

WILSON GOES TO CAPITOL AGAIN

President Will Meet Congressional Leaders in Halls of Congress Today

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON STIRRED BY THE MOVE

President Will occupy his office in the Senate wing this afternoon for the first time to discuss legislative matters with leaders in regard to the tariff revision schedule—Long List of Engagements Preceding Meeting.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—President Woodrow Wilson announced today that he would meet the Democratic members of the Senate finance committee in the President's room at the Capitol at 3 o'clock this afternoon to talk about the tariff.

Although it had been unofficially announced before President Wilson took office that he expected to go to the President's room at the Capitol at frequent intervals to be in close touch with Congress, the news that he would make the first visit today following so closely upon the notable meeting of yesterday when the President read his message personally to a joint assembly in the hall of the House, set official circles by the ears.

The President sent word early today to the members of the committee that he would like to meet them at 3 o'clock. The pivot of tariff reform, it is generally recognized, will be the Senate, while the Democratic margin is small and where opposition to certain schedules is apparent.

Reasons Discussed.

When Mr. Wilson last discussed with the Senate Democrats of the tariff reform they argued as a unit for splitting the bill into separate schedules, urging him that wider attention would be focused on each schedule and that agreement among Senators might be elicited.

The President is said to feel that more progress can be made by a visit to the committee in the Senate wing with the Democratic members of the Senate finance committee and the latter can quickly get in touch with Senators reluctant to favor the bill at the White House. Mr. Wilson has been in intimate debate in matters of legislation, not only as a time saver but as a means of averting misunderstanding that might arise from the administration's views transmitted indirectly.

Party Leader Should Lead.

The President's conception of that method of securing legislation is that as a leader of the party he should lead him, he can be a counselor and advisor. While he never has suggested that the Executive either in the State or the Nation should actually interfere in the proceedings of either body, he always has maintained that the voice of the party leader should be heard in party councils.

When the House came to the White House that the President, if defeated in the present session in the issue of tariff reform, might go before the people of those States whose representatives to the conference at the Capitol have thwarted the party program and appeal in the primaries for the selection of what he believes to be progressive candidates.

Long List of Engagements.

The President had a long schedule of engagements before his departure for the Capitol. Beginning at 9 o'clock he saw a series of callers at five-minute intervals until 1 o'clock, among them many members of Congress.

At 2:20 he was to greet in the East Room more than 500 school teachers, and Bishop Collins Denny of Richmond, Va., a classmate and Bishop E. E. Hoss of Nashville, Tenn., of the Methodist Federation Commission in session here, and Robert S. Hyer, president of the South Methodist University of Dallas, Tex.

The President expected to leave the White House at 2:35, devoting the remainder of the afternoon, if necessary, to the conference at the Capitol.

Course Merely Approval.

President Wilson's visit to the Capitol was explained by members of the finance committee to be a continuation of the conference begun Monday at the White House. Members of the committee desired further opportunity to present their views of changes needed in the tariff bill.

The Democrats of the finance committee asked for a conference with the President and he met him at the White House Monday morning, said Senator Hoke Smith. "That conference adjourned to meet again. Now the President returns the conference and instead of requiring the nine Democrats of the finance committee to come to him, he has come to them."

Other members commended the action of the President in arranging to meet the finance committee at a point more convenient to Senators.

To Discuss Changes.

Many changes in the Underwood measure advocated by Democratic Senators will be presented upon the President for further consideration. These include not only the question of splitting the tariff into separate bills but also the change of many duties where the Senate Democrats believe scientific tariff making principles have not been followed. In cases where raw materials have been subjected to tariff, and manufacturers products put on the free list, such as wheat and flour, the President will be urged to recommend changes that will balance the duties.

NEW ORLEANS, April 9.—High winds with squalls along the Louisiana coast and the Texas coast east of Corpus Christi today and tomorrow were predicted by the local weather bureau in a special storm warning this morning.

