

REAVIS PLANS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Convention of Engineers Will Endorse Nebraskan's Bill Creating New Cabinet Position.

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Washington, Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Establishment of a national department of public works in order to bring the same economy and efficiency into the great federal public works that have made American industries successful under private administration, will be urged upon congress by a convention of engineers from all parts of the country, which began a two-day session at the New Willard today.

Creation of a new cabinet position under which would be coordinated all of the public works now scattered through nine federal departments, 34 bureaus and four unattached commissions, so as to bring about good team work, is proposed.

Congressman Reavis, author of the new public works bill, changing the "Department of the Interior" to the "Department of Public Works," and designating the cabinet member as "Secretary of Public Works," was the principal speaker at the banquet of the association held tonight at the same hotel.

Reavis Explains Measure.
Speaking of the aims of the bill, which has the endorsement of practically every engineering society in the nation, Mr. Reavis said:
"Because of the inefficiency of the government as a business institution and the tremendous waste that results by way of duplication, we are seeking by this bill, to bring about co-ordination of all engineering functions in the government by a reorganization of the Department of the Interior into a Department of Public Works. I have no desire to make extravagant claims for this legislation. It accomplishes but little in comparison with the great need of reorganization through all the departments of government, but I am hopeful that it will not alone create an efficient governmental activity so far as the engineering functions of the government are concerned, but that it will be a precedent so salutary that further legislation along the same line with reference to other departments will speedily follow."

Bureaus to Be Detached.
"The evolution of governmental matters throughout the years has resulted in attaching to the several departments certain activities which are not at all in harmony with the functions of the departments. In House Record 6649 it is provided that the patent office, which now belongs to the Department of the Interior, shall be separated from this department and attached to the Department of Commerce. The bureau of pensions is not in any sense congenial to functions of the Interior department; it belongs properly to the Department of the Treasury, where the war risk insurance and compensation act are now lodged. Consequently the bureau of pensions by this bill is taken away from the Department of the Interior and given to the Department of the Treasury, and I am very certain in my own mind that such disposition of the pension bureau will very soon result now in the consolidation of the compensation functions of the government, whereby the soldiers of the recent war are cared for under the war risk bureau and the soldiers of the civil war are cared for under the pension bureau."

Will Reduce Cost.
"It is quite impossible in my limited time for me to give a detailed statement of the shifting of governmental activities but the purpose of the bill is to make the Interior department, so far as possible, the receptacle for all the engineering activities of the government and to remove from it all functions not in harmony with the duty of public works. We seek by this proposed legislation to create an industrial organization out of many independent functions so as to make it possible for the government to conduct its public works business along the same line and according to the same principle that has made American industries the marvel of the world."

"The result of such an organization will be increased efficiency by bringing under one head and making a part of all well balanced machine all works now operated for the use of the public. It follows as a matter of course that such an organization would result in reduced cost that always come with specialized effort and quantity production and that there would be greatly decreased overhead charge working under one organization than there would be with the same activities divided among many organizations each working independently of the other."

Recommend Pay Increase For All Fighting Men

Washington, Jan. 13.—By a big majority, the house military affairs committee agreed to report favorably the bill of Representative Crago, republican, Pennsylvania, granting an increase of 20 per cent in the pay of all officers of the army, navy, marine corps, public health service and coast guard up to and including the rank of brigadier general in the army and equivalent grades in other service. The bill also would increase the pay of the enlisted personnel of these services 20 per cent in all cases where the present base pay amounts to \$33 a month or more.

Increases provided in the bill would be effective from passage until June 30, 1921, and it is estimated would cost the government approximately \$40,000,000 annually. The house naval affairs committee has agreed to increases in the pay of officers and men of the navy.

Grey Reaches England
Southampton, Jan. 13.—Viscount Grey of Fallodon, British ambassador to the United States, arrived here this morning on board the White Star liner Adriatic.

COMPROMISE IN TREATY FAVORED BY MOST COLLEGES

Harvard, Princeton, Cornell And Other Universities Take Vote on Treaty.

