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HITCHCOCK CALLS CAUCUS TO SELECT LEADER IN SENATE

Senator Underwood's Supporters Resent Action of Nebraska Senator

WANTED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS RECESS

Contest Between Hitchcock and Underwood For Leadership of Minority Has Some Bearing On Treaty Controversy, It Is Thought; Absentee Senators To Vote

Washington, Dec. 18.—A call for a conference of Democratic Senators Saturday to select a leader to succeed the late Senator Martin, of Virginia, was issued today by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, who is contesting with Senator Underwood, of Alabama, for the place.

Some of Senator Underwood's friends were outspoken in criticizing Senator Hitchcock's call.

"It's an outrage," said Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, who has been active in behalf of the Alabama Senator. "Up to now Hitchcock forces have been urging that the conference be postponed until after the treaty is settled and also until more Democratic Senators are in town. There are a half dozen of Mr. Underwood's friends absent now who cannot be gotten back in time with this notice of only 48 hours."

Compromise is Suggested.

A compromise was suggested in some quarters, proposing that Senator Hitchcock be made leader and Mr. Underwood be promoted to Mr. Hitchcock's present position of vice-chairman or assistant leader of the Democratic conference, a position which would give Mr. Underwood management of many measures.

On objection by Senator Underwood's friends to a vote Saturday in the absence of about a dozen Democrats, Senator Hitchcock tonight agreed for voting by all absentees, either by telegraph or arrangements of pairs. This concession, Mr. Underwood's managers said, does not meet entirely their objection and they said the opposition to a vote Saturday would be continued.

In the interest of the Hitchcock candidacy Senator King, Utah, tonight placed his resignation as secretary of the Democratic conference in Mr. Hitchcock's hands for presentation if necessary to meet possible objection that election of Mr. Hitchcock would give the West two conference officers.

Settlement of the contest between Senator Hitchcock and Senator Underwood at the only business to come before the conference. The outcome was said to be in doubt with a very close vote predicted.

Want Vote Postponed.

Friends of Senator Underwood intimated today that they might endeavor to postpone a vote until after the holidays when the full Democratic membership, including Secretary Glass as the successor of Senator Martin, of Virginia, is expected to be present. Supporters of Senator Underwood are said to desire disposition of the treaty before the leadership is settled in order that the question of endorsing Senator Hitchcock's management of the treaty might not be an issue in the vote for leader.

The action of Senator Hitchcock, who now is vice-chairman of the Democratic conference, in issuing today's call was taken by his friends to indicate that he feels confident of having enough pledged votes to insure his election, although a considerable number of Democratic Senators are not in the city.

Has Bearing on Treaty.

The minority leadership contest, according to Democratic Senators has considerable bearing on the treaty controversy and particularly its immediate outcome. Senators Hitchcock and Underwood have differed regarding future procedure, the former opposing and latter agreeing to accept as a last alternative the plan of Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, to ratify the peace terms of the treaty excepting the League of Nations.

It has been said at the White House that irrespective of the outcome of the fight for the Democratic leadership, Senator Hitchcock will continue to lead the fight for the treaty.

Train Goes Through Trouble.

Felafatchie, Miss., Dec. 18.—Nineteen cars of a westbound Alabama and Vieckburg freight train went through a trestle a mile west of here today. One negro is believed to have been fatally injured. Trains are being detoured from Meridian to Hattiesburg over the Northeastern and thence to Jackson over the Gulf and Ship Island.

Hot Springs Selected.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 18.—Hot Springs, Va., was chosen as the convention place in 1920 at the closing session here today by the Southern Surgical Association and Dr. Willard Bartlett, of St. Louis was selected president.

Cold Weather in Ontario.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—With cities in the northern part of the United States complaining of zero weather White River today reported that the official thermometer there fell to 45 degrees below zero during the night and rose to 38 below at dawn.

Asks for Appropriation.

Washington, Dec. 18.—To complete the dry dock and accessories at the Norfolk yard Secretary Daniels today asked Congress for a supplemental appropriation of \$751,000.

Captain on Trial on Charges of Cruelty to American Soldiers in French Camp



Captain Karl W. Detzer, at left, and Lieutenant Thomas L. Heffernan

This photograph was taken while Captain Karl W. Detzer was being tried by general courtmartial at Governor's Island on charges of cruelty to prisoners at Le Mans evacuation camp in France. Seated beside him is Lieutenant Thomas L. Heffernan, his counsel. American soldiers tell of being beaten and tortured with Detzer's knowledge or consent, while they were in the hands of the military police.

