

Mellon May Succeed Penrose

Resignation of Secretary of Treasury to Become Pennsylvania Senator Considered Likely.

Sproul Urged for Place

Washington, Jan. 2.—Andrew M. Mellon, of Pittsburgh, present secretary of the treasury, is looked upon as the most probable successor to Senator Boies Penrose, who died here Saturday night.

Governor Sproul will have the appointment of some one to fill the vacancy until the next regular election in November. It will be the second time during a few months that he has been called upon to do this, having had to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Pennsylvania's other senator, Philander Chase Knox.

Rumors of Resignation.

It is no secret that Secretary Mellon has been anxious to relinquish his position in the cabinet and there have been, in fact, many rumors that he was about to resign. He was a close friend of Senator Penrose through whose influence he was named to the treasury portfolio, and is also a close friend of Governor Sproul.

It is thought that he might accept the appointment to a senate as a way to relieve himself of the cabinet position and still be identified with the Harding administration.

Sproul Urged for Seat.

Harrisburg, Penn., Jan. 2.—Governor William C. Sproul will likely take over the mantle of United States Senator Boies Penrose as leader of the republican party in Pennsylvania and most likely be the successor of Penrose in the United States senate. Whether Sproul will resign as governor to accept the appointment to the seat left vacant by Penrose's death Saturday night, or make a short-term appointment, and become a candidate at the November election for the Penrose place, will not be decided until after a thorough canvass of the political situation and a conference with republican leaders.

Governor Sproul Saturday was being urged by hundreds of friends to accept the senate seat, but he has refused to make a statement on the selection of Penrose's successor. Strong efforts, it is understood are being made to secure the appointment of John W. Snodgrass, the Philadelphia usenarian and former postmaster general during the administration of President Harrison, to the short term which would expire with the election of a successor next November.

Penrose Funeral.

Philadelphia, Jan. 2.—Arrangements for the funeral of Senator Penrose were still incomplete today. It was decided, however, that it should be strictly private in accordance with his own expressed wish. In making this announcement, Leighton C. Taylor, for many years the senator's private secretary, said that only members of the family and friends would attend the service and that a congressional delegation probably would not come here for the burial. The date for burial would be fixed, Mr. Taylor said, after hearing from relatives in the west.

Expressions of Regret.

Expressions of regret at his death continued to pour in today from all sections of the country. None of them was made public by his relatives.

Governor Sproul said he had not decided on Senator Penrose's successor. Under the law the governor is empowered to make an appointment to fill the vacancy until the next general election, which will be held in November.

Plan Launched to Defeat Lodge for Renomination

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 2.—A campaign to defeat Senator Lodge for renomination at the republican primary next fall was launched here today at a meeting of the council presidents in Worcester county of the American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. About twenty-five councils were represented.

John F. Harrigan, state president, said the resolution embodying the recommendations which was adopted by the meeting, was aimed at Senator Lodge as a punishment for his statement that the resolution of Senator Norris to recognize the independence of Ireland would remain in the foreign relations committee "a long time."

Searchers Fail to Find Macon Man Thought Slain

Macon, Ga., Jan. 2.—No trace had been found of A. P. Sexton, missing president of the Sexton Plant company of Valdosta at the end of 24 hours' search by scores of persons in this city and vicinity. Relatives of the missing man arrived here yesterday and joined in the search from Rossburg to Macon, over which Sexton is believed to have traveled on his way to the city.

The hunt for Sexton was started Saturday afternoon upon receipt by the police of an anonymous letter which read: "You'll find a deserted car near the Spring street bridge. Owner's body in swamp. Sorry I had to do it. Robbery is the motive."

May Quit Cabinet to Become Senator



Penrose Last of Eastern 'Bosses' Who Ruled Senate

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune—Omaha. The passing of Boies Penrose marks the end of an era characterized by the domination of the senate by eastern senators who were themselves great political bosses. It directs attention to the rise of the west to commanding influence in congress, a process that has been in progress noticeably for a decade.

Passing of Pennsylvania Senator Ends Era Characterized by Domination of Great Political Leaders.

Penrose was the last of the eastern bosses who dominated the republic party for a generation and shaped legislation in the senate. The group included such men as Aldrich of Rhode Island, Quay of Pennsylvania, Hale of Maine and Platt of New York, a quartet which ruled the high protective tariff and other legislation on which the industrial and financial interests of the east waxed fat.

Successor to Quay. Penrose succeeded Quay as boss of Pennsylvania and rose to be grand marshal of the old guard in and out of the senate. But it was not long before the twilight of the bosses set in with the progressive revolution during the Roosevelt and Taft administrations and Penrose found himself the sole survivor of the old oligarchy. While he lingered, the figures of the eastern leaders faded from the picture and were replaced by western men.

Western Men Now Leaders.

The outstanding leaders of the senate today are such men of the west as Cummins and Kenyon of Iowa, McCumber of North Dakota, who succeeds Penrose as chairman of the finance committee, Lenroot of Wisconsin, Smoot of Utah, Watson of Indiana, Borah of Idaho, Johnson of California, and Warren of Oregon.

