

DEMOCRATS PLAN TO CUT SOUTH'S REPRESENTATION

Overman Condemns Tendency Outcropping in Senate.

REVIVAL OF SECTIONAL ISSUE

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Special to The Observer.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The tendency that has outcropped in the Senate, since the November election, to investigate election laws of Southern States where there is a "grandfather clause" or other limiting provision on suffrage, being called forth by a warm condemnation by Senator Overman.

The underlying purpose of the moves made toward getting the legislation through is to reduce representation in the electoral college and in the House representatives, certain Republicans, such as Gallinger, Penrose and Sherman, resorting to this as the necessary means to secure control of the Government again for their party.

"It is the same old story," said Senator Overman. "They are trying to get the sectional issue before the country again by wading the 'bloody shirt.' It is pure clapnet and will amount to nothing. They must recognize sooner or later that the white men of the South are going to rule—not the negro."

There's a danger, I feel, that will come of passing a 'corrupt practices' act, which has not yet been clearly outlined before the people. That is giving the general Government control of our elections. It might mean a restoration of the old carpetbag force bills. Some bills now propose that the general Government control entirely elections and Congress.

Said Day for States.

"It will be the day for the States to have the old 'force bills' adopted in '67, '68 and '69, bills which were repealed by a Democratic Congress, re-enacted into law. This club, in the hands of enemies, would mean trouble in the South, and yet I do not see how we can get along without stopping the expenditure of vast sums expended for election. The State ought to have such drastic laws to prohibit great expenses. I think our State should control all elections, and it is the duty of the State to see that they are free from fraud, corruption, bribery and the expenditure of unwarranted amounts of money. No more should be paid than to pay the ordinary expenses necessary for a candidate to bring his claims for a particular office before the people."

Senator Overman's attention had been called especially to the latest effort to secure some "force" bill on the holding of elections. This was the amendment introduced by Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, a "stand-patter," yesterday, to the "corrupt practices" act. He asked for a committee of investigation to report December 8, 1917, after an inquiry "with a view to ascertaining whether in any State the rights of citizens of the United States to vote is denied or abridged in violation of the terms of the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution."

The amendment further reads: "If it shall be found that representation in the electoral college and the National House of Representatives is enlarged through such denial or abridgement, a committee shall then recommend to Congress such legislation as will reduce the representation in said State or States, as provided by the fourteenth amendment."

Sherman's Resolution.

Senator Sherman of Illinois, only last week, offered a resolution asking for an investigation. In part it read: "That the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections be and is hereby directed to investigate the foregoing conditions and recommend a measure or method whereby either the decisions of the United States Supreme Court may be enforced in the several States of the Union on the matters heretofore named, and the conduct of the several States so persisting, if they do, in holding elections under such acts of such States be properly dealt with so as to secure the rights of all qualified voters, or, in default thereof, that the representation from the offending State or States be reduced pursuant to the mandatory provisions referred to."

INCOMPETENCY AND MISCONDUCT CHARGED

New York, Jan. 14.—Formal charges of "incompetency" and "misconduct" in office, and "neglect of duty," were filed today in the administration of his office during the year 1916, and a portion of the year 1917, have been filed by the City Club with Governor Whitman against Edward Swann, district attorney of New York County. It was announced tonight by Nelson S. Spencer, president of the organization. The Governor is requested to order an investigation and if the allegations are sustained, to remove the district attorney. The City Club's charges are similar to those preferred against Mr. Swann by former Judge James A. Delahanty, which were in connection with failure to prosecute persons indicted as the result of labor disorders.

EXPLORER AMUNDSON ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 14.—Capt. Rold Amundsen, the explorer, came here today with F. Herman Gade, Norwegian Consul at Chicago, to spend a week conferring with Rear Admiral Peary, the Norwegian Minister and other friends. Captain Amundsen will sail from New York for Europe, January 27. The ship in which he will make a four or five-year exploration trip to the Arctic will be launched in Christiania in March but he will not start until the summer of 1918, about the time Captain Robert A. Bartlett starts on a similar trip by way of Bering Straits. The two expect to cooperate in making their scientific observations.

