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Coolidge Leadership Fails At It's First Great Trial

President's Wishes and Recommendations Disregarded by Members of Own Party Who in Coalition With Democrats Pass Measures Sure of Bringing Forth Veto

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Washington, May 10.—The make-shifts of compromise legislation together with an inevitable battle between the executive and the legislative have forced to a climax the whole political situation this week.

President Coolidge's first experience with Congress has proved disastrous. He has failed to persuade the House and Senate in which the Republicans have a majority to enact a single one of his major proposals.

Instead, he is engaged in an eleven-hour struggle to prevent Congress from damaging the prestige of the United States abroad as well as its economic structure at home. The defeat of the President in the House on his suggestion that legislation excluding the Japanese be deferred until a treaty governing immigration from Japan could be negotiated means a veto of the immigration bill. A simple resolution extending the provisions of the present law for another year could be enacted until Congress reconvened next fall.

As if to add more confusion to an already complicated situation in Congress, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican leader, has gone against the avowed position of President Coolidge on the World Court by proposing an alternative scheme. Mr. Lodge's suggestions are not new. They were tried out before but failed to win the approval of the smaller nations of the globe who insisted that they would not be discriminated against. Elihu Root proposed the present World Court constitution as a means of overcoming that difficulty and that's why Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hughes have declared the present World Court created by the League of Nations to be the only "practicable" plan. Mr. Lodge's suggestion would not be adopted by the other countries most of whom cannot see why they should make a change in a going institution simply to oblige American politicians.

The administration's influence in Congress suffered a vital blow when Mr. Lodge turned from the President on the World Court issue but Mr. Coolidge has been fighting alone for several weeks. The leadership in Congress has not been able to assist him in his legislative program. The tax bill passed by the House was a disappointment to the administration and it was confidently hoped the Senate would correct that defect and improve the bill. But instead, the Senate has strayed even further from administration doctrine and now the President and Secretary Mellon will be lucky if they can get the objectionable Senate provisions removed in conference and the House bill adopted.

A veto of the tax bill is a foregone conclusion if the Senate does not recede from its position in conference. The Republican leaders in the Senate have given up the fight in that body, hoping to rush the bill to conference next week for a final effort at compromise.

Then will come another struggle over the McNary-Haugen bill, a measure designed to raise the price of wheat to about \$1.60 a bushel by means of an agricultural corporation for which an appropriation of \$200,000,000 would be necessary. There are two schools of thought on this bill—those who think it will mean economic disaster and those who look upon it as economic salvation for the farmer. Mr. Coolidge is on the fence so far as any public indication of his attitude is concerned but he will probably veto the measure unless it is materially amended.

The idea of an international conference on disarmament this summer has been discouraged by President Coolidge largely because he doesn't think Europe is ready to talk about it. When the reparations situation has cleared, he may feel differently about it.

The political situation grows more confusing every day. Mr. Coolidge has won the Republican nomination. His record in the primaries was a surprise to those who did not think he was a vote getter. But the Democrats say the statistics will prove how small a vote was actually cast in all the Republican primaries and that enough Republicans stayed at home not only to defeat Mr. Coolidge for the nomination but to elect a Democratic President.

The contest for the Democratic nomination proceeds with undiminished activity. The McAdoo organization is increasing its hold on various state delegations and will be in a position to dictate who shall be the nominee, though it would seem at present writing that the opposition to McAdoo himself is unchanged. Governor Al Smith, Senator Ralston of Indiana, John W. Davis of West Virginia and Senator Underwood of Alabama are his most serious competitors.

ESCAPED PRISONERS HOLD UP M. D. CLINE

Durham, May 12.—Otto Wood and J. D. Starnes, escaped prisoners from the State Penitentiary at Raleigh, held up M. D. Cline of Durham early Sunday, forced him to drive them to Greensboro, took his watch, money and automobile, and made off, leaving him in the road. No trace of the men had been found at a late hour last night.

Pinchot Attacks Butler

Springfield, Mass., May 12.—Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania in an address before the Methodists here yesterday attacked Nicholas Murray Butler as a nullifier of the prohibition law and Secretary Mellon as an open defender of its violation.

