

CHAMBERLAIN WILL RETIRE

Venerable British Statesman To Quit Parliament at The Next General Elections.

COMMANDING FIGURE IN BRITISH POLITICS

Members of House Since 1876—Believes Constituency Needs Services of a Younger Man.

Birmingham, England, Jan. 7.—Joseph Chamberlain, the venerable British statesman, has decided to retire from parliament at the next general election. He has served continuously as a member of the house of commons since 1876, all this time representing West Birmingham.

In a letter addressed today to the president of the unionist association of Birmingham Mr. Chamberlain says: "Before leaving for the south of France, I think I ought to communicate to you the decision at which I have arrived to retire from parliament at the next general election. I have not come to this decision without many regrets at the severance of a connection which has already lasted over 37 years and has been marked on the part of my constituents by ever-growing confidence and support."

"But I cannot hope to do my work in parliament and I feel that our city and the constituency of West Birmingham need the services of a younger man who will take an active part in the parliamentary struggle and help you to maintain the supremacy of the unionist cause in Birmingham."

Mr. Chamberlain leaves Highbury, his residence at Birmingham, next week for London. After passing a few days there he will proceed to his usual winter visit to the south of France.

There has been no change for the worse in Mr. Chamberlain's health recently. It is, however, nearly eight years since he spoke in the house of commons and nearly three years since he appeared there and then only for a few minutes at the opening of the session of 1911, when he was assisted into the house in order that he might take the oath.

Originally Radical. Joseph Chamberlain at the outset of his political career was a radical. He served under Gladstone in several cabinets, as president of the board of trade and president of the local government board. He became a unionist at the time of the break in the liberal party over home rule for Ireland, and he was secretary of state for the colonies at the time of the Boer war. He is now 78 years old.

Mr. Chamberlain has been married three times, his third wife, to whom he was married in 1888, being Mary Endicott, only daughter of the late W. C. Endicott, secretary of war during President Cleveland's administration. Mr. Chamberlain was the chief commissioner for the settlement of the North American fisheries dispute in 1887.

It is generally expected that Neville Chamberlain, a younger son of the retiring statesman will become unionist candidate for West Birmingham in succession to his father.

London, Jan. 7.—Laudatory references to the long political career of Joseph Chamberlain and expressions of regret at the passing of one of the commanding figures of British public life are made today by newspapers of all political sides announcing the retirement of the aged statesman.

Special mention is made in many instances of Mrs. Chamberlain's affectionate care of her husband during his long illness. Mr. Chamberlain was born in London, but the greater part of his business life was passed in Birmingham.

46 SAO PAULO BANKS AFFECTED BY FAILURE

Sao Paulo, Brazil, Jan. 7.—The failure was announced here today of the Incorporadora company of Sao Paulo. The failure involves 46 banks in the principal towns of the state of Sao Paulo. The banks affected were all founded by the Incorporadora company. Several foreign banks are said to be the principal creditors.

MONTREAL DENIED ADMISSION TO THE FEDERAL LEAGUE

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Montreal is the latest city to be denied admission to the Federal baseball league. Business men in that city yesterday applied to President J. A. Gilmore for a franchise but were told that the circuit had been completed for the coming season. Cincinnati recently was refused a franchise for the same reason.

NEW TURN IN NEW HAVEN RY AFFAIRS

Boston Chamber of Commerce Insists Disposition of Steamship Lines Should be Left to Interstate Commerce Commission—One Point Unsettled.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Reorganization of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad took a new turn today when a committee representing the Boston chamber of commerce presented the views of that organization on the whole transportation problem in New England to Attorney General McReynolds.

The committee was introduced by Senator Weeks and consisted of Geo. Hutcheson, C. F. Weed and Russell Robb. T. W. Gregory, the special assistant who has had charge of the New Haven case, was also present.

