

Little Likelihood That Fisher And Pinchot Will Get Together On Alaskan Question

By JONATHAN WINFIELD.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Staunch friends of Walter Fisher, secretary of the interior and Gifford Pinchot, leader of the republican radical conservatives, are striving to bring the two together for a quick and ample solution of Alaskan problems that mean much to the people of the United States and of Alaska, and consequently also to the Taft administration.

The same persons have already sought to create a widespread impression that all danger of an altercation between Fisher and Pinchot over these matters is past, that when the proper time arrives they will be found working shoulder to shoulder. Their mutual friends would have them sitting under an open fire grate in Washington some cool evening this fall, discussing Alaskan affairs by a friendly discussion of the issues involved.

Despite this, to many observant government officials in close touch with the real situation, the clouds are still hovering over the northwest, and the secretary of the interior and Pinchot are preparing for an uncompromising battle.

The long controversy between Mr. Pinchot and Richard A. Ballinger, Mr. Fisher's predecessor in the interior department, over the Cunningham coal claims, government and the subsequent water-power sites and the subsequent break between Mr. Pinchot and the Taft administration over the opening of the Chugach national forest reserve in Alaska, whereby Richard S. Ryan secured a harbor site on Controller Bay in connection with a proposed railroad from the Guggenheim copper and fuel property, has caused considerable speculation in the national capital as to the future relations of Pinchot and the new secretary of the interior in regard to Alaska. Interest is heightened by the fact that they were fellow officers in Pinchot's personal conducted conservation program prior to Fisher's elevation to the secretaryship of the interior department.

According to the optimistic view of the Alaskan situation the problems of that territory rest fundamentally upon questions of fact, and although the opinion is advanced that the administration will not differ materially as to facts, they appear to have been unwilling to take each other's word for anything bearing upon the issues. This is strongly indicated by the personal visits of the two at different times to that country, in which both are said to have risked their lives in an effort to get at the facts.

Mr. Fisher was the first to venture into the wild frozen country. The whole party suffered great hardships, and the Behring river especially, and even imperilled their lives. It is reported in the quest for truth. This stream is of glacial origin and its current swift and treacherous. The constant shifting of the glacial silt on its bottom causes silt canoes cannot navigate it safely. The Fisher party, well knowing all this (a tip from the guides), ventured five miles up the river, and its members frequently found themselves standing waist-deep in mud and water. Leaving the stream with a pack on his back, they did not reach their final destination until toward 2 o'clock in the morning. Just to get at the truth when Mr. Pinchot might have supplied it without a bit of risk or expense.

Not long afterwards Mr. Pinchot, accompanied by United States Senator Miles Poindexter, of Washington, a radical republican progressive, journeyed to the same territory on an independent hunt for the facts about Alaska. To many these two incidents alone indicated that any agreement between the two men, both still well to the front in the political limelight, regarding the Alaskan questions in issue, is hopeless.

It was supposed that Mr. Pinchot was aware of Mr. Fisher's trip, and many wonder why he was not willing to accept Mr. Fisher's report as containing the real truth about the territory and its affairs. Hence the significance attached to his following the secretary there. The possibility that the two might arrive at wholly different conclusions excited considerable interest among their friends and others, and as the result many then expected, and still expect, a clash between them eventually.

The Pinchot party are reported to have followed the trail of the Fisher party from beginning to end in search of facts which might have been ob-

tained from the other party by awaiting its return.

Both parties took a trip on Controller Bay the waterway to Katala, where the Guggenheim interests expended \$2,000,000 for a breakwater and other terminal facilities for a railroad from the copper and coal districts, which since has been swept away by a storm. They found the bay very shallow, so much so that a slight wind almost made the port impossible of entry. The fact-hunters were landed at Strawberry Point, and conveyed through sloughs in Indian canoes to Katala. They risked life among the numerous sandbars, on any one of which they might have been wrecked and left to perish.

Persons familiar with Alaska as the result of personal visits there say both Fisher and Pinchot ought to have sobered in thought and action by their experiences in the great territory. It has been pointed out that one of the principal difficulties with Alaskan affairs, so far as Washington is concerned, is that few of the leading men who have taken a turn at the subject have ever seen the country. The Ballinger-Pinchot episode awoke national interests in the country its people and its affairs, and it is regarded as extremely unfortunate that at this time especially, when serious effort should be under way toward well-defined policy for the development of the territory's resources there is likelihood of a break between the two men who are looked to work out a just and equitable arrangement that would benefit not only the people of Alaska but also those of the United States.

If the facts of the case are really all that the situation requires for proper settlement, it has been said there ought to be little difficulty. Both men have been on the ground and are believed to have brought back a great deal of reliable data. How far the reports agree or disagree is not known, except, perhaps, to a few members of the administration and a few close personal friends of the secretary and the conservative leader. With the facts once established, and a general policy founded upon them, questions of detail, it is feared by some, may cause differences of a troublesome nature. If the friends of the two men succeed in their pacific movement, it is agreed that the administration would owe them gratitude, for the president is said to be uneasy over the situation.

