

OVER A SCORE OF SENATORS TO BE ELECTED THIS YEAR

They Will Have to Go Before the People, Which Makes Difference

SOME HARD BATTLES

Re-election of Root and Penrose Very Doubtful and There May Be Some Surprises—Democratic Control Not in Danger.

Washington, March 26.—Between now and the end of the year 32 United States senators are to be elected by direct vote of the people. The election by direct vote is expected to bring about changes in the upper house, for among the members whose terms are to expire next March are several who probably could be re-elected if the election was still in the hands of the legislature but who will find it pretty difficult to win in a popular primary.

One of the most notable of the senators who will retire a year hence is Edwin Root of New York. Mr. Root is one of the most commanding figures on the Republican side, and should his party return to power he would be the recognized leader of the upper house. But between the Democratic and Progressive opposition his re-election is very doubtful.

Penrose of Pennsylvania is another prominent senator who will retire next March unless he is re-elected. If he wins the Republican nomination in the primary next month he will have to defeat A. Mitchell Palmer, Democrat, and Gifford Pinchot, Progressive, at the polls in November.

Albert B. Cummins, one of the "big" men in the senate, will face the mixed Republican and Progressive sentiment in Iowa. Theodore E. Burton of Ohio, is another notable Republican who will have a hard race for a return.

Joseph L. Bristow, of Kansas, also has a hard fight on his hands. Six aspirants are now in the field for his seat, among them such well known political figures as former Senator Charles Curtis, Republican, and Victor Murdock, Progressive.

The venerable Senator Gallinger, of New Hampshire, a leader among the Stand Patters, is not likely to return. The election of a Democrat to succeed him is among the possibilities.

Senator Bradley of Kentucky, is another Republican who will probably be succeeded by a Democrat, either Governor McCreary or former Governor Beckham.

Senator Stephenson, of Wisconsin, dies in his eighty-fifth year, is not expected to be a candidate for re-election, though he has made no announcement to that effect. Several candidates to succeed him are already in the field, among them Governor McGovern and Lieutenant Governor Morris.

James H. Brady, of Idaho, will have to overcome formidable opposition if he returns. Four Republican candidates as well as Democrats and Progressives, are now striving for his seat.

The case of Senator Clarke of Arkansas, was practically settled in the State primaries this week and two weeks hence the Alabama primaries will decide whether Underwood of Boston will be sent to the senate. At the same time Alabama will choose a four-term senator.

Of the Democrats whose terms will expire one of the most notable is Hugh Smith, of Georgia, who expects to return. Gore, of Oklahoma, also expects re-election, though he has a hard fight on his hands. Another Democrat who will seek re-election is Senator Newlands, of Nevada. He is popular in his State, but whether he can win out in a general primary remains to be seen. Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon appears to have a good chance to return, although a number of opposition candidates are already in the field.

According to reports received the party to re-elect will not be altogether a smooth one for Senators Sherman, of Illinois; Shively, of Indiana; Stone, of Missouri; Jones, of Washington; Dillingham, of Vermont,

TOLLS BILL FIGHT OPENS IN CONGRESS

Promises to be Most Spectacular Contest in Years.

VOTE IN HOUSE LIKELY SATURDAY

Debate There Could Not Be Limited to Fifteen Hours—Nearly Hundred Speeches Prepared—Senator Owen Spoke in Senate Today.

Washington, March 26.—Democratic House leaders today abandoned the idea of only fifteen hours' debate on the Panama Tolls Exemption Repeal bill, when the matter came up in the House. They agreed to twenty hours. This would bring the vote probably Saturday. Such provision, in a special rule, brought in soon after the House assembled, divided the time so as to give ten hours to those supporting the repeal, five hours for the Democrats opposed, four hours for Republicans and one hour for Progressives.

These arrangements clear the way for launching of the actual fight in today's session. Nearly one hundred speeches have been prepared on both sides of the question and the fight promises to be the most spectacular since the Democratic Administration came into power.

While the opening skirmish was on in the House the first guns were being heard in the Senate, where Senator Owen delivered a speech supporting President Wilson's contention for the repeal.

