

## KITCHIN EXPECTS TO REMAIN MEMBER OF NEXT CONGRESS

Ambiguous Report Sent Out By Associated Press Starts Speculation

## CONGRESSMAN TO RESIGN FROM ONE OF COMMITTEES

Friends Still Hopeful of Having North Carolina Congressman Take Minority Leadership; Senator Overman To Introduce Bill Providing For Federal Aid

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Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Claude Kitchin has no intention of resigning his seat in Congress because of ill health, it was said, at his office today. One of the press associations sent out the report right before last that he would resign from the ways and means committee and copies of the North Carolina papers arriving here today, prominently displaying the report, created much speculation. No one seemed to have heard it and the fact that Mr. Kitchin has been in the State two or three days attending to private business tended in some circles to bolster up the report.

This is what happened: The Associated Press reporter, covering the hearings of the ways and means committee day before yesterday, understood Representative Jack Garner, who will be ranking Democrat on this committee in the next Congress, to say that Mr. Kitchin had notified members of the committee he would resign. That was correct in that Mr. Kitchin, several weeks ago, told newspapermen he would resign from the committee, of which he was formerly chairman, in order to accept the minority leadership.

Garner Started Report. The remark was made by Representative Garner in connection with a very vigorous opposition to the hearings on revenue at this time because, as he told Chairman Fordney and the committee, several of the Democrats now on the ways and means committee will not be on it after March 4. Mr. Kitchin heads the list and others include Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, and Representative Cordell Hull, of Tennessee.

It will be unfair to the minority to hold long hearings now on intricate matters concerning the country's revenue with the "name ducks" composing a respectable minority of the Democratic membership on the committee. There will be at least three and possibly four vacancies on the Democratic side of the committee and it is likely that one of the four North Carolinians coming to the new Congress may draw one of the places.

There has been much gossip about Mr. Kitchin resigning from Congress though no authoritative indication that he expects to quit before his new term beginning March 4 expires. Some of his friends have told him that "the game isn't worth the candle," that it isn't fair to himself to undertake the task of directing the Democratic membership in the next Congress.

His Physician Optimistic. Dr. Battle, Kitchin's physician, holds to the contrary and many of the Scotland Neck statesman's friends believe him in sufficiently good health to look after the leadership. They appreciate the inroads upon his health as a result of his stroke of paralysis last year and the rather mild attack of acute indigestion several days ago, but insist that Mr. Kitchin is rapidly regaining his full vigor and hunger for action.

The prospect even though remote, that he will yet decide not to accept the minority leadership, which practically everyone wants him to have so long as he feels it will not operate against his restoration to health, has opened an interesting field of speculation as to where the minority leadership would go in the event he resigns it.

Representative in Available. Mr. Garrett, of Tennessee, possibly the most active Democrat in the House, is eliminated because of his appointment to a Federal judgeship and the good chances of confirmation. The next two Democrats who would be considered in a caucus are Representatives Edward W. Poup, of North Carolina, and Representative Crisp, of Georgia.

Pou Not In Race. Mr. Pou, it is strongly believed, would hesitate to accept. He has declined appointments to any of the committees with the exception of the rules committee and on this he retains his place as ranking Democrat. His health, too, is not sufficient to enable him to direct the Democratic policies in the lower branch, it is believed.

Judge Crisp is available but hardly as popular as Mr. Kitchin, Mr. Garrett or Mr. Pou. He is considered an able legislator and one of the finest parliamentarians in the House, but he does not get along so well with some of the Northern Democrats. That would cause friction and the Democrats don't want to be worried with any friction in their own ranks.

Overman to Introduce Bill. Senator Lee Slater Overman will introduce in the Senate within the next few days a bill to appropriate six million dollars for the continuation of Federal aid to road building in North Carolina. The junior Senator announced his purpose to do this today, stating that the bill was in the shape of a bill, it carries practically the same amount as appropriated heretofore and covers a period of six years.

