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Sugar Lobby Gift Story Under Investigation. Senator Davis Promising Help-Lame Duck Sessions Probably Will Be Abolished.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD



of the session of congoess the senate ran into what gave some promise of desome promise of de-veloping into another tobbying scandal Mr. Borah read to it an article in a New York newspaper which said, in effect, that a senator, during his former occupancy of

Senator
J. J. Davis

former eccupancy of
a high official position, had received
\$100,000 from the president of a domestic sugar company in return for his
agreement to lobby for a high sugar
tariff. Senator Nye of North Dakota
had already alluded to the story, deploring the fact that such an unsubstantiated report had been given publicity and credence. Replying to queslicity and credence. Replying to ques-tions, Nye admitted that the campaign expenditure committee, of which he is chairman, had come upon the report of a \$100,000 gift to a senator, had inof a \$100,000 gift to a senator, had in-completely investigated it and had turned over a memorandum to the committee on lobbying. He said he thought the senator in question was entitled to have an inquiry made and the truth established by the lobby com-mittee, which is headed by Senator Caraway of Arkansas.

At the instance of Senator Borah, supported by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the senate instructed the lobby committee to investigate the

Immediately thereafter Senator James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, former secretary of labor, announced off the second floor that he stood ready to appear before the lobby committee at any time and that he would assure the committee of the presence of sev-eral witnesses whom it would desire to hear. Among the witnesses he named was Bror G. Dublberg of Chi-cago, president of the Southern Sugar company. Mr. Davis deciared he would assist the committee in investigating the charges "to the bottom."

Appearing later before the jobby committee, Senator Davis declared the charges, if directed at him, were ab-

With little or no expectation that his veto would be sustained, President Hoover put the mark of his disapproval on the veterans bonus ioan bill. His veto message to congress included data provided by Sec-retary Mellon showing how the bonus leans would aggravate the financing difficulties of the treasury, and also new estimates of the number of veterans who will apply for the loans,

A BOLISHMENT of the "lame duck" A session of congress seemed sured when the house adopted the Gifford resolution to that effect and providing for the inauguration of the newly elected President in January instead of March. The resolution, instead of March. The resolution, which proposes an amendment to the Constitution, differs somewhat from the Norris measure passed by the senate with the same purpose, but it was believed the differences would be fromed out in conference. It is planned that the terms of the President and Vice President shall end on the twenty fourth day of January and the terms of senators and representatives at noon on the fourth day of tives at noon on the fourth day of January of the years in which such terms normally would end. Congress would assemble on Junuary 4, and the President would be sworn in on

ONE of Oklahoma's lame duck Republican congressmen, U. S. Store S. Stone of Norman, put forth a part-ng wail that aroused little if any sympathy among the national law makers but con siderable among the public at large. Mr. Stone had introduced a bill barring relatives

U. S. Stone

of members of con- U. S. Stone gress and of high officials from be coming federal employees, and the other day he called at the White House to ask President Hoover's support for the measure and also to tell what this

the measure and also to tell what this attack on nepotism was getting him.
"I never dreamed," said Mr. Stone, "that a simple, constructive move on my part could make such a difference. I pass fellow house members in the hallways of the office building and they do not speak to me. My wife is

In THE closing days of the session of congress the senate ran into what gave with my work as a member of the

"I have had members whisper I am right, but that I would not suc-ceed. Others have warned me that I would suffer for my rachness. The would suffer for my rapidless. The reaction against my proposal to make it 'unlawful' for any legislative, ministerial, or judicial officer to appoint any person related to him when the pay is to come out of public funds has been most extraordinary."

The last annual report of the clerk of the house reveals that approxi-mately 100 relatives are new on the pay rolls of members, and a survey shows that many of these bave never done a lick of work in the offices for which they got their appointments.

ONLY a veto by President Hoover C star a veto by Freshlent Hoaver can keep the government from going into the power business, for the senate joined with the house in accepting the conference report on Muscle Shoals. The senate vote was 55 to 28. This indicates that a veto would be supported. sustained. Twenty Republicans roted for the measure, eleven of them being of the radical group which has the power question for its chief issue. Another rebuil for the administra-

tion was administered when the house passed Senator Wagner's bill setting up federal and state employment agen-cies, without a record vote. It was be-lieved President Hoover might kill the measure by a pocket veto.



T. D. Schall

M INNESOTA Demonstrate and nounced, through Chairman J. J. Farreli of their state ex-rel of their state ex-ecutive committee, that they would try to unseat Senator Thomas D. Schalf, Republican, who was re-elected last Novem-ber in a five-cornered Schall would be

charged with violating the state corrupt practices act and also with violating federal regulations governing the use of postal franking privileges, and that the state elections committee would be asked to declare the seat vacant so that a new elec-tion may be called.