GOVERNOR RISKS LIFE TO PREVENT LYNCHING



GOV. A. O. STANLEY.

Governor Stanley of Kentucky risked his life before a mob bent on lynching Circuit Judge Charles Bush for failure to release a negro prisoner to be lynched. He said he would give the mob "a chance to lynch the Governor of Kentucky first," before he would let another negro in Kentucky be lynched.

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AMONG THOSE HONORING MEMORY OF BUFFALO BILL

State Officials, Soldiers, Former Comrades and Indians, Old Enemies of the Plains, Sorrow at Bier of Fallen Scout.

Denver, Col., Jan. 14.—The West today paid honor to the memory of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) while his body lay in state beneath the huge dome of the Capitol from which the Stars and Stripes floated at half mast. Troopers from Fort Logan formed lines in the rotunda of the Capitol through which passed the Governors of two States, delegations from their Legislatures, officers of the United States Army, members of fraternal organizations of which the famous scout and plainsman was a member, veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, women and thousands of children. And not the least conspicuous among the mourners were a handful of old Indians and former scouts—those who had been youths in the famous Wild West show which bore Colonel Cody's pseudonym.

The body was dressed in a frock coat in which were pinned the badges of the Legion of Honor and of the Grand Army of the Republic. The casket bore the inscription: "Colonel William F. Cody, 'Buffalo Bill'."

Colonel Cody's body was brought into the Capitol at 9:40 o'clock this morning. When the doors of the building were thrown open, the crowd poured in and at 12 o'clock, the hour of the day when the casket, the crowd still was coming.

The public was held back while the family bade the Colonel farewell. In the family was "Johnny" Baker of New Rochelle, N. Y., who was with Colonel Cody in his adventurous enterprises for many years.

Following the family, a delegation of Knights Templar from North Platte, Neb., passed the bier. Afterward marched a delegation of former cowboys.

The guard of honor at the casket included delegations from the Colorado National Guard, the Pioneers Society, the Elks and the Grand Army of the Republic.

The public again was admitted at 12:10 o'clock for 20 minutes.

From the Capitol, the funeral procession passed through the downtown streets led by policemen. Behind was the caisson on which rested the casket.

Among the distinguished citizens of this and other States in the procession were Julius C. Guiter, Governor of Colorado; John B. Kendrick, Governor of Wyoming; Edward Howard, Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska; the Secretaries of State of Colorado and Wyoming; legislative delegations from Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming, and Elks from Kansas and New Mexico. Bringing up the rear of the cortege, seventy cowboys walked. Two of them led Colonel Cody's horse, "McKinley," riderless, and with the plainsman's pistols hung from the saddle horn.

Several thousand persons followed the remains to the Elks' home, where the funeral services were held. Several hundred, unable to gain admission, stood for two hours outside to view the body at the close of the services. Later the body will be placed in a rock-hewn vault at the summit of Lookout Mountain at Golden.

ADAMSON ACT EXTENSION SOUGHT BY RAILROADERS

Boston, Jan. 14.—P. J. Coyle, grand president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Station Employees, today sent to Congressman Tague the draft of a proposed amendment to the Adamson act which would extend its scope to include a large number of railroad workers not actually employed in moving trains.

The amendment would have brought under the provisions of the act switchmen, crossing tenders, baggage men and freight men engaged in any capacity in caring for baggage and mail, and also those who are required to perform any manual labor on tracks, switches, trains or engines and all dispatchers and signal men.

NEUTRAL REPRESENTATIVES IN BUCHAREST RECALLED

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Via Amsterdam to London, Jan. 15.—An official communication issued here today says the neutral Governments represented at Bucharest were requested to recall their ministers and that they left Bucharest January 13 on a special train placed at their disposal.

CONGRESS WOULD AVOID HOLDING EXTRA SESSION

Members Are Down to Hard Work in Effort to Clear Slate.

WILL RESUME "LEAK" PROBE

District of Columbia Prohibition Bill, Passed by Senate, May Strike Snag in the House.

Washington, Jan. 14.—While public interest in Congress is centered upon the so-called "leak" investigation, the legislative machinery of both houses is grinding away, and members have settled down to hard work in an earnest effort to clear the decks and avoid an extra session.

