

COOLIDGE REORGANIZING HIS ADMINISTRATION

Has Tackled Reorganization of Three Important Commissions—Hard Problem.

(By David F. St. Clair)
Washington, December 15.—President Coolidge is now engaged in reorganizing his administration along the lines he thinks the last election gave him a mandate to do. He has tackled the reorganization of the three important commissions, the Shipping Board, the Tariff Commission and the Federal Trade Commission.

The reorganization of the Tariff Commission and the Federal Trade Commission are political tasks. The reorganization of the Shipping Board has no politics in it but it is a problem of getting efficiency where there has been none for months. The Tariff Commission for months has been unable to function because it is divided almost equally between high and low protection. For a long while it has been deadlocked over the tariff on sugar. The President wants a commission completely dominated by high protectionists as the tariff barons in the Republican party have demanded that one of the chief results of the election calls for such a commission. It is understood that the low protectionist members of the commission whose terms of office are not about to expire are willing to reside in response to the President's demand.

There is no great amount of feeling against the Tariff Commission in either the Republican party or among big business men and the reorganization is taken as a matter of course but the reorganization of the Federal Trade Commission is a problem with difficulties that Mr. Coolidge may not be able to surmount. This commission was called into existence during the Wilson administration and it has been from the very date of its birth a thorn in the side of big business and the Republican party. Its policy has been honest business from the ground up and it has not hesitated to expose and destroy every scheme of exploitation of giant corporations that showed its head on the horizon. It knows no brother in its merciless crusade of honesty.

For that reason Republicans in congress have time and again introduced bills to abolish this commission but there have always been enough friends of the commission in committees to pigeon hole these bills. These attacks have resulted in making the commission bolder in its merciless crusade of exposure of fraud, conspiracy and violation of the anti-trust laws. In the recent campaign it went so far as to expose the aluminum trust in which Secretary Mellon is interested. This was regarded as an attack on the election of Coolidge himself and the President is reported to have vowed to either remove Chairman Huston Thompson and "his gang" from the commission or put the commission out of business.

But the terms of office of Mr. Thompson and his gang on the commission have sometimes to run and the President can not remove them without legislation. With the present sentiment in which the commission is held by certain Republican senators and Representatives from the West the hope of such legislation is not very bright. It is said here that the White House may issue a statement calling upon Chairman Thompson to retire from the commission for the good of his country but Colonel Thompson is reported to possess a good deal of the militant spirit of Senator LaFollette and may not choose to bear his neck to the head chopper.

This commission as it is now constituted is regarded by Democrats and the LaFollette bloc in congress as last defense line against the exploitation of the public by unscrupulous traders. When President Harding died the Republicans made a desperate effort to change the complexion of the commission by having George B. Christian, his secretary, appointed as a member. But word came from the senate that Mr. Christian's nomination could not be confirmed. That incident indicates the difficulty the President faces in either reorganizing or abolishing the Federal Trade Commission.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the many acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Tempy Shae.

Mrs. R. F. Kenney and Children

Suppose This Were Your Last Day

A woman once asked Mr. Wesley, "Suppose that you know that you were to die at 12 o'clock tomorrow night, how would you spend the intervening time?" "How, madam," he replied, "Why, just as I intended to spend it now. I should preach this evening at Gloucester, and again at five tomorrow morning; after that I should ride to Tewksbury, preach in the afternoon and meet the society in the evening. I should then repair to friend Martin's house, who expects to entertain me, converse and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room at 10 o'clock, and spend myself to my Heavenly Father. He does to rest, and walk up a glory." Nothing could be more beautiful than Wesley's simple faith and noble conviction. He would spend his last day as he would spend his first.

New Series B. & L. To Be Opened In January

The Randolph County Building and Loan Association is announcing the opening of a new series January 1st, next. This will be the 12th series opened by this association since its organization February 1st, 1917. With the opening of this new series the third series will be matured. This association has more than 3,700 shares in force and these shares are owned by people in all parts of the county. This building and loan association does a county-wide business, selling shares all over the county and making loans in any part of the county where its terms and conditions are met. It has loans of approximately \$160,000 in various parts of the county. L. F. Ross is president of the association, J. G. Coward, vice-president, and W. A. Bunch, secretary and treasurer.