GOVERNMENT LOSES IN JAPAN ELECTION

Tokio, May 12.—The Japanese government was defeated in the elections yesterday and the premier will probably resign at once.

ENTOMBED MINERS ARE FOUND SUNDAY

Gilman, Col., May 12.—Five miners entombed in a cave of a mine near here Saturday were found alive last night when the rescue crew dug its way to them.

KILLED IN COLLISION

Monroe, La., May 12.—Four were killed and three seriously injured in a train and auto collision here yesterday.

SAYS HE'S GLAD BAILEY TOLD 'EM HE WAS DEMOCRAT

Referring to the address of Joseph William Bailey at the County Court House Thursday night J. T. McCabe said Friday he was glad that Mr. Bailey mentioned several times in his speech that he was a Democrat. If he had not said so, I certainly would not have recognized it," Mr. McCabe has been an ardent supporter of A. W. Mellon for Governor and Bailey's speech Thursday night failed to make him change his views.

PREPARING FOR SERVICE ON PRIMARY JUNE SEVENTH

Herbert Peale returned Sunday afternoon from Raleigh, where he attended the quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Associated Press Club. The meeting was held in the Times Building and the main purpose was to lay plans for getting promptly the primary returns on the night of July 7. The Advance made application for leased wire service on these returns and it is hoped that arrangements can be made with the local Telephone & Telegraph Company to make this service available.

Men Following Fashion As Blindly As Do The Women

Prince of Wales and London, It Appears, Can be Quite as Arbitrary in Matter of Setting Styles for Men as Paris and Its Modistes are for Women

By ROBERT T. SMALL
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New York, May 12.—It is setting worse and worse, this man craze for gaudy colors and loud attire. Self-anointed prophets who predicted six months ago that the Sheik influence in men's wayward fashions would prove but a fleeting thing and that the sterner sex soon would be back to its normally conservative frame of mind have found themselves stranded in a billowing sea of new masculine splendors.

Although spring has proved a lullard to the same men who used to laugh at women who donner straw hats in February and felt hats in August, have tried to beat the barrier and have appeared in all the rainbow tints of the vernal season. And the men who used to joke and grin over the "fool colors" that appealed to women, such as elephant's breath and pink dawn and burnt bread and lacy green and pillar-box red, are eagerly scanning the advertisements in the newspapers day by day to see exactly what new colors are offered to them in clothes, neck ties, handkerchiefs, socks and other items of haberdashery.

The women have been having a great vogue of powder blue. Now come the men trailing along with gun powder gray. They also regale themselves in lava gray and smoky grays and parrot blues and burr browns to say nothing of Belgian beige and Paisley blues. The blue shirts have appeared like a veritable thunderstorm in the midst of men's new fashions. Already there is a song out about them—"I've Got the Blue Shirt Blues," or words to that effect.

The men are continuing to blame it all on the Prince of Wales and until that young heir to the British throne subsides or settles down or gets married and lets himself be overshadowed, sartorially speaking, by his royal bride, there appears to be no hope of surcease on this side of the Atlantic from the fashions for men which are said to emanate from this much admired young gentleman. As American women long have turned to the boulevards of Paris, so the men of this free and mighty country are turning to the Strand or Piccadilly of London. American wo-

AYDLETT AT WINTERVILLE

Winterville, May 12.—E. F. Aydlett, candidate for the Legislature, spoke here Friday night to a large audience here, making a speech which won for him many votes.

FIVE DEAD IN FIRE

Millbrook, Me., May 12.—Mrs. John Brazan and four of her six children were burned to death in the fire which destroyed their home today. The father and two sons jumped from the upper windows, and two of them probably will die, it was said at the hospital.

CUMBERLAND AGAIN IN GRIP OF FLOOD

Cumberland, Md., May 12.—For the second time within less than two months flood waters today were lapping menacingly at the heart of the Cumberland business district. Willis Creek has left its banks and water in the principal thoroughfare has reached a depth of 18 inches.

MEET TO DISCUSS DETENTION HOME

A meeting of the ministers and committees from the churches of the town with Mrs. Anna Lewis, County Welfare Officer, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 in the Chamber of Commerce rooms for discussion of plans looking to the maintenance of a detention house for this County.