Senator Watson of Indiana falls heir to the mantle of Penrose as leader of the conservative element in the senate, and the day is probably not far distant when he will succeed Senator Lodge as republican leader. His influence commands a wider grasp than that of Penrose, for Watson can count on the support of more progressive republicans than could the Pennsylvania boss at any period of his career.

Head of South Dakota Bank Commits Suicide

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 2.—B. A. Cummins, president of the First National bank, committed suicide by shooting with a pistol in a vacant room at the back of the bank building. No cause has been assigned.

'Star Spangled Banner' Saves 'Dry' Officer From Injury By Dinners

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 2.—A federal prohibition agent, sorely beset by hotel guests unaware of his identity, was saved from personal injury when the orchestra of a hotel here played "The Star Spangled Banner" on Saturday and the hotel steward, R. G. Jahring, switched on an illuminated flag.

Two raiding officers, it was learned today, entered the hotel and while one was producing credentials the other entered the dining room and began to seize drinks on the table. The latter's action was resented by guests and a rough-and-tumble fight was in progress when the steward entered and ordered the national anthem played, at the same time switching the lights on the flag. This brought all the guests to their feet and ended the fight.

Well-Known Playwright Dies

New York, Jan. 2.—Renold Wolf, 50, playwright and dramatic critic, died of apoplexy today. He was dramatic critic of the New York Morning Telegraph until about a year ago. He was the author, or collaborating author of 14 plays, among them "The Rainbow Girl" and "The Red Widow," which he wrote in collaboration with Channing Pollock.

Thousands Greeted by Hardings

White House Thrown Open to Public for First New Year's Reception in Nine Years.

Line Extends for Blocks

By The Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 2.—President and Mrs. Harding threw the White House open to the public today for the first New Year's reception held there for nine years. The number responding to the general invitation was estimated at 6,500, many of whom stood for hours in a biting wind in a slowly moving column of fours which extended for blocks.

Doors Opened at 2.

Gates of the White House enclosures were swung back at 2 this afternoon for the public, and led by the inevitable small boy, the head of the long column swept forward to the entrance. A redecoated marine orchestra, divided in two sections, so that by alternating continuous music could be maintained, began its program.

The big doors were propped back and for two hours the mass moved through the massive entrance, its individual units jiggling under the combined stimulus of the music and the cold.

Special Attention to Children.

Secret service men, ushers and gold-corded military aides cut the quadruple line down to single file. Under their insistent instructions of "keep your hands in sight," many developed a tendency to put both hands in front above the waistline and hold them there. Uniformed police, ransackable, equipped "the column" with cameras, relentlessly relieving their bearers or taking the boxes away for deposit.

Nebraska Lured Him. Nebraska lured him three years after his admittance to the bar, and in 1883 he left Aurora, where he had been practicing, and opened his office at Fairmont.

Married Lisbon Girl.

While still in Illinois, and shortly after he graduated from the Jennings seminary, Mr. Rushton married Miss Minnie Putt of Lisbon, Ill. Six children were born, four of them still living. A baby, Maude, died in infancy, and Alice, the wife of J. W. Seacrest, Lincoln, died last year. Another daughter, Mrs. J. V. Cortelyou, lives at Manhattan, Kan. Three sons, two of whom were engaged with their father in the affairs of the Fairmont company, also survive and live in Chicago.

Divorce; Charges Cruelty

Nicholas C. Campbell, a salesman for the Byrne-Duff Jewelry company, filed suit in district court yesterday for a divorce from his wife, Verma, on allegations of cruelty.

They were married in 1909 and have two children, whose custody he asks. He says they separated by agreement on Christmas day, 1918, and that she filed suit for divorce eight months later, but dismissed it and they went back to live together. She charged that he was attentive to other women, he says. He alleges she threatened to shoot him and herself.

Dawes and Party Visit Pershing in Lincoln

Lincoln, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Fourteen eastern business men, including Charles G. Dawes, director of the national budget, arrived here today for a short visit with General Pershing, who spent the holidays here. Tuesday the entire party will leave on a special train for a short tour of the south. Mr. Dawes also is a former Lincoln man.

The Story of Ninette

This is the title of the new serial which has been written for The Bee by RUBY M. AYRES

author of "The Fortune Hunter," "The Remembered Kiss" and "A Man's Way."

It starts in The Evening Bee

NEXT MONDAY

To be sure you miss no installment of this gripping novel, better order your paper now. Just call Atlantic 1000.

City of Panama Shaken; No Damage Along Canal

Panama, Jan. 2.—(By A. P.)—An earthquake lasting about a minute occurred about 1 this morning, shaking up the city but doing no damage either here or along the Panama canal. The center of the shock was about 60 miles distant.

Joseph Rushton, Wealthy Creamery Man, Succumbs

Fairmont Company Head, Nationally Known as Dairy Products Authority, Dies at 76.

