

FUTURE OF POLICY ON POWER AT STAKE IN FIGHT

FIRING OF THREE STIRS BITTER CAPITAL ROW

Angry Senators to Demand New Chief of Board Be Unseated.

HINT SWIFT REPRISALS

Walsh, Who Voted for Smith, May Lead Battle on His Action.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Dismissal of three federal power commission employees by George Otis Smith, chairman, has created a critical situation that was expected today to develop swift reprisals and to have bearing upon the whole future policy of government water-power regulations.

Senate champions of two of the dismissed employees who have insisted upon rigid government water-power control—Charles H. Russell, collector, and William V. King, chief accountant—now are bent upon removal of Smith and possibly other members of the new commission. Smith was confirmed by the Senate only last Saturday.

The third employee to be dismissed was F. E. Bonner, executive secretary.

Bonner has been at odds repeatedly with Russell and King, who have urged him with favoritism toward power companies.

Russell, likewise, has been the target of some senators who are championing King and Russell.

Minor Sensation Caused

Smith explained he dismissed all three to stop "squabbling" within the commission and in order that the newly organized commission might get a fresh start.

Smith's order of dismissal—the first act since his confirmation—caused a minor sensation at the capital, and the repercussions continued today in what promises to develop into a major battle in the Senate when Congress reconvenes Jan. 5.

Friends of King and Russell are laying their plans to remove Smith, if possible. Senator Brookhart (Rep., Ia.) announced he would seek reconsideration of Smith's confirmation, which was voted 38 to 22. A switch of nine votes would reject him.

Criticised by Walsh

Senator Walsh (Dem., Mont.) criticised Smith in a letter to the chairman for dismissal of Russell and King, and since he voted for confirmation, it is possible he may lead the fight by moving for reconsideration.

When the Montana senator, who achieved national fame in the Teapot Dome oil investigation, gets into a fight, he makes it a real one.

This issue perhaps is broader than the oil lease matter, as it involves a permanent policy rather than isolated cases.

If Democrats generally join against Smith, a real battle would ensue.

King and Russell are planning a fight for reinstatement, contending the chairman had no power, under the act creating the commission, to dismiss them. Smith argues that all appointments lapsed with the expiration of the old commission.

But the real fight hinges on the deeper issues involved.

Accounting System Fought

When King became chief accountant he instituted an accounting system which denied applicants for water-power licenses the right to include various items in their investment figure. This is fundamental, since rates are based upon investment.

Bonner criticised this method, saying the chief accountant was "too meticulous."

There was an open break when King reduced, by nearly half, a \$1,000,000 investment claim made by the Clarion River Power Company of Pennsylvania, which King had included such things as cost of a celebration at opening of the place of cigars, and \$144 for neckties.

This case attracted nation-wide attention, bringing to King's defense such outstanding figures as Governor-Elect Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania. The case now is pending in the courts.

Fundamental Issues

Other fundamental issues are involved in another case which enters into the intra-commission friction, the so-called New River (Va.) case.

Charges have been made in the senate that Bonner made the recommendations to Attorney-General Mitchell which were carried out in Mitchell's decision holding that New River was a non-navigable stream and, therefore, the Appalachian Power Company was entitled to a "minor part" license for a proposed 80,000-horse power plant. Such a license waives all government regulation, and leaves only the right to recapture after fifty years.

Since that decision, which also is to be taken to the courts for final action, several other companies have applied for "minor part" licenses.

Russell denounced this decision as nullifying the whole water power act.

AGED MAN, STRUCK BY CAR, DIES OF INJURIES

Wade H. Calvert, 73, survived by 2 sons, 2 daughters and widow.

Wade H. Calvert, 73, of 2168 Boston Avenue, died Tuesday in city hospital from injuries suffered when he was struck by an auto in the 4600 block East Twenty-first street Friday.

He was struck by an auto driven by Delbert Shearer, 20, of R. R. 11, Box 249. Police who investigated said Shearer was not to blame for the accident.

Funeral services, not completed, will be held at Royster & Askin undertaking establishment. Survivors are two sons, Wade Jr. and Hampton Calvert; two daughters, Miss Myrtle Calvert and Mrs. George Montgomery, and the widow, Miss Florence Calvert.

Officer Quits



PERMIT MEDICS TO USE WHISKY, IS WHITE'S AIM

Marion County Democratic Delegation May Back Dry Law Change.

Possibility that all of the Marion county Democratic representatives may support a bill to modify the Wright bone dry law so as to remove the proscription against the prescribing of whisky and its sale for medicinal purposes loomed today as John F. White, civic leader and staunch dry declared he would vote for such a measure.

White was endorsed by the Indiana Anti-Saloon League in the election, "but," he said, "I informed the heads of the league when they endorsed me that I would support a medical whisky bill."

