

BIG SCRAMBLE FOR GOVERNMENT JOBS WILL BEGIN SOON

Washington, D. C., November 23.—Whatever legislation Congress takes in the next few days will be the most exciting news yet to come. It will be the reorganization of the two Houses, particularly the Senate which has "chauged heads" and will follow speculation regarding the changes to follow during the political job-holders a few weeks later when President-elect Roosevelt is sworn in.

Not in twelve years will there be such a wholesale redistribution of office and it is likely that nearly 50,000 new faces will be seen in the Federal Civil Service by the time the Democrats get through changing Republican job holders to Democrats. It is not unlikely that many Republican jobs will be saved in the territories where the Progressives threw their weight for Mr. Roosevelt. The Government report shows that two years ago the total of those holding civil service jobs in the Federal service totaled 616,837. Of this number there were 468,050 who are in the Classified Civil Service and as such not subject to removal by the incoming Administration.

Under the rules that governed some fifty years ago, no fewer than half a million Federal employees would be due for removal. In 1883 President Grover Cleveland first caused the Civil Service Act to be passed by Congress and he gave the executive teeth by naming as the first Commissioner a young man named Theodore Roosevelt. While thousands of positions were removed from the zone of party strife by these two men, yet it took the years since to close the gap so that today less than one-fourth of all Government employees are liable to dismissal as a result of an upset in political parties.

Practically everybody in this city under the grade of Bureau Chief is safe from being dropped but it is figured that about five thousand, or possibly double that number, may be fired after next March. Most of those destined to be replaced are the heads of the many departments whose headquarters are located in the nation's capital. Each chief will carry, in his downfall, his own personal forces. Then the two Houses have hundreds of employees who are not protected by the civil service. With the Democrats possessing a tremendous majority in both Houses it is certain that many employees will be fired, although in recent years there has been a growing custom to retain the more efficient workers, no matter what their party politics happens to be. An efficient Republican clerk can be of much greater benefit to a Democratic Representative than a man who is densely ignorant of the ropes, is a generally expressed thought here.

Partisan politics nowadays is vastly different to what it used to be in Andy Jackson's time, when the cry was always "turn the rascals out." In the past campaign neither party intimated that any of its opponents were rascals. This spirit results in a turbulence when the time comes to garner the spoils. One hundred years ago politicians openly declared that "to the victors belong the spoils" but modern efficiency has ruined that slogan and President Roosevelt, it is said, can be relied upon to see that no important cogs in the governmental machinery are lost through the mere desire to reward a party worker.

Naturally, all cabinet positions will be filled with new men. Perhaps the only sure prediction that can be made right now, observers here declare, is that James A. Farley, head of the Democratic National Committee will be rewarded for his splendid work on Mr. Roosevelt's behalf by being named Postmaster General. Three recent Postmasters General won their appointments by winning a Presidential campaign. Will H. Hayes, Hubert Work and Harry S. New. As the greatest number of vacancies will occur in the post office, it is obviously good party politics to name the campaign manager for that post. Most of the post offices in the country under the first and second classes are now protected by the Classified Civil Service Act so that postal appointments

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)
Davis... a nomination
The writer is not trying to pick President Roosevelt's Cabinet for him, and he wouldn't let us if we wanted to, but we should like to nominate for Secretary of State Norman H. Davis. Mr. Davis is a Democrat who made a fortune in banking and other enterprises in Cuba and has been devoting himself to public service since the beginning of the war. He served President Wilson as Undersecretary of the Treasury, Acting and Undersecretary of State and as an expert member of the Peace Conference.

For the past few years Mr. Davis has served Presidents Coolidge and Hoover in Europe in the difficult negotiations arising out of the war. He was a member of the Dawes Commission, but was recalled in by the League of Nations to straighten out the finances of several European countries, and is a member of the Finance Committee of the League. At present he is the principal representative of the United States in trying to negotiate a disarmament treaty and is in charge of arrangements on behalf of this country for the forthcoming International Economic Conference.

Norman Davis knows foreign affairs more intimately than any other American and would be an excellent successor to Secretary Stimson, in our opinion.

Ladies... new faces
One result of the election will be a decided change after March 4th in the feminine aspects of political Washington. Alice Roosevelt Longworth and Mrs. Dolly Gann will disappear from the picture. Alice's first cousin, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, has said that she does not intend to devote much of her time to Washington, but will continue her school teaching, her furniture factory, and her editorial magazine work. No doubt she will fill her obligations as first lady of the land in a highly satisfactory manner, however.

There are always interesting women in the political background at Washington, and I look to see Eleanor Patterson, editor of the Washington Herald, brilliant, wealthy in her own right and occupying a position of commanding influence through her newspaper connection, as perhaps the most influential figure in the social-political life of the new Administration. She and her partner warmly supported President Roosevelt and has not lost an opportunity in Alice Roosevelt Longworth.

Sun... life and death
The more I learn and reflect upon the part which the sun plays in our life on earth, the easier it is for me to understand the Parsees, the Oriental religious sect whose God is the sun.

