

DUNCAN CALLS ON PRESIDENT

Much Talk of Opposition to Mr. Taft in Texas, Kentucky and North Carolina.

SIMMONS FOR LIMITED PRIMARY EXPENDITURES

Says That the Expenses of Candidates Should Be Restricted from Moral Considerations.

Gazette-News Bureau,
Wyatt Building,
Washington, Jan. 11.

National Committeeman Duncan is here today on his way to Chicago to attend the meeting of the committee on arrangements for the republican national convention. Mr. Duncan called at the White House today and had a talk with President Taft. There is much talk of opposition to Mr. Taft in some southern states, notably Texas, Kentucky and North Carolina.

Senator Simmons has given out for publication a letter addressed by him to some of the senatorial candidates proposing that expenditures in the senatorial primary be limited. The senator takes the position that this should be done for moral considerations and says he is not personally able to spend a lot of money in the effort to acquire support.

Kitchin and Simmons for Primary.
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Goy, Kitchin this afternoon gave out a letter addressed to each of the three other candidates for the United States senator advocating a primary. Simmons, he says, has replied that he favors the plan and will join in the request to the state executive committee, but neither Clark nor Aycock has indicated a desire to make a similar request, preferring to leave the matter with the convention.

LAUGHTER AND POLITICS IN THE LORIMER COMEDY

From Gay to Grave and Back
Again Swings Senatorial
Inquiry.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Senator Lorimer's second day as a witness before the senate investigators of his election was a human comedy of laughter and politics. The day's inquiry delved into dark windings of party government and touched lighter phases that swept the audience with laughter.

Mr. Lorimer's relation with Edward Hines, the lumberman who has been said to be the man who secured the former's election to the United States senate were discussed at length and Senator Lorimer said he had never asked Mr. Hines to work for him, and, in fact, did not think Hines knew enough about politics to be trusted in such a capacity.

"Did Mr. Hines ever contribute anything to your campaign funds?" "Not that I know of. Once when I was running for congress somebody had some circulars printed. I don't know who it was. If Mr. Hines did it, that was the only time he ever did anything for me."

Mr. Lorimer said that, so far as he knew, Hines' activity in his behalf began after Hines had talked with Penrose and Aldrich in Washington.

"Did you suppose the president favored you?" asked Senator Jones.

"I only knew that such an impression had been carried to Springfield," was the reply.

When the senators smiled. When Mr. Hancey read extracts from Chicago newspapers in which Senator Lorimer was referred as having "blonde curls and an innocent face," and as being "a high brow," the senator joined in the general laughter.

Mr. Hancey read a newspaper headline, "Senator Jones, in a purple robe, said the faded call." It referred to State Senator Jones of Illinois, but Senator Wesley Jones of Washington, who is a member of the investigation committee, lead the laughter which followed. Then Mr. Hancey read another that brought a double laugh. "Jones contrived the primary two ways—backward and sideways." All the senators on the committee seem to get a particularly good snigger out of that.

COMPETITION'S DAY IS PASSED

So Testifies Carnegie, Who Frankly Says That Prices Are Arbitrarily Fixed and Maintained.

FOR FEDERAL CONTROL OF THE CORPORATIONS

Believes Government Should Regulate Maximum Prices—His Views on Imprisoning Millionaires.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Andrew Carnegie, continuing his testimony before the house steel trust committee today declared that the day of competition has passed because of the ability of manufacturers to fix and maintain prices.

"Men," he said, "have been able to sit down and agree to fix prices and maintain them."

"Do you believe that the situation today destroys competition?" he was asked.

"Certainly."

"That men in these corporations meet somewhere today to fix and maintain prices?"

"I think that is obvious," was the reply.

Carnegie was asked whether he agreed today with the views he expressed two years ago urging government control of corporations and regulation of prices.

"I still adhere to them," he answered. "I believe the government should regulate maximum prices."

"Don't you think it an unfortunate condition?" he was asked.

"I think the time has arrived when that is necessary and I point to the interstate commerce commission, which has brought order, peace and justice out of the chaos in railroad business," was the answer.

Carnegie declared he never had any idea the American people would permit the organization of such trusts as have grown up in this country without government regulation. The ironmaster said he did not know the Sherman law interfered with his company in engaging in pools. He said he would not punish millionaires as examples to other millionaires because they had done something in "ignorance of the law." That would be "vindictive," he said.

