

REPUBLICANS GET CHOICE MORSEL IN DRAWING BLEASE

One Time South Carolina Governor Flops Into G. O. P. Ranks, Reports State

UNABLE TO ADVANCE IN THE DEMOCRATIC RANKS

War Finance Corporation Begins To Function In Aiding of Foreign Exports; Appointment of Eugene Meyer To Board Raises Hopes That It May Prove of Great Help

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Washington, March 17.—Republican has drawn a choice morsel, according to reports which come to Washington from South Carolina. These reports are that Cole Blaise, one time governor of South Carolina, defeated candidate for the United States Senate, and former hot stuff, meteoric hot-blast artist, had announced that heretofore he was a Republican.

There were reports that Blaise was to be made District Attorney for the Eastern district of South Carolina, but it is understood that he denies this. But that there is pie of the prospective kind which is the teaser that is carrying the former vacillating Democratic governor across the line into the Republican camp is hardly to be doubted. Denied further advancement by the Democracy of South Carolina he sees that the only hope for him and political connection with a payroll is a turn over to the Republican party, so over he goes.

And there are Democrats in and out of South Carolina who speed Cole Blaise on his way, and are glad to turn him over to the Republicans, for he has proven a liability and not an asset to the Democracy.

The protectionist Republican forces in the Congress are getting things ready to make a fight to put over a high tariff bill, and incidentally this has just piled a big lot of extra work on Eugene F. Hartley, the Statesville man who is one of the main aids to Director of the Census Sam L. Rogers, being the chief statistician of the Census of manufacturers. The call from Congress is for Mr. Hartley to produce in 1919 and 1920, as shown by census figures, and he is now digging down after the statistics.

Examinations For Jobs.

The Republicans have been able to hand the country a lot of bank about reducing the number of Federal employees in Washington, and their cries of Democratic extravagance were heard throughout the land while the election campaign of 1920 was in progress. But now that the Republicans are on the job they find that it is a different story that is to be told, for the work of the government must be done, and it takes workers to do it. The public gets statements of the discharge from the service of employees of various departments, but there is not so much publicity given to the fact that the Civil Service commission is still busy on the job of examining people to get eligible for various jobs that open up and must be filled. Right now the commission has given notice that there are to be examinations during March and the first half of April for accounting and statistical clerks in the Interstate Commerce Commission at salaries ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,100 a year; Superintendent and Director, Bureau of Fisheries, \$1,500 to \$1,900 a year; Lay Inspectors, Bureau of Animal Industry, \$1,080 a year; veterinarian, Bureau of Animal Industry, \$1,500 a year.

A poster for general distribution, with "wanted for the civil service commission" in big black letters is now being sent out broadcast to many positions to be filled, the first paragraph in the poster saying:

"The government always needs men and women for employment in the civil service. The civil service is so large that a great many vacancies are constantly occurring." And the Republicans are finding out that these vacancies must be filled.

A Washingtonian who has been eyes for the changes in administration in talking with me today said that while he was seeing great numbers of applicants for political positions in Washington, that he was sure that there would be even a greater crowd here if there had been special rates for the inauguration and if the railway rates and the cost of living in Washington were not so high. "That is helping to keep the crowd away" said he, "and if some of those fellows now cooling their heels in reception rooms don't soon get government jobs they will have to go to work."

Can Mr. Meyer Make It Go?

During the debate in Congress over the legislation to restore the War Finance Corporation's functions, in the desire to secure larger foreign markets for the products of American farmers, Mr. Eugene Meyer, of New York, who had formerly held a position on the corporation, took issue with Secretary Houston. It will be remembered that Mr. Houston opposed the loaning of public money to export companies. Mr. Meyer advocated it in a vigorous paper and declared such use of treasury resources would surely increase foreign markets, particularly for cotton and wheat.

Now, Mr. Meyer has been appointed as the board along with Mr. A. W. McLean, of North Carolina, and others. Was Mr. Houston right or was Mr. Meyer? All who believe that the War Finance Corporation should continue and look to see it enlarge markets, particularly for Southern cotton, will hope to see the workings successful. "The only way to restore prosperity to the South or a measure of it, is to"

KRONSTADT SURRENDERS TO SOVIET FORCES, SAYS REPORT.

Helsingfors, March 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Kronstadt has surrendered to the soviet forces. This announcement is made by the revolutionary committee of Kronstadt which has arrived in Finland, accompanied by 800 soldiers.

Before retreating from Kronstadt, the revolutionists blew up the warships Petropavlovsk and Sebastopol.

General Koslovski, leader of the revolutionists, has also arrived in Finland.