The Senate still is considering the public lands water-power land leasing bill, but it may be side-tracked any day for either the legislative or Indiana appropriation bill.

Hearings on the nominees for the shipping board continues before the Commerce Committee. J. B. White will appear before the committee Tuesday. When the nominations reach the floor, Senator LaFollette will protest against some of the shipping ideas of Bernard H. Baker, the Baltimore nominee.

The Interstate Commerce Committee is preparing to report on the President's railway legislation program after holding extensive hearings. The so-called "compulsory arbitration" bills will be modified, if it is reported at all, it is understood.

The Senate bill for prohibition in the District of Columbia, passed recently, is about to be considered by the District Committee of the House. Sentiment in the committee is said to be unfavorable to it unless there is a provision for a referendum vote in the District. House leaders say, however, there will be a vote on the bill regardless of what may be the action of the District Committee.

Ways and Means Committee Democrats are studying all the various suggestions that have been submitted by Secretary McAdoo and by members of the House for raising revenue to meet the prospective Treasury deficit, and soon will begin framing legislation.

The week's program in the House includes final action on the immigration bill, probable passage of the postoffice appropriation bill, consideration of the fortifications appropriation bill and discussion of the \$90,000,000 rivers and harbors appropriation bill.

THREE AVIATORS TO START SEARCH FOR LOST OFFICERS

Machines to Be in Charge of Skilled Cross-Country Aviators—War Department Authorizes Relief Expedition.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 14.—Three military aeroplanes, each carrying a pilot and observer, will start tomorrow morning on a flight over the mountains to Calexico, Cal., and thence below the border to assist in the search for Lieut. Col. Harry G. Bishop and Lieut. W. A. Robertson, Jr., army aviators, who have been missing since they were shot down in the search for the missing aviator.

Orders for the army flyers to participate in the hunt were received today from the War Department. The machines were piloted by Capt. Herbert A. Dargue, Captain Bryon G. Jones, and Flying Instructor Albert Smith, all of whom are rated as expert cross-country flyers. Upon reaching Calexico and replenishing their fuel supplies they will fly across the border into Lower California to scour the country where Bishop and Robertson last were seen.

WOODEN CANNON USED TO SCARE TEUTON SUBMARINE

British Steamer Captain Also Employed Smoke Bombs to Give Impression Ship Was Engaged in Target Practice.

Boston, Jan. 14.—A wooden cannon fashioned from a spar and equipped with smoke bombs and detonating caps, was used by the captain of the British steamer, Herschell in bringing his ship safely through the German submarine zone off the Irish coast, according to the officers of the steamer which arrived here today from Cardiff, Wales.

The officers stated that warnings of the presence of submarines in the trans-Atlantic steamer line reached Captain Bullen at Cardiff and he filled up the dummy gun before leaving port. Upon receiving additional radio warnings after sailing, Captain Bullen ordered the after deck cleared as if for action and the gun was mounted and manned.

Smoke bombs and detonating caps were exploded at frequent intervals to convey the impression that the crew was engaged in target practice. Although no submarines were sighted, Captain Bullen declared that he believed his ship passed over some because of the thick seam of oil which covered the water.

HARVARD STUDENTS TO SERVE IN FRENCH CORPS

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 14.—Twenty-five Harvard students will sail for France on the steamer Chicago February 17 to serve in the American ambulance corps, it was announced tonight.

Richard C. Harte of Philadelphia, the star baseball and football player, has announced his intention of going with another contingent in June.

FURTHER GAINS FOR TEUTONIC ALLIES IN VICINITY OF GALATZ

At Other Points in Rumania and in Vicinity of Riga, However, Petrograd Claims Successes. Quiet on Other Fronts.

Under fierce attacks, the Teutonic Allies have made further progress against the Russians along the Sereth, southwest of Galatz, capturing the village of Kotumikhail, and also the town of Valteni on the railroad between Braila and Galatz, six miles from Galatz.

Petrograd reports the repulse of the Austro-Germans at various points in Rumania, notably north of the Sionki River, south of the Oltuz River and in the region of Raduleschi to the east of Fokshani.