WASHINGTON HEARS SMITH LOSES PLUM

Charlotte Lawyer Had Been Scheduled For Assistant District Attorney

CLAIMED HE FAILED TO RALLY TO HOEY'S SUPPORT

Senator Overman Giving Serious Consideration To Petition of Interested Friends; Scheduled Morrison-Gardner Speaking That Didn't Happen Causes Speculation

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(By Special Licensed Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 18.—Mecklenburg's most immediate reward for saving the Ninth district for Hoey Tuesday may probably be the appointment of a member of the Charlotte bar to the assistant district attorney in the Western district, which Congressman-Elect Hoey surrendered when he was nominated.

That was practically assured before the election and many members of the bar had endorsed for the job D. B. Smith. Senator Overman was strongly urged from other quarters to give the appointment to Mr. Smith and indicated that he would give serious consideration to the petition of friends interested in the matter.

It appears now, from reports that are reaching Senator Overman, that Mr. Smith won't get the plum. And the reason he won't get it is one of the interesting stories of the fight for Democratic supremacy which old Mecklenburg waged when all odds were fearful lest he be overthrown with the forces disgruntled because Mr. McCall wasn't nominated.

Claim Smith Backed Down.

"Directly, not by innuendo or intimation, the charge is made that Mr. Smith walked in his tent along with other Democrats in Charlotte who might have been 'whooping 'em up' for Hoey. Not alone by getting cold feet the day McCall failed of the nomination, or by endorsing a little and remaining lukewarm during the campaign, but by laying down on the job did Mr. Smith fail in the test, Senator Overman has been informed.

According to reports that come from the district, and they are not hard to verify, Mr. Smith refused to aid the Hoey forces in Mecklenburg in the matter of raising money to defray campaign expenses. It is pointed out, in one of the complaints to Senator Overman, that he made no speeches in behalf of Mr. Hoey nor is there any record where by personal solicitation he strove to help the Democratic fight.

The appointing powers recognize, of course, that all these things are not necessarily a test of Mr. Smith's ability. Undeniably he is a splendid lawyer and a popular man. But Secretary Daniels, Senator Hitchcock, Representative Heflin and "Farmer" Bob Doughton, all busy in Washington, and Governor Bickett heading a list of dozens in the State who helped to fight the Hoey battle might not have been so essential to the success of the party in Mecklenburg if Mr. Smith and some others had been a little more active.

There are other names before Senator Overman and they are being read and re-read. Mr. Smith has been hit by the pruning knife that the Mecklenburg fight sharpened.

The Smith case was one of the many strange things that interested the party in the Ninth district and all the Democrats in Washington. Another thing uncovered by the Morehead misanthropic

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SHADE OF SOLOMON IN JUVENILE COURT

Little "Love O'Mike" Claimed By Two Women, Both Telling Plausible Stories

NEW YORK JUDGE HAD NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT IT

Mrs. Wentz Says It Is Her Kidnapped Son; Mrs. Lisa Brokenly and in Tears Tells of Abandoning It; Amidst Dramatic Silence Her Mother Love Speaks Loudest of All

New York, Dec. 18.—The shade of King Solomon sat on the children's court bench today while Judge Levy tried to decide who was the mother of little "Love O'Mike." Claimed by two women—by Mrs. August Wentz as her kidnapped son, and by Mrs. Lena Lisa, as the baby she had planned to abandon to the mercies of Mrs. Elizabeth Seemann (Nellie Bly), for his own happiness and because she could not support her little family of three, herself, the baby and three-year-old William, on the \$12 a week which was all she could earn. The infant was found in the Grand Central terminal with a note pinned to its clothing saying "For the love of Mike take care of this kid—I can't."

Mrs. Lisa, brokenly and through her tears, told how she had schemed to have the infant left where Mrs. Seemann might notice and adopt it. She narrated her trembling anticipation of news of it after the deed had been done, of her heart ache when she read that it had arrived at Bellevue Hospital by way of a police station, and of her penic when Mrs. Wentz claimed it as her own.

Not a sound in the court room interrupted her story. Big policemen, uniformed agents of the detective bureau, officials of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, scores of others—and Mrs. Wentz—listened in a silence that was dramatic.

When she had concluded, her small face shrank with sobs, the judge, with obvious emotion, ordered the baby returned to her.