Representatives of Southern States have been in Washington for several days meeting with the American Association of Highway Officials, Chairman Frank Page, of North Carolina, having arrived early for the session. Senator Overman, as ranking Democrat

## AFTER LONG WAIT JURY DECLARES HOLDING GUILTY

Wake Forest Druggist Will Be Sentenced Next Tuesday; Released Under Bond

## HONEYCUTT GIVEN FIVE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Neuse Merchant Also Fined \$5,000; Defendant Appeals and Is Released Under Bond of \$20,000; Herbert Pearce, Another Defendant, Is Apprehended in Florida

The return of a verdict of guilty against T. E. Holding, Jr., Wake Forest druggist; the sentence of A. J. Honeycutt to the Circuit Court of Appeals; the apprehension of Herbert Pearce, one of the two defendants remaining in the Vance Pearce case, which is contested and the postponement of the cases against the five defendants who have confessed, so as to permit their use as witnesses in other cases, were the outstanding developments yesterday in the car robbery cases which have engaged the United States District Court since last Thursday.

Although a large number of people had waited all day to hear the verdict in the Holding case, spectators as well as counsel on both sides had become reconciled to a hung jury, before the twelve men finally reached an agreement. Yesterday morning, Judge Connor sent for the jury to inquire if additional instructions were desired. The foreman declined the offer of a further charge and stated that some of the jurors were unwilling to accept the evidence in regard to the interstate commerce phase of the case.

When the verdict was finally rendered it was accompanied by a recommendation that the court be merciful. After a conference, attorneys for the defense requested that sentence be deferred; and Judge Connor announced that he would hear the prayer for judgment next Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. The court announced that at that time it will hear any additional evidence either side cares to introduce touching on the character of the defendant.

Must Testify in Court. "But I want to say now for the benefit of some estimable gentlemen who do not seem to understand the proprieties that I cannot hear any statement about the character of any man who has been convicted anywhere except from the witness chair in open court," Judge Connor stated. The court added that any such testimony would be welcomed at the proper time and place, but strongly disapproved evidence which had been made to see him privately.

The defendant was placed under a bond of \$10,000 for his appearance Tuesday. During the trial he had been under a bond of \$7,000. Adylett Makes Statement. When the jury returned its verdict, District Attorney E. P. Adylett stated that he wished reply in the presence of the jury to the charge made Tuesday by General Beverly S. Royster that the interest shown in the case by the District Attorney and his assistant, Mr. C. E. Thompson, had been personal rather than professional or official. He stated that on account of his close friendship with the father and other relatives of the defendant, he had seriously considered not appearing against the defendant and would not have done so but for his official position. General Royster disclaimed having intended any reflection upon the District Attorney and Judge Connor stated that he was sure that no one who knew Mr. Adylett would think that he had been actuated by any personal motive in the discharge of his official duties.

Judge Connor's First Appeal. As soon as the judgment of the court was announced in the Honeycutt case attorneys for the defendant gave notice of an appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and the appeal bond of the defendant was placed at \$20,000 the bond being immediately furnished. Judge Connor stated that it was the first time during his twelve years service on the federal bench that an appeal has been taken from his judgment in a criminal case.

Attorneys were given thirty days within which to make up their list of exceptions. It is understood that in the case of an unfavorable decision by the Circuit Court of Appeals the case will be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States. Most of the exceptions on which the appeal is based grow out of the refusal of the court to grant the return of certain canceled checks and other property which the defendant alleged were seized unlawfully and the subsequent admission of the checks into evidence. The defendant contends that return of the checks constituted a violation of the fourth and fifth amendments to the Constitution of the United States, while the government maintains they were taken in a proper and lawful manner.

Though there has been no announcement by counsel, an appeal in the Holding case is considered unlikely. Few exceptions were noted and the charge of the judge was not recorded by a stenographer.

