

MANY LIVES LOST IN BURNING HOTEL

Twenty to 75 Trapped When Dewey House At Omaha, Neb., Is Destroyed.

By Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Feb. 28.—Loss of life estimated at all the way from 20 to 75 resulted from a fire which destroyed the Dewey hotel occupying a three-story building at 13th and Farnum streets today. Three hours after the fire was discovered it was pronounced under control. It was confined to the building where it started.

The fact that the hotel register was destroyed will make it difficult to obtain a list of the dead, and, while the manager of the place states that about 50 were registered, others who were about the hotel declared that many of the guests were not registered and the total number was more nearly 100.

A few of the guests had time to reach the stairway but others were caught by the collapsing of the roof before they could be rescued from windows.

Several of the victims jumped or fell from the windows and met either death or mortal injury.

At noon only about 25 out of 60 persons estimated to have been in the building had been accounted for, but it was hoped that the death list would be smaller than at first estimated, as it was known that a score or more of those who had escaped, left the neighborhood without revealing their identity.

Charles Cumming, a bartender who had a room on the Farnum street side of the house, jumped from a third story window and met instant death. He struck head first on the sidewalk.

Falls to Save Sister. Mrs. C. E. Hawkins, who had a room on the second floor, dragged her sister, Miss Alice Conneville, to a window. There Miss Conneville collapsed. Mrs. Hawkins jumped and, although two police broke her fall, she was badly injured. Her sister's body is in the ruins.

Jeese D. Nold, night clerk, opened the door of his office on the second floor when he heard an explosion. He was driven back by smoke and flames. He attempted to arouse a few guests on that floor but soon had to seek the street to save his own life.

The few guests who escaped from second story windows or from the entrance on the thirteenth street side, did so in scanty attire.

Forty Dead, Fire Chief's Estimate. "That the basement, into which the burning interior fell within half an hour after the first started, contains at least 40 bodies is the belief of Chief Baker. Only four bodies were recovered before the flames drove the firemen from the building.

When the firemen reached the burning hotel they saw a number of persons at windows in the two upper stories. Before ladders could be raised, the roof began to cave in and no one was rescued.

The cause of the fire has not been determined. It started in the rear of the building, but had gained great headway before it was discovered. The lower floors of the Dewey hotel building were occupied by the Raphael Fred Clothing company, the Hillier Liqueur company and the Adams

Newlyweds to Test Merits of Diets On Five Years' Honeymoon Journey

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 28.—A honeymoon to last five years is the plan of Hubert G. Hanning, 25 years old, and Miss Mabel V. Browdie, 15, who were married at the bride's home in New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday. Hanning is clerk and the bride is a holding down case in New York early today to start on their long ramble from city hall. They declared they held no ceremony under which the husband is the master of the house. They will start on their journey from New York on the 28th.

Express company. The stock of all these companies was destroyed. Explosion Killed Many. It is believed the loss of life was caused by a gas explosion in the rear of the building. Only a few weeks ago there was discovered a leaking gas main, which caused the management of the hotel to arouse all the guests.

After six hours during which from six to a dozen streams were kept continually playing on the ruins, it was still impossible for firemen to enter the building. How many bodies will be found was still a matter of conjecture.

Izale Steiss, a newspaper carrier, was one of the heroes of the fire. Before the firemen arrived he rushed into the building and helped the night clerk to arouse guests. He helped drag several half-dressed persons from the building and then collapsed from the effects of smoke.

Jeese Nold, an employee of the hotel, probably saved the lives of 20 persons. He was awakened by the cry of fire and half-dressed hurried through the smoke-filled halls arousing guests. He got a number of persons out of the burning building.

PILGRIMS ARE GIVEN A HEARTY WELCOME

Remarkable Demonstration Features the End of Long Suffragist Hike.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—General Rosalie Jones and her suffrage "army" marched triumphantly into the capital shortly before noon today, through the capitol grounds and down Pennsylvania avenue, with an escort of local enthusiasts and citizens which fairly choked the streets and delayed traffic. It was one of the most remarkable street demonstrations ever seen here.

The presidential inauguration scarcely could have presented a more enthusiastic spectacle than Pennsylvania avenue from the capitol to the treasury building, after the plucky, disheveled band of suffrage pilgrims swung wearily around the Peace monument for the final march of their 250 mile walk for their cause.

Incoming presidents have not received more clamorous applause than did the company of brown-clad women, huddled in a little group, forced to fight their way through veritable walls of shouting humanity for more than a mile of the historic "hike." To prevent disruption of their column, "General" Rosalie Jones and her tired comrades locked arms and, in two lines clung together, moving only when police could clear the way for a short advance. In every block they were halted repeatedly, the crowds greeting them with tempestuous demonstrations. Men and women alike braved the hooting hordes and chugging automobiles of the suffrage army escort to grasp the pilgrim's hands.