Joseph H. Rushton, one of the principal owners of the Fairmont Creamery company, and chairman of the board of directors, died at his home, 930 North Thirty-sixth street, Omaha, last night at 8. Death was caused by heart disease.

Mr. Rushton's health had not been of the best for the past years, and Saturday a seizure of the malady forced him to his bed. His physicians at first held hopes of a recovery, but abandoned them yesterday morning. He was 76 years old.

Born in England.

He was brought from Manchester, England, his birthplace, in 1851, a babe in arms, when his parents came to this country and settled in Morris, Ill. He was then but 2 years old.

He received his early education in the district schools of Illinois and then attended Jennings seminary, Aurora, Ill. Following his graduation he taught school at Plano, in the same state, becoming later superintendent of the schools there, which post he retained for six years.

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They will of Mrs. White, provided that the entire estate, valued at \$500,000, was to go to a niece, Mrs. Minnie Schwab, of Kansas City. In the suit contesting the validity of the will, it was alleged by Mrs. Whipple and her co-plaintiffs that the instrument was the result of undue influence surrounding Mrs. White when she executed it.

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Chimneys at Chamberlain Wrecked by Earth Shocks

Chamberlain, S. D., Jan. 2.—A pronounced earthquake, lasting about 55 seconds, was felt here at 9:50 this morning. Many brick chimneys were tumbled down, dishes were shaken from cupboard shelves, and house plants thrown to the floor by the tremors.

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Fire Destroys Block

Wilson, Okla., Jan. 2.—Fire which broke out in a vulcanizing plant here today destroyed an entire block of frame business houses on Main street, an estimated loss of \$150,000. Several garages, two rooming houses, a filling station, and a large second-hand furniture store were among the buildings consumed.

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Guide, Sir?



"HAINT YOU KIND O' YOUNG?"

"I'M AS OLD AS YOU ARE, SIR."

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Sheriff in Villisca Feud in Race for Legislature

Red Oak, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Sheriff Ed Peterson, a leading figure in the Wilkerson-Jones feud, an aftermath of the Villisca axe-murder case, will be a candidate at the coming June primaries for the republican nomination for state representative. Representative E. A. Larson will not seek another term. Deputy Sheriff J. A. Baker will be a candidate for the nomination for sheriff.

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Franco-Jap Alliance Confirmed

Translation of Agreement Almost Identical With Chita Documents Held by State Department.

Regarded as Authentic

By PHILIP KINSLEY. Chicago Tribune—Omaha. The alleged secret alliance between France and Japan concerning the Russian situation which, if it exists, would subvert the four-power treaty and undermine the work of the conference, was the chief topic of discussion in diplomatic Washington today.

Outline of Agreement.

The contents are stated as follows: "It is an agreement between Kappel officers (anti-bolshevik Russians) and Japanese, with French officers present in which the Russians agreed to put themselves under the command of the Japanese provided they were paid, the French and Japanese assuming payment jointly."

This agreement is dated January 21, 1921.

Strong Denial Made.

On the sending of the Wrangel troops from Constantinople to Vladivostok, the French far eastern expert, M. Kammerer, put in an explicit denial. It is stated, however that it is a fact well established by papers published in Japan and China that one shipment of Wrangel soldiers did arrive in Vladivostok. Recent American state department dispatches state that Wrangel soldiers are now operating with the Russian white army against the Chita troops. In a letter written by an American in Vladivostok, a man formerly in the government service, dated October 25, 1921, it is stated:

"In the meantime, the remnants of the Wrangel army are being dumped down here in Vladivostok. The new army will be used to conquer bolshevik Vladivostok. In this matter it appears that Japan is not altogether a willing supporter, because the policy of Russian territorial integrity does not meet with Japan's plans."

Regarded as True.

In British and Chinese quarters today it was the inclination to regard the Chita documents as largely true. The Chita delegates stated that they made them public after they had knocked twice at the door of the conference, offering to show their proofs. They had been turned down by Mr. Hughes and had come to the newspapers.

Nebraska Manager for Nonpartisan League Quits

Lincoln, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Jesse R. Johnson, Nebraska manager for the Nonpartisan League, has tendered his resignation, effective February 22, it was announced today by the state executive committee. A successor will be chosen by the next committee to be elected at the state convention scheduled for February 22.

Mr. Johnson said he was to return to his former position as field man for a farm publication.

Chicago Bakers to Operate Plant to Assist Strikers

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Union bakers who have been on strike since time will purchase and operate a baking plant to provide employment for the strikers and offer competition to employers who failed to deal with the strikers, it was announced at a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor yesterday.

Bangs' Condition Better.

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 2.—John Kendrick Bangs, lecturer and author, resident of Ventnor city, who Saturday underwent an operation for intestinal trouble, was slightly better today. Hospital officials were not ready to say that he was entirely out of danger, however.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska: Snow and colder Tuesday; Wednesday unsettled, colder in east and south portions. Iowa: Rain or snow Tuesday; colder in north and west portions; Wednesday unsettled and colder.

Hourly Temperatures.

Hourly temperature table with columns for time and temperature.