Another strong building and loan association in Asheboro is the People's. This was started in 1904. It has approximately 3,750 shares in force, with loans amounting to about \$160,000. This association confines its activities to Asheboro township, although it will take shareholders from any part of the county. No loans are made outside of the township. The People's will open a new series in March and will mature its sixth series some time in the spring. W. J. Armfield, Jr., is president of this association, D. B. McCrary, vice-president, and W. A. Bunch, secretary and treasurer.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COW TAKES FIRST PLACE

A Mecklenburg county cow has the honor of being the only cow of any breed to make a 1,000 pound butter fat record in this part of the country. This cow is a Jersey, Princess Elise, and she wins first place over all dairy cows in the Southern States. At the age of 6 years and 4 months Elise started on this remarkable test and in 365 days she produced 1003.74 pounds of butter-fat and 17,064 pounds of milk. Her record card shows that she yielded 106.15 pounds of fat in the third month and 101.63 pounds in the fifth month. During the two other months she yielded over 90 pounds, and in every complete month more than 70 pounds of fat was recorded. Her milk averaged 5.88 per cent fat for the test.

Fall Fresh Cows

Cows fresh in the fall are more profitable than those which freshen in the spring. There is less trouble from scours among calves dropped in the fall and they are large enough by spring to make good use of pasture. Fall fresh cows give their greatest yield during the winter when dairy products are worth the most and are dry during the hot fly season. For these reasons dairymen should begin breeding their cows this month for freshening next fall.

SMITH AND CONNOR

Charlotte Observer.
The Charleston News and Courier is quoting from The Louisville-Courier-Journal a tribute to two able jurists—Judge Henry Connor, of North Carolina, and Judge Henry Smith, of South Carolina, the writer in the Louisville paper having a more or less clear memory of the Populist days in this section. The argument runs along the line that these two citizens, afterward became distinguished jurists through the keen discernment of President Taft, were denied political honors by an ungrateful Democracy. The fact is that both Smith and Connor found themselves in the same position that hundreds of other Carolinians were facing. They could not surrender to the "isms" of the day and they could not go over to the Republican party. They did not become politicians, because they were first of all patriots. As matters turned out, it was well for the two States that these men held firm to their convictions. They might have been sent to Congress where they might not have been capable of the high service it was their destiny to render their States.

The Observer is inclined to endorse the sentiment of the Louisville paper that when President Taft selected these two men for distinguished honors he displayed a judicial knowledge which few Presidents have possessed. Judge Connor and Judge Smith were born within a year of each other; they were appointed at the same time by President Taft, and they died on the same day.

Should Organize Legion Post

Randolph county veterans of the World War should organize a post of the American Legion. A strong legion post is not only a good thing for the community in which it functions, but also is good for the former soldiers themselves. No other organization can furnish more lasting good fellowship among the former soldiers than an American Legion post. It is an instrument for good.

The American Legion is always on the job looking out for the interests of the veterans. It has accomplished wonders in its efforts on behalf of the incapacitated soldiers. It was largely through the willing help made by the Legion that the adjusted compensation money was paid. Whether a World War veteran is a

WHEN BILLIE SAW SANTA CLAUS

HELLO there, Mr. Santa Claus!
I've caught you now, all right!
I know it's surely you, because
Your hair's so long and white,
An' cause your whiskers all stick out
So funny 'round your face.
Oh, no, there ain't the leastest doubt,
'Cause here's the very place
That mamma said I'd find you at
Edzactly tw-e-e-lve at night.
An' so it's mighty lucky that
I heard it strike, all right.
You'll have to 'scuse me 'cause I've got
Only my nightie on;
I had to hurry 'cause I thought
Maybe you might be gone.

