

Southern States Making Fight For Expert Rate Man

Effort to limit the job for a Southern in spite of the reported prejudice of leading politicians against the appointment of any more Southerners.

In the interest of one of the candidates for the vacancy, a map has been prepared showing the territory which has no recognition at the present time in the personnel of the commission.

The total population, as shown by the figures, is more than twenty-two million and the figures are from the census report of 1910. The total railroad mileage in these thirteen States is 67,957 compared with the total mileage for the United States of 235,887.

The States which are insisting that they should at least have one member on the Interstate Commerce Commission, familiar with the rate problems of the Southern States are North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

The present commission. As the commission is now constituted, the New England States have one member, Commissioner Eastman; Kentucky has two, Commissioners McClord and Woolley, Pennsylvania has one, Commissioner Daniels, and Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and Oregon each have a member in Commissioners Meyer, Clark, Hall and Atkinson.

Many new endorsements from leading lawyers today reached the North Carolina Senators in behalf of Judge Bell. The Senators have promptly transmitted these endorsements to the White House.

The chances of Judge Bell, however, are only fair compared with the chances of either of the Georgians or the Alabamians seeking the seat. The chances of any of the four, in the face of "political expediency" are not rosy.

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Pneumonia Takes Fresh Hold; Rate of Deaths Drops (Continued from Page One.)

influenza and their surges are badly needed.

Improved At Hamlet. Hamlet, Feb. 12.—The influenza epidemic in Hamlet is greatly improved. Out of the large number of cases, certainly over 500, there have been no deaths, which is considered a remarkable record.

Will Analyze Peace Proposals. Warsaw, Wednesday, Feb. 11.—The appointment of an extraordinary commission to analyze the Bolshevik peace proposals and frame Poland's counter proposals was announced today. The commission is headed by Stanislas Patek, the foreign minister.

NEW STEP MAY BE MEANS IN AVERTING CALLED STRIKE Detroit, Mich., Feb. 11.—The railroad administration's decision to lay the wage controversy before President Wilson today had been anticipated at headquarters of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Shop Laborers here, and according to President Allen G. Barker holds some hope of averting the strike of more than 300,000 members of that union called off February 17.

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Evangelist Leaves Town. Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 11.—Rev. Harry W. Stough, of Wheaton, Ill., an evangelist, who is accused of having declared in one of his sermons that many of the American army in France were "scum and riff raff," left here today after having been relieved of his four weeks' contract in an evangelistic campaign by cooperating clergymen.

Stecher Wins Another Match. Springfield, Mass., Feb. 11.—Joe Stecher, of Nebraska, world's champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, defeated Jack Dwyer, of Michigan, here tonight in two straight falls. The first fall came in 49 minutes 40 seconds, and the second in 29 minutes, both with a body scissor and arm lock.

Cincinnati Completes Census. Washington, Feb. 11.—Cincinnati was the first city to complete its fourteenth decennial census enumeration. It was announced today at the census bureau. The last portfolio was turned in February 6, but it probably will be two weeks before the census can be checked and the final total announced.

PRESBYTERIANS TO TAKE UP CAMPAIGN EARNESTLY

No Half-Hearted Support of Interchurch Evangelistic Movement Wanted

Atlantic City, Feb. 11.—The Presbyterian church of the United States will enter the world evangelistic campaign of the Interchurch World Movement "wholeheartedly and completely," according to a decision made today by the executive committee of the General Assembly.

The committee also approved budgets for a militant Christian campaign of evangelism and education calling for an expenditure of more than \$45,000,000.

This sum, \$45,000,000 is for the use of the boards and agencies of the Presbyterian church. This amount is approximately \$25,000,000 more than the second budget of a year ago. The commission accepted a recommendation from its budget committee that \$3,000,000 be raised and set aside as an endowment for the general board of education and the Presbyterian board of ministerial relief.

Dr. W. M. Houston, secretary of the department of vacancy and supply, reported that more than 500 pulpits in the country are vacant as a consequence of an unprecedented shortage of ministerial material.

The committee on ministerial support favored a recommendation that \$1,500 per annum be made the minimum compensation for pastors and that provisions be made by the next General Assembly to make good the difference where congregations fail to raise sufficient funds to meet this figure.

Stole \$30,000 Pay Roll

Washington, Feb. 11.—Theft of the \$30,000 pay roll of the Aguilar Oil Company at Tampico, Mexico, by robbers who killed the messenger carrying the money to the company's refinery and wounded three other men on the street car where the hold-up took place, was reported today to the State Department.

The company is a British Corporation, but had many American stockholders. The robbers escaped into the brush.

New Minister To Italy

Washington, Feb. 11.—Robert Underwood Johnson, of New York, author and editor, and one of the founders of the league to enforce peace, is understood to have been selected by President Wilson as Ambassador to Rome to succeed Thomas Nelson Page, of Virginia, who resigned several months ago. The President is expected to send the nomination to the Senate within a few days.

Accepts Fletcher's Resignation

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Wilson today accepted the resignation of Henry P. Fletcher, as ambassador to Mexico. Mr. Fletcher wrote the President tendering his resignation several weeks ago, but his letter has not been made public.

Board of Trustees to Meet

Elizabeth City, Feb. 11.—The board of trustees of Chowan college will meet in Edenton next week to decide on the location of the new college site. This city will send a delegation that hopes to land the college here.

BEAUTIFUL DEVOTION OF GLADSTONE'S WIFE

(London Correspondence of the New York World.)