EPWORTH LEAGUE WILL HOLD AN INSTITUTE

The Elizabeth City District Epworth League Institute will begin at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening at City Road Methodist Church. The opening address will be delivered by C. R. Pugh and his subject will be "All For Christ." An all-day program is planned for Thursday, beginning at 9 a. m. and about 50 delegates will be here from other churches of the district. Tom M. Grant, conference league president, and Rev. H. E. Myers of Durham, formerly of this city, and others are on the program.

PHILADELPHIA BANKS PAY TEN MILLIONS ON SAVINGS

Philadelphia, May 12.—The four leading savings banks now have \$281,676,236 on deposit, an increase in the last year of \$15,323,736. Interest on deposits credited January 1 amounted to over \$16,000,000.

COTTON MARKET

New York, May 12.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon, advancing 25 points, Middling 31.60. Futures closed as follows: May 31.22; July 28.72; October 24.77; December 24.20; January 24.00. New York, May 12.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: May 30.80, July 28.35, Oct. 24.80, Dec. 24.10, Jan. 23.73.

Railroads Preparing Move Farm Products To Market

Marshalling Their Equipment in Rolling Stock for Quick Transportation from Farms of Country to Cities and No Car Shortage Is Looked For

By J. C. ROYLE
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Poincare Loses In French Elections

Nearly Complete Returns Today Show Considerable Change In Policy

Paris, May 12.—Nearly complete returns show that France yesterday decided on a considerable change in her domestic policies and on at least important modifications in the method of handling foreign affairs. Premier Poincare's majority in the chamber of deputies was swept away in the violent swing of the political pendulum toward the left and the bloc national which formed the nucleus of that majority was reduced to second rank in party groups.

London, May 12.—Plans for the meeting of Premiers MacDonald and Poincare May 13 will probably be abandoned as the result of the French election upset, it was intimated in official circles here today.

Paris, May 12.—Early returns from the national election yesterday indicate that the opponents of Poincare made notable gains and may upset the government.

CANAL BILL WILL BE TAKEN UP SOON

Must Keep Right Behind the Measure, Says Secretary Job, on His Return from Washington.

Prospects now are that the bill appropriating \$275,000 for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal by the Government, which was given the unanimous endorsement of the Rivers and Harbors committee of the House, will come before the House for action within the next two weeks, according to Secretary Job of the Chamber of Commerce, who returned Sunday from a week-end trip to Washington in the interest of the measure.

"I am very optimistic," says Mr. Job, "as to the passage of this bill by the House. There is a lot of hard work yet to be done in the matter of keeping right behind the measure, and we must take nothing for granted; but I believe that if we will continue to press for action we can secure passage of the measure not only in the House but also in the Senate before adjournment of the present session of Congress.

The bill carrying the \$275,000 appropriation for the purchase of the Dismal Swamp Canal was reported favorably by the unanimous vote of the committee about two weeks ago, after Congressman Ward, former Congressman Small; John Wallace, Jr., of Wallaceton, Virginia; Secretary Job of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce and representatives of the Lake Drummond Canal & Water Company, of the United States Engineers, and of the city of Portsmouth.

BOYS STEAL CASH

Between \$8 and \$10 was stolen from the cash drawer of the Auto Supply & Vulcanizing Company Friday night by boys. The thieves entered by a back window, after breaking out a glass pane. They did not take any tires or other articles as far as is known with the exception of some bearings. The robbery occurred about 9:30 o'clock while the City Drug store was open and several persons were nearby. The boys were seen from a distance but darkness prevented recognition.

SPENCE MOTOR COMPANY READY FOR BUSINESS

Ready for business today the Spence Motor Company is the newest industry to appear in Elizabeth City. The garage and sales room erected for this new company is situated at 211 South Road street. Automobile repairing, as well as gasoline, oils, tires and accessories will be featured by the company. The Spence Motor Company is a partnership in which F. A. Spence is associated with E. F. Aydlett, Jr., of the Aydlett Hardware Company. Mr. Spence is a former resident of Elizabeth City. He was in business here during the war in connection with the Southern Auto and Marine Works. Since the dissolution of that firm he has been engaged in the automobile business in Norfolk.

