

THE INSURGENTS, SO WASHINGTON DISPATCHES AGREE, TAKING NOTICE

Alarmed by Reports Set Afloat Yesterday, They Will Hold a Meet- ing.

FIGHT ALREADY BEGUN IN WESTERN DISTRICTS

Congressmen Will not Be Particular in Choice of Weapons in Defending Themselves.

Washington, Jan. 5.—It is expected that insurgent republican members of the house will call a meeting at an early day to give earnest consideration to the situation arising from the announcement that the administration would no longer countenance "insurgency" in congress, and would withhold patronage from the recalcitrant members.

The effort to defeat insurgent congressmen by starting a fight against them in their home districts, as was reported yesterday, has already begun in several districts in the west, and congressmen so attacked probably will make no choice of weapons in defending themselves.

The President Stirred. Utterances such as that made by Senator Cummins at a recent dinner in Des Moines, by Senator Brewster in previous speeches, and Taft articles in Senator LaFollette's magazine, and a recent interview by Senator Clapp on the price of food stuffs are said to have stirred the president to action.

The Lid Off. Representative Miller of the eighth Minnesota district was the man chiefly instrumental in "blowing the lid off" of the situation. He did it by a statement to the effect that Postmaster General Hitchcock had informed him that his (Miller's) recommendations for presidential postmasterhips were being held up because of his insurgent activities in the house.

Mr. Miller said that he told the postmaster general he intended to carry the thing to the open floor of the house; but that Mr. Hitchcock urged him to defer any such action until the subject could be further considered, whereupon Mr. Miller agreed to wait full developments before precipitating an open fight.

As soon as the congressman's statement became known the postmaster general called him on the telephone and took him to task for not having regarded the conversation as confidential, to which Mr. Miller replied that he had not so understood it and felt that he had violated no confidence.

Postmaster General Hitchcock was silent on the whole subject nor would any other official representing the administration discuss it.

Another feature of the attitude of the party leaders toward insurgent members of the house was hinted at in disclosures yesterday. It was currently reported that the "rebellious" republican members of congress were soon to feel the hand of the national party organization against them in their home districts.

ANOTHER FIGHT SOON IS PRESENT INDICATION

General Vaquez Goes to Take Command of Government Forces.

Managua, Nicaragua, Jan. 5.—General Vaquez has left here to assume command of the government forces at Acorapa, where an engagement with the insurgent army, now moving westward, may take place soon.

Members of the local Red Cross society have gone to Bluefield, where remain many of the prisoners taken by General Estrada in the battle of Zama.

GRANT STANDING RIGHT BY LUTHER

Has not Yet Seen President About Him—Attorney General in Washington.

Special to The Gazette-News. Washington, Jan. 5.—Congressman Grant says he has not seen the president in behalf of B. J. Luther, holding a recess appointment as the Billmore postmaster, but he expects to do so. He is standing by his man.

Attorney General Bickett came here to hear argument in the government's case against the tobacco trust. This started a report that the state authorities are to move against the trust, but this is without confirmation. Mr. Bickett could not be located at any of the hotels last night.

The president has assured congressmen that he favors the raising of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor. A North Carolinian is among the 60 dead supposed to be buried with the Maine.

MR. MANN'S BILL "REVOLUTIONARY"

So Say House Democrats of Committee in Report on White Slave Measure.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Charging Representative Mann's white slave bill with being "drastic and revolutionary," three democratic members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce, headed by Representative Richardson of Alabama, have filed a minority report on that measure.

The minority takes no exception to the provisions of the bill relative to the transportation of alien women and girls in foreign commerce, and their admission to our ports; but the chief objection to the bill is "that under the exclusive authority that congress has under the commerce clause of the constitution, incidentally or otherwise, congress cannot, in the exercise of police power, punish citizens of the states for violating a federal statute made under the pretense of regulating morals and suppressing evils, which in the strictest and most literal sense, is an affair which belongs to the states."

ONE MESSAGE TO COME TOMORROW

President Will Then Transmit to Congress the Report of Attorney General on Glavis Charges.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Announcement was made at the White House today, that President Taft's combined special message on the interstate commerce and anti-trust laws, would not go to congress until Friday. It was stated that the president desired that further time be given for distribution of the message, which will be sent out in printed form this afternoon.

The message transmitting the attorney general's report on the Glavis charges against Secretary Ballinger, will be sent to congress tomorrow, instead of Friday.