The latest scientific discovery of the effect of the sun upon earthly affairs, announced by Professor Gihiland of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, accounts for the ability of radio waves to travel around the earth.

It has long been known that in upper space, not very far from the earth's surface, there is a layer of highly electrified air particles from which radio waves are reflected back to the earth. If it was not for this layer they would shoot off in straight lines into space, but being reflected from this invisible roof they come back to earth and zig-zag their way around the globe.

Observations made at the time of the eclipse on August 31st seem to prove that this "radio roof" is caused by powerful invisible ultra-violet rays from the sun which, at a certain distance from the earth, split the air atoms into ionized electrical particles. If this did not occur, scientists now say, these invisible rays would strike the earth and probably destroy all life.

The sun is not only the source of life, but a potential source of death.

TO GIVE LIVING ROOM SUIT

A living room suit will be given away at Massie's Furniture Store, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, at which time the opening sale of Sylva's new furniture store will come to a close.

will not be so many as in the good old days.
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FUNERAL IS HELD ON TUESDAY FOR R. A. PAINTER, 94

Funeral services for Roland A. Painter, 94, Jackson County's oldest resident, known to thousands of people as "Uncle Role," were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Sylva Baptist church, by Rev. J. G. Murray, Rev. W. C. Reed, and Rev. S. H. Hilliard, and interment followed in the Cullowhee cemetery. Mr. Painter passed on at his home on Main street in Sylva, Monday night, and thus closed a long and eventful career in the world.

He was a veteran of the Confederacy, having served honorably throughout the full four years of the War Between the States.

Mr. Painter was first married to Miss Amanda Hall. To this union were born seven children, five boys and two girls, all of whom preceded their father to the grave, except A. C. Painter, of Knoxville, Tenn., who is now 67 years old.

On April 14, 1892, he married Miss Sallie Watson. To this union were born seven children, four boys and three girls. Three of these, Frankie, Annie Mae, and Ruth, died in infancy.

Mr. Painter is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sallie Painter, of Sylva, and the following children: A. C. Painter, of Knoxville, Tenn., Roy, of Fredericksburg, Va., George, Willie, and Mrs. F. F. Bailey, all of Sylva. He is also survived by several grandchildren.

"Uncle Role," as he was known to thousands had been critically ill for many months and knew that he was getting ready to cross over the Great River to join his beloved leader on the other side. Courageous to the last as a spark of life lingered while the shadows were closing slowly about him, Mr. Painter often went back to the stirring days of the sixties when he wrote and received messages for the grand leader of the Confederacy.

He was appointed a justice of the peace by Governor Brogden 64 years ago and until two years ago served as a magistrate in Jackson county. He never sought the office but was always elected. Two years ago his condition became feeble and he declined to allow his friends to elect him for the 63rd consecutive time.

Mr. Painter was born in Buncombe county when it covered a large part of Western North Carolina. Later the area was taken into Haywood, and still later into Jackson, so that he lived in three counties without ever moving from the place where he was born.

Mr. Painter had thousands of friends and his mind was keen and alert to within a short time before

SYLVA'S OLDEST CITIZEN DIES



"UNCLE ROLE" PAINTER

TO HOLD MOUTH HYGIENE WEEK IN JACKSON COUNTY

Following an examination of the teeth of Jackson county school children, which has been in progress for several weeks, by Dr. H. L. Brooks, of the State Board of Health, a mouth-hygiene week will be held in the Jackson county schools during the week beginning December 1.

The county board of health, Dr. Kermit Chapman, dentist on the county board of health, Dr. Brooks, and the county school authorities will cooperate with the Log Cabin Association in instituting the mouth-hygiene week.

The tooth brushes and tooth paste will be distributed in the schools through the cooperation of the Log Cabin Association. 3,900 tooth brushes and the same number of tubes of tooth paste will be presented to the children of the Jackson county schools by the Association, the brushes coming as a gift from the Log Cabin Association, and the tooth paste, through the association from Co'gate-Palm Olive-Peete Company.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH

Funeral service for Harriet G. Ensey, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vearle Ensey, were held at Whittier Methodist church Saturday.

The child died from burns received when she fell into a tub of boiling water at Rabun Gap, Ga., Friday. Her mother was doing some washing in the yard, it is said, had stepped into the house for a moment, when the little girl, who had a habit of walking backward in her play, backed into the tub of sealding water.

his death. He took an interest in community affairs and never tired of telling stories about his beloved General Lee and the stirring days of the last stand of the Confederacy.

Carl Byrd Fisher To Be Rewarded For Discovering Colonel Raymond Robins

MR. KEYES HURT IN SMASH

Mr. Joseph Keyes of East Laporte received a serious fracture of his leg, and other injuries, when a car which he was driving turned over and burned up, near his plantation near Bayboro, Saturday afternoon. People passing by rescued Mr. Keyes from the burning car, and he was taken to a hospital in New Bern, where he is recovering as rapidly as could be expected, relatives state.