The Boston committee told Mr. McReynolds that it had no objection to separation of the New Haven from the Boston and Maine, the Boston and Albany railroads and from its inter-

President in the Role Of Belated Santa Claus

Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 7.—President Wilson today demonstrated his fondness for children by assuming the role of a belated Santa Claus and distributing boxes of Christmas candy to the youngsters along the route from the Gulfport golf links. Since coming here the president has made warm friends with the children who daily have run to their front gates to wave greetings to the nation's chief executive.

Today there were many expressions of delighted surprise at homes along the way when the big White House automobile stopped and a secret service man appeared at the door with a box of candy under his arm, a president from the president to his little friends. Frequently the children in their ecstasy forgot to say anything until reminded by their mothers to say "thank you" to the man.

The president was delighted with his role of "Santa Claus." When news of Mr. Wilson's generosity spread among the children it became known that many of the youngsters who do not live along the route to the golf course were disappointed. They were promised, however, that they would not be overlooked and that the supply of candy at the presidential cottage was sufficient to meet all demands.

SERIOUS FIGHTING AT TAMPICO IS REPORTED

President's Conference With Lind Satisfactory—Ship Movements.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Late official despatches today from Tampico transmit apparently reliable reports of serious fighting between Mexico federals and rebels in the vicinity of Cardenas and San Luis Potosi. Reports from Saitillo say all communication to the south has been interrupted since December 22. Food in Saitillo is running low.

The gunboat Yorktown has left Ensenada for Mazatlan. At the navy department it was said that no increase of the vessels in the Gulf of Mexico or further relief of any vessels now there is planned.

Officials here have learned that President Wilson regards his recent conference with John Lind as very satisfactory and that its prime purpose, to unfold the president's plans and purposes toward Mexico, more clearly than could have been done by long distance communication, was very successful.

Suffolk to Leave Mexico. Plymouth, England, Jan. 7.—The British cruiser Essex has been commissioned here for service with the fourth cruiser squadron under the command of Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Gradock. She is to sail on January 14 for Jamaica. Her arrival will bring the strength of the British cruiser squadron in the West Indies up to five vessels. The Suffolk is the flagship of the rear admiral and the other four cruisers are the Berrick, the Lancaster, the Herjolme and the Essex. The Suffolk is now off Vera Cruz, Mexico.

Applications are received from 178 national banks from one hundred and seventy-eight banks scattered throughout the country to enter the new currency system have been received at the treasury department up to the present time. A majority of these applications are from eastern and middle western cities.

Invitations issued for reception of diplomats. Washington, Jan. 7.—Invitations are being sent out from the White House for the reception of the diplomatic corps which will be given there by the president and Mrs. Wilson Tuesday night, January 13. The affair will mark the first of the state receptions to be given at the White House during the winter.

ASKS FOR MONEY FOR PELLAGRA HOSPITAL

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary McAdoo today asked congress to appropriate \$47,000 for a pellagra hospital at Savannah, Ga.

ENDORSEMENTS NATION-WIDE NOW

Purposes of Appalachian Park Association Arousing Interest All Over Country.

Energetic promotion of the purposes of the Appalachian Park association by Secretary George S. Powell has been featured by the enlistment of men and women of influence in furthering the cause. The enterprise has become more than an affair merely of the southern Appalachian states but rather one whose merits are receiving nationwide endorsement.

George F. Baker, the noted financier, who was here two weeks ago at Grove Park inn, has accepted a vice-presidency and writes that he will do all he can to forward the movement. First Assistant Postmaster General Daniel C. Roper, in accepting a place on the directorate, writes Secretary Powell:

"I see much wisdom and an interpret nothing but good in the purpose of your association to conserve the forests of the southern Appalachians and to use them as natural playgrounds for the nation. . . . Certainly no section of the country is better adapted for this purpose."

President C. S. Barrett of the Farmers bureau of America says: "You are doing a great work and hope you will accomplish much good."