Last Christmas I was awful small,
An' when I went to bed
I couldn't stay awake at all—
Oh, such a sleepy head!
But then, I guess you're just as glad
To see me here tonight,
'Cause I ain't ever awful bad,
So everything's all right.
Where did you leave your reindeer—say?
I didn't hear the bells.
Up on the roof? Well, anyway,
When Tommy has his "spells"
He says the awf'lest things he can
An' makes me mad, because
He says there ain't no reindeer, an'
There ain't no Santa Claus!

Yes, that's my stocking over there—
I knew you'd surely come;
Tommy hung up that bag—'tain't fair,
But then, he wants a drum;
You've got such heaps of things that you
Will fill 'em both, an' more;
Well, then, I'll tell you what to do—
Just put 'em on the floor;
Or else that Tommy—he's a peach—
Will surely get 'em all.
An' there's a humming top—an' there—
A truly gun that shoots;
An'—say! Why Santa, I declare,
You've got on daddy's boots!

Sunday School Lesson For Sunday
The Scripture Reading, and Comment by
Rev. C. G. Smith, Asheboro, N. C.

Golden Text.—The Son of man is salvation come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham.—Luke 19:10; Lesson: Luke 19:1-10.

CONVERSION OF ZACCHAEUS

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus, who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down; and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods, I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day

is salvation come to this house, for so much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. One of the curses of sin is that it separates us from so many good things in this life. Sin will not only banish a man from God but it will also make him an outcast from the best human society. Sin raises the fences of hate between neighbors. Sin had made Zacchaeus a lonely man and had set him out of the genial current of human life about him. He had used the advantages of public office dishonestly and by "false accusation" had exploited the men of Jericho upon whom he levied taxes. He had enriched himself with their goods but had impoverished himself of their good will. And so, there was no one to lead him to Jesus. He was below the average in size. He could not see Jesus for the press. He knew the dreadful loneliness of those who are in disfavor with God and man alike. He had little to lose in the way of self respect. If the neighbors thought it peculiar to see a public official climbing a sycamore tree on one of the main streets of Jericho, what of

Grimsley's Slayer Came Through Asheboro

J. D. Norton, who was captured at Metter, Ga., last week on a warrant charging him with the killing of William E. Grimsley, a prominent Guilford county citizen, July 21st, says that after the killing he left home walking down the Sanford road towards Asheboro. This was on Monday night. He reached Asheboro Wednesday morning where he caught a ride south. Walking sometimes and catching a ride at other times he made his way to his old home at Metter, Ga., where he tried to get a job, but failed. He says that he worked for a meal at the time and hadn't had much to eat at that. All he had to eat while he was making his way south was peaches and other fruit. Norton's story of the affray tallies with that told by his wife. Both state that Grimsley came to the Norton home, which was on the Grimsley land, flourishing and firing a pistol. When he attempted to come in the house Norton seized an axe and hit him over the head. He did not wait to see the effects of the blow, but left immediately. Norton was a tenant on Grimsley's farm and it is said that Grimsley had been making efforts to get him to vacate without avail. Norton will be tried at the next term of Guilford county Superior court for the trial of criminal cases.

Buffalo herds in Canada are multiplying rapidly under government protection.

that? He was nothing to them and they were nothing to him. Zacchaeus was a peculiar little Jew. He knew he was in a class by himself, lost to friendship, lost to honor, lost to God. He would be lucky if he caught a passing glimpse at Jesus. He wondered what such a penniless adventurer could look like to draw such a throng of admirers and attendants while he, Zacchaeus was rich and friendless.

