

SOUTHERNERS GET NO RECOGNITION IN CABINET SLATE

Definite Announcement of Appointment of Wallace Leaves Them Outside

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GOLDEN PROMISES OF HAYS GO GLIMMERING

Great West, Too, Falls To Land Anybody Except Herbert Hoover and Plenty of Opposition Already Forecasted From Old Line Republicans As Well As Hiram Johnson

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Hughes, Hoover, Hayes, Daugherty, Wallace, Weeks, Denby, Mellon, Fall—these are the men who comprise the cabinet, which it was promised during campaign days would be a cabinet of "best minds," of "master minds," even of "super-minds." With two exceptions, and of course, there are Hughes and Hoover, it is hard to see where any claim for greatness can be established for this cabinet. With the exception of Hughes, and Hoover, it is a cabinet of every day politicians. Such is the consensus of Washington opinion, and there are many in Washington who are already predicting that it will not long hang together, and that there will be changes, possibly in a year.

Nobody believes here that Hughes or Hoover either will remain in the cabinet for very long, nor does anybody in Washington seriously believe that Hoover was really wanted in the cabinet, but was appointed simply because the President-elect and the politicians who have been advising him felt that some regard must be had for public opinion, and that there must be some outstanding figures in the cabinet, and that the cabinet should be made up of men who are already predicting that it will not long hang together, and that there will be changes, possibly in a year.

Senate May Fight Hoover. And so far as Hoover is concerned, there is criticism of him already and there are rumors that probably are not baseless that a fight will be made on him when confirmation time arrives. It will not be a successful fight, for the policy of expediency which directed his selection will dictate his confirmation in the Senate. Just the same, there are a few Senators who do not like Hoover, and they are men who have the habit of "speaking their piece" when speaking time comes.

Hiram Johnson, of California, to which state Hoover is accredited, is one of them. Hiram isn't climbing upon his feet and emitting any loud cheers over the Hughes selection, but he recognizes Hughes as an able man and is not of a mind to oppose his confirmation. But if reports are true, he is being reported around Capitol Hill that Johnson will have a few things to say while the motion to confirm Hoover is before the Senate.

Then there is Reed, of Missouri. Of course, Reed claims to be a Democrat and what he has to say won't count, but he will undoubtedly have something to say. And it is reported that there will be others to whom Hoover is objectionable. LaFollette is said not to like his selection. Of course, LaFollette is discredited, but he is still a member of the Senate, with the privilege of the floor, and he knows how to make the most of that privilege. Senator Gronna, of North Dakota, doesn't like Hoover, either, because he thinks he is objectionable to the farmers of the country. Of course, Gronna retires March 4th, but will be in the Senate until then, and he will be in a position to field it on the Senate floor.

Pittsburg Banks Kick On Request Of Comptroller For Information Regarding Use Made Of Deposits

John Skelton Williams Claims That Money of Depositors in National Banks Diverted From Proper Function of Supplying Legitimate Business in Order to Earn Fancy Rates From Speculators in New York; Pittsburgh Banker Makes Denial.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Pittsburgh Clearing House Association was accused by Comptroller of the Currency Williams today of having forbidden its member banks to furnish data asked for in the national bank call issued yesterday by the comptroller.

Several items not heretofore given on the fact of the reports were requested in current call, the comptroller explained. These items he said, included a statement as to the amount of money stock collateral in New York City; a statement showing the aggregate amount of salaries paid to the executive officers of banks and the number of such officers; and the amount of salaries paid all other employees of the bank and the number of such employees.

"The obvious purpose of inclusion of the clauses apparently found objectionable in Pittsburgh," Mr. Williams said, "was to develop whether money or deposits in national banks is being diverted from its proper function of supplying legitimate business in order to earn fancy rates from the need or recklessness of speculators at a distance, and other disproportionate, or improper amounts of the earnings of banks are being expended in salaries to officials. It is difficult to understand why bankers who have used such money discreetly and with regard to the rights of their customers and shareholders, should object to making this information public."

