

Land Just Promotion For Captain Caldwell

Friends of Capt. Caldwell Asked He Be Made Inspector General of Troops of This State.

VACANCY MADE BY RESIGNATION Major Stone Sends Resignation to General Metts.—Concord Man One of Best Officers in State Guard.

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Capt. Kenneth E. Caldwell, commanding officer of Company E, Concord's military unit, and one of the best known military men in the State, is a candidate for the rank of Inspector General of National Guard in North Carolina to succeed Major Stone, of Charlotte, who resigned the rank yesterday.

The announcement of Major Stone's resignation was carried in The Charlotte Observer today and immediately upon receipt of the news of the resignation here friends of Capt. Caldwell prevailed upon him to allow them to recommend him for the place.

Telegrams recommending Capt. Caldwell were sent to Adjutant General Metts and Governor Morrison by a number of individuals, civic organizations and business concerns of the city who know of Capt. Caldwell's fitness for the place.

One of the first to send telegrams to General Metts and Governor Morrison was The Daily Tribune. The Chamber of Commerce also wired the State officials, as did Mayor Venable in behalf of the city.

Members of Company E sent in their recommendation through officers of the company, and the Legion sent its recommendation through its officers.

The Inspector General of the troops of the State holds the rank of Major and is appointed by the Governor. His chief duty is a tour of inspection throughout the State each year when he visits each company and makes a complete inspection of the company members and their equipment.

Capt. Caldwell served with honor and distinction in the World War. He was decorated by the French and American governments and today bears the scars of wounds received in actual fighting. He served with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Before the World War, Capt. Caldwell served as a private with Company L, Concord's old company. He enlisted when the company was ordered to the Mexican border. Later he entered the officers training camp at Georgetown, where he received his commission.

When Concord was offered a National Guard company several years ago Capt. Caldwell organized it. He has been the moving spirit in the company since its organization and with the assistance of Lieutenants Hoover and Alston developed one of the best companies North Carolina has ever known.

The fact that the Concord Company has been called on special duty on various occasions during the past three years tells accurately the high esteem with which Capt. Caldwell and his company are held by General Metts. The company has always performed most creditably when called on special duty and has gained the reputation of being one of the best drilled and best disciplined outfits in the State.

In discussing the efforts made in behalf of Capt. Caldwell a prominent citizen of the county stated this morning that the State owes Concord something for the magnificent work her soldiers have done. "The Governor, through the advice of the Adjutant General, has called the Concord company for dangerous duty on several occasions. This duty has been performed magnificently by the company and after each special service Capt. Caldwell and his men have been highly and justly praised by their commanding officers.

"It means that the State owes the company something for this work it has done. The Governor can repay the organization by giving Capt. Caldwell this well deserved promotion."

The successor to Major Stone is expected to be named at once, as the regular tour of inspection of the State troops will begin on February 4th.

Ignored!



Mrs. Helen Gould, formerly Helen Gould, broke down and wept at the trial of Mrs. De Bouchel in New York City. She said she had been "ignored" and added that her brother, the late George Gould, had always said women couldn't "keep counsel."

THE IMPERIAL DIET OF JAPAN DISSOLVED

Dissolution Came After the Scenes of Greatest Disorder in Which Flasks Were Thrown and Fists Used.

Tokio, Jan. 31 (By the Associated Press).—The Imperial Diet was dissolved today following the scenes of the greatest disorder in which water flasks were thrown and fists used.

The turbulent scenes which occurred in the lower house made further business impossible. The outbreak came shortly after representatives had taken their seats upon the resumption of the Diet session.

Interpellating the government in connection with the train wreck, the foes of Premier Kiyomura and his newly installed cabinet demanded that the Premier reply personally. The Premier, however, refused to rise.

Great disorder followed, during which Minister of Communications Komatsu attempted to reply to the interpellations. In the confusion an agitator not a member of the Diet, rushed to the platform and thrust the minister aside. Hostilities continued until the speaker hastily declared a temporary adjournment which was followed by dissolution of the Diet.

Six rallies were held in Tokio by the opposition this afternoon. The police, strengthened by the adoption of a new force, were maintaining a close watch upon the proceedings.

REDUCTION OF INCOME TAXES IS PROPOSED

Resolution Calling For New Rates Presented in House by Rep. Garner. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—Reduction of the 1923 personal income taxes which are payable this year on the basis of the democratic tax revision scheme which would cut the normal rates to 2 per cent, over \$5,000, and 4 per cent, over \$5,000 was proposed in a joint resolution presented to the House today by Representative Garner, democrat, of Texas.

