

MR. HITCHCOCK IS A BUSY MAN

A Rush Season in Patronage Matters, Especially in the Southern States—Fixing the Fences.

HAVE TAFT AND ROOSEVELT MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING?

Roosevelt in 1916, Their Program. Some Say—Big North Carolina Nominations Expected This Week.

The Gazette-News Bureau. 46 Post Building. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—North Carolina is not the only state in the patronage limelight.

The terms of federal office holders are expiring in all of the states, and it is common here that Postmaster General Hitchcock is as busy fixing political fences just as though a republican national convention were on the eve of assembling.

That Roosevelt Letter. The publication of the statement that ex-President Roosevelt has written a letter from Africa, in which he approved of the attitude of President Taft towards the tariff bill enacted by the last congress, has attracted much attention here.

Something Doing Soon. The president is expected to send nominations of North Carolinians to big federal offices in the state to the senate during the present week.

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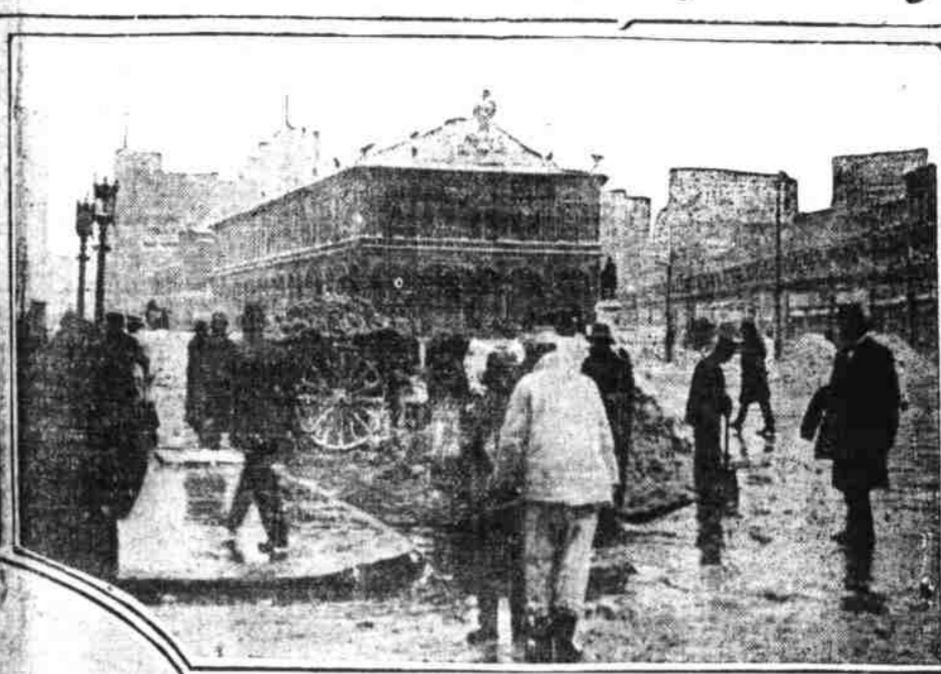
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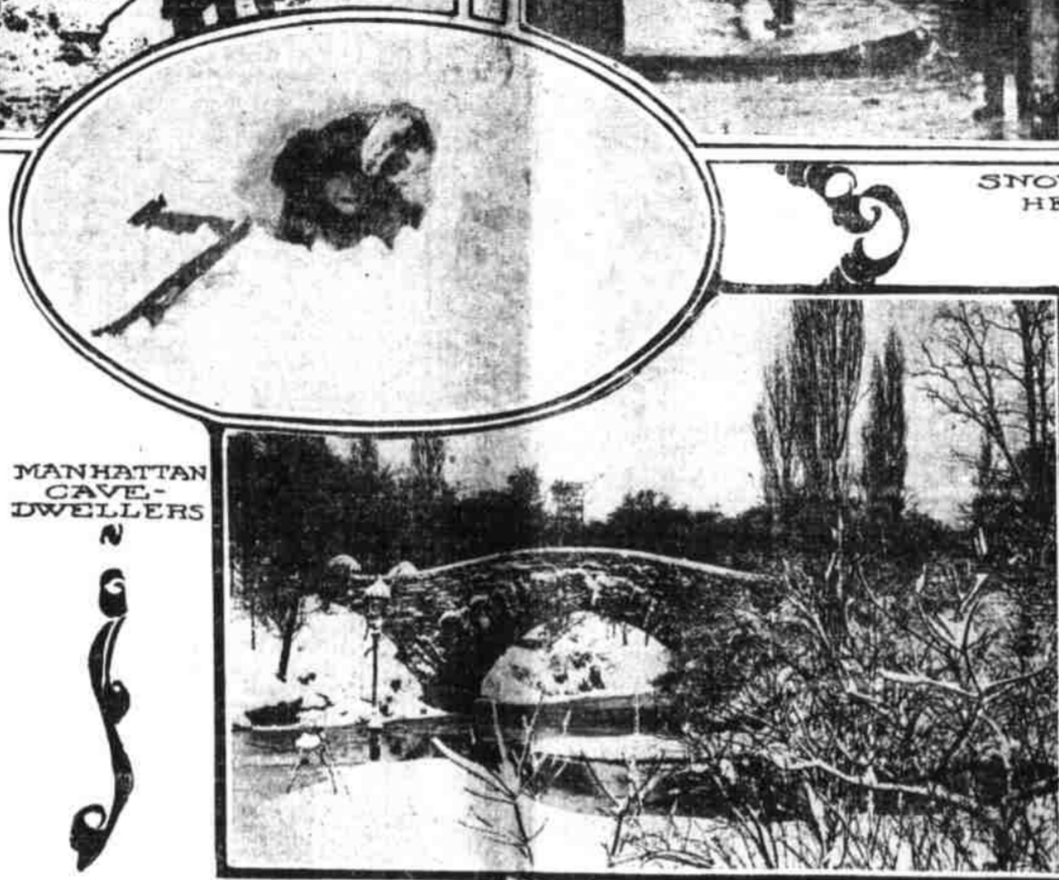
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CLEARING AWAY SNOW AT FIFTH AVENUE AND THIRTY-THIRD STREET.



