

Democratic Office Jobs Are Held Up

Efforts of Administration to Pack Departments With Men Of Own Selection Checked By the Senate.

Republicans in Control

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 18.—The senate abruptly checked efforts of President Wilson, Secretary of War Baker and Secretary of the Navy Daniels to pack the army and navy at the close of their administration with appointments of their own selection and thus to fasten upon a new administration their own policies of conducting these important departments of government.

With the opening of the senate session at noon democrats launched an unexpected drive to force the republicans to abandon their avowed determination to hold up every appointment by President Wilson for the remainder of his term.

After two hours of spirited debate and sharp parliamentary fencing, the republicans were still in control of the situation and it had been virtually settled that no more Wilson nominations would be confirmed with the exception of about 5,000 minor officers, commissioned last summer under the army reorganization act. These were regarded as mere formal appointments.

Fletcher Starts Debate. Discussion of the more vital issue of major appointments began when Senator Fletcher of Florida, democrat, called up his resolution asking the post master general to furnish to the senate, a list of the names of the war veterans or widows of men killed in the war, who have been nominated as postmasters or postmistresses.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, democrat, made several ineffectual attempts to force the senate into a debate session to consider the nominations sent to the senate by President Wilson at this session. The success of his motion would have given the democrats a slight tactical advantage, so the republicans quickly voted it down.

Senator Underwood, the democratic leader, then proposed a unanimous consent agreement to deal with army and navy appointments. He said he had no fault to find with the republicans for taking advantage of their control to hold up all civil nominations, but he declared that he would not permit to interfere with the confirmation of military appointments. A large number of the military appointments, he pointed out, were made by President Wilson under his recess authority and now the senate confirms them.

Senator Lodge, the republican leader, said he had no disposition to hold up such appointments, but he emphatically declared that under no circumstances would he permit the confirmation of appointments of bureau chiefs and other high officials in the army and navy.

Lodge Looking Ahead. "Some of these appointments will have to be considered very carefully," he said, "especially those of chief importance. If I can prevent it, I will not permit the bureaus of the War and Navy departments to be packed with appointees of the present administration to hamper the next administration for the next four years."

It was finally agreed to refer "original appointments consisting largely of lieutenants and captains in the army, to the military affairs committee to be sifted, and assurances were later given that these would be confirmed. The appointment of 11 major generals and several thousand other higher officials of the War department had to wait, along with practically all other nominations in all other departments.

Senator Norris of Nebraska, republican, told the senate a "disastrous" situation would result in the patent office unless the senate confirmed the patents of patents. There would be no one to sign patents after March 4, he said.

68 Passengers Burned to Death in Railroad Wreck. Copenhagen, Jan. 18.—Sixty-eight passengers on a Russian railway train running from Luga, on the Gulf of Finland, to Novogorod, southeast of Petrograd, were burned to death when a quantity of benzine being carried as freight exploded and wrecked the train, says a Helsingfors dispatch to the Werlings Tidende today. The train caught fire from the flaming fluid.

Holland Denies Kaiser and Family Ordered to Leave. The Hague, Jan. 18.—The official correspondence bureau today denied reports in circulation that the members of the Hohenzollern family had been ordered to leave Holland because it was reported the allied diplomats here informed the Dutch government that the Hohenzollerns were planning a counter-revolution in Germany.

Mexicans Arrive in Texas For Nef's Inauguration. Austin, Tex., Jan. 18.—Mexico's delegation to the inauguration of Pat M. Nef, as governor of Texas, arrived in Austin today. The party is composed of 31 Mexican citizens, including several of national repute.

Fremont Man Robbed By Two Armed Bandits

Fremont, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Arthur J. Lynch, foreman at the city light plant, was held up and robbed by two masked men as he was returning home from work about 10:30. The bandits emptied his pockets of money and valuables amounting to over \$75.

While riding his bicycle toward home in the south part of the city, he was halted near the railroad yards by a stranger who asked for a match. As Lynch attempted to proceed another bandit stepped from beside a building and shoved a gun against his stomach, ordering him to "come through." No trace of the two men was found.

Five Youthful Bandits Hold Up U. S. Mail Truck

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Five youthful bandits held up a United States mail truck at the Union station here early today, escaping in an automobile with 12 sacks of mail, 10 of which contained registered mail. Police say that the pouches contained part of a federal reserve bank money shipment destined for St. Paul.

The bandits surprised three postal employes guarding the pouches, forcing them at the point of guns back into their truck while the bandit car drew alongside and the 12 mail bags were transferred to it. The robbers worked swiftly and the robbery was accomplished in a few minutes.