Chairman Green, of the House Ways and Means committee, and author of the proposal adopted by the Republican members of the committee yesterday to cut the 1923 taxes about 25 per cent, objected to the immediate consideration of the resolution when it was asked by Mr. Garner.

WILSON HAS SUFFERED DIGESTIVE DISORDERS

Yielding to Treatment and Condition Is Not Regarded as Serious. (By the Associated Press.)

Monthly Review of Business By the Federal Reserve Bank

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Jan. 31.—Business in the Fifth Federal Reserve District was not exceptionally good during the month of December last, but it was up to the average of the season and compared favorably, on the whole, with December of 1922 despite the fact that at that time there was a boom on throughout the country, according to the monthly review of business issued by the Federal Reserve Bank.

The review of the business and agricultural conditions in this, the Fifth Federal Reserve District, follows: "Condition reports of member banks in leading cities in the Fifth Federal Reserve District show some increase in loans and deposits outstanding in comparison with January, 1923, but indicate continued ability on the part of the banks to care for all legitimate needs of their customers."

Deposits show a substantial increase during the past month and are much larger than they were a year ago. The Reserve Bank's ratio of cash to deposit and liabilities combined is approximately the same as at this time last year.

Debits to individual accounts show a larger total for the four weeks ending January 9, 1924 than for the corresponding period ending January 10, 1923, and debits for the year, 1923, considerably exceed those of 1922. Business failures were fewer in the Fifth District in December than they were in December, 1922, and during the entire year the district made a better record than the national average.

Labor continues to be fully and profitably employed, and the reports of the various industries indicate that the supply and demand will remain fairly balanced for at least the next few months. Coal is plentiful and soft coal is much cheaper than it was during 1922-1923. Textile mills are suffering from a scarcity of orders but the mills in the Fifth District have not materially curtailed their operations.

During December the district mills showed 39.4 per cent of the cotton consumed in the United States. Cotton prices have recently shown some declining tendency, but are still around \$50 a bale above the same period a year ago, and the yield in the district last fall was 35 per cent greater than the 1922 crop.

Building operations, especially of residential nature, continue in unusually large volume for this season of the year, and contractors are postponing their plans.

Death of Judge Connor Because of Illness. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—Because public interest is so centered in the naval oil inquiry the Senate investigation into the Bok peace award was postponed again today by the propaganda committee until next Monday.

Chairman Moses announced that it was the unanimous decision of the committee that in the present situation the inquiry could not command the attention which it was entitled.

Miss Esther Everett Lape, in charge of the Bok policy committee, can determine in the meantime. Chairman Moses said, whether she will answer the questions put to her on Tuesday as to how the peace plans submitted were eliminated, and the choice on one made. The committee at an executive session lasting one-half an hour voted 4 to 1 that this line of inquiry was within the purview of the resolution of inquiry.

THE COTTON MARKET Opened at Advance of 3 to 22 Points on Covering—May Up to 33.76. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 31.—The cotton market opened at an advance of 3 to 22 points today on covering, a moderate trade demand, and some fresh commission house buying, inspired by relatively firm Liverpool market, and was set off by houses with Liverpool, New Orleans and other Southern connections, but the comparatively small offerings were readily absorbed, with May selling up to 33.76 and July to 32.45 during the early trading, or 35 to 38 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened steady, March 33.27; May 33.08; July 32.80; Oct. 27.80; Dec. 27.45.

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Rumors



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The successful efforts made during 1923 to raise cotton under boll weevil conditions has given new encouragement to the individual farmer, a psychological effect which reaches throughout the state and which promises well for the future. In the arduous task of combating the weevil, the influence of the newspapers was of incalculable value. They gave space freely to constructive ideas advanced by farmers and scientists, and many went to considerable trouble and expense in employing experts to write articles bearing upon the problems of agriculture.

DEMOCRATIC MOVE OPPOSED BY LODGE

Wanted to Attach Resolution Asking For Denby's Resignation to the Oil Lease Resolution. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—A move to attach the Robinson resolution calling for the immediate resignation of Secretary Denby to the Walsh oil lease annulment measure was made today immediately after the Senate convened. The amendment was sponsored by Senator Trammell, democrat, of Florida.

Immediate opposition was voiced by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, who declared he would resist very strongly such a declaration by Congress. There was only one way by which the legislative branch could remove the cabinet officer, he said, and that was by impeachment.

Secretary Denby Initiated Transfer. Washington, Jan. 31.—Secretary Denby initiated a transfer of the California and Wyoming naval oil reserves to the Interior Department, Rear Admiral Lattimer, judge advocate of the general of the Navy, today told the House naval committee. The witness said Mr. Denby had told him he had initiated the transfer after investigating the question and consulting with various experts.