AMERICAN OFFICER SHOT ON JOLO ISLAND

Twenty-Six Moros Killed Attempting to Ambush U. S. Troops—The Trouble Quelled.

Manila, Jan. 11.—Twenty-six Moros were killed, attempting to ambush American troops on the island of Jolo. During the fighting, Lieut. McGee of the second cavalry was shot twice and one American soldier was injured. This band, it is believed, comprises the last of the remaining malcontents.

PROGRESSIVES' MEET

Call Is Issued for Gathering at Springfield, Ill.—Roosevelt and La Follette Men Invited.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—A call was issued here yesterday for a conference of progressive "republicans to meet in Springfield, Ill., January 27," to consider ways and means for advancing the cause of progressive republicanism.

The call was signed by Charles E. Merriam and Mendell McCormack of Chicago, among others. The call sets out that the nation faces a political crisis and scores "reactionary" leaders. It voices opposition to the nomination of President Taft and Governor Deane. Co-operation of all those who believe in the constructive republicanism "whether they be supporters of Robert M. La Follette or Theodore Roosevelt," is asked.

FEWER CHARTERS.

Federal Tax Law Blamed in Part for Decrease in Number of New Companies.

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The Hotel Raleigh,
Raleigh, Jan. 11.

The number of charters issued last year was 976 as against 1058 in 1910, a decrease of 82. The decrease is accounted for by the federal corporation tax law and the North Carolina method of making returns.

English Cotton War Continues.

Manchester, England, Jan. 11.—There is no sign up to the present of the slightest disposition on the part of either party in the cotton trade war to surrender. The conflict began in December when the trade unionists among cotton operatives refused to work with a few non-unionists. A general lock-out involving 160,000 persons and the movement spread until now some 300,000 workers are affected.

50 Below Zero in Minnesota.

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 11.—Reports from northern Minnesota lumber camps indicate much suffering. The temperature is 40 to 50 degrees below zero.

The Equitable Building in Flames



CLEARING DEBRIS FROM THE VAULTS

Fear of Equitable Walls' Collapse Hampers the Wreckers' Work.

New York, Jan. 11.—The wreckers today began the preliminary work of clearing away the debris and ice which encase the safe deposit vaults in the burned Equitable building. The various vaults are believed intact and their contents of half a billion dollars in securities are safe. The wreckers' work is hampered by the fact that the building is in such a precarious condition that the walls might fall at any time. The Equitable vaults withstood the flames, but will not be opened until cooled off. The society's officers say there is no doubt but that \$300,000,000 in securities are unharmed.

More than \$50,000,000 in stocks and bonds was recovered from one of the smaller vaults in the burned building last yesterday but it will probably be a week—perhaps longer—before the great vaults of the society and the Mercantile and Safe Deposit company give up their half billion or more in securities. Further examination of the gaunt, ice-shrouded building showed more conclusively that the vaults were still intact.

In the opinion of those who made the inspection—an opinion reinforced by the revelation that the smaller vaults had kept their treasure safe—their contents will suffer little, if at all. But, buried as they are under hundreds of tons of ice and debris, it may be a matter of weeks before it will be advisable to open them.

Meanwhile securities variously estimated in value from half a billion to a billion and a half dollars have been "reached." Special guards have been thrown about the building and day and night they will keep watch to see that no unauthorized persons enter the building.

The smaller vaults of the Mercantile Trust company were the ones reached. As soon as it was seen they could be entered, 50 clerks were dispatched from the Bankers' Trust company, a few blocks away, to transfer the securities. Between \$50,000,000 and \$70,000,000 in stocks and bonds were moved.

172 PERISH; STEAMSHIP FOUNDERS IN STORM

Bucharest, Roumania, Jan. 11.—The Russian steamer Rusa foundered during a gale on the Black Sea today with her passengers and crew, totaling 172 persons.

Destroyer McCall Is Safe.

Hamilton, Jan. 11.—The United States scout cruiser Birmingham has arrived here and is now lying on the dock yard. The destroyer McCall is being off St. George.

