

BRITT DID NOT SEEK THE PLACE

Post of Third Assistant Went to Him Unsought—Would Have Preferred Staying in the Legal Department

NO TARIFF REVISION BY SIXTY-SECOND CONGRESS?

Insurgent Republicans Express Opinion That Despite the Fact That Democrats Will Be in Control Nothing Will Be Done.

Gazette-News Bureau, The Hotel Hamilton, Washington Dec. 3.

It is common departmental talk that in the elevation of J. J. Britt to the position of third assistant to the postmaster general, there is found an instance of the office seeking the man as striking as it is rare.

Politicians Turned Down.

Mr. Britt's selection, it is explained, is fully in line with the policy of the postmaster general to promote worthy and meritorious subordinates to higher positions and to make the postal business of the country as far as practicable, a business affair, unimpeded by politics.

Mr. Britt is, by reason of his law work in the department, thoroughly familiar with the business of the office, and it was that kind of a man Mr. Hitchcock wanted as assistant.

It was several times rumored that certain politicians left in the cold by the voters in November would get this place, which has been vacant a long time.

The Collectorship. Former State Chairman Adams, who spent yesterday in Washington, says he is not aware of it if Cowles and Grant have concluded to make a fight for the collectorship.

It is thought here, in the event of a contest between these men, that under the circumstances, if the office is located in Cowles' district it would prove an important factor in his favor.

No Revision of the Tariff? A number of republican insurgent senators are said to be strongly inclined to the opinion that there can be no general, or even extensive revision of the tariff by the next congress.

The insurgents want a tariff based on scientific principles, on the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad. The democrats don't want a revision on scientific lines any more than they did when they revised the tariff before.

KING CUTS OUT MR. CHURCHILL

England's Monarch and Home Secretary Do not Speak Now as They Pass—Eliminated Socially and Politically.

FIGHT FOR THE CONTROL OF PARLIAMENT ON IN EARNEST

The Campaign Issues Involve Future Status of House of Lords, Home Rule for Ireland and the Tariff.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—The fight for control of King George's first parliament, involving the future status of the house of lords, home rule for Ireland and tariff reform began today in 69 constituencies.

The unionists are putting up a much stronger contest than in two previous fights. The betting is even that they will secure a net gain of 20 seats.

Churchill Cut Out of the King's List.

King George is reported on the highest court authority to have cut Home Secretary Winston Churchill out of the list of his acquaintances—officially as well as socially.

The quarrel between his Majesty and Churchill is said to have arisen from the former's habit of reading over personally every state paper submitted to him to sign.

Churchill is not the only one of King Edward's favorites who has practically been banished from court.

Most of them, though, saw what was coming and went of their own accord. Sir Ernest Cassel, Edward's intimate and business manager, is utterly discredited.

Henry W. Miller Assumes His New Duties.

Special to The Gazette-News. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 3.—Henry W. Miller, formerly of Raleigh, where he was assistant to First Vice President A. B. Andrews of the Southern Railway, has arrived in Atlanta and has taken up his duties as assistant to the president of the Southern, with offices at 619 Equitable building, succeeding J. S. Harbour Thompson, who recently resigned to accept the presidency of the Atlanta Company.

Toy Dog Show in Astor Gallery; the Annual Exhibition



NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—The tiny aristocrats of the dog world were shown yesterday in the Astor Gallery, at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, where the Toy Spaniel Club of America is holding its eighth annual exhibition.

There are 231 dogs entered to strive for the prizes, and they make up an entry of 319 to be shown in 219 different classes. This will give James Mortimer, who is going to judge, a very busy time of it.

seven Pomeranians and thirty Pekinese spaniels, while the rest are scattered. Some of the other breeds that may be seen are dachshunds, bull terriers, Boston, Schipperkes, pugs, poodles, Maltese terriers, griffons, Brussels, black and tan, Chihuahua, papillons and Italian Greyhounds.

Mrs. Mary Henderson, Mrs. James Doig, Mrs. Katherine Harris, Mrs. A. L. Reynolds, Mrs. Jacob Litt, Mrs. F. J. Mulcahy and Mrs. Richard P. McGrann.

WILL GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION W. N. C.

Southern Railway Company Inaugurates Line of Work Outlined by President W. W. Finley.

M. A. HAYS, EXPERIENCED MAN, IS SELECTED FOR THE WORK

In Addition to Mr. Hays, a Trained Agricultural Agent Will Be Placed in This Section.