KING DID NOT GIVE DR. COOK THE DOONEBOG DECORATION

Denial is Made for Him By Dr. Maurice F. Egan, U. S. Minister to Denmark.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Dr. Maurice F. Egan, United States minister to Denmark, today emphatically denied that the king of Denmark had bestowed upon Dr. F. A. Cook the Doonebog decoration, which is a recognition generally given to explorers and scientists, making important discoveries.

THE WEATHER: Forecasts until 8 p. m. Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Rain or snow tonight and Thursday; warmer tonight.

Negro is Electrocutted. Danvers, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Frank Jackson, a negro, was electrocuted today at Clinton prison for the murder of his wife at Sandy Hill, N. Y., in 1907.

Intense Suffering in New York As Result of Cold; Snowstorm



REGISTERING AT THE MUNICIPAL LODGING HOUSE.

Storm Conditions, with Low Temperatures All Over the Country.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The indications, according to the weather bureau, are that there will be general precipitation east of the Mississippi river, during the next 36 hours, in the form of snow in the north and rain in the south. Another storm is developing over the western portion of the Gulf of Mexico.

A sharp fall of temperature is reported from the southern plains states and the extreme southwest. Unusually low temperatures are reported on the Atlantic seaboard north of Georgia.

New York, Jan. 5.—New York, after one of the coldest nights of the winter, in confronted with a snowstorm today. The sufferings of the night, induced by a minimum temperature of nine degrees above and a biting wind, were intense in the poorer quarters. The municipal lodging house alone entertained nearly 5000 persons.

The sudden cold wave froze the slush on the streets solid, fringed the harbor with ice and blocked the Hudson off Harlem in spots. Ferryboats were delayed in both the Hudson and East rivers last night by ice floes and many commuters missed their regular trains.

Cold in Nebraska. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 5.—At 7 o'clock this morning the mercury registered ten degrees below zero, the lowest of the season. (Continued on page 7)

IT WAS WITHOUT AUTHORITY IN LAW

By Order of Judge Pritchard Woolley and Whitaker Were Discharged This Afternoon.

Judge Pritchard in United States Circuit court today handed down an order in re R. J. Woolley and Craton Whitaker, in which he ordered by this court that the imprisonment of said R. J. Woolley and Craton Whitaker under the writ of habeas corpus issued out of the United States Circuit court for the western district of North Carolina is without authority of law, and that the said R. J. Woolley and Craton Whitaker are entitled to be discharged from custody.

The order taxes the costs of the action against A. R. Osburn, representative of Frank B. Hayne of New Orleans, upon whose affidavit the arrest and half proceedings and the \$5000 damage suit was instituted. The order states that the action was taken without prejudice of the plaintiff to prosecute the original action in which the order of arrest was made.

The defendants, Woolley and Whitaker were discharged from custody of the marshal and left this afternoon for Hendersonville. In making this order, Judge Pritchard held to the opinion that the court was without jurisdiction in such proceedings, and further that the order of arrest as contemplated by the North Carolina statutes did not lie.

Thus ends another chapter in the sensational proceedings growing out of the attempt of Mr. Hayne to obtain possession of the "Beaumont" property near Flat Rock, which he has bought and paid for. It is understood that the original suit will be fought out on its merits in the United States court.

Sugar Goes Up. New York, Jan. 5.—All grades of refined sugar advanced ten cents a hundred pounds today.

INVESTIGATION IS CALLED FOR G.O.P. PROGRAM IS INACTIVITY

Pinchot-Ballinger Row Starts in It Is Planned, However, to Put Earnest Today With Intro- Through a Subsidy Law-- duction of Joint Reso- Who Will Succeed lution. Cannon?

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT IS TO BE OVERHAULED

A Committee of 12 to Be Appointed, Six by Cannon and Six by Aldrich, Resolution Provides. They Would Allow a Tariff Reduction of 10 or 15 Per Cent. on Goods Shipped in American Bottoms.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy is ordered by a joint resolution today introduced in the senate by Mr. Jones, and in the house by Mr. Humphrey, both of Washington. As heretofore announced the provision is for the broadest kind of public inquiry, the resolution being of the character requiring the signature of the president which gives to it all the force of general law.

