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Leadership Of Coolidge Is Rejected By The Congress

Progressives of Both Parties Refuse to Follow President Who Champions Cause of Business Interests of Country as Against Those of Masses of Voters

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Washington, May 6.—Group government has replaced party government.

All doubts as to the power of the insurgent Republicans to do about as they please in the present session of Congress have been removed; and President Coolidge, possessed of the veto power, stands as the single-handed champion of conservative, regular Republican doctrines.

The taxation plan of the secretary of the treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, now has been beaten in both the House and Senate by a coalition of Democrats and insurgent Republicans. The first important test of the new rules of the House which delayed the organization of the present session of Congress has turned out exactly as expected.

No longer can the regular Republicans pigeonhole a measure in committee. A majority vote can bring it out according to the new rules and that now has happened. It marks an epoch in the history of the House of Representatives. It means more power to groups than parties.

The voting of the Simmons tax rates into the Senate bill as proposed by the Democrats and the virtual acceptance in the House of the Democratic rates proposed by Representative Garner in what is known as the Longworth compromise does not mean that the Democrats are controlling Congress. It has a deeper meaning than that. It reveals that there is a new alignment in the national legislature—a radical, liberal or progressive group composed of insurgent Republicans and most of the Democrats, and a conservative and regular group composed almost wholly of Republicans and one or two Democrats.

On the surface it might seem as if the Democrats are merely following the Republican strategy of yesterday in aiding and abetting all political mischief which works to the disadvantage of the party in power but what has been happening in the last few weeks cannot be attributed entirely to that cause. The Democrats would not have opposed the Mellon rates nor would the insurgent Republicans have deliberately abandoned them if they had not believed that the Mellon cut helped the wealthy too much and that the substitute bills gave the man of smaller incomes more of a reduction in his taxes. Similarly in the House, the support given the Howell-Barkley bill to safeguard the rights of union labor in the railway crafts is significant of a belief that the working classes are more numerous than the employers.

Congress as a rule legislates to get a direct response from the largest number of people and while the railway employers and the persons of large income could probably prove that their proposals are in the end of economic benefit to more persons than themselves, the House and the Senate being politically minded does not accept such a view. The administration or leadership which champions the cause of the so-called conservative business interests of the country is doomed in the present temper of Congress to defeat. The tax bill which has been drafted by the coalition of insurgent Republicans and Democrats is by no means satisfactory to the conservatives in either the Democratic or Republican parties, but it is a reduction never the less as compared with the present revenue act. And the mood of Congress to cut taxes a little bit at the time. Undoubtedly there will be efforts to cut taxes further every year from now on. It will always be a permanent issue. But the radicals feel that the cuts should not be too extensive and that the man of smaller income should be given preference right along. The case for the lower surtax advocates has been weakened by several things. First, the argument has been made that business conditions would be improved by lower rates and second that tax exempt securities would not be so popular if taxable securities were made more attractive through lower rates. Congress has not yet been convinced that even under the present surtaxes that business has been ruined. On the contrary, the Republicans plan to go into the campaign with a cry of prosperity. Also none of the proposals thus far advanced would seriously compete with the tax exempt securities in the opinion of members of Congress who have been instrumental in defeating the Mellon rates.

As for the action of the House in forcing to the front the very bill which the railway interests has been fighting, it must be taken as an indication that big business, so to speak, has hurt its own cause by

Speaks Here Sunday



Dr. Sam Small, noted orator at Blackwell Memorial Church for Sunday morning service and at First Methodist Church for evening service.

HIGH STANDARDS IN BUSINESS ARE URGED

Charlotte, May 7.—A high ethical standard is necessary in business to assure the success of the dealer and service to the customer, was the opinion expressed by Alfred H. Williams, president of the Southern Wholesale Dry Goods Association, in his annual address before that organization in convention here today. Unfortunate for the wholesale business, he said, there is an element in every community that does not care about the other fellow. This element, he asserted, knew nothing about the finer things of life and that it was up to the ethical business men to outweigh such an element. The president reviewed the work of the association during the past year and commented upon the active co-operation that had been felt within the organization. He said that there had necessarily been some disagreements within the body but that they had all resulted in the betterment of the association. Differences of opinion bring up new ideas, he pointed out, and are promoters of the commercial welfare. The spirit of service taught by the civic organizations was said to be growing throughout the world and the belief was expressed that the idea of co-operation instead of "cut throat" competition would in time be the guide of most dealers.