It is the announced purpose of Fred S. Galloway, another Marion county representative, to introduce a measure for repeal of the Wright act and in this he has the tacit support of the other members of the delegation.

Supported Dry Cause

Besides White, the league endorsed Gerritt M. Bates, who is silent on his stand, but it is understood he may support a medicinal whisky measure; Russell J. Dean, Albert F. Walsman, E. Curtis White and Guy A. Broughton.

The five are expected to go along with the remaining six representatives who have signified their intention of advocating modification.

White long has been identified with the dry cause.

"Enactment of a bill to permit persons to obtain whisky legally for medicinal purposes is in the interest of rational enforcement of the prohibition law," White said.

Led Manager Campaign

White was one of the leaders in the city manager movement here, was city civil service commissioner in 1927 and a member of the city council selected after the Duvall fiasco.

The present state dry law permits physicians to prescribe one quart of grain alcohol to patients, but this means nothing because of the federal law prohibiting druggists from filling the prescription.

In order to obtain alcohol for a patient a physician must obtain a permit from the treasury department to purchase a limited quantity of alcohol and then sell it in small quantities to his patients.

MINE ATTACK FATAL

Bullets From Ambush Kill Worker.

By United Press

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EMPLOYEES GET BONUSES

Richman Clothiers Give Christmas Checks to All Workers.

Following an annual custom, Richman Brothers, clothing manufacturers and distributors, today gave Christmas checks to their employees, totaling twenty-five in the Indianapolis store, of which Roy L. Johnson is manager.

The checks are for one week's pay. Besides all store employees in fifty-seven branch stores throughout the United States, 4,000 employees in the factory at Cleveland are included on the Christmas list.

HURT BADLY BY AUTO

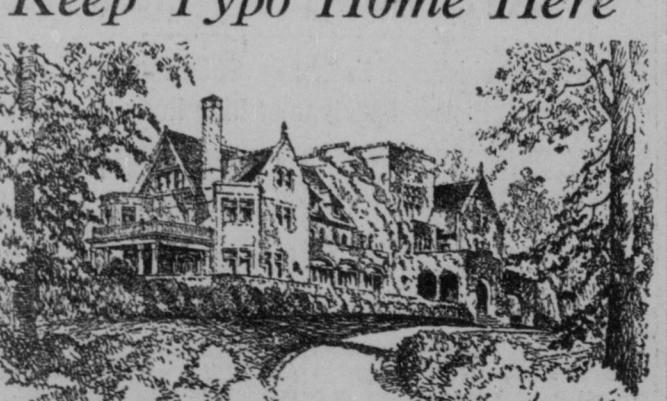
Negro Woman Is Struck by Car Driven by R. Bowen Greenwood.

Today they presented him with one as a Christmas gift. It is to supplant pocket watch purchased for the mayor fourteen years ago by Charles O. Britten, board member.

Santa to Prisoner

Mrs. Elzora Kumpart, 1215 Madison avenue, played Santa Claus to a prisoner in municipal court today. He had stolen jewelry worth \$50 from her, but on her request Municipal Judge Paul C. Wetter suspended a six-months state farm sentence and costs, fining the man, Wilbur Ayleyto, 20, of 2414 Sugar Grove avenue, \$25.

Keep Typo Home Here



Home of the International Typographical Union at Twenty-eighth and Meridian streets.

Indianapolis' Christmas stocking bulged a day early with the announcement today that the International Typographical Union's half-million dollar home at Twenty-eighth and Meridian streets, will remain as national headquarters for the union.

Vote returns announced by Woodruff Randolph, secretary-treasurer, showed the proposal to codify laws of the union, facilitating adjustment of scales and other transac-

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feated by a two-to-one majority.

Likewise, a proposal to change the constitution to read "headquarters city" instead of "Indianapolis," lost, 27,643 to 20,667.

Another proposal to increase the salary of the first vice-president lost, 26,057 to 23,592.

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PARTIES PLEDGE PEACE TO PASS TAX LAWS

Republicans and Democrats Promise to Co-operate on Measures.

Co-operation in obtaining enactment of measures needed for Indianapolis has been pledged by Republican and Democratic members of the general assembly from Marion county.

The love feast was held at the Washington and an informal discussion of various measures occurred in which Republican senators declared that they preferred the low exemptions of the income tax measure proposed by the tax survey commission to the high ones in the Democratic platform proposal.

Gerritt M. Bates, chairman of the Marion county representatives delegation, presided. All members of the delegation were present except Senator J. Clyde Hoffman and Representative Clyde Karrer.

Home for Christmas

Illinois, Indiana Accept Vincennes Firm's Wabash River Span Bid.

Vincennes Bridge Company, Vincennes, Ind., has been awarded a \$399,413.96 contract for construction of the new Wabash river bridge at Mt. Carmel, Ill.

The project is to be paid jointly by the Illinois and Indiana highway commissions. Contract was signed by the Illinois department of public works.

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