Though no brass band heralded the survivors' who 17 days ago left New York for the advance on Washington a bedlam of sound rent the air from the moment the "hikers" were in sight of the capitol until they were jammed into a struggling mass of men, women, automobiles and carriages before suffrage headquarters.

When the treasury was reached, so dense was the mob that the police with great difficulty cleared a narrow pathway, through which the marchers could pass to the crowning glory of their achievements at suffrage headquarters.

The marchers were greatly relieved when informed of the receipt of a telegram from the national suffrage headquarters, announcing regret that there had been a misunderstanding over who should deliver the suffrage address at the inauguration. (Continued on page 3)

their return to City hall five years from today with vouchers showing that Hanning had stuck strictly to a vegetable diet, and his wife to a meat diet throughout the trip. They expect that the long test will decide reasonably well the respective merits of meat and vegetable diets as a basis for physical endurance. No definite itinerary is announced for the couple for their five years' ramble, but it is expected they will visit all the principal cities of the United States and return to New York on the 28th.

NAMES SUGGESTED AS COMMITTEEMAN

Mr. Webb Among Those Mentioned as Possible Successors to Daniels.

GAZETTE-NEWS BUREAU, WYATT BUILDING, WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

Persistent reports from what are considered authoritative sources that Joseph Daniels of Raleigh has been tendered a place in Woodrow Wilson's cabinet has caused him here in public life to begin to figure on a new national committeeman from North Carolina to succeed Mr. Daniels. There is no hard-set rule that could be applied to the case, but it is the custom for the men who are appointed to the official family of the president to give up such other honor tendered at the hands of the people to some one else.

Already the names of Carey Dowd of Charlotte, Charles A. Webb of Asheville, Robert Glenn of Winston-Salem, Speaker George Connor of Wilson and E. J. Justice of Greensboro have been suggested as probable successors. It is not believed that Mr. Daniels, if made a cabinet officer, would care to hold the national committee place, nor is it thought that Mr. Wilson would favor his cabinet member holding a national committee.

CABINET POSITION FOR WALTER PAGE?

It Is Said He Can Have Interior or Agriculture Portfolio.

GAZETTE-NEWS BUREAU, WYATT BUILDING, WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.

Walter Page, of New York, publisher of the World's Work, it became known here last night, has been offered a place in President Wilson's cabinet. It is understood that if he accepts—and that is the only question that is in doubt—he will take either the secretaryship of the Interior department or the agriculture portfolio.

Mr. Page, who has been spending the winter at Pinehurst, and had not intended leaving the North Carolina winter resort until Monday, when he expected to come to Washington to attend the inaugural ceremonies of President Wilson, was called to a telegram presumably in response to a telegram from Governor Wilson.

When seen last night, Congressman Robert N. Page, a brother of the New York man, refused to deny or confirm the report. From another source, however, it is known that Mr. Page has been tendered a place in Mr. Wilson's official family, and the only question is whether he will consent to sacrifice his magazine work for the honor which goes with a cabinet berth.

PROVISION IS MADE FOR RATE COMMISSION

Senate Votes Funds for Its Maintenance—Other Legislative Proceedings.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Pharr introduced a bill in the senate to appropriate \$200 a year for the maintenance of the North Carolina room in the Confederate mansion at Richmond.

The senate passed the house resolution continuing the freight rate commission and voting funds for expert and clerical assistance.

The search and seizure bill and many proposed amendments are on file. The senate passed a bill for a commission to report to the next assembly as to the sale of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad.

In the house opponents of the bill to amend and consolidate the state banking laws forced postponement of consideration of the bill, which provides for supervision of banks by the corporation commission, fees from banks to defray the examinations and stipulates that all state banks must have \$50,000 capital after April, 1915.

The house passed and sent to the senate the military bill, increased with a \$15,000 appropriation making the total \$50,000.

The house in committee of the whole considered the revenue bill. Amendment taxed drugists. Bill which provides for the payment of \$100,000 to the inhabitants of 100 towns of 15,000 taxed automobile manufacturers \$200 apiece each, from 12 to 1500.

TROOPS INVEST STATE CAPITAL

Important Battle Is Expected Today between the Huerta Troops and Aguas Calientes Rebels.

ANOTHER ENCOUNTER AT SALTILLO LIKELY

Federal Troops There About to Close in on Forces of Coahuila Governor.