HOLLY FAILS TO APPEAR
Capias was issued Wednesday morning for Lucius Holly, colored, when he failed to appear to answer to a charge of violation of the Turlington Act. The case had been twice continued and at half past eight Wednesday morning Holly was notifying his witnesses to appear in court. When court convened, however, Holly himself was missing.

fighting the inevitable. The demand for the Howell-Barkley bill now has been intensified. Coming on the eve of the Congressional as well as the Presidential campaign, union labor is gathering its strength one more to strike at those in the Republican and Democratic parties who side with the employers. It's the old story of blocs. This time the labor bloc in the House is in the ascendancy.

President Coolidge might have saved the tax situation by personal intervention and an appeal to the country for the Mellon rates just as the bill was being advanced from one stage to another, but he was advised that he could not hope to change the situation. There is some doubt about this; for members of the Republican party are not so ready to commit themselves against the President when they know definitely that he will veto a specific measure. As it is, when they are without knowledge of his intentions, they go ahead, recording their votes, and when the time comes for a vote over the veto, it is embarrassing for them to change their votes.

The Mellon tax rates were heartily approved by Mr. Coolidge at the outset. Now he will receive a bill from Congress, which, in the ordinary course of events would deserve a veto if consistency were to be regarded as a virtue. But the question of expediency arises—Is the new bill better than the present law? If Mr. Coolidge vetoes the proposed bill, he delays tax revision. His strategy will be to sign it and ask for further revision if elected to the Presidency next autumn.

"END OF A PERFECT DAY"



Just a few days ago Mrs. Charles Sullivan, 69, and her sister, Mrs. Peter Fenster, 72, were inmates of the Cambridge (Mass.) City Home. Today they are making ready to claim a \$21,000,000 estate in England to which they have fallen heir.

SMOOT OBJECTS TO TEXTILE INQUIRY

Washington, May 7.—The proposed inquiry into the depression in the textile industry received another setback in the Senate when Smoot, Republican, of Utah, objected to consideration of the resolution authorizing it.

CASHIER ARRESTED

New York May 7.—Charles Vanderooff, cashier of the First National Bank of Bellmore, which was held up and robbed April 14 by six bandits who shot and killed Ernest Whitman, bond salesman, was today arrested charged with misappropriation of \$4,900 of the bank's funds.

UNION RATIFIED BY GENERAL CONFERENCE

Springfield, Mass., May 7.—Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was ratified by the Methodist Episcopal general conference here today. The vote on the adoption was 802 to 13. The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in session in Nashville, Tennessee, awaiting the conference's action, it was announced, and the vote will be communicated to the council at once.

POTATO PRICES QUOTED

The potato market report received by the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce Wednesday for the preceding day quoted potatoes grade 1 as selling at \$7.25 to \$8.25 a barrel and grade 2 at \$4 to \$4.50. Total shipments this year of old potatoes have amounted to 226,331 cars, says the report as compared with 239,212 cars up to the same period last year, shipments of new potatoes 2,102 cars as compared with 1,889 cars at the same date last year. Quotations on potatoes are received daily by the Chamber of Commerce.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 7.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 15 points. Middling 30.40. Futures closed at the following levels: May 30.05; July 28.13; October 24.40; December 23.81; January 23.52.

COTTON FARMERS TOO OPTIMISTIC

Washington, May 7.—Many cotton farmers are placing too much confidence in last January's cold weather and are expecting lighter invasion of the boll weevil than they will actually experience this year, in the opinion of experts of the Department of Agriculture.

The latest information available, the Government statement issued today says, shows that while emergence from hibernation will be generally light there will still be sufficient weevils to do very serious damage in almost all sections.

STATED FACTS TO FORD'S SECRETARY

Washington, May 7.—James Martin Miller, who in a telegram recently quoted Coolidge as saying he was "trying to deliver" Muscle Shoals to Henry Ford today told the Senate agriculture committee that he had "correctly and truthfully stated the facts" in the message which he sent to Ford's secretary within 25 minutes after an interview with President Coolidge. Miller said he did not deny that the interview had taken place.

KILLED AT CROSSING

Amsterdam, New York, May 7.—Eight persons were killed here last night when the Twentieth Century Limited struck an auto at a crossing.

McLean and Zeverly Before Grand Jury

Washington, May 7.—Edward B. McLean, publisher of the Washington Post, and J. W. Zeverly, of the counsel for Harry H. Sinclair, were called today as witnesses before the special oil grand jury in the District of Columbia Supreme Court today.