Boston, Jan. 13.—Mixed results were shown in the balloting in New England colleges today on the ratification of the peace treaty and the league of nations. In most of the colleges four propositions were voted upon:

1. Favoring ratification without amendments or reservations.
2. Opposing ratification in any form.
3. Favoring ratification with the senate majority.
4. Favoring ratification with any compromise that would make possible immediate ratification.

Two additional propositions were on the ballot at some colleges, as follows:

Separate Peace.
Favoring a separate peace with Germany, leaving the question of a league of nations to be settled afterwards.

Favoring a compromise on reservations that would avoid danger of defeating ratification while still making clear that congress has sole power to declare war; domestic questions and the Monroe doctrine, are outside the jurisdiction of the league, plural votes are disqualified in any dispute in which this country is disqualified in voting and this country is to be sole judge whether its obligations have been met if it withdraws from the league.

Highest Vote for 4.
At Harvard both students and faculty polled the highest vote for No. 4, with No. 1 running second. Smith and Mount Holyoke, both women's colleges, also cast the heaviest vote for No. 4, with No. 1 second.

In the four Maine colleges No. 4 led. Colby, Maine and Bowdoin gave second place to No. 3. Boston college cast a majority for No. 3, with No. 2 second. At Brown, No. 6 led, with No. 5 second. Amherst favored No. 1, with No. 4 second.

Massachusetts Agricultural College polled the heaviest vote for No. 6, with No. 1 second.

What Yale Did.
New Haven, Conn., Jan. 13.—Compromise between the Lodge and democratic reservationists was the peace treaty proposal, which received the highest number of votes from both the students and faculty of Yale university. Summary of the votes:

Students:
For ratification with compromise, 930; for ratification with Lodge reservations, 313; for ratification without reservations (Wilson stand), 205; for rejection of the treaty (Borah stand), 82.
Faculty:
Compromise, 133; Wilson, 45; Lodge, 18; Borah, 3.

Princeton Results.
Princeton, N. J., Jan. 13.—Advocates of the compromise program won a sweeping victory today in Princeton's poll on the league of nations question. Of the 1,596 votes cast, 800 favored a compromise between the Lodge and democratic reservationists. Of the remaining 796, 361 favored the adoption of the treaty with only the Lodge reservations, 355 favored ratification without reservation or amendment and the remaining 80 were opposed to ratification in any form.

Explosion at Norfolk Kills One, Injures Two; City Gas Supply Cut Off

Norfolk, Neb., Jan. 13.—Chris Kuech, a gas fitter, was burned to death and two other men were injured early today when fire which followed the explosion of an oil tank and destroyed the Norfolk gas plant. The city's gas supply is indefinitely cut off.

Kuech met death after he ran through flames into the plant's boiler rooms to turn off the valves connecting with large gas reserve tanks near the plant. His son, William, and Edward Hestors, two other employees of the plant, were burned about the face.

Sam Langford, the colored heavyweight, plans to go to England in March. Sam also will box in Paris if suitable matches can be arranged.

LION BOND FIRM SELECTS STAFF OF EXECUTIVES

Business Operating Forces Divided Into Four Divisions to Expedite Work of Departments.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Lion Bonding and Surety Co., in the directors' room at the home office Monday, officers and executive staff were elected for the coming year as follows:

N. R. Gurney, president; Fred Volpp, first vice president; H. C. Leigh, executive secretary; Phil H. Kohl, treasurer; Dan F. Brown, vice president; H. O. Beatty, vice president; F. B. Aldridge, vice president; J. C. Leonard, assistant secretary; A. H. Wheeler, assistant secretary; F. B. Cowdery, assistant secretary, and J. A. Rine, general attorney.

The business operating forces of the company were divided into four general divisions, which will enable the company to handle its rapidly increasing business in a more efficient manner and with less time wasted.

H. C. Leigh will have charge of the office department in the department, cash accounting and statistical department. H. O. Beatty will assume charge of the agency division, which embraces the agency department, supply department, city department, and branch office department.

Dan F. Brown will be placed in direct supervision of the contract department, and also the depository bond department, and will have as his assistants Robert McKay and Miss Clara Peterson.