Use Meningitis Serum to Check Texas Epidemic

Dallas, Jan. 11.—The menace of meningitis here and in other cities of north and east Texas has resulted such fear among all classes of the population that public gatherings have been practically abandoned. While the state health board yesterday found epidemic conditions improved, there is no let-up in the fight against the malady.

Physicians are now experimenting with meningitis serum to check the spread of the disease.

Greesboro, Tex., Jan. 11.—Because of the meningitis epidemic in this state, quarantine was established here today. No persons are permitted to leave the trains here and line has been scattered through the streets. No meningitis so far has been discovered in Greensboro.

No Case Against Burns, Federal Judge Will Rule

Indianapolis, Jan. 11.—Detective W. J. Burns was not guilty of the crime of kidnapping when he captured John J. McNamara here and took him to California last April.

Federal Judge Anderson today indicated that such would be his ruling. The judge said the case against Burns was without merit.

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—"Connors told me Cuney Misenor, himself, Bender, Maple and Charles Stevens planned to dynamite the hall of records and he, with Bender and Maple, were told to do the work."

This statement by Mansell Parks was today's contribution by the state to today's session of the trial of Burt Connors, charged with conspiracy to destroy the county building here.

SEVEN LIVES ARE LOST IN FIRE IN NEW YORK

Three-Story Building Guttled—Bodies Probably Burned to Cinders.

New York, Jan. 11.—Seven lives are believed to have been lost in a fire which gutted a three-story frame building on Broadway avenue today. There is little likelihood of identifying the bodies as they probably were burned to cinders.

PRESIDENT IS CHOSEN BY PRINCETON BOARD

Dr. John Grier Hibben, Elected by University's Trustees to Succeed Woodrow Wilson.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 11.—Dr. John Grier Hibben, professor of logic, was elected president of Princeton university by the board of trustees of the institution. He succeeds Woodrow Wilson, who resigned the presidency in the fall of 1909, to run for governor of New Jersey.

Bull Proposes Three Vice Admirals.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Three vice admirals for the navy are proposed in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Lary of New York. The measure would have vice admirals appointed by the president with salaries of \$11,000 a year and a \$125 a month quarters allowance.

WINESKIE HELD AS EMBEZZLER

Prominent High Point Man Accused in Warrant of \$30,000 Fraud by Company President.

FREED FROM CUSTODY ON A BOND OF \$10,000

Charges Arrest Is Malicious Prosecution in Effort to "Freeze" Him Out—Trial This Afternoon.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Greensboro, Jan. 11.—Frank Wineskie, director and manager of the Standard Mirror and Pittsburg Plate Glass companies' branch offices at High Point, and one of the best known and most prominent citizens of that town, was arrested late yesterday afternoon on a warrant charging the embezzlement of \$30,000.

The charge against Wineskie was made by Frank McKnight, president of the Standard Mirror company, and at his instance Magistrate D. H. Collins this morning issued the warrant. The paper was placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff John Weatherby and he left for High Point immediately by automobile. A message from him a short time afterwards stated that he had found his man and that he was then in his custody. Robertson and Barnhart, attorneys, called Justice Collins later and by telephone a bond of \$10,000 was consented to, and a latter message was to the effect that preliminary hearing was set for Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock before Justice Collins and the High Point counsel gave assurance of their willingness to appear here at that hour.

A message from High Point was to the effect that the arrest had created a sensation there. Wineskie having held the confidence of all and being considered one of the most substantial citizens of the place. He was generally supposed to be worth from \$20,000 to \$40,000, and has been prominent in public life during his eight years' residence in High Point. He was also well known in Greensboro and has many friends here.

HAS PAID OVER \$90,000 INTEREST TO DEPOSITORS

Asheville Branch of Wachovia Holds Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Asheville branch of the Wachovia Bank and Trust company was held yesterday afternoon. The officers were elected and reports of the condition of the institution were made which showed that it has had the most successful year in its history. There was a large attendance of the stockholders of the Asheville branch, which represents about \$100,000 of the capital stock, and they were much pleased with the reports. It was stated that this branch has paid out more than \$90,000 in interest to depositors.