COLLECTING DATA ON IMPROVEMENT CHANNEL

Henry L. Myers of the United States Engineering Department of Norfolk, is here collecting data on the possible improvement of Elizabeth City harbor and river channel.

Radio Fan Sends Rescue When Ship Calls S. O. S.

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San Francisco, May 7.—The thrill of picking up an S.O.S. from a ship in distress was experienced twice the past week-end by Pacific coast radio fans, and in one of the two cases an amateur with a home-made set gets credit for bringing about a rescue.

S. W. Miller, an amateur radio fan of Berkeley was tinkering with his home-made set Sunday night when he heard faintly the famous dot, dot, dot, dash, dash, dot, dot, dot, of the international distress signal.

Communicating by telephone with the coast guard station, Miller found he was the only one to comprehend the call, which had been flashed by a United States destroyer to summon aid for three fishermen in distress in a small boat between Golden Gate and Farallone Islands. The coast guard man rushed to the rescue and brought the fishermen to safety.

The other instance of radio fans "picking up" a distress call, said to be the first instance of the kind on the Pacific coast, came Saturday

night when thousands of fans were listening in on a radio concert.

Suddenly the dots and dashes began to click into the performance. Few of the listeners realized what they meant, however, until the announcers at the broadcasting stations announced "ship in distress somewhere in the Pacific sending S.O.S. calls" and then suspended operations until the message of distress had been cleared and ships started to the aid of the distressed vessel.

It was the Associated Oil Company tanker Frank H. Buck, which had run hard aground on the jagged rocks of Point Pinos, near Monterey. The Buck, one of the biggest tankers operating in the Pacific, got off her course while fighting a terrific Northwest gale. Her crew was taken off, but the tanker probably will be a complete loss.

When rescue ships had been started to the Buck's assistance, the radio broadcasting stations came back on the air long enough to tell the fans all the facts about the accident.

Elizabeth City Boy Wins Considerable Recognition

Capt. John Wood, Who Sails on European Trip Next Monday, Has Labored Steadily for Making the National Capital a City Known for Its Beauty

Capt. John E. Wood of Washington and Walter Wood of Elizabeth City will sail Monday for a stay of several months in European countries. The latter will leave Elizabeth City Friday to visit his brother, Stuart Wood, at West Point for a day or two.

Capt. Wood has won considerable recognition for his work toward making the National Capital a city beautiful. His trip abroad will afford him study, which with his practical knowledge of city problems will further fit him for his work.

One Washington newspaper had the following to say the other day in regard to Capt. Wood's work in Washington:

"Capt. John E. Wood, one of the assistant engineer commissioners, probably will terminate his active services as a local official on July 1.

"He has been granted a 2-month leave of absence, and the belief prevailed today that at the end of that time he will be given a new assignment in the Engineer Corps of the Army.

"Under a new rule in the Army all officers must serve one year in every five on active military duty, and in the fall of this year Capt. Wood will have completed four years as assistant-engineer commissioner. He came here in the fall of 1920.

"During his brief period of service here Capt. Wood has become one of the most enthusiastic advocates of a more beautiful National Capital.

"He has interested himself in a number of the long-standing schemes for improvement of the city, including the driveway to connect the chain of old civil war forts, the reconstruction of the Washington channel river front and similar projects.

"He also served as chairman of the committee that recently completed a systematic plan for the betterment of the street lighting of the city within a five-year period.

"Capt. Wood has visualized with charts and drawings other plans for the physical improvement of District institutions, such as the Occoquan workhouse farm, the grounds around the jail and Gallinger Hospital.

"He also has prepared charts outlining the anticipated needs of the sewer and water departments for the next five years."

Following is another clipping from a Washington newspaper of recent date concerning Capt. Wood's activities for a city beautiful:

"The first step in a boulevard plan to link up the old civil war forts that skirt the National Capital was taken yesterday, when a group of engineer department officials drove over the territory and mapped out a proposed route.

"Public spirited citizens have been working for many years for legislation to acquire the fort sites and to make the necessary changes in the street system to create a continuous drive around them.

"The plan of Captain John E. Wood, assistant engineer commissioner, is to make a fort drive a reality immediately by designating a certain route to be followed and by having the Engineer Department put the paving along that route in good condition as rapidly as possible out of regular appropriations.

Legislation Need

"Legislation still would be needed to purchase those of the forts not already in Government possession, and some street changes would later be necessary to create a continuous wide boulevard. But Capt. Wood believes a fort drive can be mapped out immediately by using existing thoroughfares, putting them in good condition and improving the illumination along them.