The little woman cried aloud with joy, and hugged her baby to her breast. She had liberated days and nights before deciding to let him go, she told the judge. A friend of her dead husband had taken him, promising to leave him "in Nellie Bly's arms."

Her husband's death last May left her with a burden she often despaired of bearing, she said. She thought "Nellie Bly" would adopt him, or find a good home for him where he would have enough to eat, warm clothes and be sent to school and allowed to grow up like other boys. She said she was frantic when she found her plans had gone wrong and could no longer repress her mother's instinct.

Senator Lodge for Chairman.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Tentative plans have been made to have Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, as temporary and permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention. There has been some talk among the leaders of former Senator Elihu Root for temporary chairman, but it is understood that the plan for having one man for both places, first used in 1908, will be continued in 1920.

Fatally Injured in Auto Accident.

New Bern, Dec. 18.—Walter Thompson, a brother of Mrs. B. F. Haged, of this city, was fatally injured in an automobile accident, according to a telegram received here today by his sister, Mrs. B. F. Haged.

ATLANTIC LINERS ENCOUNTER SOME FIERCE WEATHER

Winter Storms Play Havoc During Last Ten Days Along The Ocean Lanes

EIGHT PASSENGER SHIPS ARRIVE IN NEW YORK

Master of Rotterdam, Which Comes in Three Days Late From Holland, Declares Trip Roughest in His Experience; Vessel Rocked Like Cradle By Rough Weather

New York, Dec. 18.—Substantial evidence of the fierce winter storms which have prevailed for the last ten days along the steamer lanes between this country and Europe was shown by eight big passenger liners which arrived here today with more than 17,000 belated passengers. They encountered with varying degrees of severity with ice, fog, high winds and gale force waves that swept their vessels from stem to stern.

The ships arriving were the Rotterdam from Holland, via Plymouth; the Baltic, Royal George, Carmania and Caronia from British ports, via Halifax; the LaFayette from Havre, Bergen and Norway and Europa from Genoa. All were from three to five days overdue and some of them reached port late in the afternoon of yesterday morning. The first of the big liners to come in to her dock was the Rotterdam, which reached quarantine late last night. She was three days late and her master, Captain J. Baron, declared that the trip was the roughest he had ever made.

His declaration was supported by Rear Admiral Andrew T. Long, of the United States Navy, who returned after escorting the King and Queen of the Belgians back to their country. Admiral Long said that one week ago, when in mid-Atlantic, the weather was rough in mid-Atlantic. The Caronia was so rough that the big liner was rocked like a cradle. One of the passengers was thrown to the deck and suffered a broken leg. On board the ship were five stowaways, who were feared from their hiding places by the rough weather.

The Carmania, another of the belated ships, had to put in at Halifax to repair damages caused by a collision at sea with another ship in a fog off the Grand Banks. Many of her passengers were landed at the Canadian port. The Caronia, from Southampton, was close to the Carmania when the accident occurred and responded to her wireless call by putting about and going to her assistance. The tendered help was not needed, but she accompanied her into Halifax. On board the Caronia were more than 2,000 Chinese who served in France as laborers during the war. They were landed at Halifax and will re-embark for their own country at Vancouver.

SCHOONER TURNS TURTLE IN STORM OFF NORFOLK, VA.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—Two members of the crew and five alleged Chinese stowaways perished Wednesday morning when the Cuban schooner Sunbeam turned turtle at sea, 135 miles off the Virginia capes. The story of the sea disaster reached Norfolk today when the coast guard cutter landed seven survivors of the ill-fated ship, including Captain Riverton, four members of the crew, two Chinese stowaways and the body of one Chinaman.

The Sunbeam, a three-master, and 150 feet in length, sailed from Havana November 25, for New York via Montanzas, with a cargo of molasses. Monday night, 150 miles off the Virginia capes, in a severe storm she lost her sails. Early Tuesday morning she was taken in tow by an unknown steamer and towed for several hours while wireless calls for a revenue cutter were being sent out. The Manning responded from Norfolk and reached the Sunbeam Tuesday afternoon and took the Sunbeam in tow. Tuesday night the vessel sprung a dangerous leak and Captain Riverton was forced to cut the tow line to prevent his ship from being swamped. The Manning stood by Wednesday morning the Sunbeam suddenly keeled over and in less than a minute sank.

The Manning immediately launched boats and succeeded in picking up Captain Riverton, four members of the crew, two of the Chinese stowaways and the body of one dead Chinaman.