SNOW REMOVAL IN HERALD SQUARE.



MANHATTAN GAVE DWELLERS

JACK FROST IN CENTRAL PARK

GOVERNORS FROM THIRTY STATES

Chief Executives of that Number of Commonwealths Assembled at National Capital Today.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Governors from 30 states today gathered in the national capitol to discuss problems of state and of national interest.

Last night, the governors, with members of the National Civic federation, attended a reception at the home of Miss Mabel Boardman. Tonight they will attend a dinner at the home of John Hays Hammond.

This morning the following committees were appointed: Organization—Governors' Port of New Jersey, Kitchen of North Carolina, Norris of Montana, Draper of Massachusetts, Weeks of Connecticut.

Plan and scope—Governors Hughes of New York, Hadley of Missouri, Comer of Alabama, Ansel of South Carolina and Harmon of Ohio.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—When a blizzard visits New York city it carries with it death and disaster, with its immense population there is sure to be much suffering among the poor people. In the recent severe storm thirteen deaths were reported, to say nothing of the untold misery of starvation in the densely populated sections.

ARE ENTITLED TO MINIMUM RATES

Slate Department Will Make Public Proclamation by President on Subject of Rates of Duty.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Some time this afternoon or tomorrow the state department will make public a proclamation by President Taft declaring certain European countries therein specified are entitled to the minimum rates of duty imposed by the Payne-Aldrich bill.

High Honors Will Attend Obituaries of Ambassadors. Final Arrangements for Funeral of Nabuco Have Not Been Concluded.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Final arrangements for the funeral of the late Brazilian ambassador, Nabuco, have not yet been completed.

TO CAUCUS WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. House Members of Ballinger-Pinchot Body Are to Be Selected by Republicans.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A call was issued today for a republican caucus of the house Wednesday night to select the house members of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation committee.

Appointed Second Lieutenant. Washington, Jan. 18.—Clarence M. McMurray, a last year graduate of the South Carolina Military academy, is one of five graduates of various military schools appointed today by the war department as second lieutenants in the army.