"If a fort drive is created immediately on this plan Captain Wood recommends that it be dotted with ornamental markers to guide the local motorist or the tourist over it. Thus, a new sightseeing attraction would be brought into existence.

"Each of the old forts have interesting history connected with them, well known to the old Washingtonians but still unknown to many of the present generation. They are the points from which the Union troops defended the Capital during the Civil war.

"The tentative fort drive marked off by Captain Wood yesterday covers thirty-nine miles, nearly all of which is already in good condition for motoring. Here and there a stretch of roadway was encountered that needs resurfacing.

From Water Street

"The route taken yesterday began and ended on Water street near the municipal fish market, and covered the following area: From Water street to Washington barracks, to the Navy yard, to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, to the National Guard rifle range in Congress Heights, past all the forts in the southeast, through Alabama avenue, Benning road, Bladensburg road, South Dakota avenue, Harewood road, Blair road, Kennedy street, Concord avenue, Longfellow street, Georgia avenue, Military road,

STOLE THE BABY TO FOOL HUSBAND

Philadelphia, May 7.—Ten weeks' old Corinne Modell, stolen Monday as she lay asleep in her coach in front of her home, was found today by the police in the house of Mrs. Mary Demarco who admitted that she took the infant to fool her husband.

The child was in good condition. The woman told the police that her husband believed her story that the child was born Monday while he was at work. The wife and her husband, Gorman Demarco, were arrested.

WILL BE FIGHT ON IMMIGRATION

President Coolidge Warns Congressional Leaders Time Too Short to Permit Diplomatic Arrangements.

Washington, May 7.—The administration fight against the immigration bill making Japanese exclusion effective July 1 will be carried to the floor of the Senate and House when the bill comes up for final action.

Coolidge told Congressional leaders today that he regretted the date was entirely too soon to permit of the diplomatic arrangements he wants to make with Japan and steps were taken immediately afterwards to line up those who sympathize with his view to oppose the acceptance of the conference report.

BURNS TESTIFIES IN REGARD TO MEANS

Washington, May 7.—Chief Burns of the Department of Justice investigation bureau today told the Senate Daugherty committee that although he had assigned an agent to shadow G. Gordon B. Means this man was not connected in the disappearance of the Means famous documents and diaries.

ESTIMATED FIRE LOSS AT WASHINGTON TUESDAY

Washington, May 7.—The damage done by the two fires here early Tuesday morning, one at 12:30 and the other at 2 o'clock, was as follows:

Telephone Equipment. Loss \$20,000. No insurance.
Damage to Blount Building \$8,000. Covered by insurance.
Atwater's Pharmacy loss, estimated by Mr. Atwater at \$15,000. \$7,500 insurance.

N. L. Sawyer, Pool Room. Loss \$3,000. Insurance \$500. Damage caused principally by water.

Dr. L. H. Swindell's office equipment, books, instruments, etc. Loss \$1,500. Insurance \$500.

C. G. Morris & Co., warehouse and contents. Loss \$7,000. Amount of insurance unknown as Mr. Morris is out of city.

Manuel Bryant, residence, \$500. Tenement house \$100.

In the building adjoining the Blount Building, separated only by a wall was the dry goods store of Paul and Gerrish on the first floor and Dr. J. T. Campbell, optician on the second. Paul & Gerrish moved out their stock. They sustained only a slight loss by water. Dr. Campbell's office was not disturbed.

Of course the above loss is estimated. When a full and complete survey is made it may exceed the above figures or it may not aggregate that amount.

This is the first blaze to visit the city since the Spencer Bros. store building was damaged last year.

Washington is prouder of its fire department today more than ever. They were on their job and never left it to the end. They are the stuff.

through Rock Creek Park, Rittenhouse street, Chevy Chase Circle, Western Avenue, 41st street, Belt road, Wisconsin avenue, Nebraska avenue, 46th street, Foxhall road, Reservoir street, R street, 28th street, across Q street bridge, 22nd street, New Hampshire avenue, Washington Circle, to Potomac Park to Water street.

"On Saturday afternoon Engineer Commissioner Bell will drive over the route. Captain Wood was accompanied yesterday by W. B. Hadley, electrical engineer; L. R. Grabbill, superintendent of suburban roads, and J. S. Garland, superintendent of water department."

Capt. Wood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Wood of Elizabeth City.