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Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—The Southern Railway company, through its land and industrial department, is taking steps to inaugurate a line of work recently outlined by President Finley in which western North Carolina is especially interested.

Mr. Hays, who has had long experience in development work of all kinds as a representative of the Southern railway land and industrial department in the New England, eastern, central, western and northwest, is to give special attention for the present to western North Carolina. He is well equipped for this work by knowledge of the resources and opportunities of that region.

SANTA CLAUS WILL CARRY TOYS OF IMMENSE VALUE

German Shops Have Made Ready For Christmas Round of Old Kris Kringle.

Washington, Dec. 3.—When Santa Claus starts on his rounds Christmas eve he will carry toys of greater value than heretofore. This is indicated by the consular reports from Germany, the greatest toy exporting nation.

Lehmann Is Appointed Solicitor General.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—President Taft has announced the appointment of Frederick W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, as solicitor general of the United States, succeeding the late Lloyd Bowers.

Rioting Follows Outbreak of Bubonic Plague.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 3.—Serious rioting followed an outbreak of bubonic plague in Shanghai, according to steamer advices. Recent outbreaks against foreigners was fomented by anti-dynastic followers. Eight thousand troops suppressed the uprising.

GOLF COMMITTEE MAKES ITS REPORT

While No Meeting Was Held This Afternoon It Is Believed That About \$7000 Has Been Raised—Asheville Must Have 18-Hole Golf Course.

Stirred by a realization that Asheville must have an 18-hole golf course and an enlarged Country club the Asheville business men are beginning to come to the front with financial aid to the proposition.

The committee at its meeting at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon issued the following statement regarding the golf movement:

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Population Figures.

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MATTAMUSKEET MAY BE DRAINED

Company Formed to Transfer the Great Hyde County Lake into Farming Land.

SEVERAL ASHEVILLE MEN FINANCIALLY INTERESTED

Lake is 15 Miles Long and about Five Miles Wide—Has Bottom of 50-1000 Acres—Trucking Project.

Charles A. Webb returned from Raleigh yesterday where he had been in connection with the proposition to drain Mattamuskeet lake, the largest fresh water lake in the state and perhaps in the south.

BOMB EXPLODES AND WRECKS FRUIT STORE

Panic Created Among Guests of Hotels Nearby—There Were no Casualties.

New York, Dec. 3.—A bomb exploded today, wrecking the fruit store of Queno Brothers on Tenth avenue and created panic among the guests of Elkwood and Fulton hotels adjoining.

\$500,000 Fire in Petersburg, Va.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 3.—Seven business houses, located in the business district, were destroyed by fire today, loss \$500,000. Property partially insured.

Runaways Are Married.

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 3.—After running away from their homes on September 18 last and living for six weeks in a cave in the Catskill Mountains La Vere Tallman, 20 years old, of No. 128 Somerset street, Newark, N. J., and Miss Beatrice Sanders, 18 years old, of No. 136 Clinton street, that city, who have been living in a sparsely furnished room at No. 224 Riverdale avenue, Yonkers, were arrested today and are being held to await the arrival of their parents.

Boy and Girl Ran Away from Home Because Their Parents Said They Were Too Young to Marry.

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Obtained Supplies for Their Retreat by Using Shotgun and Fishing Rod—Run-a-Way Couple Are Married.

Police Captain William N. Lent, who is caring for the couple, speaks of the case as one of the strangest in his experience. The young man and girl were taken into custody by Police-eman George Monks, who was dissatisfied with their answers when he found them loitering in the New York Central station.

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Ninety-Nine Per Cent of Engineers in Favor Strike

Chicago, Ills. Dec. 3.—Representatives of approximately 55,000 conductors and trainmen employed on 60 railroads west of Chicago, who demanded a 15 per cent wage increase, are holding daily conferences with general managers in presenting arguments for pay advance and improved working conditions.

Senator Tillman's Son is Sued by Wife for \$13,730

Columbia S. C., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Lucy Douglas Tillman began proceedings in Edgefield county court to recover from her husband, Benjamin R. Tillman's son \$13,730 which she alleges the defendant owes her from income from her property. The suit is the outgrowth of a sensational habeas corpus proceeding which Mrs. Tillman brought against Senator Tillman and his wife for the recovery of her two children, whom her husband deeded to the senator. The action resulted in a victory for young Mrs. Tillman.