The newest edition of stories of William Edward Gladstone omits the most delightful of all the many incidents bearing on the domestic life of the great statesman and his wife. It was told by the late Alfred Lyttelton, a relative of one of Gladstone's secretaries and in later years Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Toward the close of Mr. Gladstone's life Lyttelton went one night to dine with him and his wife. Being almost in the relation of a son, he walked up to the drawing room unannounced. The room was in darkness. Turning on the light, he saw the old couple seated on the sofa affectionately hand in hand, in a way that recalled Dickens's description of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffm—"a hopelessly unquestionable pair."

The stories of Mrs. Gladstone's devotion to her husband are many. For the last twenty years of his life she seldom left his side, night or day, except when he was in his seat on the Treasury Bench in the House of Commons. On all his political campaigns, on all of his tours through the country, including the great meeting at which he was the principal speaker, Mrs. Gladstone was at his side, always with the familiar little bottle containing a mixture of sherry and egg, with which she fed him at the close of his speeches.

And it was her skillful and tireless administration which carried him through the most arduous and the most unflattering of his public life.

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WOMEN PLAN TO BEAT HIGH COST OF LIVING

Lincoln, Neb.—Mrs. Charles G. Ryan, head of the State Economy League, formed at the request of the Governor, and following a State conference at Lincoln, has asked 350,000 Nebraska women to promise to obey the orders of their commander in chief on what not to buy.

The pledge each is asked to sign reads: "I shall purchase nothing which is offered at excessive prices, but will content myself with some other article or do without."

"I shall plan a careful budget this year or keep a careful record of expenditures."

"I shall not consider it necessary to follow the whims of the hour, but buy, when necessary, for service and economy."

"I shall help other women in this movement to set standards of careful, conservative but economical buying."

COURT LIKELY TO SET FREE "MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY"

New York Tribune. Martin De Wal, the "man without a country," after one year's confinement on Ellis Island awaiting deportation for alleged I. W. W. activities, may be set at liberty, Federal Judge John C. Knox said yesterday, if it is proved that he has a bond of \$1,000 under which he is held, the court would sustain the writ of habeas corpus and discharge the alien from custody.

When De Wal was arrested in Seattle, Wash., July 12, 1918, he claimed to be a subject of the Queen of Holland, saying that he was born in St. Hertrigeloosch, May 9, 1850. Since then the immigration authorities have not been able to deport him because the consul for the Netherlands has been unable to satisfy himself that De Wal was born in Holland and refuses to issue his passport.

De Wal reached Ellis Island from Seattle in February, 1919. His long stay there has undermined his health and he is suffering from nervous exhaustion. Judge Knox was free in stating yesterday that the continued detention of this man due to circumstances over which he had no control was unreasonable and unlawful.

Judge Knox in his opinion of the case said: "The relator, De Wal, has been deprived of his liberty for practically one and a half years. By reason of what he has said and done he has forfeited his right to remain in this country; yet he has not been deported and there is no assurance as to when, if ever, he will be deported."

"That the government has had a reasonable time in which to carry out the deportation of the alien is undeniable and during such time it had the right when the proceedings have been fair and in conformity with the law, to detain the relator."

"Now deportation, while it may result as a consequence of the commission of a crime, is not the punishment of a crime, and imprisonment for an indefinite and interminable term cannot, in my judgment, be an incident of the warrant of deportation."

"Suppose that neither the alien, nor his government is ever able to establish his citizenship and, therefore, a passport does not issue; or suppose that Holland should refuse his admission to that country under any circumstances, would it be seriously contended in the present state of our immigration law that this alien is to be imprisoned, or rather deprived of his liberty for the rest of his natural life?"

"It seems to me that such a possibility is not warranted by law."

"If such be the case, then an alien under circumstances similar to those here present, is in effect imprisoned for life."

De Wal was represented at the hearing by Charles Becht and the government by Assistant United States Attorney David V. Cahill.

MARSHAL FERDINAND FOCH

Biography by Raymond Reecoly Given to the House of Representatives.

Haywood Brown in New York Tribune. Raymond Reecoly's "Foch, the Winner of the War" (Scribner's), serves to explain in large measure why the French general, in spite of all his success; in spite, also, of his talent for flaming phrases, did not emerge from the war as a romantic figure. Even in France Foch was admired and never rapturous worship. There is about his name none of the thrill which is associated with Joffre or some minor military figure such as Guynemere. The reason lies partly in the fact that Foch won his glory in the last year of the struggle, when most of the romantic notions of war had been dissipated in the minds of all. But more than that, his triumph was the triumph of a theorist, of an expert who frankly disclaimed miracles and could not produce a previously prepared plan for any situation which arose.

It might be said in fact, that the war was won in 1900, when Foch delivered his first series of lectures on military strategy in the Ecole de Guerre. At that time Foch formulated a definite system of French warfare, which proved to be sound at every turn when he put it into practice. Now the popular mind rebels at such prepared triumphs. We do not like to think of glory and victory as something for which a man craves under a student lamp. If Wilson was the professor in politics, just so Ferdinand Foch was a professor in warfare. The popular prejudice against professors is proverbial. From Mayor Ryan up we dislike experts. When a man states a theory we all hope that it will be wrecked by facts. Most of us live only from day to day and we resent the man who lays by plans for the future in the same way that we despise the thrifty investor who stores dollars for a rainy day.

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Miss Morgan's verse, besides containing a great deal of imagination and personality, is characterized by a fascinating irregularity in meter. The lines are rhymed and are therefore much more charming than the outpourings of the devotee of the completely untrammelled muse.

Furthermore, Miss Morgan speaks her soul with an unerring frankness. In a pathetic and plaintive foreword entitled "Why?" she asks herself why she, who loves children and is "endowed with

all a woman's heavenly powers," must brood on the sky "and lavish her go childless and spend her love "in tenderness on the flowers."

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