By Associated Press. Mexico City, Feb. 28.—An important battle between the rebel governor of Aguas Calientes, Alberto Fuentes D. and government troops under General Hidalgo, is expected late today. The state capital, Aguas Calientes, is surrounded by government troops who last night began a siege.

Governor Fuentes D. is entrenched in the government palace in the center of the city, the building being guarded by a force of state troops much inferior in numbers and armament to the army commanded by General Hidalgo. A repetition on a small scale of the street fighting and bombardment which occurred in Mexico City appears inevitable.

Another encounter is likely at Saltillo where federal troops under Generals Aubert and Trevino are about to close in on the rebels commanded by the defiant governor of the state of Coahuila, Cenustiano Carranza.

The isolation of Mexico City from the United States by rail was complete today. Train service south of Aguas Calientes on the Mexican Central line is at a halt, owing to the occupation of that city by rebels, while a similar condition at Saltillo in Coahuila prevents railroad operations to the north over the national lines. The roads to Tampico also are interrupted, making a detour by way of that port from the United States to this city impossible.

Ramos Martinez, who for several months conducted semi-official negotiations for peace between Madero and Zapata, declared today that Zapata would surrender and co-operate with the central government.

According to the private secretary of Provisional President Huerta, the situation in Sonora is grave. Bandits, he said, are over-running portions of the state and many families in the city of Hermosillo are abandoning their homes, fearing an attack. Governor Jose Maytonera has abandoned the governorship of Sonora and his place has been taken by Ignacio Pesquiera. The retiring governor declined to support the new regime in Mexico City. He is organizing troops to sustain his position.

MANY TO ATTEND DINNER TO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

Daniels Will Leave for Washington Immediately after the Dinner.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 28.—Adjutant General Young today received a letter from Major General Wood, chief of staff, U. S. A., thanking the North Carolina officer for the fine spirit shown in tendering the services of the North Carolina troops for use in Mexico in the event of war and assuring him that the spirit was appreciated. The telegram will be filed for any future reference.

The Wake Water company has got to show Judge Carter Saturday that it is a solvent corporation and that if it is solvent it can make the necessary extensions. The company rushed into a receivership, alleging insolvency, hoping thereby to be allowed to issue certificates and keep going, but the citizens of Raleigh seem to have circumvented this move with the result that the old concern is feebly kicking.

A proposition has been made to arbitrate, and if the water company will agree the city will take the property off its hands; otherwise Judge Carter may order a sale. The company has asked \$260,000 and the city has offered \$200,000.

Many North Carolina politicians and business men will be here for the banquet in honor of Senator Simmons, Governor Craig and Editor Daniels, immediately after the banquet the Raleigh editor, who has been selected for secretary of the navy, will leave for Washington to become a member of the president's official family. Governor Craig and many state officials and Raleigh men will be present at the inauguration.

CHARTER IS GRANTED CENTRAL REALTY CO.

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, Feb. 28.—The Central Realty Co. investment company of Asheville was chartered today with 100 shares subscribed by J. Williams, from 12 to 1500.

WRITING WEBB MEASURE VETO

President Expects to Transmit to Congress Message Killing Measure before Adjournment.

BELIEVES THE ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Taft's View Sustained by Most of the Lawyers in Cabinet and Also in Congress.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—President Taft in a special message to congress today vetoed the Webb bill to prohibit shipment of intoxicating liquors into dry states. Questions of constitutionality were the president's principal consideration in his veto.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Before Taft left the White House today to attend the cabinet meeting in the executive offices he took up his veto of the Webb bill prohibiting the legal transportation of liquor into dry states. The cabinet meeting was shortened into one hour instead of the usual two in order that the president might work on the message in time to return the bill to the house of representatives before it adjourned.

The president, Attorney-General Wickersham, most of the lawyers in the cabinet and in the senate and house have held that the bill is unconstitutional and the veto message was written largely from that angle. Suffrage leaders are mostly in favor of a constitutional amendment to give women the ballot. There is some opposition to that plan, however, headed by those who believe it might better be left for the states to decide and thereby escape a problem which might arise with the granting of equal suffrage in the southern states. Those in favor of the latter plan point in support of their argument to some incidents which have happened "General" Rosalie Jones and her army" when it crossed the Mason and Dixon line into Maryland and in some localities was joined by negro women marchers bearing banners "Votes for Negro Women."

All suffrage leaders here, however, are in favor of official recognition of the question by congress and the fact that Representative Hobson has been placed in charge of the inquiry. He openly favors equal suffrage and has promised to march in the suffrage pageant.

