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Coolidge to Pursue Neutral Course in Fight for Honors Between G.O.P. Legislature

Not to Interfere in Contest Between Graham and Longworth for Leadership GRAHAM DECLARES HE IS NO RADICAL LEADER

Democrats Insist They Will Insist on New Ratio on Committees

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Representative Graham, of Illinois, after a conference today with President Coolidge, announced he would remain in the race for republican leader of the house.

During his talk with the president, Mr. Graham expressed the view that continuation of Representative Gillett, of Massachusetts, as speaker, with Mr. Longworth, an Ohioan, as republican leader, would not prove popular with the country at large.

In a formal statement issued after his interview at the white house, Mr. Graham declared the movement to make him leader was not a "radical or insurrectionary" one.

"It is a sane progressive movement," he commented. "In support of what we are convinced will be for the best interests of the republican party and the country. It is just a matter of good common sense."

Progressives Receptive It was indicated by Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin, that if satisfactory representation was accorded progressives in the make-up of committees, rules, standing and commerce committees no effort will be made to block the election of Mr. Gillett as speaker.

Republican leaders generally were inclined today to the view that the democrats should be given nine seats on committees having a total membership of 21, as against six during the last congress.

Democratic leaders have announced they will insist on the 12 and nine ratio, at the same time demanding 11 members of the ways and means committee which has a membership of 25.

Georgia Legislature Will Hear Underwood ATLANTA, Nov. 22.—United States Senator Underwood of Alabama, a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, will address a joint session of the Georgia general assembly tomorrow at noon.

SHOWMAN NROBINSON DIES LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 22.—George A. Robinson, 49, owner of the Clarence A. Robinson shows, and one of the best known showmen in America, died today at a hospital here following a nervous breakdown.

RAILROADS TO SPEND EIGHT BILLIONS TO MEET NEW BUSINESS

Normal Growth of Traffic Ten Years Demands Enormous Outlay

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—American railroads will have to make an investment of \$7,870,000,000 in transportation facilities during the next ten years in order to provide for the normal growth of traffic they expect, according to the chamber of commerce of the United States.

STATE PORT MEETING SET FOR JANUARY TO MAKE FINAL REPORTS

Meeting Yesterday at Raleigh Executive for Review of Testimony Taken

(Special to The Star) RALEIGH, Nov. 22.—A report from the ship and water transportation commission on Governor Morrison's proposal for water commerce development may come early next year, it was indicated today, when the commission adjourned to meet again in January for consideration of definite details of the report.

Labor Board Puts Back Virginia's Engineers

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—In six decisions involving reports of employees of the Virginia railway company the United States railroad labor board tonight blamed both the company and the railroad unions for the dispute which led up to the striking of engineers and firemen on that railroad recently.

Wilson Exchanges Greetings With Members of U. D. C.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Former President Wilson late today made a brief address to several hundred members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, who made a pilgrimage to the Wilson home during their annual convention here.

LEADERS OF CONGRESS EXERCISING CAUTION WITH TAX REVISIONS

Respective of Party There is an Attitude of Watchful Waiting Evident

PROPOSAL OF MELLON STIRS GENERAL DEMAND Definite Determination of how Committees Are to Be Lined Up is Watched

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Congressional leaders, irrespective of party, are proceeding with caution in their consideration of tax revision and the related question of a soldiers bonus. Among the many conflicting opinions only one stands out—that precipitate action on either proposal is, to be avoided.

In the opinion of practically all of the leaders, republican, democratic and republican-progressive, Secretary Mellon's announcement that the national tax bill can be reduced by approximately \$223,000,000 has stirred such a general demand for tax reduction that congress will be obliged to enact some sort of revenue revision measure. But a tax cut at the expense of the soldiers' bonus is certain to meet with determined opposition in both houses.

Some white house callers have gained the impression that his attitude is not unlike that of President Harding, but even they are uncertain whether he will present any recommendations as to soldiers' compensation.