MINERS TO APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT

Stuebenville, Ohio, March 26.—The United Mine Workers' officers came here today to advise the striking miners driven from their camp at Colliers, Va., last night, across the Ohio, to this place. Petitions were prepared to President Wilson and Governor Hatfield, asking the Federal and State authorities to intervene to allow them to occupy a camp in West Virginia. Sheriff Patterson had a large force of deputies on duty at the mines.

PENNSYLVANIA ROAD IN FOR RETRENCHMENT

Philadelphia, March 26.—Confirmation was had at the Pennsylvania railroad headquarters today that the company within the last three months has laid off about fifteen thousand employees on lines east of Pittsburgh. It is said about forty thousand of the remaining hundred and twenty-five thousand have been placed on shorter time. Orders for retrenchment and economy cover improvements and extensions.

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or Gronna, of North Dakota.

The other members of the United States senate whose terms will expire next March and the majority of whom appear reasonably sure of re-election are F. B. Brandegee, of Connecticut; J. R. Thornton, of Louisiana; C. S. Thomas, of Colorado; Reed Smoot, of Utah; D. W. Fletcher, M. A. Smith, of Arizona; Lee S. Overman, of North Carolina; J. W. Smith, of Maryland; G. C. Perkins, of California; and E. D. Smith, of South Carolina.

The present membership of the senate stands 51 Democrats, 43 Republicans, and 1 Progressive. The body is certain to remain Democratic until March 4th, 1917. The elections of senators to take place this year will not detract from the Democratic majority, and, in fact, may add one or more to the voting strength.

STILL AT EACH OTHER'S THROAT

Rebels and Federals Continue to Fight Near Torreon Today

Huerta Claims a Big Victory

Rebel Headquarters are Anxious as Nothing Definite Has Been Heard From Villa.

Juarez, Mexico, March 26.—An atmosphere of anxiety enveloped the Constitutional sympathizers today over the possible fate of General Villa and his twelve thousand Rebel soldiers, who at last reports were engaged in desperate fighting at Gomez Palacio, a suburb of Torreon. For two days no definite word has come from the front. News from Mexico City that Villa is in full retreat is not believed generally here, but the report has caused Rebel officers to make inquiries for news from the battlefield.

Unofficial report was received at noon that an intermittent artillery duel continued throughout the night at Gomez Palacio. There are no details.

Federal News of Victory.

Washington, March 26.—The Mexican Embassy today received this message from Mexico City, dated last night: "The Rebels once more routed and repulsed at Gomez Palacio, with heavy losses, while trying to approach Torreon."

Son Was to Be Executed.

El Paso, Texas, March 26.—General Luis Terrazas was anxious today over the fate of his son Luis, who, it was reported, was condemned to die at Chihuahua yesterday, unless he paid five hundred thousand pesos to the Rebels. No direct word of the fate of young Terrazas was received today.

MYSTERY AS TO REPORT OF DISASTER TO SHIP

Honolulu, March 26.—Mystery today surrounded the report that the Inter-Island steamer, Maui, had blown up off Pearl Harbor, last night with a loss of between thirty and forty lives. A search of several hours failed to reveal any wreckage of the vessel and it is believed the report untrue. The report said the soldiers at Fort Kamehameha observed the steamer, apparently on fire, and in a few minutes later the vessel blew up and immediately sank.

Representatives of owners of the steamer discredit the statement of the soldiers that they saw the ship blow up and sink. The Maui left here yesterday, carrying a large quantity of explosives. When the report of her destruction was received every available tug and launch, including the Naval tug Intrepid, put to sea. The vessel had aboard forty men, including the crew and a number of Hawaiian laborers.

BELIEVES IT CAN SETTLE THE STRIKE

Depew, N. Y., March 26.—The State board of mediation was confident today of arranging a basis for settlement of the strike at the Grand Coulee Works, where a regiment of militia is on guard. Several shots were fired in the neighborhood of the plant early today. No one was injured and the militiamen did not return the fire. Five hundred strikers today marched in the funeral procession of Stanislaus Skolonski, who was fatally shot during an attack on a work train Monday.

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New York, March 26.—Friends of Mrs. E. N. Breitung, wife of the Chicago banker, who is very prominent in New York society, are taking a deep interest in the matrimonial drama enacted by her daughter, Miss Juliet Breitung, and Max Frederick Kleist, a young gardener. It was at first denied by the family that Miss Breitung had participated in such a ceremony, although her name and that of Kleist was registered on the marriage record of Grace Church. Mr. Breitung, through his attorneys, has issued a statement, in which the marriage has been admitted and an intimation given that his daughter repented the sudden marriage and planned to secure an annulment.