The regular mail was composed solely of city collections, the police say. The registered mail bags were supposed to contain currency and bonds of a value not yet estimated.

Robbers Work Fast. One of the postal employes said that only a few minutes after they had arrived at the station with their truck the bandit car dashed up. The police believe the robbery was an inside job and that the bandits had knowledge of the bank shipment.

Richard J. Sliney and Phillip Cahill, postal employes, said the five robbers, none of whom appeared to be more than 20, all wore black masks and executed the robbery so quickly that the attention of a watchman and a railroad ticket agent nearby was not attracted until the bandit car was speeding away with the 12 pouches.

Wife of Millionaire Carpet Man Is Sought After Disappearance

New York, Jan. 18.—A general alarm was sent out last night for the apprehension of Mrs. Ella E. Berens, wife of Richard E. Berens, a millionaire carpet man who mysteriously disappeared from his home in Mount Vernon Sunday night.

Mrs. Berens had just returned from a sanitarium in Stamford, Conn., where she had been treated for nervous troubles. She had been confined there twice.

Upon arriving home she inquired repeatedly for her two children, 5 and 11 years old, who are with relatives in Cambridge, Mass. Her husband assured her the children would be home in a day or two and Mrs. Berens retired at 9 o'clock Sunday night. A half hour later her husband discovered that she was missing.

"Little Grandmother" of Russian Revolution Ill. Paris, Jan. 18.—Madame Catherine Breshkovskaya, "the little grandmother of the Russian revolution," who came to Paris recently from Rutherford, to attend the conference here of the remnant of the old Russian duma, is seriously ill in the Russian hospital at Boulogne near Paris. She was taken to the institution last week suffering from a general breakdown and a heart ailment.

Action of North Dakota Rail Road to Be Probed. Washington, Jan. 18.—On petition of the railroads operating in North Dakota, the interstate commerce commission ordered today an investigation into the reorganization of the 13 physical divisions of the American Red Cross in the United States, it was learned. At a meeting of the central committee to be held soon, proposals will be made that the country be redivided into not more than six or seven main divisions.

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Knowledge of Morse Code Saves Man From Death by Suffocation. Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—Locked for nearly six hours in a hermetically sealed concrete office last night, a knowledge of the Morse telegraph probably saved the life of Arthur Brenner, assistant city treasurer, it became known today. A mouse, also locked in, failed to survive.

Brenner entered the vault, a room 15 feet square and 20 feet high, five minutes before closing time yesterday, hunting for a warrant. While he was there the big steel doors swung shut. He shouted for help without attracting notice.

He pulled open every drawer and piled the books on the floor to get the telegraph. He pounded out in Morse: "I am locked in." "Will get help," came the answer from Hookwald, who immediately telephoned for a man who knew the vault's combination.

Balloonist Faces Hardships

All Mention of Fight at End Of Long Journey Avoided In Testimony of Lieutenant Kloor.

Acts Not Questionable

Rockaway, N. Y., Jan. 18.—Avoiding any mention of the fist fight between Lieutenants Hinton and Farrell, which brought to a surprising denouement their balloon flight into Canadian wilderness and tramp back to civilization, Lieut. Louis A. Kloor, jr., who commanded the party described their experiences today before the naval court of inquiry.

"Newspaper accounts have reflected on the actions of your two companions," the court said. "Now state what you know of the personal conduct of the party."

Picking his words, Lieutenant Kloor praised the personal conduct of his companions until they reached Mattice, where the fight occurred. "That's all I have to say," he declared, but the court reminded him his story had not brought the air-men back to Rockaway.

Then he mentioned that Lieutenant Hinton had left the private car in which the two of them were seated at Mattice, to deliver to Lieutenant Farrell, Secretary Daniels' order against granting interviews.

Avoids Mention of Fight. "Hinton said he would tell Farrell, and in doing so he had to go to the Hudson Bay company store, after which he returned to the private car," Lieutenant Kloor said.

It was while Hinton was gone that the fight occurred, but the witness made no mention of it. "The conduct of Lieutenants Hinton and Farrell on our return from Mattice," he continued, "was in no way questionable."

Concluding, Lieutenant Kloor turned to the newspaper men and smiled. He was then excused. During the weeks they spent in the northern forests, at Moose Factory and in trudging through the snow back to civilization, Lieutenant Kloor said each man "made sacrifice after sacrifice."

Small Food Supply. The party left Rockaway with food to provide three meals, he said. They carried no balloon log and the only maps were charts of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

After explaining that it would have been easy to have landed at Wells, N. Y., on the evening they left, Lieutenant Kloor said they failed to locate Wells on a chart before going on. "Then they asked inhabitants how far it was to Albany, he added, the only reply was: "How should we know?"