SECRETARY LANE MAY GO TO CHICAGO, PAPER SAYS

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18.—The Louisville Times today says it has learned on good authority that when Franklin K. Lane leaves his post as Secretary of the Interior, he will associate himself with the Peabody Coal Syndicate with headquarters in Chicago. The syndicate is extensively engaged in the mining and distribution of coal and has large Kentucky interests.

Much Differences in Churches.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Lutheran commission which recently returned from a six months tour of France, Germany, Poland, Austria and other centers of Lutheranism in Europe, reported at a conference here today that international feeling and suspicion still ran so high, even among members of the same church denomination that restoration of the unity of the church will be delicate and difficult problems.

Ferry Smeared Burn.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—The Big ferry steamer Warwick was burned tonight at the dock of a local Marine railway yard. The boat plied between Newport News and Norfolk. The loss will exceed \$300,000. No one was injured.

PACKERS TO ENGAGE ONLY IN MEAT AND PROVISION BUSINESS UNDER AGREEMENT TO COMPROMISE ALL GOVERNMENT SUITS

GRAVE DOUBT THAT MEASURE CAN PASS

Senate Holds Fifth Night Session On Railroad Bill Debating Labor Clauses

EFFORTS TO COMPROMISE QUESTION UNDER WAY

Agreement Reached Between Senate and House Leaders By Which House Will Take Christmas Recess Tomorrow; Right To Strike Attacked and Defended

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Senate held its fifth night session on the railroad bill tonight with grave doubt in the minds of leaders that the measure could be passed in time to permit beginning of the holiday recess Saturday.

The labor clauses, including the anti-strike provision of the Cummins measure were under discussion during the day, culminating in the rejection by a vote of 25 to 48 of the proposal of Senator Stanley, Democrat, Kentucky, to eliminate the whole section. Efforts toward a compromise ensued.

During the debate an agreement was reached by Senate and House majority leaders not to permit a holiday recess until the measure is through the Senate and sent to conference. At their conference, however, Senator Lodge and Representative Mundell agreed to suspend House business Saturday to permit members of the lower body to go home for the holidays even if the Senate is held by delay on the railroad bill. Beginning Monday, House sessions will be perfunctory under a "gentlemen's agreement" to transact no business until January 5, but to adjourn from day to day until the Senate recesses.

Hope For Compromise.

The anti-strike provisions were in turn attacked and defended today while conferences were held looking to a compromise by modifying the clause imposing criminal penalties for strikes and lockouts.

After defeat of the Stanley motion to strike out the entire labor section, Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, offered a substitute plan, similar to the Cummins system, to prohibit strikes for sixty days after certain classes of the adjustment board and requiring decisions from the board within ninety days.

Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, supporting the Cummins labor proposal, declared railroad strikes to be intolerable in their effect upon the general public. Opposing the anti-strike section, Senator Walsh, Democrat, Massachusetts, said that criminal penalties for strikes would not accomplish their purpose. The Cummins plan he characterized as "unfair, unjust and unjust."

"Strikes among certain classes of employees are unjustifiable and among these are railroad employees," declared Senator Walsh, "but we cannot chain them to their posts like galley slaves." Congress, the Massachusetts Senator held, should remove the incentive and causes of strikes by enactment of arbitration legislation without banning what he declared to be the inherent right to strike.

On a tie vote of 31 to 31 the substitute of Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, for the anti-strike provision was rejected and Mr. McCormick gave notice that he would ask for another vote later.

SECRETARY DANIELS ASKS TO RE-OPEN THE HEARING

Testimony of Army Officers Regarding Navy Aviation Said To Be Misleading

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Daniels in a letter today to Chairman Anthony of the House Military Affairs committee, asked that the committee hearings on military aviation be reopened to permit officers of the Navy to refute testimony given by officers of the army air service, including Brigadier General William Mitchell, Colonel C. D. Chandler and Major P. D. Foulis.

Secretary Daniels transmitted to Chairman Anthony a copy of a letter sent today to Secretary Baker in which Mr. Daniels declared that the army officers' testimony regarding naval aviation was misleading and showed "unfamiliarity with the departments' organization."

The Secretary denied General Mitchell's assertion that when the aviation division of the Navy Department, established during the war, was discontinued and its functions distributed among the various naval bureaus, aviation "ceased to be an arm" of the naval service. Mr. Daniels said there never had been a "separate air service in the navy."