PLENTY OF MONEY

Has Jacksonville For One of the Greatest Confederate Reunions in History—Big Preparations Being Made in the Florida Metropolis.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 26.—The finance committee of the Confederate reunion organization announced today that ample funds to carry out the reunion plans and festivities on elaborate scale have been obtained. Twenty three thousand dollars have been paid in, with seven thousand more pledged and fully fifteen thousand in sight.

Today Chairman Chase, of the soliciting committee, said it looked as if more than forty thousand would be raised, if that amount was needed. Today was "Button Day" and women sold buttons on the streets at a dollar with great success. Adjutant General Forrest declares the reunion will be one of the grandest in the history of the South.

UNION'S SECOND DAY

Another Fine Session of the Woman Missionary Union, in Convention at Hendersonville—Number of Splendid Addresses.

Special to The Dispatch.

Hendersonville, N. C., March 26.—The Woman's Missionary Union opened the second day's session today, with a large attendance. Interests are growing in all lines of the work. The devotional work was led by Mrs. J. D. Marts, of Hickory, N. C. The church was filled to overflowing at all the services. All sections of the State are now represented.

One of the features of the today's session will be the presence of the Fruitland School Girls. They have charge of the singing.

The talk by Miss Sullinger, the lady principal, made a deep impression on the audience, and a keener interest is felt in the Mountain School.

All the work of the day had a large outlook and was planned on a large scale. The hour on the Mountain School was the most glorious of the day's work. Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, of Johnston, S. C., gave a brilliant address on Sunbeam Work. The home mission address by Rev. Arch C. Cree, of Atlanta, Ga., closes today's session.

The next meeting will be in New Bern, N. C., much to the delight of Eastern North Carolinians.

Winchester, Ky., March 25.—Winchester is entertaining for several days the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Kentucky Conference of the M. E. Church, South. Many prominent women, including several members of the National Council, were in attendance at the opening of the proceedings today.

DISRUPTION OF THE ARMY NOW FACES

A NEW TEXTILE BUILDING

For the A. & M. Will be Reared at Once, Trustees Decide

Contract Was Awarded Today

Undaunted by Fire the Executive Committee Acts—Summer School For Teachers Planned.

Special to The Dispatch.

Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—The executive committee of the board of trustees this afternoon awarded the contract to S. S. Tolar, of Rocky Mount to rebuild the textile building on a percentage basis, the work to begin Monday. The building may be larger.

Manufacturers will be asked to contribute the machinery. The executive committee decided to have the summer school in June and July, for instruction of teachers, who teach agriculture and kindred subjects in public schools, and at the end of four years certificates will be awarded by the State.

DATE OF DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CHANGED

Dispatch News Bureau. Raleigh, N. C., March 26.

The State Democratic Executive Committee voted to change the date for the State convention from June 17 to June 4, in order to avoid conflict with the North Carolina Medical Society that will be in Raleigh June 16-18. The committee was presided over by Chairman Charles D. Warren, with Secretary W. E. Brock. There were 48 members present in person and by proxy.

The committee adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, the recent session of legislature created four new judicial districts in the State, and it has disregarded the judicial committees, in at least four districts, there being no resident chairman;

"Therefore, Be it resolved, by the Democratic State Executive Committee that any chairman now living in one of the new judicial districts shall act as chairman for such district.

And, be it further resolved, that the chairman of this committee designate some member in those districts which now have no chairman to call the committee together for the purpose of calling the judicial convention in said district.

"Resolved further, that if two former chairmen now live in the same district, that they jointly call a meeting of the committee for the purpose of calling a convention of the judicial committee."

"Be it resolved, by the Democratic State Committee that the plan of organization be amended as follows:

"It shall be the duty of the chairmen of the various congressional, judicial and senatorial committees of the State, immediately after they are elected, to furnish to the chairman of the State committee a list of the names and the postoffice addresses of the members of their committees, indicating the chairman and the secretary."