THE WEATHER. Forecast until 8 p. m., Wednesday, for Asheville and vicinity: Colder weather, with rain tonight or Wednesday.

HUGHES WILL BE OUT OF POLITICS

Governor of New York Says His Determination not to Ask Renomination is Without Political Significance.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Governor Hughes of New York, who is here attending the bankers' conference, declared this morning that his determination to announce his resignation is without political significance.

SENATE WISHES TO KNOW. A Formal Inquiry as to Whether a Custom House is to Observe Lee's Birthday.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Calling upon the secretary of the treasury to explain if a newspaper report that the custom house at Newport News, Va., is to be closed tomorrow in observance of the birthday of General Robert E. Lee, was made, a resolution offered by Senator Heyburn was adopted by the senate today.

Grassy Is to Control the A. S. Moll Company. Baltimore, Md., Jan. 18.—It was learned today that papers had been signed by interested parties to the A. S. Moll company, which publishes the South Dakota Fruit Grower.

South Dakota Fruit Growers. Yankton, S. D., Jan. 18.—The horticulturists of South Dakota gathered in Yankton today for what promises to be the most interesting and instructive annual meeting in the history of their state association.

Victim of "Cowboy" Play. New York, Jan. 18.—Fourteen years old Morris Eisenberg was shot and killed today, a victim of "cowboy" play.

Fire in Fifth Avenue District. New York, Jan. 18.—Fire in the Fifth avenue business and hotel district caused alarm to guests in nearby hostilities and routed out the occupants of several fashionable residences today.

House Adopts It. Washington, Jan. 18.—The conference report on the Ballinger-Pinchot resolution was adopted unanimously by the house today.

COTTON MARKET IS DEMORALIZED

Quotations for May Within Five Points of Lowest Level Touched in Friday's Slump.

New York, Jan. 18.—Cotton market was almost, if not quite as sensational as usual, in the early part of the week, and prices suffered another sensational break today.

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President of Lehigh Valley Re-Elected. Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—President E. B. Thomas of the Lehigh Valley railroad company was today re-elected by the stockholders of the company.

TRODDEN SNOW YET BLOODLESS

No Gore and Little Violence in Roland-Rollins Fight—The Frame-up Just About as per Usual.

MR. LOGAN REMINISCES ABOUT RECENT HAPPENINGS

What Mr. McKee Was up Against—Serious Symptoms Attack Candidate When Asked to Write His Name Down.

ONE by one North Carolinians are returning from the national capital, where they went to get a line on the patronage situation.

Mr. Logan's State of Mind. As stated yesterday, Mr. Logan is once more at home. Mr. Logan has only one thing to worry about—the president has thus far neglected the duty of transmitting his name to the senate.

Symptoms Resemble Spasm. Mr. Logan had been back long enough, he said, to hear about a very prominent gentleman, mentioned in the congressional nomination, who had been approached by a man who wanted him to sign his petition asking for the position of dog catcher.

From all of which it would appear that Mr. Logan does not look upon the McKee candidacy as being at all formidable.

AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION

This Will Be Made as a Result of the Hitchcock Charges Against Secretary Ballinger.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—In a vigorous statement Secretary Ballinger last night replied to the charges made against him yesterday by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska.

Mr. Ballinger branded as "ridiculously false" the allegations of extravagance, wrongdoing and favoritism. As a result of Hitchcock's testimony before the committee, it will begin an investigation independent of that to be conducted by the joint committee of congress.

BRADLEY AND SVERDRUP PLANNING EXPEDITION?

May Go North to Seek Corroboration of Claims Made by Dr. F. A. Cook.

Capetown, Jan. 17.—The fifth of Dr. Cook's claims of having reached the North pole may yet be demonstrated in the opinion of the few friends and believers he still has left here.

More than one of the men most familiar with Arctic work, while admitting that Dr. Cook has been unfortunate in his actions since his return from the north and falling entirely so far as presenting scientific proof of having reached the pole, he says that he went far north and on his return honestly believed he had reached the North pole.

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