"You have put Wells on the map now, so you'll know where it is the next time," remarked Rear Admiral Kline, head of the court.

Lieutenant Hinton sat near Lieutenant Kloor throughout his testimony. He probably will be quizzed tomorrow and Lieutenant Farrell, also.

Man and Woman Perish in Blaze Following Explosion of Films. Bayonne, N. J., Jan. 18.—Two persons, one a young woman, were killed and 10 injured in a fire which swept a building housing several film manufacturing concerns.

The dead were Miss Ethel Suckow, 24, and a man believed to be Arthur Post, 21. Miss Suckow perished by jumping from a fire escape at the second floor after she had been carried through the flames by a watchman. Enveloped by flames, she leaped to the street. The charred body of a man believed to be that of Post, was found on the second floor.

Exploding films hurled burning debris 200 feet, setting fire to several dwellings and threatening to communicate with a 1,000-gallon tank of gasoline in a welding shop nearby, which also was fired by flying embers. These fires were quickly checked, however.

Morphine Smuggled Ashore From Ship in Parrot Cage. New York, Jan. 18.—A statement that \$15,000 worth of morphine had been smuggled ashore from an Italian steamer in Brooklyn in a parrot cage covered with cloth was made when four men were booked at police headquarters on a charge of violating the Harrison drug act.

D'Annunzio to Quit Fiume This Week for Switzerland. Trieste, Jan. 18.—Gabriele D'Annunzio, former insurgent leader at Fiume, will leave that city this week, having obtained passports to visit Switzerland, Greece, Spain and France. Five hundred of his legionnaires still remain in Fiume.

Growers Ask Tariff On Imports of Sugar

Washington, Jan. 18.—Former Representative John J. Fitzgerald of New York, representing sugar refiners at the house ways and means committee's tariff hearings, revived the row over Louisiana sugar prices. He declared the government had penalized the rest of the country to save a few Louisiana growers.

R. E. Milling of New Orleans, for the growers, retorted that the refiners wanted to get a grip on the sugar industry and make the people pay for it.

Milling asked for a 3 cent a pound duty on sugar as against the refiners' request for elimination of the present duty.

Miners Declare Troops Are Held To Break Strike

Editor of Journal Says State Forces of Alabama Have Shot and Searched Homes of Strikers at Will.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—Charges that state troops being held in the coal fields near Jasper, Ala. are there for no other purpose than to break the strike of miners are made in a statement issued today from the offices of the United Mine Workers of America.

According to the statement, officials of the mine workers were not surprised to learn that 10 soldiers of the Alabama national guard had been arrested at Jasper in connection with the killing of William Baird, a coal miner, who was taken by force from jail. Baird was being held on a charge of murdering a member of the militia.

The statement prepared by Ellis Searles, editor of the United Mine Workers Journal, said: "This is one of a series of outrages that have been committed against the striking miners of Alabama. Gunmen in the employ of the coal companies have shot up miners' homes and wounded women and children. They have shot down a number of miners for no reason whatsoever except to create a reign of terror to break the strike. Fifteen hundred Alabama state troops have been in the strike zone for four months at a cost to the state of approximately \$600,000, but there has been nothing for them to do because the striking miners have been law-abiding and have indulged in no disorders."

The military authorities have issued orders forbidding all meetings of the United Mine Workers.

Immediate Probe of Department of Justice Urged by New Yorker. New York, Jan. 18.—An immediate congressional investigation of the Department of Justice and the office of the alien property custodian, was recommended by Samuel Untermyer, in an address tonight. Mr. Untermyer, who as chief counsel in the legislative committee's investigation of the alleged "building trust," has obtained numerous indictments, declared he had not direct legal evidence against the two departments.

"There has never been a governmental department, national or state," he said, "so urgently in need of immediate and painstaking investigation as are those of the alien property custodian and the Department of Justice, dating from the enactment of the Alien Property Custodian law. But the investigation must be conducted, if at all, under skillful searching and strictly non-partisan direction, with the aid of experienced counsel."

Labor Department Reports Decrease in Food Prices. Washington, Jan. 18.—An average decrease of 8 per cent in retail prices of 22 food articles in December as compared with November, was noted in statistics compiled by the Labor department. Compared to December, 1919, the decrease was 10 per cent.

The products and decreases were: Oranges 27 per cent; pork chops, 25; sugar, 18; ham, 13; bacon, butter and lard 11; round steak, flour 10; wheat, 10; corn, 9; increased 36 per cent, rolled oats, 18 per cent and storage eggs, cream of wheat and macaroni, 9 per cent.