A committee of 12 is to be appointed to conduct the investigation, six of whom shall be designated by Vice President Sherman and six by Speaker Cannon. Unquestionably Senator Nelson, chairman of the senate committee on public lands, will head the list of senators and this doubtless, will result in his selection as chairman of the joint committee. The scope of the investigation is outlined as follows:

A Clean Sweep. "The committee is hereby empowered and directed to make a thorough and complete investigation of the administration and conduct of the interior department, its several bureaus, officers and employes, and of the bureau of forestry in the agricultural department, its officers and employes, touching or relating to the reclamation, conservation, management and disposal of the public lands of the United States, or any lands held in trust by the United States for any purpose, including all the natural resources of such lands, and said committee is authorized and empowered to make any further investigation touching said department, its bureaus, officers or employes, and of said bureau of forestry, its officers or employes as it may deem desirable."

The authority to sit during sessions of congress and in recesses, to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers, usual to congressional inquiries, is granted by the resolution. It is provided further that any person refusing to obey the process of the committee or to answer any question propounded, shall be deemed guilty of contempt, and jurisdiction is conferred upon the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia to try and determine any such charges of contempt.

Employment of assistance, "legal or otherwise," is specifically authorized. This provision is for the purpose of enabling the committee to protect the services of able attorneys to take care of questions is concerned. It is the intention of President Taft to have the committee name some competent attorney to conduct the case, and it is possible that both of the principals to the controversy may be represented by counsel.

It was agreed by all persons who have given close attention to the Ballinger-Pinchot squabble that the investigation should be open to the public and this is ordered by the resolution. One of the big rooms in the new senate office building will be used for this purpose.

In presenting the resolution Senator Jones said: "The various departments and bureaus of the government are organized to do its business in the interests of the people. Every official is but the servant and agent of the people to act for them under and within the (Continued on page 7)

NEGRO CENSUS TAKES FOR THE NEGROES ONLY

Assurances Given Representatives Bartlett and Hardwick by the President.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The appointment of negro census enumerators in the south was discussed with the president by Representatives Bartlett and Hardwick of Georgia. The president assured his callers that so far as he controlled the situation no negro census enumerator would attempt to take the census of the white people in the south.

He explained it to be the belief of census officials that negroes would be more effective in securing data regarding negroes in the south than white people, particularly in districts largely populated by negroes. The president's assurances were satisfactory to the southern callers.

Hullfax, N. B., Jan. 5.—Twelve boats and 60 men of the Canoe fishing fleet have been missing since yesterday's gale, and the department of marine and fisheries has been asked to dispatch steamers in search of them.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—The battleships Mississippi and Idaho left the Philadelphia navy yard today for Hampton Roads, to join the warships gathering there for a winter cruise. The new battleship Michigan, which was placed in commission yesterday, will leave here about January 15, for Hampton Roads.

Twelve Boats, Sixty Men, of Fishing Fleet Missing. Nova Scotia Marine and Fisheries Department Asked to Send Steamers in Search.

THE PLAGUE IN GUAYAQUIL: ADVICES CONFIRM REPORTS. It is Regarded as a Menace to Health on the Isthmus Canal Zone.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Reports to the war department confirm advices that the plague exists in Guayaquil, Ecuador. This is regarded as a menace to health on the canal zone.

Ship Subsidy Program. Representative Dwight of New York, the republican whip of the house, after a visit to the White House, declared that the ship subsidy bill would be passed very quickly after the assembling of congress. That this is the program there is no doubt. The question of granting this subsidy will develop the biggest legislative fight of the session. Democrats in the house, where the contest will be waged, are assured of strong support on the part of a number of republican insurgents. The question is will a sufficient number rally to the support of Minority Leader Clark to prevent action by the republican leaders?

A Democratic Plan. There are a number of democrats who favor the substitution of a counter bill for the establishment and encouragement of the merchant marine, which the advocates of ship subsidy declare to be their only purpose. These democrats would pledge the party to a 10 or 15 per cent. reduction of the tariff on all articles and products shipped in American vessels. Such legislation would not only result in a tariff reduction, but would so favor American shipping as to result in the establishment of American water transportation lines to all parts of the globe. As a prominent democrat in the house said yesterday: "The bill which is to be passed for passage by the republican majority is nothing more than a proposition to hand over \$11,000,000 from the treasury of the United States to the shipping trust, which is controlled by Rockefeller and Morgan money. This bill spends the lines which are to be favored, and makes certain the appropriation of the subsidy to the shipping trust. If you save a tariff advantage to shipping, you save a tariff advantage to shipping." (Continued on page eight.)