SCHOOL TEACHERS FORM LABOR UNION

East Liverpool, Ohio, March 26.—Forty public school teachers here announced today that steps were being taken to organize into a labor union, with the intention of seeking affiliation with the American Federation of Labor.

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Officers Will Resign When Government's Guarantee is Withdrawn

FIELD MARSHAL FRENCH HAS QUIT

Serious Condition Apparently Ahead For Great Britain—Premier Asquith Has Regained Control, Winning Back Both Irish and Liberals.

London, March 26.—Although it was generally conceded today that Premier Asquith had regained the upper hand in Parliament, the Government is by no means altogether out of trouble. It has still to deal with the army officers in Ireland, under new conditions established by the premier's speech in the House of Commons yesterday. Brigadier General Gough declares this will mean wholesale resignations and disruption of the army. The premier's speech won back the support not only of Liberals, but of the Irish and Labor members of Parliament, by the stand it took in repudiating the guarantee given to the mutinous army officers, that they might decide whether or not they would serve against the Ulster Unionists. It is now asserted that as soon as the Government formally withdraws the guarantees given by War Secretary Seely the officers will resign their commissions.

General Gough declares if the guarantees are withdrawn the Government will be faced particularly with disruption of the army. Field Marshal Sir John French, chief of imperial general staff of the British Army, resigned his commission today. He was one of the signers of the memorandum to Brigadier General Gough, giving guarantees to the army officers that they would not be ordered to fight Ulster Unionists, and regarded the repudiation of the document by the Government as a slight on himself. For this reason he resigned.

HAS MONOPOLIZED THE SUGAR MARKET

Washington, March 26.—Charges that the American Sugar Refining Company for twenty-three years has monopolized the New Orleans sugar market by a "ruthless extermination of competition," and has depressed the price of raw sugar there fully two million dollars, to the distress of the planters, were presented at the White House today by Senator Thurston. He urged that no judgment against the company under the anti-trust suits now pending should be entered, nor any settlement permitted which would leave the company in control of the New Orleans market.

QUEEN OF BULGARIA COMING UNITED STATES

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 26.—Queen Eleanore, of Bulgaria, leaves the third week in May for the United States, sailing from Hamburg, May 21, for New York. The Queen will be the first reigning queen to visit that country. She intends to study American institutions and people. It is unofficially stated that King Ferdinand will visit the United States in 1915.

YOUTH WHO FOUGHT POLICE IS DEAD

Terre Haute, Ind., March 26.—Ernest McWilliams, the youth who Tuesday fought a three-quarters of an hour gun battle with the police, died today from his wounds.

TAR HEEL PINE BODY IS NOW IN ANNUAL SESSION

Large Attendance Marks the Yearly Meeting Being Held in Norfolk

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS

Of President Roper Comments on the Anti-Trust Laws of Country—Distinguished Canadian Lumberman Present.

Norfolk, Va., March 26.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the North Carolina Pine Association met this morning with a large attendance. President Corwin, of Edenton, N. C., touching in his annual address upon the Federal and State anti-trust laws, declared they were not intended to "repress enterprise or to close the avenue of useful information," but "to suppress monopoly and unlawful combinations in restraint of trade." He characterized the withholding of membership in the association because of fear of the anti-trust laws, as absurd, because, he said, "there have been such a large number of small mill people who declined to unite with the association that it has never been possible to control the volume of production, or to maintain a schedule of values."

Notable among those in attendance is Gordon C. Edward, of Ottawa, president of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association.

Secretary Roper called attention to "ever recurring subject of workmen's compensation or employers' liability" and declared a bill on this subject before the Virginia legislature had many good points and could be used as a basis for satisfactory legislation.

To Debate Woman Suffrage.

Princeton, N. J., March 26.—Woman suffrage will be the topic on which the debating team of Princeton, Yale and Harvard will dispute in their annual triangular arguments tomorrow night. Each university will be represented by two teams, one at home and the other abroad. Princeton will uphold the affirmative against Harvard at Cambridge and the negative against Yale at Princeton. Harvard will have the affirmative against Yale at New Haven.



Anthony Fiala, famous as an explorer, who is a member of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's South American expedition and who sent the dispatch telling that the party had lost everything in the rapids of an uncharted tributary of the Amazon. Fiala did not say whether any of the party had been drowned.