When Senator S hall was told of this in Washington he said only: "That does not deserve comment."

The blind senator's dispute with The blind senator's dispute with President Hoover and Attorney General Mitchell over the appointment of a new federal judge for Minnesota continues. After rejecting Schall's choice for the post, Ernest D. Michel or Minneapolis, the President named Gunnar B. Nordbye, now a Minneapolis district judge, and Schall immediately announced he would contest the nomination in the senate. His course nomination in the senate. His course in this matter, it is said, has led some Hoover Republicans in Minnesota to support the ouster move.

NCE again the United States Su preme court has upheld the validity of the Eighteenth amendment.
This time the action, which was ananimous, was in reviewing the decision of Federal Judge William Clark of Newark, N. J., who held that the amendment should have been ratified by state conventions instead of by state legislatures. This decision was reversed, the opinion being written by Justice Owen D. Roberts, the newest member of the Supreme court,

In a case appealed from Michigan, the Supreme court held that the severe penalties of the Jones "five and ten" law are not applicable to conviction for possession of liquor.

DRY Democrats in exceedingly active during the week getting ready for the meeting of the Dem-ocratic national committee scheduled for March 5, Chairman John J. Raskob had announced that the committee would con-



sider future policies J. J. Raskob of the party, and as-suming that he would try to commit it to the wet side of the prohibition controversy, the drys were lining up to fight him to the bitter end. Sen-ator Morrison of North Carolina, one of the most arid ones, said his group

had enough votes to defeat any wet resolution. Senator George of Georgia asserted the committee and no right asserted the communication to form party policies, that being the function of the national convention. Other Democratic leaders were anxious to head off any discussion of the

Naturally the approaching committee meeting caused a lot of talk about ter meeting caused a for this about presidential possibilities. The names heard oftenest were those of Gover-nor Rooseveit of New York, Gover-nor Ritchie of Maryland and Scuatoretect James Hamilton Lewis of Illi-nois. In Chicago there developed quite a boom for Colonel Lewis on his return home from a sojourn in the South



Augusto Leguia, and threatened the regime of Provisional President Lais M. Sanchez Cerro. The uprising was quelled in Cattao but the revolution-lists seized Arequipa and set up a govern-ment under the name

"Southern Junta," They were joined by considerable parts of the army and held control of southern Peru.

To prove the sincerity of als intentions in leading the August revolu-tion, Cerro issued a proclamation de-claring that he would not be a candidate for the presidency when the dec-tions are held. This, he and his ad-herents thought, would parify the Arequirer rebeis and lead to peace through negotiations

PEHR EVIND SVINHUEVED, who has just been elected president of Finland, is one elected president of Finland, is one to have the pro-idiation question put up to him promptly, Distinguished women of the country, of all parties, are circulating a petition asking his support of a speedy repeal of the "pernicious pro-hibition law."

The petition urges mothers to "feel deep concern in the ever increasing intemperance which ruins men, wom-en, and children morally and physically. It is awful to contemplate how alcohol will affect the descendants of the present poisoned generation unless legislators abolish the prohibition system." The petition further points out that women are unable to restart a temperance movement until the demoralizing prohibition law is repeated replaced by reasonable legisla-

B ECAUSE of divided opposition William Hale Thompson won renomination by the Republicans for mayor of Chicago after one of the hottest primary contests that city has ever enjoyed. The attack on him was fierce and he would have been to-aten by Judge John Lyle, "nemesis" of the gunmen and gangsters, had it not been for the candidacy of Alderman Albert who was supported by Senator Deneen who was supported by Senator Deneen and his dwindling faction. The hope of those Chicagoans who seek to elimi-nate Thompsonism now rests with Anton Cermak, who is the nominee of the Democrats.

THOUGH King Alfonso of Spain told American correspondents that all was of a revolution had passed, Admiral Juan Aznar, the new pre-mier, was not finding the salling weather especially fine. This was mainly because



was manily necause oniral the national executive committee of the Socialist party and the labor union decided to boycott the national elections and co-operate fully with the Republication of the committee of th lican revolutionary committee. This determination was so forcible that some of the moderate leaders among the Socialists resigned from the comittee, their places being filled with

real revolutionists. These resignations ended the government's dream of splitting the revolu-tionary ranks by divorcing the So-cialists and their 300,000 workers with their terrible weapor, of a general strike from the purely Republican element with their backing among the

ourgeoisie and friendly soldiery. The government announced that the municipal elections, the first in a series intuitions that will end eventually in balloting for an assembly to amend the constitution, would take place on April 12 instead of March 29. Educational institutions, closed by the Ber-enguer government a month ago, are

In his talk with correspondents Alfonso said he had done all he could to satisfy his people and that he was to satisfy his people and that he was willing to give up almost everything but his crown, which, he added, was not his to give away being his inheritance of which he is only the temporary holder.

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