Former Congressman Under Arrest

New York, Nov. 4.—Harry Marcy Coudrey, democratic congressman from the twelfth district of Missouri, until the last term, was arrested in this city today by agents of the department of justice on an indictment returned against him and eight other officials of the Continental Life Assurance Company and the International Fire Assurance Company, by the St. Louis federal grand jury last Saturday, charging him with using the mails to defraud. He made no protest and said he was willing to go back to St. Louis at once. He left shortly after his arrest in charge of Agent Pignuolo, who made the arrest.

Coudrey until three weeks ago was the president of the Continental Life Assurance Company and the International Fire Assurance Company, of St. Louis. An investigation was then started by the government, which resulted in the indictment of Coudrey and eight other officials of the two companies and plunged both into the hands of receivers.

Coudrey has been missing since the indictment and agents of the department have been searching the country for him. He had been in New York almost since the investigation started and was stopping at the Pierpont hotel in West Thirty-third street.

CHILD KILLED BY ACCIDENT

New Bern, Nov. 4.—A telephone message received here from Dover, stated that Helch, the seven-year-old son of Mr. R. A. Richardson, who lives about three miles from that place, had been killed this afternoon in a very peculiar manner.

One of Mr. Richardson's laborers has brought a load of wood up to the residence and was throwing it over the fence. The lad passed by during the time that he was engaged in going this and struck on the head by a heavy stick of wood. Death resulted within half an hour.

Democratic Leaders Speculate On Probability of Deadlock In Next National Convention

(By RODERICK CLIFFORD.)

Washington, Nov. 4.—Democratic politicians have begun to speculate on the probability of a deadlock in the national convention next summer, and the selection of a "dark horse" as the standard bearer of the party for the coming presidential election.

This situation is brought about by the fact up to the present the campaign for the nomination has been waged practically by but two aspirants for the nomination. They are Governor Wilson, of New Jersey, and Governor Harmon, of Ohio.

Although a number of other men have been suggested as good presidential timber, they have so far appeared merely as "receptive" candidates, and have been content to let their boom build along on the current of political gossip. Not so with Wilson and Harmon.

They have established campaign bureaus and have sent their agents into the field. Not content with this they have taken to the trail themselves, especially the former head of Princeton University, who has spent a considerable portion of his time, since being placed at the head of affairs of the commonwealth of New Jersey, spreading his progressive views throughout the country.

The Wilson and Harmon bureaus now are engaged in conducting a vigorous campaign to mold public opinion and sway the leaders of the party to their support.

Especially active is the Wilson bureau which is located at 42 Broadway, New York city and daily is flooding the mails with documents pointing out the achievements and views of the New Jersey executive. Every morning's mail carries to newspapers and party workers extracts from other papers throughout the country praising Governor Wilson, and commenting on his prospects for the nomination.

Out in Columbus, Ohio, the Harmon bureau is equally active along similar lines. This bureau is going the Wilson headquarters one better and is sending out its matter in printed form. It also is supplying the country press with "boiler plate" matter so as to save the publishers the cost of composition, as an additional inducement for publication.

One of the principal efforts of the Wilson followers is directed toward the popularization of the suggestion that the delegates to the national convention be chosen by direct vote at the primaries. Governor Wilson's adoption of this plan in the hope, it is said, of strengthening their candidates with the rank and file of the party. While they may be accomplishing this, it is hinted on the other hand, they are bringing their chief into bad repute with the leaders of the party, who are said to look with disfavor on the primary feature, as its adoption would mean a lessening of these leaders' power. The New Jersey governor's adherents are anxious to place his political fortunes in the hands of the private of the party, for they realize that he is popular with the people, whereas they fear to have his chances for the nomination submitted to the conference of the "bosses" who are inclined to frown upon the governor's advanced progressive ideas.

This stand of the Wilsonites is regarded here as but a demonstration of the soundness of the declaration that Harmon is the favorite of the "conservatives" otherwise the "bosses" of the party, and Wilson of the radicals. It also is looked upon as a confession of this wing of the party that the conservatives will prevail. The Wilson men are to have this question settled at the primaries if possible, and before the leaders get together for their conference.

As the situation now stands, and this expresses the views of a majority of the leaders of the party, there seems to be little likelihood that the primary plan will be adopted at the meeting of the national democratic committee here on January 8 next, and the weight of opinion appears to be favorable to nominating in the old way.

Should the committee vote down the primary project it is believed that the Wilson and Harmon delegates to the convention will be lined up about evenly as to strength, which would mean a stubborn fight and perhaps a deadlock.

This would be the signal for the

trotting out of the "dark horses" and the dickering between the factions for an acceptable compromise candidate. In this connection the name of Senator Champ Clark is mentioned as first on the list. Then there are Folk, Foss and Dix who remain in the background among the sombre colored entries. Mayor Carter Harrison of Chicago, is said to be in a "receptive" mood and William J. Bryan, the "peerless" is reported to still have the idea that the nomination might perhaps come his way.