On the northern end of the Russian front, in the vicinity of Riga, the Germans delivered a heavy attack against the Russians east of Kalzenen, but were repulsed.

On the other fronts, the usual artillery engagements and small operations by patrol and reconnoitering parties continue.

The Entente Allies have lost another war vessel in the destruction by an explosion at Yokosuka of the Japanese battle cruiser Tsukuba of 13,730 tons. More than 300 men were killed or injured in the disaster.

Rome reports the capture of two Austro-Hungarian submarines, the V. C-12 and V. P-12. The former, it is asserted, is being used in the Italian torpedo squadron.

CRUISER MILWAUKEE WASHES NEAR SHORE

Hope of Salvaging Vessel Fades as Hull Continues to Fill With Water.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 14.—The stranded cruiser Milwaukee, whose crew was taken off safely last night, was washed further toward shore here today, with water, hope of salvaging the vessel faded. Navy salvagers have abandoned efforts to save the submarine H-3 which the Milwaukee was trying to pull off the beach when the big ship was swept ashore.

The paymaster of the Milwaukee returned to the ship this morning and brought off \$75,000. Personal effects of the officers and men were also removed today.

A temporary pier will be built out to the Milwaukee so that ordnance, machinery and all other movables can be stripped from the cruiser as quickly as possible.

Work on salvaging the submarine was turned over today to a private concern at a contract price of \$18,000.

Lieutenant Newton said the factors responsible for the beaching of the Milwaukee were a dense fog, strong current and the drag of the heavy line attached to H-3.

BODY OF BERNARD LEWIS DISINTERRED

What Was Discovered at Examination by Coroner's Physician Is Kept Secret.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 14.—The body of Bernard W. Lewis, who killed himself in an Atlantic City hotel January 4, as the police were about to arrest him in connection with the murder of Mazie Colbert of Philadelphia, artist's model, was exhumed at the Allegheny cemetery here last yesterday, it became known here today. An examination was made by Coroner's Physician Wainwright of Philadelphia, and Frank Paul, special investigator of the coroner's office there, after which the body was re-interred.

As to what was discovered at the examination, Mr. Paul today refused to say. Until a report is made to the Philadelphia coroner, nothing will be given out, he said. W. A. Lewis, father of Bernard Lewis, today said he knew nothing of the investigation and that it was not made at the request of the Lewis family.

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10-10 SAYS CLOUDY



Cloudy and colder tonight, with rain or snow tonight and Tuesday.

No man would like to be as mean as some people think he is.

COMMITTEE FROM HOUSE READY TO HANDLE LAWSON

Written Questions to Be Put to Boston Broker Are Prepared.

HAVE FOUND PRECEDENTS

And Witness Will Be Cited Before Bar of House if He Refuses to Divulge Information.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Refusal to recognize a habeas corpus in case Thomas W. Lawson should obtain one in possible contempt proceedings against him, and great care to prevent the name of any representative of a foreign Government being publicly dragged into the investigation of a "leak" on President Wilson's recent peace note are among the plans laid today by sub-committees of the House Rules Committee in preparing for resumption tomorrow of the alleged "leak" inquiry. The whole committee will pass on the plans at an executive meeting before hearings begin.

Mr. Lawson will be called before the committee and presented with the list of written questions a sub-committee has drafted for his reply. Formerly, it was expected that he would immediately be in the presence of contempt proceedings in the House.

In substance, the chief questions of a dozen or more to be asked are these:

"Who is the Congressman that told you he had heard a Cabinet officer, a banker and a member of Congress were engaged in a stock market partnership and had profited by a 'leak'?"

"What are the names of the Cabinet member, the member of Congress and the banker?"

"If a citizen of this country, who is the 'high official' whose name you formerly testified might be brought into the case if the name of the Cabinet officer were mentioned?"

Taking No Chances.

Committee have no clue to the identity of the "high official," but as rumor and gossip have mentioned the name of a representative of a foreign Government with it, they will take no chances of involving him in a public hearing.

Representative Campbell, of Kansas, who was appointed to draft a resolution touching on this possible habeas corpus phase of the case, made a careful study of precedents today.