Passes Appropriation Bill. Washington, Jan. 31.—The House today passed its first appropriation bill, that for the Interior Department, after a futile attempt had been made at the last minute to direct discontinuance on July 1st, next, of twenty-one land offices.

Dry Speakers to Stump the State. Raleigh, Jan. 30.—Beginning the first of February the Anti-Saloon League will again put its debating team on the field. They are now planning for a six months' itinerary. The team is composed of Rev. M. E. Cotton, who has been field secretary for over four years, and R. L. Davis, Jr. The organization has just invested in a Ford car so that they can reach any town, hamlet or large country church.

The object of the debate is to create sentiment for respect for law. Those who have heard it are enthusiastic in their expressions of praise for it and strong in their belief that the debaters are doing a really constructive work.

Weather Stages a Variety Show. Kinston, Jan. 30.—Snow, hail, rain, thunder and wind all came out of the same storm south of here early today. The temperature changed many degrees in a short time. Near Trenton a lively snow fall occurred for a few minutes. Shortly afterward Elm Grove reported enough hail to cover the ground. A vivid electrical display was next on the bill. Rain followed.

Former Brokers Sent to Prison. (By the Associated Press.) Cincinnati, Jan. 31.—George H. Beasly and William H. Chatfield, Jr., former Cincinnati brokers, convicted last week of embezzlement, were sentenced today to nine years imprisonment each. Judge Darby imposed the sentences after over-riding motions for new trials. Attorneys for the men announced that they would appeal.

DEMOCRATS CALLED FOR CONSULTATION BY THE PRESIDENT

Senators Walsh, of Montana, and Robinson, of Arkansas, Called to the White House Today.

REPUBLICANS IN CONFERENCE ALSO Senators Curtis and Lodge Talk With President.—Oil Lease Question is Discussed by All.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 31.—Both democratic and republican leaders of the Senate were consulted by President Coolidge today just before debate on the Walsh oil lease annulment resolution was resumed.

After the ranking senators in the republican organization had paid an early call to the White House, the President summoned Senator Walsh, democrat, of Montana who has had a prominent part in the oil inquiry, and Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the democratic floor leader, and author of the resolution calling for the resignation of Secretary Denby.

Senator Walsh recently stated in the course of the Senate debate that he had assumed from the fact the President had not called any democratic senators into consultation that Mr. Coolidge considered the whole subject a partisan matter.

Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the republican whip, reached the executive office before they had opened for the day, and when he found the President still in the White House proper, hurried there to talk with him.

The republican floor leader, Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, arrived at the White House soon afterward. White House officials said the President desired to discuss with the two Democratic leaders the whole question of the investigation as made by the Senate committee and as contemplated by the executive branch of the government.

The conference was the first the President has had with Democratic Senators since the oil lease inquiry assumed its present proportions.

Silas H. Strawn, one of the special counsel selected by the President to conduct the government investigation, arrived at the White House almost simultaneously with the two Senators, but did not go into conference with the President with them.

Arrangement were made in the meantime for a conference between Mr. Strawn and J. Crawford Biggs, of Raleigh, N. C., an attorney, said to have been intimately acquainted with the oil land policies carried out by Secretary Daniels under the Wilson administration.

Before the House naval committee which is inquiring into the disposition of royalty wells under DeLong and Sinclair interests, a debate developed over the Daniels policy, with the Republicans declaring that door for Fall contracts were opened by the former Democratic Secretary.

The Senate oil committee held no session, but three physicians selected by it went to the apartment where former Secretary Fall is confined, to determine whether he is too ill to testify when the committee hearings are resumed tomorrow.

In the midst of these developments, rumors of cabinet changes involving retirement of Secretary Denby and Attorney General Daugherty continued to fly thick and fast, but Secretary Sleep denied flatly a story that the two cabinet members had placed their resignation before the President.

It was indicated that all features of the problem were talked over with the President by Senators Robinson and Walsh, but much of the conference was taken up with the question of special counsel. Mr. Coolidge has selected Thomas W. Gregory, of Texas, a former Democratic attorney general, to act with Mr. Strawn, and he is on his way to Washington. There were evidences yesterday, however, that something might have gone amiss with the plan, and it was even more apparent today that the makeup of the government's counsel was the subject still occupying a large share of attention in administration circles.

All the Senators who visited the White House today declined to say what trend the discussion had taken or whether the qualifications of either of the two attorneys selected had been questioned. Judge Biggs, who is a Democrat, would not comment on the question of whether he might become associated with the government's special counsel.

Students Hurt in Fire. (By the Associated Press.) Springfield, Ohio Jan. 31.—Nine students were injured, two probably fatally in escaping from a dormitory during a fire at Wilberforce University near Xenia this morning. The fire is said to have been of incendiary origin.

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