F. B. Aldridge will be placed at the head of the medical and health division with J. F. Micek as his assistant.

The legal department will continue under the charge of J. A. Rine, and Ed P. McDonald remains with the company as assistant attorney.

Former Lincoln Man Is Seriously Ill in Washington Hospital

Washington, Jan. 13, 1920.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles E. Magoon, former provisional governor of Cuba and former governor of Panama, was removed from the Maralough apartment house, to the emergency hospital, where an operation for an intestinal obstruction will be made.

Governor Magoon came to Washington in 1899 from Lincoln, where he practiced law from 1882 until his removal to the national capital, and at the instance of Ex-Assistant Secretary of War George D. Meiklejohn, took a position as law clerk in the bureau of insular affairs of the War department. He specialized in Spanish questions growing out of the Spanish-American war with especial reference to Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines.

Mr. Magoon was appointed provisional governor of Cuba in 1906 and held the position for three years. Before going to Cuba he was governor of the canal zone for over one year. He is a bachelor and except for his valet, has been living alone for the past three months. Up to that time his nephew, Ralph Coffin, a well known horse fancier now in Boston, has been occupying the same apartment with him. Mr. Magoon is author of "The Law of Civil Government under military occupation," published in 1902.

Officials at the emergency hospital said that Governor Magoon's condition was not regarded as critical.

London Short of Coal.

London, Jan. 13.—Distress over shortage of household coal is increasing here and in many country towns where stocks virtually are exhausted. News of the arrival of a carload of coal at any depot brings a rush of poor inhabitants. Hundreds of persons daily seek coal, pushing perambulators and wheelbarrows, or carrying sacks.

If names count for anything Runak Ohman, the Swedish champion, should be a likely contender for Marathon honors in the Boston event next April.

Vitrimont, "Adopted" By California Cities, Completely Restored

Washington, Jan. 13.—Vitrimont, "adopted" village of a group of California cities, is one of the first of

the hundreds of French devastated towns to be entirely restored, according to a report of the American Red Cross.

The ancient Gothic church of the town has been replaced by a modern stone structure which while in conformity with the best traditions of French taste, nevertheless presents in its broad eaves a suggestion of the architecture of Los Angeles. Likewise the reconstructed "mairie" or town hall, contains features which are reminiscent of some of the most classic outlines of San Diego structures.

Other buildings in the town were said to be representative of the architecture of San Francisco and various other California cities.

Bee Want-Ads Produce Results.

Dodge Nearing Crisis.
New York, Jan. 13.—John Dodge, Detroit automobile manufacturer, seriously ill at the Ritz Carlton hotel here, is nearing the crisis, his physician announced. He is suffering from pneumonia, which developed from influenza. His brother, Horace Dodge, who also was stricken with pneumonia, is said to be recovering.

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Philippine Drawers . . . \$2.75 to \$25.00
Philippine Corset Covers . . \$1.95 to \$15.00

Dainty Colored Beacon Blankets for the Baby

SOFT warm little crib blankets with attractive bunny borders that will please the children are here in the Infants' Section in a great assortment. There are dainty blue and white ones that are reversible, and pink and white reversible ones. Size 30x36 to 36x46. Priced from \$1.10 to \$2.50. Exquisite soft double blankets; white with blue or pink border. Priced at

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A SPLENDID quality of real crash toweling, the kind that lasts and gives entire satisfaction, on sale Wednesday at the very special price of 39c a yard.

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Taken From Regular Stock and Priced for Quick Clearance.

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We have taken odd lots of

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blouses from our regular stock and substantially reduced them that we might dispose of them immediately. It is an unusual opportunity to save and still choose a blouse that exactly suits you. The colors are

Navy Brown Flesh Assorted Stripes
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On account of the extremely low prices we cannot accept C. O. D.'s and cannot make exchanges.

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Annual January Clearance Sale of

Women's and Misses' Coats

Reduced to Exactly

1/2

the Regular Price

NO matter what style of coat you have set your mind upon, you will find it in this sale at a reduction of 1/2 price. Each coat tailored according to our usual high standard, and the materials are

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Some are trimmed with fur; others strictly tailored, but every one a wonderful value. Select yours early Wednesday morning.

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