MARTIN TO QUIT AS SENATE LEADER

His Coming Retirement in Kern's Favor Forecasts Progressive Control

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—"I will not be a candidate for re-election as chairman of the democratic caucus of the senate," said Senator Martin of Virginia today. He has held that position for the last two years.

This announcement practically closes the contest between the so-called conservative and so-called progressive wings of the democratic party in the senate.

Senator Kern of Indiana is the candidate for caucus chairman, which carries with the honors and responsibilities of leadership of the dominant chamber. It is understood that no candidate will be brought to oppose him.

Senator Martin declined to give any reason for his announcement but it was understood to be due to the general favorable acceptance of Mr. Kern's candidacy.

When Senator Martin's decision became known there were many expressions of regret on both sides of the chamber. He has been very popular personally among republicans as well as democrats. His friends said he would be greatly relieved by a shift of the responsibility attaching to party leadership.

The understanding now is the progressives will control the organization of the senate under democratic control, but it is not believed that they will disturb the old conservatives in the chairmanships of committees.

BID KNOX FAREWELL

Foreign Diplomats Pay Their Respects to the Retiring Secretary of State.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—Yesterday was Secretary Knox's last "diplomatic Thursday" before his coming retirement and many members of the diplomatic body in Washington called today at the state department to bid him farewell. The leave-takings were informal, but were characterized by much feeling, for the secretary has many warm personal friends among the foreign diplomats in Washington.

Mr. Knox still is suffering from the consequences of a severe cold. He is remaining in Washington until March 4, postponing a trip to Florida, directly against the wishes of his physician.

WILSON FIGHTS FREE PASSAGE

SUFFRAGE ISSUE BEFORE CONGRESS

Hobson Chairman of Sub-Committee which Will Inquire into Matter.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—Congress has taken up the woman suffrage question in earnest by the designation of a sub-committee headed by Representative Hobson to inquire and report to the house whether it would be best to leave the question of equal suffrage in the election of president and vice president to constitutional amendment, or to the action of separate states. Various committees of congress have for many years considered proposed amendments, but none has ever reported one out.

Representatives Porter of Pennsylvania and Tribble of Georgia will work with Representative Hobson on the inquiry, which promises to be wide in its scope and probably will take the form of hearings. It is promised that the inquiry will be finished and a report presented to the incoming congress before it ends two years hence.

Suffrage leaders are mostly in favor of a constitutional amendment to give women the ballot. There is some opposition to that plan, however, headed by those who believe it might better be left for the states to decide and thereby escape a problem which might arise with the granting of equal suffrage in the southern states. Those in favor of the latter plan point in support of their argument to some incidents which have happened "General" Rosalie Jones and her army" when it crossed the Mason and Dixon line into Maryland and in some localities was joined by negro women marchers bearing banners "Votes for Negro Women."

All suffrage leaders here, however, are in favor of official recognition of the question by congress and the fact that Representative Hobson has been placed in charge of the inquiry. He openly favors equal suffrage and has promised to march in the suffrage pageant.

MARSHALL TO ARRIVE AT WASHINGTON TODAY

Vice-President-Elect Will Get Notable Welcome at the Capital.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—There was great excitement in democratic ranks and among the ranks of the inaugural committee in anticipation of the arrival here of Vice-President-elect Marshall, who, with Mrs. Marshall, is expected this afternoon. Governor Marshall's arrival is an event, for it is the first time in 16 years that the rank and file of democracy have had an opportunity to welcome a vice-president-elect. Long before his train was due to arrive crowds had thronged the Union station to witness the reception.

Joseph Tully, secretary to President-elect Wilson who arrived yesterday, began bright and early today the preparations for moving his family here. He also was kept busy arranging accommodations for the members of the new cabinet, all of whom are expected to attend the inauguration. Arrangements for the inauguration ceremonies have been completed and tonight a test will be made of the lighting effects on the new building. The inauguration will be held at 12 o'clock on the 4th.

TWO BATTLESHIP PLAN FAVORED IN THE SENATE

Tilman Is the Only Opponent on the Naval Affairs Committee.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—All the principal items struck from the naval bill by the house, including the two battleship provision, were restored by the senate naval committee today, with Senator Tilman the only opponent. The bill will be called up in the senate tonight.

The senate made about 25 amendments, increasing the total by \$14,000,000. If the two battleships pass the senate, a determined fight is expected when the bill goes to conference with the house.

TI LMAN IS THE ONLY OPPONENT ON THE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Louise Lind, left her son, convicted of the murder of her son in Florida, on his way to Florida, directly against the wishes of his physician.