MR. WEBB SENDS IN RECOMMENDATION FOR POSTMASTERSHIP IN CHARLOTTE

J. H. Weddington, Charlotte's New Postmaster.



J. H. WEDDINGTON WILL BE NAMED TO GET COVETED PLUM

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Representative Webb disposed of the largest piece of "pie" in his district today when he sent in his recommendation of J. H. Weddington for postmaster at Charlotte. The decision to appoint Mr. Weddington was reached after careful consideration had been given to the endorsements of Weddington, Blair and Williams. The wishes of the patrons of the office was considered of first importance and politics a secondary consideration. Weddington had the largest endorsements of any applicant for the place and the ninth district Congressman hopes he has recommended a man that will be postmaster for all the people.

Representative Page today recommended the following names for postmasters in Washington: S. S. Lockhart at Wadesboro; Robert B. Terry at Hamlet; S. Vance Scott at Sanford and Richard Burton at Mount Gilead. Unless the Postmaster General turns down the above recommendations, which is not at all probable, these men will be appointed within the next few days.

Returning this morning from Washington where he spent a few days pressing his claims for the local postmastership, Mr. R. K. Blair announced directly after his arrival that he had been defeated, had called off the chase and that Mr. J. H. Weddington was the successful candidate in the triangular race between Mr. Blair, Mr. Weddington and Mr. E. S. Williams which has been waged for several months.

"The matter was still open when I reached Washington, but I found out shortly after I got in touch with the situation that certain influences were being brought to bear in favor of Mr. Weddington that could not be overcome and it was plain that the appointment was mapped out for him," said Mr. Blair this morning. "I am not a hard loser and will continue to be found fighting for the Democracy of the district, although I am especially disappointed that I could not get the appointment."

It is understood that Mr. Weddington was practically agreed upon some time ago and the reason that the confirmation is not made now is because Congressman Webb is waiting to announce other appointments and send them all along together. Mr. Weddington is in Washington and was reasonably assured that he had been appointed when he left here but he wanted to continue in close touch with the authorities. Whether he will have the postmastership wrapped up in his pocket when he returns is problematical, but he will undoubtedly know when he leaves Washington that he will step into the appointment as Charlotte's postmaster.

Mr. Weddington presented Congressman Webb a list of petitioners that is said to have outnumbered by many hundreds the petitioners sent up by the other two candidates and that the appointment was made largely upon this basis. While both Mr. Blair and Mr. Williams had the endorsement of some of the leading citizens of Charlotte, some of the strongest business men and influential politicians, Mr. Weddington was able to marshal to the attention of the authorities the largest number of signatures and was for his appointment and Mr. Webb acted on this line of distinction in making the distinction.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—A government residence, second in rank to that of the White House is provided for Vice President Marshall in a bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Callow of Indiana. Mr. Callow proposed authority for \$5,000 immediately for designs for such a building in Washington.

REGULAR INCOME IS TO COME TO THE CITY

Sum of \$23,000 Will Be Available For Street Improvements In Charlotte

Beginning with the tax year September 1, 1913, the city of Charlotte will have a fixed income of \$23,000 annually for street improvements and maintenance.

It is believed by local politicians that this sum, derived in part from the county and in part from the township, will give the city a very good start each year on the much-needed repair work that is evident in all parts of the city, as much of this fund can be used for the repair work on streets where no permanent improvement is possible, because of local conditions, inability to secure even a beginning of the permanent improvement cost, because of the low valuation of property on many side streets and highways just inside the city limits.

The new legislative enactment increases the township's contribution to the county from \$3,000 to \$14,000 annually, and to this is to be added the \$16,000 which each year from the county, making \$24,000 each year for street work.

While the county commissioners have always elected to pay this sum to the city in cash, the local act covering the same provides that the \$9,000 may be paid in work on the streets or in money.

The township maintains a paid road force and has no convict work done, so that the \$14,000 derived from the township hereafter will likely be in cash.

With his fixed street improvement fund the city should be in a fair way to work out the improvement of many side streets where hope of permanent paving has been abandoned since the necessary revenue from property owners can not be secured along these streets.

There is also a desire on the part of many to use the money to improve the eight or ten stretches of roadway from the city limits to the end of the permanent improvements of to the main arterial streets into which these highways merge upon entering the city. One stretch pointed out is that extending from the Seaboard passenger depot on North Tryon to the city limits, about 1 1/2 miles, for the country in many instances has better roads than the city has been able to maintain along these same roads entering the city limits.

