

ENLARGEMENT OF COMMITTEE IS UP TO CAUCUS

Bitter Criticism That Followed Selection of Members Has Died Down; Agriculturalists Not Represented.

By EDGAR C. SNYDER. Washington, April 12.—The composition of the republican steering committee of the house, as made up by the committee on committees, is still a fruitful theme for discussion among the members of the house who remain in the national capital.

Generally the bitter criticism that characterized the selection of Representative Winslow of Massachusetts, an employer of labor, Representative Dunn of New York, an employer of labor, Representative Moore of Pennsylvania, who represents a manufacturing district; Representative Longworth of Ohio, also a representative of a manufacturing community, and Representative Madden of Illinois, another large employer of labor, has been superseded by a calm discussion of the imperative needs for enlarging the committee.

Must Recognize Labor. It is felt that a representative of labor may have a place on the committee as well as a place be provided for a representative of the great agricultural section lying west of the Mississippi, which is now wholly unrepresented, although Representative Mandell of Wyoming, the coming floor leader of the majority, may, with entire propriety, be regarded as representing the agricultural west.

There are those, however, of the majority, who insist that Mr. Mandell will have no voice in shaping the legislation of the 66th congress, on the ground that he is only ex-officio chairman of the steering committee, his work being cut out for him as floor leader under direction of the conference.

One thing is certain, the enlargement of the steering committee rests solely with the republican caucus. It directed the committee on committees to select five members of the conference and if any additional members are to be added, it must clothe the committee with the power to act. Whether this will be done when the conference meets on the evening previous to the day set for the convening of the 66th congress is problematical. But the rancor and vituperation that followed the selection of the steering committee's personnel have wholly passed and a calm and dispassionate consideration of the merits for enlarging the committee have taken the place of heat and animosity, which is regarded as a wholesome sign of a united party when the house meets in extraordinary session late in May or early in June.

Labor Party Urges Removal of Burleson at Illinois Meeting

Springfield, Ill., April 12.—Removal from office of Postmaster General Burleson "because of his alleged reactionary attitude toward labor, free speech and a free press" was demanded in resolutions adopted by the convention of the labor party of Illinois today.

Endorsement was given by the new party to "a league of nations which will protect the peace which has been won." Other resolutions demanded restoration of standard time, employment of soldiers and sailors in road construction, lifting of the allied blockade against the central powers, and that public utilities taken over by the government shall not be returned to private ownership. A note of thanks was ordered forwarded by the secretary of the organization to the farmers Non-Partisan league and trades movements in North Dakota for their interest in the new Illinois party.

New York Senator's Bribery Story Denied By Man He Accused

Albany, N. Y., April 12.—Embarrassing was the answer yesterday of Richard H. Burke of New York to the charge of Senator George F. Thompson that Burke had offered him a bribe in the form of a \$300,000 campaign fund for the governorship as the price of the senator's support of the Carson-Martin bill to permit street railway companies to increase fare rates. Burke told the senate judiciary committee, which is conducting the investigation, that in his conversations with Thompson regarding traction legislation he represented nobody but himself.

"I don't want to be smirched by innuendo," he said to the committee. "I never got a dollar from Mr. Brady or anybody directly or indirectly or from any one connected with him. I was playing Thompson. Thompson had to blame somebody when he talked his head off, so he just slapped it on me."

Cubs Trim U. of A. Tucson, Ariz., April 12.—The Chicago Cubs enroute east from the Pacific coast on their training trip, had an easy time defeating the University of Arizona, 7 to 3, here yesterday.

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Nebraskan Is United States Vice Consul To Newly Created Czecho-Slovak Republic

John Bouchal of Wilbur, Neb., Leaves for Prague to Represent American Government.

By E. C. SNYDER.

Washington, April 12.—John Bouchal of Wilbur, Neb., recently appointed United States vice consul to the newly created Czecho-Slovak republic, left recently on the U. S. S. Levizhan, the largest ship in the world, for a European port from where he will continue to travel to Prague, the capital of the new republic. Mrs. Bouchal accompanies her husband.



Consul and Mrs. John F. Bouchal.

Vice Consul Bouchal represented the American government at Prague for five years previous to the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Austria. For the past two years Mr. Bouchal has been connected with the department of State and associated with the diplomatic bureau.

John Bouchal is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, taking the degree of LL. B. in the class of 1912. He also took a course at the Nebraska School of Business in Lincoln. Previous to entering the University of Nebraska, Mr. Bouchal

BRITISH FEAR U. S. ACTIVITY IN TRADE MARTS

American Business Men Awaken English Manufacturers by Drive for Foothold in Europe.

Washington, April 12.—British residents abroad have bombarded the home government with complaints of activity of American business men throughout the world, advising to an official of the State department says. Notes of complaint also have appeared.

One London paper voices the general apprehension that the United States will take from Great Britain her lead in the commerce of the world as follows: "The activity of manufacturers in the United States of America and the keen commercial instinct with which they are taking to revive the old and secure new markets for their goods have led to many complaints that British manufacturers are being left far behind in the struggle for the markets of the world."