NO FURTHER WORD ON AMERICAN NOTE

League Council Wants Signatories To Disarmament Note To Ratify It

Paris, Feb. 25.—(By The Associated Press).—The council of the League of Nations, laying aside the subject of the Polish-Lithuanian controversy, the American mandate note and the question how to satisfy the league assembly's wish for greater publicity for its proceedings, took up the question of disarmament today.

The council will ask the powers which signed at St. Germain at the same time that the Austrian treaty was signed, the convention relating to control of traffic in arms and munitions, that ratify this convention, declaring that until this is done, no progress can be made in this direction. It was decided to nominate a temporary commission to consider a reduction in armaments. This body will be composed of prominent public men, together with technical reports and representatives of labor and of industries and some members of military and economic commissions. Rene Viviani, former premier, of France, has been asked to accept the chairmanship of this commission.

NEPHEW SHOTS UNCLE; LATTER UNCONSCIOUS

Wilson, Feb. 25.—At Saratoga, ten miles east of Wilson, on Thursday night, John S. Moore, the 19-year-old son of W. R. Moore, shot his uncle, a 57-year-old man, who was lying in bed in the Wilsons' home. It is alleged that the nephew was drunk and threatened to kill his uncle. When his nephew John interfered, it is said, he pointed a shotgun at him and threatened his life, and that the nephew whipped out a pistol and shot his assailant above the heart and in the face.

HARDING THROWS INFLUENCE BEHIND BIG NAVY PROGRAM

President-elect Writes Prominent Senate Republican Urging Action

Washington, Feb. 25.—(By The Associated Press).—The influence of President-elect Harding today was thrown behind the big navy program of the Senate Naval affairs committee majority and against the stand of the House for decreased appropriations for the naval establishment.

Democratic Leaders, However, Expect Borah Resolution For Disarmament Conference To Get Through Although President-elect Makes No Reference To It

Washington, Feb. 25.—When informed tonight that Comptroller of the Currency Williams had accused the Pittsburgh Clearing House Association of having forbidden member banks to furnish data in connection with yesterday's bank call, John R. Maccaune, president of the association, said tonight that the information asked by the comptroller was being given.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED ON BONUS FOR SOLDIERS

Washington, Feb. 25.—The Senate finance committee failed to reach an agreement today on the soldier bonus bill, but Republican leaders predicted that the House bill, shorn of taxation provisions, would be reported tomorrow to the Senate. Doubt was expressed, however, that the legislation could be passed by the House, would extend next week.

Though failing to agree on the bonus bill, the finance committee acted favorably today on the Wason bill, another measure for the benefit of former service men. This bill, which has been passed by the House, would extend privileges of war risk insurance and compensation benefits.

OPERATORS AND MINERS INDICTED FOR RESTRICTING PRODUCTION

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—Co-operation between coal operators and miners in six States to force high prices for soft coal by restricting production was charged today by a Federal grand jury indictment returned in court here. Two hundred and twenty-six defendants, including one hundred and twenty-seven operators and miners and sixty-nine operators' associations or companies, were accused of conspiracy to violate the Sherman anti-trust law. The defendants live in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

ROAD MEASURE IS PASSED BY SENATE VOTING 34 TO 7

Over 3 Hours of Oratory Feature of Night's Consideration of Bill

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Senator Burgwyn reserved his referendum amendment to the last moment and a weary Senate adopted the motion of Senator Lambeth to dispense with its reading. An attempt by its author to speak upon it brought a sharp exchange with Senator Hartwell, who stated that "when a Senator who has already spoken two hours, starts to inflict himself on this Senate again, I think it is time to vote."

Speeches against the bill were made by Senators Burgwyn, of Northampton, Dunlap and Winborne, all of them deprecating the measure as inopportune and as placing an unjust burden on the people.

Senator Outlaw thought the matter too serious a proposition to be laughed out of court, and wanted to vote at the conclusion of the speech of the Senator from Northampton.

Senator Stubbs closed the debate by expressing his surprise that other Senators coming from the same section of the State as himself could entertain views so widely divergent from those of his own. He ridiculed the proposition that the measure would cost Democratic votes, asserting that as the Republicans were voting for the bill there would be nowhere for the disgruntled Democrats to go.