FULL-BLOOD INDIAN COMING TO MEETING

Asheville Will Contribute Novelty To Baraca-Philathea Convention

ROME, April 9.—The condition of the Pope was much improved today. Professor Marchiatava, the Vatican physician, visited the Pontiff for over an hour this morning and found his fever greatly reduced. His temperature was only slightly above normal but he still suffered great depression and weakness.

Cardinal Pompili, who was made a new vicar general only a few days ago, issued orders today for special prayers for the Pope in all the churches of Rome during the next three days.

Professor Marchiatava's examination of the Pope this morning was of a most minute character. He declared, after a full hour, that the improvement but stated that the relapse he suffered yesterday did not appear to be on the decline.

Three thousand pilgrims gathered in the course of the morning on the Piazza di San Pietro in front of the Vatican under the open window of the Pope's apartment and prayed for his recovery.

A thunderstorm, accompanied by hail, disturbed the Pope this morning. His nervous system has become very sensitive since the beginning of his illness.

Professor Marchiatava assured the Associated Press this morning that his holiness is suffering "only from a relapse of influenza, which, like all relapses, is causing a certain amount of anxiety owing to the exalted position of the patient and his great age."

Reports as to the Pope being acutely affected with nephritis or inflammation of the kidneys, are, said the professor, absolutely unfounded.

"What the Pontiff needs above all is rest, continued the physician, and the 24 hours he has spent in bed completely isolated from affairs has already produced a salutary effect. All symptoms of a dangerous character which have been mentioned in unauthorized reports are either imaginary or grossly exaggerated. The present condition of the Pope excludes any danger unless complications should intervene."

TODAY IN CONGRESS

Senator Cullom introduced bill to fix minimum wages for women. A bill for inspection of cost mines introduced by Senator Worley. Senator Bacon introduced bill for purchase of homes for American diplomats.

A bill to prohibit Senators and Representatives from acting as counsel for interstate Commerce Corporation introduced by Senator Borah.

Finance committee members were in discussion today. President Wilson at 5 p. m. in President's room at Capitol.

Adjourned at 12:30 until noon Saturday.

Not in session; meets Thursday at noon.

Way and means committee decides to hold meetings daily during discussion of tariff bill in the House.

Democrats met in caucus.

NORTH CAROLINIAN LANDS BIG JOB AT HANDS OF NEW ADMINISTRATION

Col. W. H. Osborn of Greensboro.



WILL OPEN NEW BIDS FOR PAVING STREETS

Executive Board Tomorrow Afternoon Will Receive Bids For \$40,000 Work

The executive board will open new bids on about \$40,000 worth of permanent paving Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, and on Monday following the board of aldermen will meet to pass upon the assessments against the abutting property owners.

This is the program announced today in the paving bid matter which the West Construction Company has made objection to, on the grounds, as Mr. West's attorney stated before the executive board yesterday, "that West's bid had been used as a stick to beat down the bid of the successful bidder, the Southern Paving Company, though this is emphatically denied by the executive board whose statements of the letting of the bids have been published in detail."

Clerk A. H. Weart today wired the South Atlantic Paving Company in Richmond that it would have a new opportunity to bid, while local representatives of the West Construction Company and the Southern Paving Company had been given notice direct by the city clerk that bids would be received anew tomorrow evening.

When the executive board adjourned at 1:30 o'clock yesterday, it was subject to further statement of opinion from Mr. Chase Brenizer, city attorney, and yesterday afternoon some hours after the meeting, Mr. Brenizer formally notified the executive board of his decision that he thought there were sufficient grounds to justify the board to call for new bids on the greater part of the paving contract.

There is a rumor that the Southern Paving Company had intimated that it would withdraw its bid in order to be submitted in further legal advice from the city attorney, instructed the clerk to advertise for new bids to be opened tomorrow at 6 p. m.

It is presumed that the bids will be submitted in such shape that the board can readily agree upon the successful bidder and can let the contract in a brief time. This will give the city engineer and his assistants until Monday night to complete the calculations of the new assessments against property owners.