STOLE EXPRESS TO PAY POKER DEBTS

Former Messenger Tells With Utmost Composure How Robberies Were Carried On

Macon, Ga., March 17.—Many valuable express shipments alleged to have been stolen by messengers were used to pay poker debts contracted in games on the train, W. A. Hughes, former messenger, informed a jury in United States District court here this afternoon in the trial of more than fifty persons on charges of "conspiracy to steal from the United States government."

It developed that Hughes has been under guard for some time and that the court has ordered that he be closely guarded throughout the trial, because of alleged threats that have been made upon his life if he gave damaging testimony at the trial.

Hughes said that he had had conversations with all but two of the defendants in regard to stealing express shipments. He talked rapidly and coolly, revealing with the utmost composure the theft of thousands of dollars worth of goods.

On one occasion Hughes said that C. R. Baker, a conductor, negotiated with him for the purchase of a bicycle and that the wheel was carried up and down the road by C. R. Brinson, who was on an opposite run, failing to make the delivery to Baker on each trip.

"One day," said Hughes, "Baker's train met mine and he stuck his head in my door and furiously yelled 'Where's my bicycle?'"

"I signalled to him to keep quiet," "Next day," the witness continued, "I met Baker and told him that he played hell, that there was a route agent on my car. 'I don't care,' he quoted Baker as saying, 'I want that bicycle. We have a big laugh over it.'"

He declared Baker was so furious that he would not pay him more than \$25.

Prior to the fall of 1917 messengers were required to account for all shipments lost, he said. He told of the increase in shipments after that time and the impossibility of keeping records because of the congestion. He said he stole from the fall of 1917 until August, 1920, when he was arrested. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, he said, he divided the shipments with the defendants present.

Through shipments were easier to take than short haul shipments, he declared.

The witness related how doors between the express cars were thrown open on trips. "That gave us two cars of shipments to look over to see if there was anything that we wanted," he explained.

NO FEDERAL FARM LOAN BONDS BEFORE APRIL 15

Washington, March 17.—April 15 is the earliest date on which the new Federal Farm Loan bonds can be ready for issuance. Commissioner Lobell of the Farm Loan Board, announced tonight. The action of Congress just before adjournment in extending the call period of the bonds has necessitated the preparation of new plates for engraving the bonds.

HARDING ORDERS REVIEW OF CASE OF EUGENE DEBS.

Washington, March 17.—President Harding has asked Attorney General Daugherty to review the case of Eugene V. Debs, socialist presidential candidate in 1920 and now serving a sentence under the espionage act in Atlanta penitentiary.

Wholesale Liquor Business Will Be Put To Death May 15

Washington, March 17.—The wholesale liquor establishment, brother of the bar, will be put to death May 15 under sentence pronounced today by Prohibition Commissioner Kramer.

Although an opinion rendered by Attorney General Palmer last December said the wholesaler had no legal right to continue in business, internal revenue and prohibition officials decided to grant some time in which he could unload stocks without too heavy monetary losses. But Mr. Kramer's announcement today made it clear there would be no further extension of time and the execution of the sentence would be carried out.

ONLY ONE BALLOT TO ACQUIT CLARA HAMON OF MURDER

Jury Returns Verdict of "Not Guilty" After Being Out Only 40 Minutes

MEMBERS OF THE HAMON FAMILY NOT IN COURT

Woman Charged With Murder of Jake Hamon, Republican Politician and Millionaire Oil Man; Receives Verdict With Tears In Eyes But Says She Is Very Happy

Ardmore, Okla., March 17.—Clara Smith Hamon today was acquitted of a charge of having murdered Jake L. Hamon, Republican National committee man and millionaire railroad and oil promoter.

The jury was given the case at 4:30 p. m. and returned to the courtroom 40 minutes later. B. F. C. Laughridge, 73 year old foreman, said only one ballot was taken, a secret one, confirmed by a rising vote.

Clara Hamon obtained the information fully seven minutes before the verdict was rendered in open court and sat, surrounded by members of her family, half smiling, half afraid to believe the nod of assurance that were bent toward her.

Jury Renders Verdict

When Judge Thomas W. Champion mounted the bench and received an affirmative response to his question: "Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?" her eyes followed the motions of the bailiff as he received the verdict from Mr. Laughridge and handed it to the clerk to read.

"Clara Hamon gasped audibly in the tensely silent courtroom, drooped forward in her seat, only to be seized from behind by her younger brother 'Jimmie,' squeezed violently and kissed. Tears came to her eyes and the other members of her family cried with her as she crossed to the standing jurors and haltingly thanked them for their verdict.