Fines for Honeycutt. Both sides introduced evidence yesterday respecting the character of Honeycutt. The defendant was given a bad character by Dr. N. Y. Galley, of Wake Forest, Rev. S. J. Betts, W. E. Jones, Esq., Sheriff J. H. Sears, Commissioner of Public Safety A. H. Moonshine and several police officers, all of Raleigh. W. C. Brown, of Wake Forest, chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners was also called as a witness.

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## WASHINGTON RESIDENCE PRESIDENT MAY BUY



Photograph shows the home of Representative Alvin T. Fuller (insert), of Massachusetts, at 2241 Wyoming Avenue, Northwest, Washington, for which it is understood negotiations for purchase are being made by President and Mrs. Wilson. Representative Fuller is now in Europe. He severs his connection with Congress January 1, when he takes office as Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts.

## Declares Cotton Mills Can Make Greater Profits Now

South Carolina Senator Compares Cotton Prices and Wages With Products

## WESTERN UNION TO CONNECT ITS CABLE

Cariton Serves Notice On Government; Other Cable Matters Discussed

Washington, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Notice was given the American government today by Newcomb Cariton, president of the Western Union, that his company intends to connect its new cable from the Barbados with the lines in the United States by means of existing cables to Cuba, regardless of the opposition of President Wilson and the State Department.

Mr. Cariton's statement was made in testimony before a Senate interstate commerce sub-committee, which has before it an administration measure giving the executive department absolute control over the landing of cable lines on American soil. He was one of four witnesses examined at the opening of an inquiry into the whole subject of cable communications and from whose testimony the committee developed, among other things, that the All-America Cables, Inc., an American concern, is engaged, with the support of the State Department, in a fight against the Western Union Telegraph and Cable Company of Great Britain, and the Western Union, in an effort to break the cable monopoly enjoyed by the British company in Brazil.

There also was testimony that the All-America Company enjoys cable monopolies in several Central and South American countries; that the International Communications Conference here has reached a tentative agreement that no censorship shall be imposed upon cable messages merely passing through relay points; that there is no cable communication between the United States and Germany, except over British controlled lines; that some foreign governments are subsidizing news agencies disseminating reports in other countries, and that the Western Union plans further independent connections through American cable lines to Italy, Holland and Scandinavia.

The committee will continue its inquiry tomorrow and again next week, and it plans to inquire particularly into the matter of the dissemination of American news abroad and the handling of cable messages of American firms seeking foreign business. These subjects were touched upon generally today and the committee received suggestions from Mr. Cariton that independent cable lines be established between the United States and Japan and the United States and China for the exchange of news between those countries.

The committee was told today by Mr. Cariton that the censorship of foreign cables was not to be feared in time of peace. He said it required a very big organization to censor communications and that there had been broken up by European countries generally since the war.

Reading a prepared statement to the committee, Mr. Cariton discussed at length the refusal of the American government to permit the landing at Miami, Fla., of his company's cable from Barbados, which is to connect with the British line there to Brazil, and charged that by its action the government was seeking to preserve "a monopoly."

Whether the corporation will extend its policy to other parts of the country, the witness said, depends "entirely on our general labor situation." The steel magnate, who was on the witness stand nearly an hour, was subjected to a severe grilling by Samuel Untermyer, the committee's counsel, who has stated that he, Untermyer, is the largest stockholder in the Bethlehem Corporation.

ORDINANCE TO REGULATE AIR TRAFFIC OVER N. Y. New York, Dec. 15.—Regulation of air traffic over New York City is provided in an ordinance to be submitted by F. H. Laguardia, president of the board of aldermen, he announced today. The ordinance, he said, would stipulate 3,000 feet as the minimum for airplanes over Manhattan and 5,000 feet over other boroughs. All "stunt" flying over crowded streets would be prohibited.

MORGENTHAU TO ACT AS WILSON'S REPRESENTATIVE Washington, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Henry Morgenthau, of New York, former ambassador to Turkey, has been selected by President Wilson to act as the President's personal representative in mediating between the Armenians and the Turkish Nationalists. Mr. Morgenthau conferred with Acting Secretary Davis at the State Department today, receiving final instructions as to his mission. The department, however, has not yet heard from the League of Nations in response to the President's request for further information as to procedure.