The new bids will not include the 4,000 yards of sheet asphalt which the Southern Paving Company secured Thursday and which Mr. West admits in rightfully that company's contract. This involves probably \$13,000, leaving about \$40,000 in the remainder of the contract, bids for which will be opened by the executive board tomorrow evening.

HOMER OF WADE HAMPTON IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 9.—The home of the illustrious Confederate general, Wade Hampton, head of the brave legion that bore his name, lies a mass of ruins on Senate street today. His saddle, upon which he fought many a hand-to-hand encounter with "Tanks" at old quarters, was destroyed but the stirrups were saved. The granddaughters' all in bed with fever, was carried out shortly before the roof fell in.

The famous Confederate scout's priceless collection of books and war relics were constant.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—A constitutional amendment to provide for the convening of Congress on the second Tuesday in January each year was brought in a measure introduced today by Representative Berkeley of Kentucky, a ne wmember.

OTHERS TELL SAME STORY

Kansas City Reduced Tax Rate One-Fourth And Paid Big Floating Debt

THE DES MOINES PLAN DESCRIBED BY MAYOR

Testimony From the Cities Under Commission Form of Government Creates Much Interest Here—Des Moines Has Made Great Strides Under Plan of Which Charlotte is Almost a Duplicate—Taxes Have Been Reduced and Every Department More Efficient.

Probably no information published during the present campaign for the commission form of government for Charlotte has excited so much interest as the messages from the mayors of a number of commission form cities published in yesterday afternoon's Chronicle. These messages show that the cities that have the commission form of government are providing public improvements on a large scale from current revenues, although this was not formerly done as is evidenced by the fact that most of the cities adopting the commission form had large floating debts to be paid by the commissions even before the improvements could begin. It is almost uniformly true that not only is money saved and more improvements provided from current revenues, but that the tax rate is reduced in commission form cities.

The messages being published by The Chronicle are official, being received from the mayors of the cities. Here are some more:

Des Moines, Iowa.

"DES MOINES, Iowa, April 7.—The restlessness and supplicity are the main characteristics of the Des Moines plan of commission government. The great purposes are to make the city government feel responsible to public opinion and also to make it efficient in administration. Publicity, efficiency and responsibility are our watchwords.

"Des Moines has made great strides in five years under the commission government. Permanent improvements thought impossible by old councils have been made. Taxes have averaged two mills less than averaged for the last eight years under the old plan. Every department is more efficient. Never before in the history of the city has the force of public opinion been so strongly felt in the city government. Changes would not return to the old plan under any considerations. Labor unions are so favorably impressed that they have adopted the principles of the commission plan for the management of their unions."

Shreveport, La.

"SHREVEPORT, La., April 7.—Mayor and four commissioners are elected at large. The work is divided among the five and the people hold each one responsible for his department. I believe a large majority are well satisfied with the change of government. Our tax rate is 22 mills for the city and State. The assessment for 1912 was \$14,250,000. It will be \$19,000,000 this year, which is about one third of value. JAMES R. HANNA, Mayor."

Vicksburg, Miss.

"VICKSBURG, Miss., April 7.—Telegram received. Our city having a special charter did not take advantage of the legislative act authorizing commission form of government for municipalities, but in lieu thereof adopted the charter reducing the number of aldermen from ten to two, requiring the two with the mayor to be elected to give their entire time to the city and the three to be elected from the city at large. The change of government has been in effect since January 14. From the outlook here is going to be a great saving to the city. Have been no complaints from the taxpayers as to the efficiency of this plan over the old. J. J. HAYES, Mayor."

Kansas City, Mo., April 8.

"KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 8.—Commission government successful and satisfactory and people well pleased. There are four commissioners, one the mayor, elected at large, each supervising separate departments with uniform power. All running expenses of the city paid last two years and in addition \$250,000 of floating debts paid and taxes reduced 28 per cent, or one-fourth. A balance was left in all funds at close of the year. Making annual report under separate cover. (Signed) COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE."

Des Moines, Iowa.

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