How he was discovered by Jesus, Zacchaeus could never tell. Only that the Master came to the place and looked up and stopped the great procession long enough to befriend the man that no one else in the crowd would have spoken to. How he became a changed man, perhaps Zacchaeus could never tell—only that Jesus called him to a place at his side and walked home with him, expecting to find in the cinders of his publican's heart the long unused graces of hospitality. How he became in a day the honorable and generous citizen of Jericho, Zacchaeus hardly knew, except that Jesus had expected to find him so, and the Master's confidence could not be disappointed. Zacchaeus learned in his time what sinners are always discovering to their surprise that Jesus came to seek in their unlikely hearts hidden virtues. At his touch flowers spring up in the desert. For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

SAMUEL GOMPERS DIES SATURDAY IN TEXAS

Was President of American Federation of Labor Since Organization.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor since its organization, died in San Antonio, Texas, last Saturday morning, eleven hours after his arrival from Mexico City, Mexico, where he was taken ill a few days previous while attending the inauguration of Mexico's new President.

When Mr. Gompers became ill in the Mexican capital he expressed the wish that he might die on American soil. He was placed on a stretcher aboard a special coach and the race for American soil began. He bore up well under the weight of his 74 years, but never rallied from the attack of heart disease with which he was stricken.

The body was taken to New York City where the funeral will be held today. All along the route from San Antonio to New York great respect was paid to the remains of the "grand old man of labor."

Samuel Gompers was born in 1850 in England. He came to America, a poor immigrant boy and went to work in a cigar factory. He showed great talent in handling and in the organization of men. He formed a local union among the workers in the factory in which he worked and his services in organizing labor were in great demand in all parts of the country. He was the moving figure in the organization of the American Federation of Labor, and was its president from the beginning until his death Saturday morning. He weathered many storms during this time, but remained the leader and shaped the policies of labor during his many years in office. Gompers always fought to keep labor away from the "red" tendencies of its European neighbors. His was the hand that guided it during the great World War crisis. More than any other man he helped to marshal labor's forces for the carrying on of the great fight. Gompers, although born in poverty and ignorance never having had the advantages of education, became thru his own efforts a man of wide learning and experience, and was the friend of Presidents and rulers of foreign countries. He was conservative, safe, and sane.

Song Service At Glenola

The closing exercises at Glenola of the singing conducted by Prof. A. M. Fentris, of Pleasant Garden, will be held next Sunday, December 21st, at 11 a. m. and 1:30 p. m. dinner on the grounds. A class from 8 miles South-west of Winston-Salem, Piney Grove M. E. church, will be present to take part in the service. A most interesting service is expected. The singings and closings of the above instructor are too well known to need comment. Everybody invited.

McLean Looking Into The State's Finances

Governor-elect Angus Wilton McLean is working with the budget commission in order to learn something of the state's financial affairs before he takes office in January. Governor Morrison smashed all precedents when he invited the next governor to meet with the commission, and his act is meeting with approval among the people of the state. Everybody is expecting McLean to make one of the best governors the state of North Carolina has ever had. He will be the best business man that has ever occupied the chief executive's office in the State. He has made a wonderful personal success in the business world and has had a wide and varied experience in finances. No man is better fitted to look after the financial interests of the State than Mr. McLean. When he takes the oath of office he is expecting to know something definite as to where the State stands in the way of finances.

The Higher Education

(Humorist, London.)
In Russia, a class for instructing people in the art of hurding booms has been discovered by the police. Just a finishing school, of course.

Poem Uncle John

THOUGH it's called "the old story" it is over, ever new, from the embers of Bedempton's blessed past; over nineteen hundred Christmases have voluted allegiance true—each Christmas morn more hallowed than the last. We celebrate this birthday with the anthem and the feast, for the shepherds must be diligent as when they saw "the bright an' mornin' star" a-blinkin' in the east, an' heard the strains of "Peace, Good-will to Men." We contemplate the table, loaded down with blessin's rare, provided by a gracious Master-hand, while faith endows ability to feel His presence there—'tis a faith that all His children understand. Let doubts an' fears assail us by whatever law they may—we'll treat 'em with the dignity of scorn—and pray divine forgiveness on this blessed Christmas-day. From evil thoughts to which all flesh is born. Lord, give us strength and meekness in the journey as we run, for 'thou hast conquered death, that we may live. Go with us through the shadows till the spell of life is done—remember to forgive as we forgive.



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