"I am the happiest woman in the world," she said.

She used a secret passage from the courtroom to escape the crowds which threatened to overwhelm her with congratulations.

Tonight her plans for the future were incomplete, she said, and members of her counsel of six attorneys said. She is considering a number of business propositions, according to Walter Scott, of Fort Worth, Texas, one of her counsel, but what she shall do in the immediate future is undetermined.

Her father, J. L. Smith, is seriously ill at El Paso, Texas, and it was said she might return there to be with him in the last days of what is termed an illness which may be fatal.

Members of Hamon Family Absent.

None of the members of the family of Jake L. Hamon was in the courtroom when the jury returned its verdict. Mrs. Hamon, the widow, and her 19-year-old son, Jake L., Jr., left when the case was placed in the jury's hands. Mrs. Hamon attended all sessions of the trial, except two, in deep mourning and sitting directly opposite Clara Hamon, 30 inches away.

Not once during the entire trial which began a week ago today, did the two women appear to become conscious of each other except on the days they testified when each regarded the other closely.

Tonight at the home of Mrs. Jake Hamon, it was said that she had not been told of the verdict and that she would not be until tomorrow because of her physical and mental condition. Jake L., Jr., said that if his mother was given the information of the acquittal after such brief consideration by the jury it would "tend to throw her into a"

DENBY STANDS BY FAMOUS DRY ORDER OF DANIELS

Washington, March 17.—Secretary Daniels will stand by the famous order abolishing the wine mess on board naval vessels.

The Naval Secretary said today that leaving National prohibition out of consideration he was heartily in accord with Mr. Daniels on the subject and that he did not believe a "corporal's guard" of naval officers could be found who would favor rescinding the Daniels order.

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REPUBLICANS TO INSIST ON TARIFF BILL THIS SESSION

House Ways and Means Committee Standing Pat On Its Original Proposition

ANTI-DUMPING ACT TO BE INCLUDED IN ACT

Abandon Idea of Passing Emergency Measure But May Place Embargo On Importation of Wool and Other Products On Free List; Committee To Continue Its Labors

Washington, March 17.—Republican members of the House ways and means committee stood pat today on the proposition that a permanent tariff bill should top the legislative program of the new session of Congress.

This view was expressed at a committee conference, which took up among other things the question of preparing and rushing through the House the same anti-dumping bill passed last session together with an added American valuation measure. The latter may be incorporated in the same bill, and the committee adopted a resolution requesting Treasury Department officials to frame a rough draft for its consideration.

There was no intimation from the White House as to whether the President had approved the program agreed upon Monday at a conference of the ways and means and Senate finance committees. The President had expected to see western members of the former committee who have been insistent in demanding that the tariff be taken up ahead of revenue revision but the meeting was postponed at his request and Chairman Fordney explained that he had sent Mr. Harding a list of members with whom he might want to discuss the situation.

Abandon Emergency Tariff.

Meanwhile there were other movements under way which would have the effect of giving interests demanding it an emergency tariff. There has been much discussion of the proposal by Senator Simons, Republican, Utah, to put an embargo on wool and wool products in the Fordney measure, passed by the Senate and House and vetoed by Mr. Wilson. Congressional and administrative circles were said to be planning to put an embargo on other products now on the free list. Although they had been advised of such a movement, members of the ways and means committee declared that the question of preparing an out and out emergency tariff had been definitely abandoned.

Agreement was reached at the meeting today that the anti-dumping and valuation bills should not be included in a straight tariff bill for the reason that it did not fit the situation with respect to the free list. Answering questions as to whether the committee had changed front on priority of tariff or revenue revision, Chairman Fordney declared that it still was a 13 to 2 vote for tariff. The West, according to the chairman, is emphatic in urging tariff legislation early in the session, in advance of all allied bills.

Members said there was no sign of weakening and that Representatives Longworth, Ohio, and Bacharach, New Jersey, were standing alone for revenue legislation first of all.

Says West Demands Tariff.

Representative Young, Republican, North Dakota, a member of the committee, declared the passage of the anti-dumping bill would not satisfy the West, as most of the farm products of that section were on the free list.

"The man on the verge of bankruptcy wants something to tie to," he said. "The West is up against it hard and"

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RAISE OBJECTIVE TO \$60,000 MARK

Fayetteville Already Past \$40,000 and Still Going Strong On Y

Fayetteville, March 17.—Two days of campaigning and nothing to campaign for, didn't appeal to the Y. M. C. A. workers when they gathered at luncheon at noon today and found that they had already raised more money than they set out after, and they moved the objective up from \$40,000 to \$60,000, and added another story to the prospective Y. building.

