

HATCH BILL BACK WITH OLD FRIEND

Rep. Walter, 'Father of Idea,' Heads House Group Now Studying Measure.

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WASHINGTON, March 21.—The new Hatch bill, which would extend to Federally paid staff employees the existing bans against political activity by strictly Federal workers, faces its next test before a House subcommittee headed by a man who claims to be "the father of the idea."

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D. Pa.) is chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee to which the measure passed by the Senate last Monday has been referred. He voted in the Judiciary Committee last year to re-port out the original Hatch bill, and he voted for its final passage by the House, though in the meantime he was recorded in favor of several moves that would have weakened or destroyed the legislation.

Favors Main Objective

Rep. Walter announced today he would seek to write into the measure a limitation of \$3,000,000 on the amount either party may spend in a national campaign.

Concerning last year's actions, Mr. Walter said today: "I favored the bill reported out by the Judiciary Committee, and opposed a lot of amendments offered on the floor. I was generally in favor of the objective."

Regarding the new bill, Mr. Walter said: "I am in favor of it. The spirit of the entire chain of legislation is to prevent maintenance of political power at the taxpayers' expense, and it makes no difference whether the officials and employees concerned are known as state or Federal attaches."

Hatch Gives Him Credit

The bill, he said, "strikes at something we thought we had handled in the original Hatch act. I inserted language into the original legislation, when it was before the Judiciary Committee, that I thought extended the prohibitions of political activity to state employees partly paid from Federal funds. The Attorney General of Pennsylvania held otherwise with respect to some appended by the original."

Senator Hatch (D. N. M.) supported Mr. Walter's statement that he had made the first move toward including Federal-state employees in the politically restricted class and added:

"The language was not broad enough. The measure now pending may be regarded as an amplification of the original suggestion, for which I give full credit to Congressman Walter."

Hopes for Early Report

"I want to acknowledge his efforts in strengthening the law. One instance was Mr. Walter's writing into the original act a provision making it unlawful to receive, as well as to solicit, a political assessment from a person receiving Federal relief."

Mr. Walter said he hoped his sub-committee would be able to report the new Hatch Bill to the full Judiciary Committee next week. He was uncertain whether the report would be favorable, and indicated that some most of the four other subcommittees might be opposed. One member, he said, has doubts on constitutional grounds.

Hunts 'Lost' Indian Tribe in Mountains

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 21 (UPI)—Berle Putnam, the Prescott mail carrier whose 200-mile hiking trip down the floor of the Grand Canyon failed last summer, is off on another expedition.

This time the rugged mailman, who spends his spare time in hikes through little explored parts of the Southwest, is exploring rugged Superstition Mountain.

The 32-year-old Putnam, an ex-wrestler and a former boxer, said he was making the trip to substantiate his own theory of South-West Indian culture and the possibility of finding traces of a "lost" tribe of Indians who lived in the Superstitions hundreds of years ago.

TOWN VOTES TO SELL JAIL
SALISBURY, Conn., March 21 (UPI)—Want to buy a jail? It was decided at a town meeting that in view of a spotless crime record there wasn't much sense in having a jail, so the townspeople voted to sell it.

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LOCAL DEATHS

Mrs. Mary Giberson

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow at the J. C. Wilson Funeral Home for Mrs. Mary Giberson, native of North Vernon, Ind., who died Tuesday at her home, 143 Arsenal Ave. Burial will be at New Crown.

Mrs. Giberson, who was 79, had lived in this city for 45 years. Her husband, James Giberson, died 14 years ago. She was a member of the Fountain Square Christian Church.

Survivors include a son, Ernest; a daughter, Mrs. Hazel McLernon; one sister, Mrs. Jane Gilbert, Indianapolis; one brother, Benjamin S. Gunders, Dayton, O., and three grandchildren.

Clifford Housemeyer

Clifford Housemeyer, a cabinet maker living at R. R. 11, Box 496, died of a heart attack yesterday at a filling station at 8600 E. 16th St. He was 45.

The filling station was near his home on Rountree Ave. and Mr. Housemeyer had stopped to visit with the proprietor.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the residence. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery at Aurora, Ind., Mr. Housemeyer's birthplace.

Survivors are his wife, Anna; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Housemeyer of Aurora; a son, Henry, and six sisters, Mrs. Lula Bruce of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Mrs. Lorna Cravens, Mrs. Flossie Neal and Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin of Aurora; Mrs. Evelyn Lake of Homestead, Ind., and Mrs. Annie Giffin of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Frances Moses

Mrs. Frances Moses, former resident of Indianapolis, died today at her home at Columbus, Ind. She was 79.