R. J. Reynolds of tobacco manufacturing fame writes from Winston-Salem:

"I heartily endorse the work and ambition of the association and I am glad to be a member of it." Mr. Reynolds is one of the directors.

Hon. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina, gives the following endorsement: "I think the formation of the association and its purposes one of the greatest things that could be undertaken at this time. There is absolutely nothing so beautiful and attractive for a playground for the people of this country anywhere in the east as the mountains of the Appalachians."

Hon. Walter J. Fisher, former secretary of the interior, gives his hearty support to the association in a letter giving helpful suggestions, and Mrs. A. B. Avery, secretary of the Louisiana Forestry association, and Hugh McKee of Wilmington write that they will do all they can for the association as vice presidents.

The Salisbury industrial club and the Knoxville board of commerce have passed formal resolutions endorsing the creation of the park.

Secretary Powell has issued a four-page pamphlet briefly indicating the purposes of the association and giving a list of vice presidents and directors. Among the vice presidents, as has previously been published, are: President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern railway, President Mark W. Potter of the C. C. & O. railway, and Hon. S. Davies Warfield of Baltimore, chairman of the Seaboard Railway board.

MARTIAL LAW AT ALBANIA SEA PORT

In Connection With Attempt To Seat Izzet Pasha On Throne.

Avlona, Jan. 7.—A decree proclaiming martial law here was issued today owing to the excitement among the Albanians over the arrest of six Turkish officers and 200 Turkish soldiers who arrived here on board an Austrian steamer from Constantinople. Their visit was with the object of announcing the accession to the Albanian throne of Izzet Pasha, former Turkish minister of war.

The detachment of Turkish troops was promptly surrounded and disarmed. The provisional autonomous government of Albania had been forewarned of the approaching arrival of the Turkish troops and of their intention to try to rouse the Albanian population in favor of Izzet Pasha and had made all preparations to deal with them.

The Dutch officers attached to the International gendarme assisted in the arrest of the Turks, who, it is stated, had many sympathizers among the Albanians.

Vienna, Jan. 7.—Martial law was proclaimed today at Avlona, the Albanian sea port on the Adriatic sea.

No details were given in the dispatch reporting the proclamation, but it is considered probable that this section is connected with recent report of a scheme to place Izzet Pasha, until recently Turkish minister of war, on the throne of Albania.

Another view is that it was brought about by the vendetta between the adherents of Essad Pasha, who is virtually dictator in central Albania, and those of Ismael Kemal Bey, head of the provisional autonomous government.

Political murders among the partisans of the rival chiefs have been frequent during the last few weeks and the threat of southern Albanian autonomy is on the verge of vanishing among themselves.

ANTI-TRUST PLANS ABOUT COMPLETED

McReynolds Ready to Submit Details of Proposed Corporation Legislation to President When He Returns—Believed He Will Advocate Few Changes.

Washington, Jan. 7.—When President Wilson returns to Washington next week he will find Attorney General McReynolds prepared to take up in detail all the proposed corporation legislation which has appeared in the form of bills in congress during the last nine months.

A comprehensive summary of these bills, comprising some portions of every measure that has appeared on the congressional horizon in that time has been prepared by the department of justice and is now in the hands of G. C. Todd of the department.

When Mr. Todd has gone into the subject of trust legislation thoroughly, the digest of the bills will be turned over to the attorney general and by the time the president returns his principal law adviser will be ready to give his opinions on the slow value of action in congress.

Although Mr. McReynolds has not authorized a statement of his position on so-called trust legislation, it is pretty well understood in Washington that he is satisfied with the Sherman law about as it now stands and is not anxious to see it amended in any particular, unless it be along the line of definition of restraints of trade.

Some of his friends are not convinced that Mr. McReynolds would welcome even legislation of this sort, and point out the fact that the decisions of the Supreme court in the last few years have pretty clearly outlined the path that business should follow to keep within the law.

