Commercial clubs committees are settling on all details for tomorrow's welcome-home reception.

CHARGE AGAINST AMERICAN DEPUTY SAYS SYNDICATE IS FINANCING SONORA REBELS

MEXICO CITY, March 11.—Charges that an American syndicate is financially supporting the revolt of former Governor Jose Mayortena in the state of Sonora created a sensation here today. The charges were formally made in the Chamber of Deputies last night by Deputy Quirido Mohan. The syndicate is said to have been frustrated by the suppression three days ago of the rebellion.

NINE HORSES BURNED TO DEATH AT CONDE, S. D.

MITCHELL, S. D., March 11.—(Special.)—The heavy barn belonging to George Ehrler of Conde was burned Sunday night and destroyed nine head of horses, aside from the buggy, harness and harness, totaling a loss of \$17,000 with an insurance of about \$12,000. The fire, starting shortly after midnight, had gained such headway that the fire department could not cope with it. The little wind that was blowing saved a good portion of the business section.

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REFUSES TO CONFIRM BOARD

Senate Throws Morehead's Appointments Over Transom. STRICT PARTY VOTE ON GREGS Vote on Gregg is Divided—All Republicans and Three Democrats Are Against Grant—New Names Must Be Sent In. (From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., March 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The political transom was wide open today when the senate met to consider the appointments made by Governor Morehead on the Board of Control. It did not take many minutes before all the appointments were thrown over. On Henry Gregg it was a strict party vote, the democrats standing with the governor, while the republicans, according to the program lined out in caucus last night, voted solidly against the confirmation. Three democrats voted against Gregg, assisted by the republican vote. The vote on Gregg was divided, a few democrats and some republicans voting not to confirm the republican appointees. The senate rule in the case provides that any appointment made by the governor for the board which is not confirmed by the senate cannot again be sent in unless on request of the senate. The roll call disclosed the following: For Gregg: Bartling, Brookley, Cox, Grace, Grossman, Kleeb, Klein, Kohl, Krumbach, Ollis, Plack, Robertson, Smith, Spirk, Talcott, West, Wink. Against Gregg: Bartling, Brookley, Bush, Cordal, Dodge, Haarmann, Heasley, Hoagland, Hoagland of Lancaster, Hummel, Kemp, Kohl, MacFarland, Marshall, Reynolds, Shumway, Wolf. For Gregg: Bartling, Cox, Grace, Grossman, Kleeb, Klein, Krumbach, Ollis, Plack, Robertson, Smith, Spirk, Talcott, West, Wink. Against Gregg: Bartling, Bush, Brookley, Cordal, Dodge, Haarmann, Heasley, Hoagland of Lancaster, Hummel, Kemp, Kohl, MacFarland, Marshall, Plack, Reynolds, Shumway, Wolf.

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SYDNEY, New South Wales, March 11.—A sixty-mile gale swept this city today causing several fatalities and doing great damage to houses and boats. Sixty street cars were derailed by the wind, several yachts wrecked at their moorings and chimneys toppled over throughout the city. A Mr. Howell and his henchmen may try to have the bill amended on the floor of the house to cut out the amendment by the committee, which eliminated the stock yards from the provisions of the bill. In other words, the Water board may give the stock yards the double cross. With the stock yards removed from the jurisdiction of the Water board, the chief argument for the bill by the Water board is gone. Every day for weeks the stock yards has been held up as the one big concern fighting municipal ownership and trying to "junk" the South Omaha end of the Omaha water plant. Mr. Howell himself prepared the amendment which his man, Mike Lee, introduced eliminating the stock yards from the provisions of the act. This amendment, according to Mr. (Continued on Page Two.)

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