When Colonel Chandler told the committee in reply to a question as to what progress the navy had made with dirigibles, that "they have a small one," he made an "entirely incorrect and misleading statement," Secretary Daniels declared. Besides the development of the "C" type of dirigible, which he said is "one of the fastest of its size in the world, the navy has had unusual success with its "blimp" type of heavier-than-air craft and that the navy now owns twenty single and double motored airships, "all purely naval in design."

HIGH POINT DOCTOR KILLED REAR-END TRAIN COLLISION ON NORFOLK AND WESTERN

Walton, Va., Dec. 18.—Dr. Charles Austin Hamlin, of High Point, N. C., and the Rev. Bernard R. Green, of Louisville, Ky., and three other passengers were instantly killed and ten persons injured here early tonight when Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 26, known as the "Memphis Special," collided with the rear-end of Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 4, Columbus to Norfolk. The victims were in three wooden coaches on the rear of the latter train, two of the coaches being demolished. The wreck, which is said to have been the result of misunderstood signals, occurred at a water tank a half mile from here. The bodies of the dead and the injured persons were taken to Roanoke tonight.

The dead, in addition to Dr. Hamlin and Mr. Green, follows:

A. P. De Long, Roanoke, Va. White woman, unidentified. Miss Dinkins, ten years old, New Castle, Pa.

INJUNCTION WILL MAKE IT BINDING

Great Meat Packers Will Sell All Their Holdings in Public Stock Yards

WILL ALSO ABANDON ALL PUBLIC STORAGE HOUSES

Anti-Trust Suit Against Five, Instituted As Part of President's Fight On High Cost of Living, Results In Packers Giving Up All "Unrelated Lines"

Washington, Dec. 18.—The government's anti-trust action against the great meat packers begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree to which the packers have acceded will be entered in the Federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the big five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed:

What Packers Must Do.

To sell under supervision of the United States district court, preferably to the livestock producers and the public, all their holdings in public stock yards.

To sell, under the same supervision and in like manner, all their interests in stock yards, railroads and terminals.

To sell, under the same supervision and in like manner, all their interest in market newspapers.

Dispose of all their interest in public cold storage warehouses, except as necessary for their own meat products.

To forever disassociate themselves with all "unrelated lines," including wholesale groceries, fresh, canned, dried and salt fish, fresh, dried or canned vegetables, fresh, crushed, dried, evaporated or canned fruits, confectioneries, syrups, soda water fountain supplies, etc., molasses, honey, jams, jellies and preserves, ices, sues, relishes, etc., coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, nuts, flour, sugar, rice and cereals (with an exception to be noted), bread, wafers, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, vermicelli, macaroni, cigars, china, furniture, etc.

Abandon Branch Houses.

To forever abandon the use of the branch houses, route cars and trucks, comprising their distribution system, for any other than their own meat and dairy products.

To perpetually submit to the jurisdiction of the United States district courts under an injunction forbidding all the defendants from directly or indirectly maintaining any combination or conspiracy with each other or any other person or persons or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any food products in the United States or indulging in any unfair and unlawful practices.

The decree further provides the jurisdiction is perpetually retained by the courts for the purpose of taking such other action or adding at the foot of the decree such other relief, if any, that may become necessary or appropriate for the carrying out and enforcement of the decree or for the purpose of entertaining at any time hereafter in the application which the parties may make with respect to this decree.

Can't Market Livestock.

Two years are given to comply with the decree, which affects 87 corporations and 49 individuals.

"In general," said Attorney General Palmer's official announcement tonight, "this decree prevents the defendants from exercising any further control over the marketing of livestock. It forever prevents them from any control over the retailing of meat products. It eliminates them from the field of meat substitutes, with the exception of eggs, butter, poultry and cheese, which are left for future consideration and appropriate action and therefore, the price of meat is within the control of the people themselves. It places the conduct of these great aggregations of capital immediately under the eye of a Federal court with reference to their business practices.

"But greater than all, it establishes the principle that no group of men, no matter how powerful, can ever attempt to control the food table of the American people, of any one of the necessities or component parts of it."

"The Department of Justice, having in mind the necessities and interests of the whole American people in this critical reconstruction period, feels that by insisting upon this surrender on the part of the packing interests, it has accomplished more for the American people than could have been hoped for as the result of a long drawn out legal battle."

Deny Legal Coercion.

While Mr. Palmer views the packers' submission to the government's contentions as a "surrender," Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift & Co., announced that the step was taken at the suggestion of the Department of Justice to avoid any appearance of antagonizing the government and to remove issues of friction with livestock producers and food distributors. Emphatically Mr. Veeder stated that the decree was not to be

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