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Camp Bragg, officers and men alike, came in strong today with their reports. The artillerymen are as much interested in the campaign as any man in Fayetteville, and they have raised and are still raising their share of the building fund. Colonel Fay and his staff officers have attended every meeting of the workers, and the men in his camp have responded enthusiastically to the opportunity to have a part in the building.

Unpublished reports not yet in the hands of the Central committee indicate that the fifty thousand dollar mark has been passed already. Many of the workers have been unable to attend the mid-day luncheons and make reports, but word from them brings in news of large subscriptions that are yet to be added to the total. The campaign will continue until Saturday noon. Work on the building is expected to begin at an early date.

BEASLEY LEAVES WELFARE OFFICE FOR PRIVATE LIFE

Resignation Reluctantly Accepted By Commission In Greensboro

WILL GO TO TEXAS TO ENTER PRIVATE WORK

Has Served As Commissioner Since Formation of Board of Charities and Public Welfare In 1917; Organized Welfare Work Authorized By Assembly of 1917

Roland F. Beasley, Commissioner of Public Welfare since the formation of State Board of Charities and Public Welfare in 1917, relinquished the place yesterday when his resignation was accepted by the commission at a meeting held in Greensboro. Mr. Beasley's resignation has been in the hands of the board since March 7th, and becomes effective at once. He accepts a position with the International Petroleum Company.

Keen reluctance was expressed by the board in acquiescing to Mr. Beasley's desire to return to private life after three years of service to the State. Resolutions of appreciation of his services were passed. He was urged to reconsider his determination to give up the work, but he for some time past has been determined to leave public life.

The commission of Public Welfare was created by the General Assembly of 1917 to supervise the work of the department throughout the State, and Mr. Beasley was the unanimous choice of the board. He assumed the office October 1, 1917, and since then has devoted his entire time to the organization of the work outlined by the General Assembly.

No Successor Chosen

No successor has been chosen to fill the vacancy. For the present the office will be in charge of Mrs. Clarence F. Johnson, who has been Mr. Beasley's assistant for the past three years. Carey J. Hunter, of Raleigh, vice chairman of the board, is chairman of the committee to select a successor to the retiring commissioner.

Mr. Beasley will spend the remainder of the week in Raleigh, and after the end of the month will go to San Antonio, Texas, where he will be associated with large business interests. In his letter of resignation, addressed to Chairman W. A. Blair, Mr. Beasley says:

"I hereby submit to the board, through you, my resignation as Commissioner of Public Welfare, said resignation to take effect at once.

"For some time I have felt a growing desire to return to private life, but have deferred making a decision until such time as it appeared that least disturbance would result in the arrangement and prosecution of the board's important work. With the adjournment of the Legislature, after its emphatic endorsement and continued support of the welfare work, that time has now arrived.

"I lay down the work with keen regret that is compensated for only by the knowledge that strong and capable hands will assume both its burden and the joy of carrying it on.

"Permit me to assure the board, and each member thereof, of my deep appreciation of the support and confidence that have been accorded me. If there has been the slightest suggestion of discord it has never come to my ears, and I believe that what has been accomplished under your wisdom and direction must be recognized as an important chapter in North Carolina history, a lasting testimony to the finest impulses of humanity and the statesmanship of our people. This great system for the protection of the helpless and the safeguarding of neglected children will be regarded with satisfaction by North Carolinians everywhere in the years to come."

EUGENE MEYER NAMED CORPORATION DIRECTOR

Washington, March 17.—Eugene Meyer, Jr., of New York, today was elected managing director of the War Finance Corporation.

Mr. Meyer, who was Managing Director when he resigned from the Corporation last May, was re-elected on the motion of Angus W. McLean, who filled the position in the interim. Mr. McLean, however, remains as director of the corporation.

French Deputies Approve Work Of London Reparations Meeting

Paris, March 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The decisions of the London reparations conference, the occupation of Dusseldorf and other German cities and the application of the allied economic penalties on Germany were approved by the chamber of deputies this afternoon by a vote that was virtually unanimous except for the socialists and communists. The vote was officially given out as 491 to 66.

Premier Briand, replying to former Minister of Finance Klotz and former Minister of War Lefevre, who respectively insisted upon further light as to the government's intentions with regard to execution of the treaty of Versailles and securing the disarmament of Germany, took occasion to answer Germany's protest to the League of Nations against the allied occupation on the ground that it was a violation of the treaty. He called the attention of the chamber to the fact that at the same time this protest was sent Germany had refused, on the summons of the reparations commission, to accept the clause of the

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