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NEW ORLEANS CABARETS CLOSED IN BELT

New Orleans, Jan. 14.—All cabarets in the so-called belt were closed by the police from 12:05 this morning until midnight following the published allegations of Sunday closing law violations and a call by the Citizens' League for a mass-meeting tomorrow night to discuss vice conditions.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE TORPEDOES STEAMER

New York, Jan. 14.—It was an Austrian submarine which torpedoed and sank the Italian steamer Palermo off the coast of Spain in the latter part of November, according to three American entomologists aboard the submarine who gave the crew time to leave the steamer before she was torpedoed. One cattleman, named Murphy, died from shock.

THAW'S MOTHER KNOWN AS 'WOMAN OF SORROWS'



MRS. WILLIAM THAW.

THAW MILLIONS WILL NOT BE USED IN ANY EFFORT TO RESIST EXTRADITION

Attorney Also Says Family Is Willing to Have Harry Kept in Restraint—Mother Is at Patient's Bedside.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, mother of Harry K. Thaw, who is recovering at a hospital here from self-inflicted wounds, arrived here today and took rooms at the hospital directly above those occupied by her son. Thaw is still in a stupor and weak from the loss of blood, and his mother was allowed to see him for only a brief period.

She seemed very much affected by her son's condition, but physicians assured her that he was in no danger, and that they expected him to be able to leave the hospital within two weeks. "Don't worry, Harry," she told him; "I'll take care of you."

Mrs. Thaw refused to discuss the indictment against Thaw charging him with kidnaping and assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., the 19-year-old son of Pennsylvania. "There is no charge that Lawson, by his refusal to answer, has obstructed the business of the House, and therefore should be remanded to the custody of the sergeant-at-arms" until he agrees to answer.

While Mr. Campbell expects the committee to adopt his resolution, he said tonight that an adverse decision in the contempt case of United States Attorney Marshall K. New York, which may be decided by the Supreme Court tomorrow, might change the situation. A victory for the House in the Marshall case, however, he declared certainly would be followed by adoption of his resolution as he has prepared it.

Representative Campbell said he had found two cases which would support the House in following such a course as he proposed.

One was the Kilbourne case in which a man who declined to testify in the Jay Cooke failure was sent to jail. Eventually, Kilbourne sued and recovered damages from the sergeant-at-arms, but this, according to the records, was due to treatment he received in jail, and in no way involved the right of Congress to imprison him.

The other precedent is found, Mr. Campbell says, in the case of Henry Wikoff, who declined to testify in the case of the "leak" case, when news of the contents of a President's message became public prematurely through Wikoff. He capitulated after a few days in jail and was released.

Mr. Lawson will be given two chances to answer the committee's questions before he is turned over to the sergeant-at-arms if the case goes that far, once before the committee and again before the bar of the House. Power to punish him under the plan to be followed by the committee would expire with the Congress on March 4.

Several other witnesses, including Chicago and New York bankers, are to be on hand tomorrow, and if Lawson should unexpectedly answer the questions asked him, the entire hearing may be closed before night. Then a report on the Wood resolution to the committee by the committee will be made Tuesday. A report must be made not later than Wednesday, by order of the House.

YOUNG OHIO MAN ADMITS VA. KILLING POLICE CLAIM

Otis Deegan Alleged to Have Told Police He Killed George Moore, for Which Crime a Man Is Now Serving a Penitentiary Sentence.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 14.—Otis Chamberlain Deegan, 23 years old, who says he is a son of Mayor J. F. Deegan of Coalgrove, O., tonight, according to the police, confessed that he killed George Moore, an employe of the Paragon Coal Company, the plan of Dan Yoly, W. Va., last March. Deegan surrendered himself to the police late tonight. He says that Lennie Booth is now serving a term in the penitentiary for the crime.

DANISH STEAMER IS DESTROYED BY MINE

New York, Jan. 14.—The destruction of a heavily laden Danish steamship of about 3,000 tons at the mouth of the Thames on December 17, was reported today by Captain Toonder of the Dutch steamer Merak which arrived from Rotterdam. Captain Toonder said that he steamed to the assistance of the sinking vessel, but the British patrolboats arrived first and took off the crew. He was unable to discover the name of the steamer.