## NO OPPOSITION TO ELECTING AUSTRIA A LEAGUE MEMBER

First of Former Enemy States Admitted To League After Passage at Arms

## CHINA TAKES PLACE ON COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE

Success of China Due Largely To Personal Strength of Dr. Wellington Koo In League Assembly; Woman On Platform Before Body For First Time; Opium Traffic Up

Geneva, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—The assembly of the League of Nations elected today the first former enemy state member of the League without opposition. The vote on the admission of Austria came after an unexpected passage at arms between Giuseppe Motta, of Switzerland, and M. Viviani, representing France.

M. Motta, speaking on the report of committee, recalled the rejection of Germany's application for admission by the peace conference, saying that Switzerland had always regretted it and that there were now three places vacant in the league, which ought to be filled by the United States, Russia and Germany. Viviani Gets Ovation. At the mention of Germany, M. Viviani sprang up and asked for the floor, and upon conclusion of M. Motta's speech, in which the Swiss delegate appealed to the assembly for justice, M. Viviani mounted the tribune and launched into a fervid defense of the French viewpoint. It was soon apparent that the assembly was with him and his remarks were greeted with frequent applause. When he descended from the tribune he received the greatest ovation of the assembly.

The voting for the admission of Austria, which immediately followed, developed 35 votes in favor of Austria's entrance. Two members were absent and four abstained from voting. China Gets In. The four elective members of the league council chosen by the assembly today were Spain, Brazil, Belgium and China, the final success of China coming after several ballots, being greeted with enthusiastic applause.

CHINA ENTERS COUNCIL OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Geneva, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—China today took rank among the principal powers directing the affairs of the world through its entry into the council of the League of Nations in succession to Greece. The election of China had been discounted largely since the assembly previously had adopted the recommendation of the committee on organization that another elective member be allotted to Asia.

It was doubtful up to the last moment, however, whether the members who, for the last few days had been advocating Slav or Scandinavian representation, would not succeed with their argument that the Asiatic races could not expect two places on the council while two important European countries were not represented at all.

Dr. Koo Big Figure. The majority of the delegates, however, held to their implied promise, but the success of China was due largely to the personal strength Dr. Wellington Koo, of the Chinese delegation, has acquired in the assembly.

The delegates appeared to be less interested in the election of new states to the league and followed the recommendation of the committee on admission of new states, which it had long been known as a foregone conclusion they would approve.

Woman in Assembly. Woman made her debut in the league today and was cordially received and welcomed by the assembly. In the discussion on action to suppress the white slave traffic, Mademoiselle Henri Forthammer, a substitute delegate for Denmark, took the floor, and in the purest English gave the delegates an example of clearness and consciousness, which, if it had come earlier, might have shortened the meeting of the assembly.

OPIMUM AND WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ARE DISCUSSED. Geneva, Dec. 15.—(By The Associated Press.)—Proposals that the League of Nations assume the duties which heretofore have devolved upon Holland un-

(Continued on Page Two) BILL FOR CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING IS PASSED Measure Now Goes From Senate To Conference; Amendments Are Added

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Capper-Hersman bill exempting farmers' co-operative marketing associations from the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law was passed today by the Senate without a record vote. The bill now goes to conference for consideration of the Senate amendment providing that the Federal Trade Commission instead of the Secretary of Agriculture shall pass on complaints against any co-operative association.

Other amendments added by the Senate provide that complaints against co-operative associations shall be heard in the Federal judicial district in which the principal office of the association is located, and that any attempt to create a monopoly or resort to unfair methods of competition in commerce shall make the association liable to prosecutions under the anti-trust laws and the Clayton act.

Associations formed under the measure must operate for the mutual benefit of the members. No member is permitted to have more than one vote regardless of the amount of stock or membership capital and dividends are limited to eight per cent of the capital stock.