Mrs. Moses was the widow of Dr. Frederick Moses, whom she married in 1891 at Tiffin, O. Dr. Moses practiced here from 1907 until the time of his death in 1930.

She was a member of the Oak Hill Methodist Church and lived here until 1932 when she moved to Columbus.

Survivors include one son, Fred, of New Mexico, and a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Sparks of Louisville, Ky.

The services will be held Saturday at the Columbus Methodist Church. Burial will be at Steuben-ville, O.

Mrs. Agnes M. Herzog

Mrs. Agnes M. Herzog died last night at her home, 4422 Gulford Ave.

A former resident of Cincinnati, Mrs. Herzog had lived here about 15 years. She was a member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, George J. Herzog; a daughter, Clara; two sisters; Mrs. Samuel Genco, Indianapolis, and Mrs. John E. Callahan, Bellevue, Ky., and two brothers, C. W. Cash, Cleveland, and J. D. Cash, San Antonio, Tex.

Services will be held at the residence at 8 a.m. Saturday, with church rites and burial at Cincinnati.

Grant Willoughby

Funeral services for Grant Willoughby, West Side resident who died yesterday, will be held at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at the residence, 1349 Hiatt St. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Mr. Willoughby, who was 68, had been an employee of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad 26 years. He was a member of I. O. O. F. 658 and of the Red Men, Comanche Tribe.

George Blacknar

Services will be held Saturday for George Blacknar, resident of Indianapolis for many years, who died yesterday at City Hospital.

Mr. Blacknar, a carpenter who was 78, was a native of Mesquippi, Pa. He lived at 542 S. Alabama St. Survivors include three sons, Arthur, William and Bert, all of Mesquippi.

Services will be at 3 p.m. at the Shirley Brothers Central Chapel, Illinois and 10th Sts. Burial will be at Memorial Park.

IT'S 'SWAMP FEVER,' ROOSEVELT DECIDES

WASHINGTON, March 21 (U.P.)—President Roosevelt, still suffering from a temperature slightly less than a degree above normal, secluded himself in his study today.

The President, annoyed at the persistent cold, told his friends that he had concluded his is suffering from "swamp fever."

Dr. Ross T. McIntire, White House physician, said that Mr. Roosevelt's temperature was normal last night but was 99.4 degrees today.

To the pagan, Easter was the beginning of Spring. Pagans once rallied each other downhill to express joy at the coming of the new season. They ate red eggs as a symbol of power at the feast of Spring. Since then it has been found simpler to roll eggs instead of people.

Finish children spank each other with pussywillow or birch switches until their parents come through with rewards of Easter eggs.

In HUNGARY the village boys used to duck girls in streams or pour buckets of water over their heads. The modern method, in line with civilized restraint, is to drench the girls with perfume. Victims pay their tormentors with gifts of colored eggs.

WHILE THE use of eggs has been carried into everyday Easter celebration, another pagan custom, the "blessing of new fire," has been kept within the church. This was the fire that celebrated the triumph of spring over winter. Its significance is carried into the paschal candle (a huge taper which burns at solemn mass and vespers until Ascension Day).

IN MEDIEVAL times the clergy had odd ways of marking the solemn Easter celebration. In several French cathedrals the bishops, canons and other dignitaries played an annual game of ball. Grave and rhythmic dances were performed at some cathedrals as late as the 17th Century.

DEATH ESCAPED IN GEARS

FREDERICKTON, N. B., March 21 (U.P.)—Whirled about a gear shaft when his clothing caught while he was adjusting machinery, Allison Fraser escaped with severe bruises. Fraser, an employee of a laundry, was whirled about the shaft four times before his employer could stop the machine.

GRIFFETH TO BROADCAST

Prof. Ross J. Griffeth of Butler University will broadcast on "The Bible and Life" program at 9:30 o'clock tonight over WFBM. Mrs. George N. Reeder, of the Central Avenue Methodist Church, will sing. The program is sponsored by the Church Federation of Indianapolis.

CHECK RADIO, SMOKE

ST. LOUIS, March 21 (U.P.)—The League of Women Voters would like to know if the ordinary family radio, already blamed for much of the world's woe, is not also responsible for the heavy smoke palls that overhang this city during the winter months.

PURSE SNATCHER FOOLED

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., March 21 (U.P.)—The man who snatched the handbag of Mrs. Albert Peruse probably was disappointed when he inspected his loot. The bag contained an empty bottle and a spoon. Mrs. Peruse carried her pay envelop in a coat pocket.

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