BRITISH REJOINER RECEIVED BY KNOX

Secretary Will Pass the Matter on to Next Head of the State Department.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—President-elect Wilson has made known to democratic senate leaders in his confidence that he favors the passage of Senator Root's amendment to the Panama canal bill to repeal the provision exempting American coastwise ships from payment of tolls.

It was said today that the new president had made his position plain lately to several democratic senators. It was the subject of remark that Senator O'Gorman of New York, who has been regarded as more or less of a spokesman for Mr. Wilson, is a sturdy opponent of the Root amendment and a champion of free passage for American ships.

Next President Declares He Will Attempt to Put Root Amendment Through Congress.

Secretary Will Pass the Matter on to Next Head of the State Department.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—President-elect Wilson has made known to democratic senate leaders in his confidence that he favors the passage of Senator Root's amendment to the Panama canal bill to repeal the provision exempting American coastwise ships from payment of tolls.

It was said today that the new president had made his position plain lately to several democratic senators. It was the subject of remark that Senator O'Gorman of New York, who has been regarded as more or less of a spokesman for Mr. Wilson, is a sturdy opponent of the Root amendment and a champion of free passage for American ships.

There is no likelihood of any action on the Root repeal amendment during the few remaining days of the 62nd congress. It was recently tabled in the senate inter-oceanic canal committee, thus preventing the possibility of even being brought before the senate on a minority report. It is expected to be renewed at the next congress, probably during the extra session.

The rejoinder of the British government to the last American note regarding the Panama canal zone tolls question, was delivered today to Secretary Knox by Ambassador Bryce. Though naturally of great interest to Secretary Knox, he will make no effort to consider it, but will allow the negotiations on the American side to be continued by his successor in office.

Arbitration is Proposed. It is understood that the British note, after a repetition of former arguments in support of its original content, contains a flat proposal for arbitration of the issue between the two countries, according to the provisions of the existing special arbitration treaty between the two countries, which will expire in June.

English Press Gratified. London, Feb. 28.—Dispatches from Washington indicating President-elect Woodrow Wilson's attitude toward the Panama canal controversy have given rise to considerable comment in the English newspapers. All the papers voice their gratification over his alleged attitude. The Westminster Gazette, a leading organ of the British government, says: "We all very much regretted to find ourselves in conflict with the United States government on a point of this kind. We believe that public opinion in the United States will welcome this change of attitude, leading to the avoidance of further controversy."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Dr. Wilson is to be congratulated on striking a true and high note in this matter upon the eve of his accession. We think repeal of the exemption clause would be far the best solution of a tangle created by the short-sightedness of over-reaching politicians."

ASSERTS HIS BELIEF IN THEIR INNOCENCE BEFORE INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 28.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had a conference with several officials of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers here yesterday and also addressed a meeting of the iron workers' convention. Precautions were taken to admit only accredited delegates to the convention to hear Mr. Gompers. Guards stationed at the doors carefully scrutinized credentials of each delegate before admitting him.

Mr. Gompers declined to make known the proceedings, except to say he had expressed a belief that all of the 33 men sentenced to the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., as conspirators in the McNamara dynamiting plot were innocent.

Mr. Ryan, who received a sentence of seven years and who presided over the session addressed by Gompers, is a candidate for re-election. Several days ago when plans for re-organizing the union came up at the convention the delegates decided to defer action until Mr. Gompers had addressed them.

MARSHALL TO ARRIVE AT WASHINGTON TODAY

Vice-President-Elect Will Get Notable Welcome at the Capital.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—There was great excitement in democratic ranks and among the ranks of the inaugural committee in anticipation of the arrival here of Vice-President-elect Marshall, who, with Mrs. Marshall, is expected this afternoon. Governor Marshall's arrival is an event, for it is the first time in 16 years that the rank and file of democracy have had an opportunity to welcome a vice-president-elect. Long before his train was due to arrive crowds had thronged the Union station to witness the reception.

Joseph Tully, secretary to President-elect Wilson who arrived yesterday, began bright and early today the preparations for moving his family here. He also was kept busy arranging accommodations for the members of the new cabinet, all of whom are expected to attend the inauguration. Arrangements for the inauguration ceremonies have been completed and tonight a test will be made of the lighting effects on the new building. The inauguration will be held at 12 o'clock on the 4th.

TWO BATTLESHIP PLAN FAVORED IN THE SENATE

Tilman Is the Only Opponent on the Naval Affairs Committee.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 28.—All the principal items struck from the naval bill by the house, including the two battleship provision, were restored by the senate naval committee today, with Senator Tilman the only opponent. The bill will be called up in the senate tonight.