VILLA CHIEFTAIN AND FORTY MEN KILLED

Chihuahua City, Mex., Jan. 14.—The Villa Chief Morena and sixty followers were killed in the fight January 10, 14 miles north of Parral, according to details of that action received from Gen. Pablo Gonzales, commanding the Government troops in the field. The Carranza troops lost Col. Lozano and three officers and eight men killed besides a number of wounded. They captured a small number of prisoners.

ONLY PRESIDENT KNOWS WHAT WILL BE NEXT MOVE

If He Has Determined His Course, He Is Keeping It Quiet.

TEUTONIC NOTE LOOKED FOR

It Is Expected to Contain Outline of Terms—German Comment Being Closely Followed.

Washington, Jan. 14.—There were developments here today in the peace movement and if President Wilson has determined what shall be his next step, he has not let it be known.

In all quarters German press comments on the Entente reply to the President's note is being followed, with great interest. The trend of this Central Powers' well-defined goal—belief of some officials that an early peace is not possible in view of the Entente's statement of its broad terms.

So far as can be learned, the Entente note has not yet been cabled to the American diplomats in Teutonic countries. It is known, however, that a general statement of terms in some form from the Central Powers is looked for in the near future.

CENTRAL POWERS HAVE WELL-DEFINED GOAL

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Via Sayville.—Further comment on the note of the Entente Powers to President Wilson lays emphasis on the decisive character of the declarations which clear the air, the newspapers say, and give the Central Powers a well-defined goal—defense against the plan of their opponents for re-making the map of Europe. Even Vorwaerts now turns to the Socialist dissenters who have been demanding peace "without conquerors, without conquered" and says that "Germany's enemies are not ready to give such a peace, hence every deed and every word tending to shake the self-defensive will of the German people would be a crime against the German people."

Vorwaerts says that the terms are such as could be dictated only after the Entente had occupied the chief cities of their opponents and broken hopelessly their power of resistance, and that the note is a new declaration of war with limitless aims of conquest. George Bernhard says in The Vossische Zeitung that "one must long turn the pages of modern history to find a more stupid diplomatic document than this note."

Herr Bernhard argues that it must be clear to Americans that any American intervention now is rendered impossible. Whoever should come as mediator upon the basis of the Entente's proposal, Herr Bernhard declares, "would confess himself our enemy."

SWISS COMMENT ON REPLY OF ENTENTE

Geneva, Jan. 14.—Via Paris.—President Wilson rendered a great service to the Entente Allies by transmitting his peace note to the belligerents, in the opinion of The Journal de Geneve. It says Europe was under the impression that "one must long turn the pages of modern history to find a more stupid diplomatic document than this note."

La Suisse says the reply of the Allies to President Wilson, like the Statute of Liberty, enlightens the world.

La Revue, of Lausanne, considers that the President's act, although premature, has a good effect in that it has permitted the Entente to explain the world why they are continuing the war.

POSSESSION OF PRIZE SHIP IS INVOLVED

In Case to Be Heard by United States Supreme Court This Week.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Important litigation comes before the Supreme Court this week, beginning tomorrow with the hearing of cases to determine possession of the German prize ship, the Captain Toonder said that he steamed to the assistance of the sinking vessel, but the British patrolboats arrived first and took off the crew. He was unable to discover the name of the steamer.

NORTH END CENTRAL TEXAS IN STORM'S GRIP

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 14.—North and central Texas tonight were in the grip of a storm which had assumed almost blizzard proportion. Dallas is covered by a seven-inch snowfall, an all-time record for this city, virtually alone, which they scooted in grotesque curves through the city streets. Wire service is impaired, and trains are running hours behind schedule.

PROMINENT FIGURE IN BOER WAR IS DEAD

La Mesa, N. M., Jan. 14.—Gen. Benjamin J. Viljoen, who took a prominent part in the Boer War, died at his home near here today of pneumonia. He was a commander in the field and a member of the Boer Parliament at one time.

After the Boer War, General Viljoen came to the United States and established a colony of his countrymen near here. He is now with General Pershing in Mexico.