FALL QUARTER INITIATION IS HELD AT CULLOWHEE COLLEGE

Twenty-four students of Western Carolina Teachers College became members of the local chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, national honorary scholastic fraternity for teachers colleges at the recent fall quarter initiation service.

The new fraternity members are: Frances Leatherwood, Naomi Crisp, Avis Bryson; Mrs. Marcella Smith, Bertha Edwards, Lena Gadwell, Jessie Norris, Frank H. Brown, Inez Roberson, Irene Pharr, Laverne Whitmire, Mildred Crisp, Margaret Shirley, Ethel Hooper; Stuben Austin, Frankie Buchanan, Kate Stillwell, Lois Keener, Leona Harden, Marjorie Rains, Andrew Frazier, Mrs. W. M. Hunt, Dorothy Neal, David S. Stillwell.

Bids for membership in Alpha Phi Sigma are based upon scholarship. Bids are sent to students who were either valedictorian or salutatorian of their high school class and to other students whose scholarship comes up to a standard set by the fraternity.

WESTERN CAROLINA TO MEET WEAVER IN LAST GRID BATTLE

The Western Carolina Catamounts are all set for their big game of the year with Weaver College at the Asheville Memorial Stadium, Saturday. This is the last game for the Catamounts and is regarded as the biggest game of the year due to the fact that Coach Poindexter coached at Weaver last year and has some former Weaver players on his team. This year Morgan, Simpson, Justice Lyda and Freeman are all former Weaver players and are anxious to get a chance in the game Saturday. The Catamounts are out to avenge the defeat that Weaver administered to the "Yodelers" last year and a great game is expected. Weaver has a strong team and will be hard to defeat. Last week the Catamounts lost a

Carl Byrd Fisher, 13-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Fisher, of Whittier, will receive a substantial reward from the family of Col. Raymond Robins, for recognizing the Colonel and communicating with his friend, Mr. Levinson, in Chicago, which led to the recovery of the prohibition leader to his family, last Saturday.

Col. Robins left his home on September 3, enroute to Washington, to keep an appointment with President Hoover at the White House. He dropped from sight, and a worldwide search was made for him, as he was a wealthy man of much prominence.

Early in September a man wearing an overall jacket, appeared in these parts. He went to Whittier on the bus, and stopped at the McHan hotel, where he engaged board and room at \$4.00 a week. He took an active interest in the campaign then in progress, and made speeches favoring Hoover's re-election. He was a great trumper, and made frequent excursions into the woods. He made friends with the people in and about Whittier. On Sundays he would take the boys of a Sunday School class out for a hike. On Armistice Day he was the principal speaker at a celebration in Whittier.

Young Fisher recognized him from a picture in Grit, and communicated with Robins' friend in Chicago. Last Saturday prohibition agents and a nephew of Robins appeared in Whittier and he was identified. Sunday he was taken to Asheville, and is a patient in Appalachian Hall, an institution for mental and nervous diseases.

As Reynolds H. Rogers, Col. Robins had fared well among the people in this part of the State. He appeared a bit eccentric; but people in the mountains are used to eccentric characters coming here from other parts of the country. He subscribed for a paper from the little Florida town, where his wife lives, to be sent to him at Sylva, under the name of Rogers. He first stopped at Balsam; but when people from Florida came to Mrs. Bryson's house, where he was stopping, he immediately left. He did a bit of prospecting in the hills around Whittier, and told the boys of his experiences in Alaska, during the gold-rush, in the Klondike, where he became wealthy. He remembered that he was a personal friend of President Hoover, and that he had known Theodore Roosevelt. He may have been suffering with that strange and unusual malady known as amnesia, but it would be hard to convince the people hereabouts that he did not know what he was about.

The size of the reward that young Fisher, who has gotten into national prominence by identifying the Colonel, will receive has not yet been disclosed or decided; but it is said that it will be a substantial one. The boy has an ambition to be a surgeon; and it is said that he will use whatever reward he receives to complete his education.

At first Colonel Robins did not recognize his wife or members of his family, so he said; but on Monday, at the third visit Mrs. Robins made to him after he was brought to Asheville he did recognize her, although he had contended all along that he was not Col. Robins but Reynolds H. Rogers.

heart-breaker to Mars Hill College Lions. The Catamounts had the better of the argument all the way with the exception of an intercepted pass in the first quarter which meant the margin of victory. Outside of this mishap the Lions never even threatened and were outplayed in every department by a fighting band of Catamounts from Cullowhee. Western Carolina missed several opportunities to score and should have won the game by the margin of two or three touchdowns. A bitter cold wind and a muddy field greatly handicapped the Catamounts.

Friday, the Junior Catamounts went to Marshall and tied the strong Marshall High School team 7-7 in a good game. The Western Carolina Juniors missed several other opportunities to score and came very near winning.

On Wednesday, before Thanksgiving — By Albert T. Reid



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