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Safety First



Department Row Over Cork Mayor Still Hangs Fire

Wilson Adheres to Stand Not To Interfere in Deportation Case of Donald O'Callaghan. Washington, Jan. 18.—The inter-departmental controversy over Donald J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, who recently arrived without a passport, was still unadjusted after a cabinet meeting.

President Wilson, it is understood, continued to maintain the question of O'Callaghan's status was one of the two department heads of Labor and State to determine.

With the State department's order for the lord mayor's deportation ignored by the Labor department in adjudging O'Callaghan a "seaman" and in granting him permission to land and reship aboard a vessel bound abroad, the solicitor of the State department reaffirmed that his department had the right to assume jurisdiction and order the mayor's deportation.

Officials, however, failed to disclose what steps might be decided upon to no immediate action of an extreme character was contemplated, although it was agreed that if the State department's power to request the Department of Justice to deport O'Callaghan for violating a criminal statute in entering the United States without a passport.

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Brooklyn Zoo Lioness Undergoes Pleasures Of Modern Dentistry

New York, Jan. 18.—Seven years ago under an African sun, Queenie wobbled unsteadily through the jungle, a cub lioness, born to wild life in an untamed land.

Today, in the Brooklyn zoo, she gasped in agony while a dentist, aided by keepers broke out a blackened tooth which had given her a toothache.

Her teeth had succumbed to the white man's civilization. A half hour of uproar and the lioness was made fast. A side of the cage was opened and her head protruded out. Then the park department veterinary began his work while Queenie strained at the ropes which bound her. Keepers with a rope about her head, held it down as gently as possible and placed a crow bar between her jaws.

When Queenie was released, she roared and tried to leap to her feet, but she was too weak.

French Troops Disarm Mutinous Cossacks Near Constantinople. Constantinople, Jan. 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—French black troops turned their machine guns on mutinous Cossacks of Wrangel's former army encamped at Tchatalja, 25 miles northwest of Constantinople, Saturday night, after the Cossacks had disarmed their officers. The Russians returned the fire, killing 10 Senegalese and wounding 20 others and two French officers.

The French encircled the Cossacks' camp and ultimately got the mutineers under control. The leaders of the uprising were placed under arrest and are being court-martialed by the French military.

Boston Stock Brokerage Firm Fails, Is Announcement. Boston, Jan. 18.—The stock brokerage house of Ernest S. Smith & Co., members of the New York and Boston stock exchanges, today announced that they were unable to meet their obligations. The announcement was read from the rostrum of the local exchange which declared them suspended for one year.

Swiss Socialist Party Rejects Internationale. Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 18.—Rejection of Moscow's conditions for adherence to the third internationale has been voted by the socialist party of Switzerland at a general conference held here. The conference cast 3,420 votes for rejection of the conditions, as against 912 for their acceptance.

Trainloads of Supplies On Way to Polish Forces. London, Jan. 18.—Trains are arriving daily in Danzig, loaded with artillery supplies, bomb throwers and ammunition for the Polish army, says a wireless from Moscow, quoting reports from Danzig. The Polish army, the dispatch adds, is busily being organized under the direction of French officers.

Scores Closed Shop. Chicago, Jan. 18.—I. M. Glenn, secretary of the Illinois Manufacturers' association, in an address, said that the closed shop is a burden on industry. "Unionism means curtailment of production and inefficiency," he asserted.

Film Explosion Wrecks Building; Two Are Killed

Charred Bodies of People, Apparently Blown Through Window, Found Near Railroad Tracks. Bayonne, N. J., Jan. 18.—Two persons were killed and more than 10 injured in an explosion and fire in the plant of the Bellows Film company here today.

Two charred bodies, apparently blown through a window of the plant, were found beside the tracks of the Central Railway near the factory. One apparently was that of a woman.

Firemen worked desperately to check the flames and rescue others who might yet be inside the building.

Ten injured persons were taken to the Bayonne hospital. Fifteen persons were inside the small building when the explosion occurred. Instantly the structure was wrapped in flames.

The fire was caused by the ignition of films which flared up with a blast that shattered windows in the vicinity.

Tobacco Planter and Wife of Neighbor Are Held for Elopement. Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18.—Charles Grimes, tobacco planter and stockman of Harrodsburg, Ky., and Mrs. Cora Adkinson, wife of another Harrodsburg farmer, were under arrest here today charged with having abandoned their families and eloped.

Grimes left his wife and six children and Mrs. Adkinson left her husband and four children. The couple told the police here that several times since leaving Harrodsburg in an automobile for Florida they were inclined to turn back and seek forgiveness. Grimes gave the following reason for not doing so: "You know how it is in my country. When a man runs off with another man's wife, the husband is supposed to do some shooting."