While they are in favor of tax reduction, several of the new senators from the west have gone on record against any plan that will eliminate the soldiers bonus. While bonus advocates claim a safe majority in both the house and the senate, they are not overlooking the certainty of strong opposition in the senate, and they are lining up for a fight and they forecast much more determined opposition than was at the last session at the time when it was generally understood that President Harding would veto the measure.

Clemency for Son of Former U. S. Senator

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 22.—Suspension of five years of the 10-year sentence of Thomas B. McLaurin, former president of the Mutual Savings bank of Bennettsville, convicted of breach of trust and serving his term in the state penitentiary has been recommended by the board of pardons to Governor Thomas G. McLeod, according to announcement of the officer of the executive list today.

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He said he was very proud of the honor. Mr. Wilson was assisted to the window by Mrs. Wilson. Removing his hat with his right hand and responding to the cheers of those gathered in the street below, he said: "Allow me to express my warm gratitude for the kindly interest shown by you. I appreciate it very deeply."

DEBUTANTE



Miss Katherine Wrenn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Wrenn, will be introduced to Washington society this coming season. She is a popular member of the younger set.

APPROVAL EXTENDED CHANCELLOR WHEN HE DEFENDS BERLIN VIEW

Stresemann Vociferously Applauded at End of Two Hour Speech MIDDLE PARTIES ADD LITTLE TO CLAMOR

Whether Socialists Adopt Resolutions of Their Own Still Undecided

BERLIN, Nov. 22 (By Associated Press)—The gallery approval extended to Chancellor Stresemann at the conclusion of his two hour speech in the reichstag today, in which he made a vigorous defense of his administration.

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SOUTHERN POWER CO. BEFORE COMMISSION IN FIGHT FOR RATES

Cotton Mill Men Are Met by Figures to Prove Increased Cost

NEW SCHEDULE WOULD NET ONLY 6 PERCENT Expect to Supply Twice the Current Next Year As in 1918

By BROCK BARKLEY RALEIGH, Nov. 22.—The Southern Power company went before the corporation commission today in support of its petition for a nominal increase of 15 cents in its power rate to 398 cotton mill customers, necessary to permit an earning of its present investment value of 6.66 per cent.

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Trial of Alleged Floggers May be Called Next Week; 3 Brothers Under Indictment

BEIBER ONCE KNOWN IN WILMINGTON; WAS IN VETERAN BUREAU

Used to Line up Lily Whites in South For Republicans

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.—Sidney Beiber, whose name has been mentioned quite prominently in the hearings of the veterans bureau investigation in connection with the Forbes-Mortimer family row, is the same Sidney Beiber who became interested in some newspaper enterprises in North Carolina several years ago.

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One of These is Keller Hasty, Pitcher of the Philadelphia Athletics

ALL CLAIM THEY CAN PROVE STRONG ALIBIS

Young Widow and Escort Kidnapped and Beaten Until Almost Unconscious

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 22.—Trial of the men under indictment for the alleged flogging of Mrs. Bertha Holcomb, 22-year-old widow, and her escort, S. H. Morton, a traveling salesman, is expected to be called next week at Marietta, the county seat of Cobb county, in which the affair is said to have taken place, it was indicated today by prosecuting officials.

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Prosecution Starts in Cotton Broker Failure

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—An investigation of the bankrupt cotton brokerage firm of Scott, Norris and company was begun by the district attorney's office today, after complaints had been received from D. McElveen, cotton planter of Franklinton, La., who said he had claims against the concern for \$8,000.

Electric Association Honors a Durham Man

TAMPA, Fla., Nov. 22.—T. W. Martin of Birmingham, Ala., was elected president of the southeastern division of the National Electric Light association at the annual convention here today. Other officers are: R. L. Lindsey, Durham, N. C., first vice president; H. C. Foss, Savannah, Ga., second vice president and Howard Hall, Atlanta, third vice president.