## URGES MOTHERS OF NATION TO HELP IN TRAINING CHILDREN

President-elect Declares Old-Time Home Spirit Must Be Kept Alive

## PLANS FEDERAL PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Makes Particular Plea That Religious Training Be Kept Within The Province of The Hearth, and Voices Hope For Revival of Religious Reverence In Nation

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 15.—American mothers were asked by President-elect Harding tonight to give to school officials and other public servants a full measure of co-operation in the educational, religious and physical training of children. Speaking here before a state meeting of the Child Conservation League, Mr. Harding declared it the duty of motherhood to keep the old-time home spirit alive in spite of the growing tendency to entrust the instruction of the child almost wholly to public institutions. He made a particular plea that religious training be kept within the province of the hearth, and voiced a hope for a revival of religious reverence in the trying times ahead.

The President-elect also asked that the public welfare agencies of the nation be kept democratic, and expressed disapproval of the practice of the rich in withdrawing their children from the public schools and entering them in private institutions. He reaffirmed his hope that great good would be accomplished by the new Public Welfare Department to be proposed by his administration and said he had found sentiment in and out of Congress strongly supporting the plan.

Delivered In Church. The address was delivered at the Methodist Episcopal Church here at the end of one of Mr. Harding's busiest days since he began his consultations on an association of nations and other public problems. His callers included Raymond Robins, of Chicago, a former leader of the Progressive party; Senator A. B. Fall, of New Mexico, and George Fred Williams, a former American minister to Greece, and the conference are understood to have covered many foreign and domestic questions.

Mr. Fall, the first member of the Senate to visit the President-elect since his return to Marion, came from Washington and is said to have given Mr. Harding detailed information on numerous subjects that have been talked over among Republican leaders in Congress. It was indicated that cabinet selections was one of the topics discussed and that much attention was also given to the financial situation. Mr. Fall is an advocate of immediate aid to the agricultural interests of the country and told the President-elect that unless something were done within the next three months serious dislocation of food markets would occur.

Solves Peace Tangle. Confidence of an acceptable solution of the peace tangle was expressed by Senator Fall, who said after the conference that he believed the President-elect's consultations here were progressing toward a peace plan that would permit America to regain world leadership. He said he personally believed the best solution would be a new peace conference at Washington at which European nations would be eager to present.

Senator Fall, who has been mentioned in some quarters for a cabinet position, has been irreconcilably opposed to the treaty of Versailles, but he said he knew of no irreconcilable Senators who wanted no world peace association at all. Mr. Robins' talk with the President-elect was directed toward economic and social conditions abroad, although the financial and labor situation in the United States also was discussed. Mr. Williams presented a carefully prepared association plan which he said was favorably regarded by a number of prominent Americans.

Tomorrow Governor Calvin Coolidge of Massachusetts, the Vice-President-elect, will talk over administration policies with Mr. Harding. In his address here tonight, Senator Harding said:

Text of Address. "In my address to women voters last October I spoke of my desire that there shall be created in our government a Department of Public Welfare. It is with some satisfaction that I am now able to say to you that since the election I have had opportunity to discuss with liberal public thought in and out of Congress with reference to crystallizing it into legislative accomplishment and have found them eager to help in the constructive task.

"Its accomplishments will tardily place our government on something like an equal footing, in recognition of this set of problems, with governments which have long maintained ministries of education, represented in their cabinets. While my own idea envisages a broader scope for the new department, giving it concern with many other phases of human welfare, it is interesting to know that its creation will for the first time place this great work on a phase of dignity comparable to that given in many countries.

Opportunity of Service. "Whether we may esteem it wise or unwise, the modern mother must realize that society disposes more and more to take from her control the training, the intellectual direction and the spiritual guidance of her children. We may well plead with the mothers to make the most, for good, of the lessened opportunity they possess for molding the lives and minds of their children. Through such co-operative effort as this it seems to me, there is opportunity for a great service. Herein is presented

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