Though declaring he recognized his cause as a hopeless one, Senator Burgwyn launched a vehement attack on the bill which continued for two hours, the (Continued on Page Two)

TWO-YEAR BUILDING PROGRAM RECOMMENDED

The full committee on appropriations of the General Assembly yesterday decided definitely to re-submit appropriations for permanent improvements to a two-year program. The bill carrying the appropriations was drawn late last night by the two sub-committees and will be presented to the full committee this morning at 9 o'clock and will be introduced today.

While definite amounts for the individual institutions have not been agreed upon, it is understood that the total amount to be recommended will be between five and six million dollars, exceeding the recommendation of the Budget Commission by about \$1,000,000.

BOYD REFUSES TO DISCHARGE JURY

Greensboro, Feb. 25.—On account of the serious illness of the small child of Jack Storer, of Greensboro, one of the jurors, the jury retired tonight shortly before 9 o'clock. Reconsideration of a probable verdict will be resumed tomorrow morning in case the child is improved.

General opinion prevails that the Verne case will result in the Verne case at 3:15 o'clock this afternoon made a bid for discharge, but Judge Boyd stated that the twelve men back for further deliberations.

PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRAT UNSEATED BY THE HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 25.—Patrick McLane, of Scranton, Democratic representative from the Tenth Pennsylvania district, was unseated by the House late tonight on charges of violating the corrupt practices act and because of election funds. Immediately after taking this action the House adopted a report by the committee on elections declaring John B. Farr, Republican, also of Scranton, duly elected and entitled to McLane's seat. The vote to put McLane out was 151 to 151.

Charges by the committee that liquor dealers and brewers stood behind McLane threw the House into an intensely bitter struggle. The committee held McLane should be unseated for violating the corrupt practices act and because of wholesale election frauds. Its report was unanimous.

SELL HOLDINGS IN RAILROADS TO AID "LOST PROVINCES"

Representative Bowie Would Connect Northwest With The State

Without change the House sitting as a committee of the whole, last night agreed to report the finance act favorably and shortly afterwards the bill passed its second reading in the lower body, while the Senate committee on the subject of the "Lost Provinces" is still in session.

Redemption of the Lost Provinces of North Carolina is aimed at, specifically mentioned and provided for in a measure offered in the House yesterday by Representative Tam Bowie, authorizing the Governor and Council of State to sell the State's interest in all railroads now partly owned by the commonwealth and invest the proceeds in a projected new railroad connecting the northwest section of the State with the port of Wilmington.

Stretching across the mountain counties beyond the Blue Ridge, rich in every natural resource, connecting with the Southern Railway at Maywood, Tenn., the proposed Wilkes, Ashe and Tennessee Railroad, approximately 65 miles of roadway would connect the Lost Provinces with North Carolina proper and give them an outlet not only to the principal cities of the State but as far east as the port of Wilmington. Connections established at Maywood would open a route to the West Virginia coal fields.

Representative Bowie has had the measure under consideration for several weeks, but its launching into the General Assembly yesterday morning brought with it considerable surprise. Committee action was taken during the afternoon, and it was reported favorably. The bill authorizes the formation of a railroad commission, with authority to direct the expenditure of the funds obtained from the sale of the State's holdings in other railroads.

Pro rata distribution of the money thus obtained is directed in the new company to be formed in the Elkin and Alleghany and in the Statesville Air Line railroads. Connections to be made at Winston-Salem with the Southern would continue the route to Charlotte over the Winston-Salem Southbound, and to Wilmington via Greensboro, Sanford and Fayetteville. Mr. Bowie, long chief among the spokesmen for the Lost Provinces, expects to leave for the State capital in securing State aid for the project.

Mr. Bowie furnished the only divergence from the grinding business of working through the calendar and the committee as a whole procedure in reading the finance act section by section. The House passed a score of measures on the calendar and advanced nearly 100 others past their second reading to take their places on the roster to be cleared this morning.

The municipal finance act passed its final. It differs but little from the provisions of the act of the special session, except that it raised the authorized municipal tax rate from 50 cents to \$1 on the \$100 property valuation, and the ratio of allowed debt from 5 per cent of the total valuation of property to 8 per cent. The bill had its second reading Thursday night and comes up in the Senate this morning.