While Bryan in his utterances has been silent on this point, information was come from some of his friends with whom he has talked recently that leads to this conclusion. His hope is said to be based on the theory that there will be a deadlock in the convention. His friends do not attempt to explain how he hopes to overcome the opposition of the conservative democrats.

Meanwhile Champ Clark and his friends are maintaining their attitude of silence, and there is no sign of an active campaign from them. It is declared by politicians that this is sure sign that the speaker is playing a waiting game and grooming himself so as to be in prime condition to swing in the lead on the home stretch. It is significant that the dark men are not antagonizing either the Harmon or the Wilson booms, or saying anything in detraction of either of the candidates. Rather they are seeking to make friends in both camps, and for the present at least, are keeping entirely in the middle of the road. This attitude is regarded as significant here.

Developments of the last few days, however, in the Champ Clark's home district, may force the speaker to give up his waiting game and come out with an open declaration. Aspirants for congressional honors there are reported to be preparing a demand that the speaker announce his position, so that they can put up their fences for the campaign for his seat in the house.

LATEST FASHIONS

Importance of Accessories—New Footwear—Muff, Scarf and Bag Sets—Long Coats and Trimmings.

New York, Nov. 2.—Smart accessories go a long way toward accounting for the style noticeable wherever a crowd of Knickerbocker women get together. Given a fairly presentable suit and a stunning matched set of muff, scarf and bag or hat, and a much more expensive get up without such up-to-date finishes, and honors will rest with the first wearer. Nothing changes the appearance of a costume so completely as the small fittings of composition, as a woman who aims to present an attractive ensemble can not be too particular about the gloves, boots, neckwear, muff, etc., that complete or spoil the effect of any costume. Novelties.

Never were there more novelties to select from than this season, in fact their variety is somewhat bewildering, unless one keeps in mind one's limitations. In choosing a "Matched Set" for instance it should go well with the various coats, suits and dresses of the outfit, and be of that happy medium that can be worn for almost any occasion, if economy is studied. Otherwise there is no limit to possibilities in matched accessories for day or evening wear.

Fur Fashions.

It is not an overstatement to say that fur enters into the make up of almost every fashionable costume seen from tailor made to dancing frocks. The various pelts of all furry beasts are employed for women's comfort and adornment. The perfection of treatment of the skins, whereby they have lost all odor, stiffness and the weight that was formerly characteristic, is accountable for much of this popularity, though elegance of appearance and becomingness are their chief recommendations.

New Muffs.

Among the newest muffs are those that have a wide rosy pocket in front with or without an overhanging pointed flap that conceals the opening. With such muffs, the ubiquitous bag can be dispensed with, a consideration that appeals to many women. All muffs are very stiff, in the lining or any appreciable padding of the skin. One can find in the most fashionable stocks, sets made up of single furs, or

of combinations of two or more pelts in an endless variety of styles, prices, and colors, so that any taste or pocket-book may be suited and smart fur accessories secured for any occasion. C. C. Shayne shows especially charming creations in fur, that embody the last word in style and quality.

For the Young Girl.

For the young girl there are dainty sets of white fox, ermine, white or blue mouflon, Iceland Lamb, sable squirrel, racoon or skunk. The last two probably the best wearing pelts known among the long haired furs, and for evening, the cosiest sort of long white cone coats that cost little more than a pretty cloth garment. For more general wear nothing is more desirable than the Caraco coats that stand the hardest usage admirably and can be bought from \$65 up. With a light broadcled lining these black coats become dressy enough for almost any wear and as they are made to completely conceal the dress they give the effect of a fur costume, the last word of elegance from Paris.

Long Scarf Styles.

Long scarf styles of fine quality caracul with huge muffs to match constitute a very complete fur garment, since the scarfs extend nearly to the foot of the skirt, and are about 18 inches broad. A distinct novelty seen was a set of mole skin in smoke color, the scarf having three equal length ends that were adjusted formed a very complete and novel covering for the chest, and shoulders. Tassels to match finished the ends and the huge muff was similarly adorned. The flat furs, or those with short pelts like seal and ermine, are the ones used for scarf gyles.

The Latest Footwear.

The last word in fashionable footwear is the boot that buttons all the way down to the very sole with from sixteen to eighteen buttons. These have very short patent leather vamp, with tops of kid or cloth. The uppers are white, tan, black, russet, or they match the color of the gown. Velvet shoes have gone out, fortunately, for they were never suitable for anything but carriage wear.

A New Wrinkle.

One of the latest wrinkles is to have the fancy bag carried with a dressy get up, match the little waistcoat, or fancy reverse worn with the suit coat. The vivid touch of contrasting color now so much desired, can be easily supplied in this way and varied at will.

Girl Dies From Collision.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 4.—Miss Callie Couch, a sixteen-year-old school girl, of Durham, died yesterday from injuries received while playing an old-fashioned game of ball last Tuesday with a young man of this city, Thomas Shepherd.

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