The following officers were elected: T. S. Morrison, chairman; W. B. Williamson, cashier; S. M. Hanes, assistant cashier. T. S. Morrison, W. T. Weaver, S. Lipinsky, Col. R. Bingham, J. T. Davidson, Fred Kent, J. M. Vestall, J. H. McConnell, Judge J. C. Fritchard, D. M. Hodges, Dr. J. Wohlforth, and W. H. Northrup are the board of managers for the year 1912. The usual 2 per cent quarterly dividend—8 per cent a year—will be declared February 1.

It is stated that this branch is well loaned up and that not a loan exists out of western North Carolina; and aside from this, that about half a million dollars has been placed in this section through the home office.

HUNDRED DAYS IN JAIL FOR SPANKING WIFE

Indiana Judge Modifies Charles Bulois Idea of His Constitutional Rights—Begins Sentence.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 11.—Charles Bulois began a hundred-day jail sentence here today for spanking his 16 years old wife with a strap. Bulois told the judge he thought this was a free country and that he had a right to spank his wife if he wanted to do so.

COLD IS YET BITTER

Chicago Sees No Prospect of an End Soon to Zero Weather—44 Degrees Below in Dakota.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—There is no prospect of an end soon to the cold wave. The severest temperature reported this morning was at Pembina, North Dakota, where the mercury was 44 degrees below zero.

PLAN FOR GREAT PEACE JUBILEE

Bill Before Senate Committee Provides for World-Wide Celebration of Ghent Treaty's Signature.

COMMISSION PROPOSED TO ARRANGE EVENT

Measure Appropriates Seven and One-Half Millions—All Nations Would Be Invited to Participate.

Washington, Jan. 11.—A plan for celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the signing of the treaty of Ghent, which ended the war of 1812 is pending before the senate committee on foreign relations in the shape of a bill appropriating seven and one-half million dollars for the purpose. A commission to serve without compensation in arranging for the event is proposed. The nations of the world would be invited to celebrate the centennial of peace among the English speaking peoples.

FRENCH CABINET CRISIS; M. CAILLAUX STEPS OUT

Downfall of the Ministry a Sequel to the Moroccan Affair.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The downfall of the Caillaux cabinet came suddenly last night. That the ministry would be overthrown in the chamber of deputies in the next few days was the general belief, but announcement of the resignation last night caused considerable surprise. It was logically due, however, owing to the failure of Premier Caillaux to obtain timber to complete a political combination which was practically confronted with the certainty of speedy collapse.

The resignation of the foreign minister, Justin Desseines, which followed a dramatic scene at a meeting of the senate committee, when M. Desseines declined to back up the premier in his statement regarding recent negotiations between Germany and France resulted in immediate dimensions in the cabinet.

M. Caillaux therefore accepted the inevitable and went to Elysee and announced to President Fallieres the retirement of himself and colleagues. Later he issued a statement regretting that he was unable to retain the premiership and mount the tribune to defend himself against charges and calumnies.

HARMON AT CHICAGO

Ohio Governor the Iroquois Club's Guest at Luncheon—Returns Tonight to Missouri.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio was the guest of the Iroquois club today at a luncheon attended by 400 persons. The governor departed tonight for St. Louis, where he speaks tomorrow night at a democratic mass meeting.

Economy in the conduct of the national government and tariff reform were declared by Governor Harmon, at the Iroquois club luncheon, vital issues of the day. Incidentally the governor predicted that the democratic presidential nominee who promised these reforms would be elected this year by a large majority. Harmon drew an analogy between conditions in Ohio and national conditions. He added: "It is now up to the people to lift Taft's place with a democrat. This I expect to see the voters do."

DANCE HALL CENSORS

Arrests Will Follow Violations of Des Moines Ordinance Regulating Amusement Places.

Des Moines, Dec. 11.—All persons dancing the "grizzly bear" or "turkey trot" or "moonlight waltz" in public dance halls here will be arrested. An ordinance placing dance halls under police regulation passed the city council last night and men and women censors, employed by the police department will attend all dances empowered to eliminate those regarded as immoral.

BACON TO RESIGN?

Boston Hears Ambassador to France Will Quit Paris to Accept Harvard Post.

Boston, Jan. 11.—It is reported here today that Robert Bacon, ambassador to France, is about to resign his post and become a fellow of Harvard university. Mr. Bacon, who was nominated as fellow yesterday, was graduated from Harvard in 1880 and was star chairman.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative McHenry of Pennsylvania has introduced a house bill to make Labor day a legal holiday.