It was recalled today in this connection that Mr. McReynolds made no mention in his annual report of the need for amendment to the Sherman law. In the past, attorneys general who wished to see such amendments passed by congress were not slow in making their suggestions known.

GOV. FERRISS HEARS SIDE OF ORGANIZED LABOR

Labor Officials and Strikers Give Version of Long Calumet Struggle.

Houghton, Jan. 7.—Organized labor was heard today in the investigation which Governor Woodridge N. Ferris is making into the causes and conditions of the strike of the copper miners in northern Michigan.

Officials of the Western Federation of Miners and the men on strike appeared before the governor and told their versions of the prolonged struggle. Tomorrow may see the conclusion of the inquest which is expected to close with a hearing of the mine owners and operators.

At yesterday's investigation Governor Ferris was given data on a number of so-called "gunmen" employed by the operators and the number of strikebreakers that had imported into the copper country since the beginning of the strike last summer.

Little Prospect of Peace. Washington, Jan. 7.—John B. Denmore, solicitor of the department of labor, returned today from Calumet, Mich., where he went to offer his services as conciliator in the copper strike, and reported to Secretary Wilson that unless one side or the other showed some willingness to yield in its determination to stick to all present demands there seemed to be no prospect of peace. Mr. Denmore will make a more extended report later.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor at its regular meeting here on January 18 probably will consider the assessment of a tax upon the labor unions throughout the country to aid the copper miners.

COL. MEANT TO SHOOT IF CIVILIANS LAUGHED

Von Renter Meant to Preserve Dignity of Army at All Costs.

Strassburg, Germany, Jan. 7.—The readiness of Colonel Von Renter of the 9th infantry regiment to reply to the laughter of the citizens of Zabern with fire from his machine guns was shown in testimony given today before the court martial sitting to try him for illegal assumption of authority.

District Commissioner Mueller of Zabern swore that when Colonel Von Renter was requested to withdraw the military patrols from the streets of the town, as they were merely irritating the populace, he curtly refused even to discuss the subject, replying: "I am in command now."

The colonel was then reminded that the civilians were merely standing about, to which he responded: "I intend to prevent this standing about at any cost. I do not intend to let the people laugh at the army in this way. If it continues I shall order the troops to shoot."

Colonel Von Renter in court admitted that he had machine guns brought out from the barracks into the streets of Zabern in readiness for use against the citizens.

Theodore A. Blake.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 7.—Theodore A. Blake, member of an old revolutionary family and prominently identified with early exploration work in Alaska, died here today, aged 90 years. He was a graduate of Yale and a brother of the late Prof. James K. Blake, the geologist.

PLAYERS GAIN MANY DEMANDS

Baseball Fraternity Wins Nearly All Points in Requests Made to National Commission.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 7.—Routine matters were considered by the National Baseball commission today in what was expected to be the final meeting of the commission for the present.

General congratulations were exchanged today on the result of negotiations with the baseball players' fraternity concerning the players' demands. The extreme liberality with which the commission dealt with the players' fraternity was said to be a wise move by prominent baseball men, inasmuch as they believe it will tend to conciliate the players and keep them from jumping to the Federal league.

The exodus of baseball leaders began after midnight last night, and there was no intimation given out by them on leaving that any trades or deals had been made since the National commission went into session Monday.

The commission was in session almost until midnight last night considering the requests of the players' fraternity. When the night meeting had been concluded all requests had been disposed of, the fraternity having gained its point in 15, while a compromise was noted in two minor recommendations. Six requests were considered at the night session. These were discussed earlier in the day and passed for further consideration.

The first of the six resulted in a compromise, when it was decided to insert the word "negotiate" instead of the word "sign" in the rule.

This rule now reads: "When a player receives 10 days' notice of unconditional release, he shall be free to negotiate with any team immediately, the contract to run from the expiration of the 10 day period."

Number 2 request was modified to include a five-day notice of release of class A and class AA players, but no

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