Connecticut Suffrage Association Disbands. New Haven, Conn., Jan. 18.—About 51 years of efforts and with its ambition accomplished, the Connecticut Woman Suffrage association dissolved. Among those who in 1869 formed the association were Susan B. Anthony, Isabelle Beecher Hooker, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Julia Ward Howe, the Rev. C. E. Stowe, and William Lloyd Garrison. The meeting was in Hartford, and Miss Frances Ellen Burr, 89, alone is living of the pioneer band. She was secretary from 1869 to 1910.

Texas Man Sues Widow for Damages and Heart Balm. Dallas, Tex., Jan. 18.—George M. Freeland, 45, in a suit for breach of promise, asks \$25,000 punitive and \$164,545 actual damages from Mrs. Ethel B. Bass, a widow.

In his petition Freeland says he proposed marriage to Mrs. Bass on March 15, 1920, and gave her a ring costing \$680. Later he presented her with an automobile, he alleges, and spent considerable money in furnishing a home. On September 16, 1920 he says, the woman broke the engagement, which caused him "to suffer mental anguish, pain, distress and injury."

Wage Fight On Increase In the House

Bill Providing for Boost in Membership From 435 To 483 Meets Storm of Protest.

Leaders Predict Defeat

Washington, Jan. 18.—After five hours of argument, the house, like a jury not required to be locked up, went home to deliberate over the proposal to increase its membership from 435 to 483.

Such a storm of protest was raised, however, to the bill that house leaders predicted the verdict tomorrow would be against the increase and for an amendment holding seats to the present total. The debate touched every possible point, although Representative Clark, former democratic leader, declared it was not different from that heard after every decennial census for a half century.

Rising to speak in opposition to the bill, Representative Esch, republican, Wisconsin, who failed of reelection last year after a service of 22 years, was greeted by a demonstration. Then he declared the house could not justify its action in adding to the membership simply to save one seat in Maine and another in Missouri.

People Want Efficiency. "Why can't this house have the courage to say it will not do that?" he asked. "The people are not so much concerned with the number of representatives as they are with the question of ability and efficiency. It is not too difficult to remember the time when Maine, with four members, had more influence here than New York with its 37."

Nearly everybody had a chance to express his views. Representative Montague, democrat, Virginia, declared it was shockingly obvious to the house, as it was to the country, that the house was too big now to legislate effectively. Representative Clark, who goes out of office in Harrodsburg, Va., announced he would fight for a constitutional amendment which would hold the total to 500 for all time. Representative Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader, joined with those opposing an increase, declaring that "if this body is to remain what the fathers intended, a deliberative body, it must be kept reasonably small."

Opposition Strong. Some members, even from states which stand for loose representation, opposed the bill and insisted on the amendment proposed by Representative Barbour, republican, California, which would keep the total as at present. This was particularly true of Mississippi, slated to lose a seat, three of its representatives—Sisson, Humphreys and Stephens—fighting for the smaller number.

Under the Barbour amendment, the house would be reappointed by shifting 12 seats from 11 states to eight. States gaining would be California, Michigan, Ohio, Connecticut, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas and Washington. Listed in the losing column were: Missouri, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, Rhode Island and Vermont.

During the debate a plea was made by Representative Aswell, democrat, Louisiana, whose state would lose one member, that reduction should not be made when women were starting to vote, and a warning by Representative Sims, democrat, Tennessee, that it was easier for big interests to control a small than a big body. Mr. Sisson said all the world knew how big cities were bossed, and that the charge never had been made that there was such a being as a village boss.

Clothing Supplies Valued at \$244,000 Are Sold for \$80,000. New York, Jan. 19.—Excess clothing for United States shipping board officers and crews, stored at Boston and valued at \$244,000, was sold for \$80,000, Byron C. Baker, district controller for the board at Boston, testified before the Ways and Means committee, investigating the board's affairs.

The witness told the committee he had protested to a superior officer against the sale, but without result. In reply to questions by Representative Tom Connolly of Texas, Mr. Baker said he had been advised by Alonzo Tweedie, general controller at Washington, not to answer questions of policy and opinion affecting the general organization to the general officers of the shipping board.

The Weather. Partly cloudy Wednesday; rising temperature. Hourly temperature table with columns for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m., and moon phases.

Oldest Elk in America Dies. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 18.—Col. William T. Baker, 96, said to be the oldest member of the Order of Elks in the United States, died here this morning. He was said to be a boyhood chum of Abraham Lincoln.