"To British residents abroad it is peculiarly exasperating to see American business houses taking up premises in, say, Scandinavia, for the purpose of trading direct with

ODD FELLOWS TO HOLD CONVENTION HERE APRIL 25-26

Centennial Celebration to Be Featured by Presence of National Officers and Many Delegates.

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Prevalence of Disease in Army Reported on Decline

Washington, April 12.—Continued decline in the prevalence of serious diseases among troops at home and abroad is announced by the surgeon general for the week ending April 4. The death rate from disease in the United States dropped from 7.9 per thousand per year to 7.5 and in the overseas forces from 7 to 5. The majority of the deaths resulted from pneumonia and tuberculosis.

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The centennial celebration of the I. O. O. F. lodge will be held in this city April 25 and 26. Grand Sire Henry V. Borst of Amsterdam, N. Y., and Mrs. Martha Prescott of Lacomia, N. H., national president of Rebekah assemblies, will be here for the ceremony. All grand officers of the state will also be there.

There will be a parade on Saturday afternoon, April 26, which is the 100th anniversary of the order, composed of 15 bands and 20,000 Odd Fellows. One division will be made up of men returned from the service. Another division will consist of floats symbolic of the different branches of the order.

One hundred lodges of northwestern Iowa will be represented, and Sioux City alone will send 1,000 delegates. On Friday evening, April 25, past grand officers of Rebekah assemblies of Nebraska will entertain Mrs. Prescott.

Headquarters will be at the Hotel Fontenelle.

CONGRESS MAY REVISE PANAMA TOLL CHARGES

By E. C. SNYDER.

Washington, April 12.—Congressman Reavis of the Lincoln district, who spent several days in the Panama canal zone, with a party of senators and representatives, has some very decided views on the tolls

now in force on the canal, and he does not hesitate to say that a supreme effort will be put forth at the coming session of congress to right palpable wrongs growing out of the collection of these tolls. Mr. Reavis, speaking of the toll question said that a plank in the democratic national platform of 1912 declared unreservedly in favor of free tolls through the canal for American coastwise ships. That no sooner had President Wilson been elected than he demanded that congress repeal the free toll provision, which was done, in direct defiance of the national platform.

"A bill was passed by congress fixing the toll rates through the canal," said Mrs. Reavis. "The bill provided for a toll rate not based on the value of the cargo, but on the cargo space. After this bill became a law it was discovered by congress that the act was in large measure a duplicate of the Suez canal toll rate. Benefits British Ships. "Great Britain had constructed her cargo carrying vessels so as to secure the greatest possible benefit of the Suez tolls and the Panama canal toll bill granted to Great Britain the same benefits. The result of this discrimination is, according to Governor Harding, civil governor of the canal zone, that more than \$2,000,000 in tolls have

been presented to British shipping by this act in the last three years. "The canal is not self-supporting. British ships go through the canal for less toll than American ships, so that instead of American shipping getting free tolls as provided by the platform of the democratic party, upon which Wilson was first elected, such shipping has to pay greater tolls than Great Britain. "One of the first acts of the incoming republican congress will be to enact legislation that will at least put American shipping on an equal footing with British shipping."

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Vests of colored linen, satin and fancy silks are altogether delightful. For the tailor nothing surpasses the collars of pique and organdie. Vestees of net and organdie to take the place of a blouse with one's suit. An inimitable newness throughout our entire display of neck-fittings.

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Everything of Interest

Distinction and correctness of weave, pattern, color and quality, characterize Thompson-Belden silks. The pre-eminence of silks from this house is upheld splendidly in present showings.

Cheney's Auratone "shower-proof" foulards have turned dark, lifeless shades into luminous, beautiful tones. A soft, radiant, glowing surface greets you—so lovely that their appeal is instant.

Printed Georgettes are interesting because of their newness and charm. In happy combinations of blue and sand, taupe and Turquoise, Cope blue and sand, Copen and Victory.

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South Aisle, Main Floor

A Display of Gingham

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They are dainty in design and coloring. They drape perfectly into the fashionable silhouette. They brighten adorably at the appearance of white collars and cuffs or other dainty trappings.

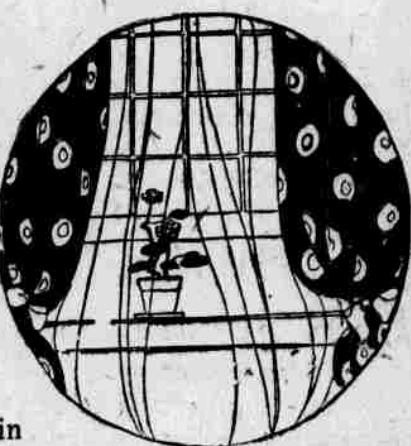
Both in domestic and imported gingham—we are prepared as never before. Plain shades, plaids, checks, stripes, in seasonable new colorings. (32 inches wide.)

50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 a Yard.

In the Basement Wash Goods Section

Draperies for the Home

With the coming of Springtime, thoughts naturally turn toward brightening and refreshing the appearance of one's home—and curtains and drapes play an important part in such planning. So the subject of draperies is very apropos.



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Draperies—In the Basement

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Parasols in the loveliest of styles and colors for Summer occasions.

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