Mr. Spence will act as general manager of the firm, while, as heads of departments there will be: Herbert Thompson, shop foreman, and Brantley McCoy, in charge of vulcanizing. The building is a modern structure 43 feet wide and about 150 feet long. It has been equipped and supplied for quick service to motorists. A full line of motoring needs will be handled and the company will be agents for the Richard Cord tire.

New York, May 12.—Although crops are late this season in nearly all of the agricultural districts, the railroads have already begun to marshal their equipment to handle the movement of agricultural products. There is every indication that the crop movement will be carried out more easily, expeditiously and satisfactorily than ever before, despite the heavy yield expected in many of the growing districts.

The Middle West states expect one of the most bounteous crops ever produced in the section. Freight cars now are being set out on sidings at strategic points. This movement began three weeks ago with the assembling of 15,000 cars. The number now has increased to between 18,000 and 20,000 and 15,000 additional will be moved into Missouri, Kansas, Southern Nebraska, Oklahoma and Arkansas within the next 60 days. Barring unforeseen tie-ups, railroad executives expect no difficulty in getting together the 90,000 cars which will be required in those states. California will require about 55,000 cars.

The Kansas crops alone are expected to bring in \$500,000,000 to farmers of that state. The grain yield of Texas, authorities declare, will be larger than last year, owing to advantageous rains and growing weather. Colorado and Nebraska crops are known to be in fine condition and the Northwest looks forward to a prosperous season. The cereal crops of California are not so advantageously placed, but the damage, due to drought, to barley, wheat and oats in that state has been counterbalanced to some extent by the way fruits have recovered from winter frosts.

Early fruits and vegetables are already moving in volume to market from the South and West and prices are declared acceptable to growers in the majority of the districts, according to state agricultural authorities.

Railroad officials are confident there will be no disastrous car shortage. Freight car orders so far this year have averaged about five thousand weekly. New orders for freight cars totaled 60,231 in the first three months of the year, or nearly five thousand more than in the corresponding period of 1923 which was a banner period. In April, approximately 12,000 more were ordered. As builders had unfilled orders on their books on January 1 totalling 24,397 cars, the first four months has seen prospective additions to equipment amounting to nearly 100,000 cars.

In addition to these facts, it must be remembered that the railroads added nearly 190,000 cars to their equipment in 1923. These were actually delivered and now should be available for use. Locomotive buying has kept pace, although the new orders placed this year have slackened materially. Over 490 new engines were ordered in the first quarter of the year, however.

More important than the new equipment is the improvement made by the carriers in loading, unloading and transporting freight. Engines are pulling bigger trains, more heavily loaded, longer distances, than ever before. Delays in return of empties have been curtailed.

Some gain has been due to increased use of motor cars by carriers for transporting short haul freight. This has released railroad equipment for long main line hauls and obviated hitherto unavoidable congestion in large terminals. Evidence that this movement is spreading is visible in every section. In this connection, Gerrit Fort, vice president of the Boston and Maine railroad said: "My vision is not so narrow as to prevent me from seeing that if the truck is able to furnish better transportation facilities than the railroads at equal rates or equal facilities at lower rates, the railroads cannot expect to hold their business. The truck represents a natural economic development and for short distances can, in many instances, supply cheaper and more convenient transportation than the railroads are able to offer. But if the truck is allowed to skim the cream of the profitable short haul business, railroad rates on remaining traffic must, of necessity, be so constructed as to make up the loss."

BILLY SUNDAY ILL

Memphis, May 12.—William A. (Billy) Sunday was stricken suddenly yesterday by what physicians diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning. He is reported as improved today. His fever has subsided somewhat and he spent a restful night.

VERDICT IS SUICIDE

Richmond, May 12.—Edward D. Harris, aged 42, vice president of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, cut his throat with a razor at a hospital here and died soon after he was taken to a hospital Saturday night, suffering from a nervous disorder. Coroner Whitfield today rendered the verdict of suicide.