

KERN AND SLACK LEADERS IN RACE FOR SENATE SEAT

Time Shows That Other Candidates for Place Stand Little Chance of Being Chosen.

KERN WILL NOT GET SOME VOTES EXPECTED

"Steve" Fleming Will See That He Gets None From Twelfth—Speakership May Be Settled by Trades.

BY SEARLES.
(Palladium's Special State Correspondent.)

Indianapolis, Dec. 5.—As the days go by and the time draws near for the democrats of the legislature to make up their minds as to whom they will select for United States Senator, the

fact becomes more and more apparent that at the finish there will be just two candidates—L. Ert Slack, of Franklin, and John W. Kern, of this city. Everybody that is not for Kern will be for Slack when the final test comes.

The rest of the candidates do not like to hear this and their friends talk against it, but if they do not see the situation in that light it is because they are not looking straight ahead.

There can be no doubt but that Kern has the best of the fight thus far. In many of the counties of the state the democratic county committees have adopted resolutions favoring him for senator and democratic newspapers in sixty cities and towns have published editorials in his favor. And reports come from many places to the effect that the rank and file of the party is for him, and he has Tom Taggart's backing, all of which is worth something. With these elements and these influences back of him Kern is in the best position of any of the candidates for senator. But he still lacks votes of having enough to carry him through the democratic caucus. The Kern followers themselves admit this and they are still on the trail, trying to line up more members of the legislature.

But it is believed that Kern and his friends are figuring on some votes that he will not get. Some of them are bound to go to Slack. For instance, Kern is counting on three votes in the Twelfth district when the break comes and that district pulls away from Edward G. Hoffman, of Ft. Wayne. There is not reason to believe that Kern will get even one vote from that district.

This is based on the belief that if Steve Fleming, senator from Allen county, is able to control the vote of the Twelfth for Hoffman and there is no doubt that he is, he will also be able to deliver the votes to some other candidate when the break comes. If this is the case it is a cinch that Fleming will not deliver any of these votes to Kern, whom he hates most cordially. So Mr. Kern can expect cold comfort from that section of the state.

Fleming Dislikes Kern.
A story was started here today to the effect that because he is a brewer, Fleming would probably join the rest of the brewers and come out for Kern at the finish, but there is nothing at present to indicate that he will do anything of the kind. In the first place not all the brewers are for Kern. Crawford Fairbanks is for John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute, for senator. In the next place Fleming dislikes Kern because Kern prevented his being elected state chairman some years ago, and in the second place he also has it in for Taggart, who is supporting Kern quietly and Fleming now has a chance to take a whack at both Kern and Taggart at one time. Those who know Fleming and know what kind of a fighter he is in politics, will not believe that he will allow such an opportunity to pass without doing something.

The story that Kern and Slack are to be the two contenders at the wind-up is not exactly new, but the developments that prove it true are coming out day by day. It will be a little bit incongruous to see Fleming lined up in the support of Slack, because Fleming is a brewer and Slack has all along been a consistent supporter of temperance legislation, but politics makes strange bedfellows.

In Race for Spoils.
It is believed that several of the candidates for speaker of the house

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DREAM SAVES FARMERS' STOCK

Oil City, Pa., Dec. 5.—Residents of Cherry Tree township are excited over the discovery of a spring by Benjamin Walters who dug at a spot indicated to his mother in a dream. Recently farmers have been driving their stock to a stream three miles distant, but the creek froze over.

Last night Mrs. Walters dreamed water was pouring from the ground in the orchard. The son dug a hole 18 inches deep and a stream big enough to supply the entire neighborhood gushed forth.

COMPANY RESTORED TO STOCKHOLDERS

Court Acts on Westinghouse Receivership.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—After a lapse of fourteen months during which the affairs of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company was in the hands of a receiver, that company was today restored to stockholders upon order of Judge James J. Young of the United States District court.

FATE OF ISLAND IN SIMON'S HAND

Revolutionary General May Declare Himself President.

PORT AU PRINCE FOR HIM.

POPULATION OF ISLAND JUBILANT SINCE OVERTHROW OF NORD ALEXIS AS WELCOME TO SIMON WAS INDICATIVE.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 5.—General Simon, who marched into this city today, was received at the outskirts of the city by a delegation from the committee on public safety. The welcome of the people was officially conveyed to him and a magnificent crown of palms was offered him. Accompanied by his personal escort and followed by a large crowd crying, "Long live the president," the general made his way to the cathedral where he assisted at the celebration of a te deum. The service was conducted by the archbishop.

Upon emerging from the cathedral the ovation in honor of the successful revolutionary leader was redoubled. The bells of the city rang out and the drums and trumpets sounded the salute that is used only to welcome the chief executive of the Haitian republic. After leaving the church General Simon made a tour of Port Au Prince, still accompanied by his escort, and still cheered by the people wherever he went. The popular belief was that he would go directly to the national palace and establish himself there, but on the contrary the general finally halted at a private house on the Campes de Mars, where he established his headquarters.

General Simon's position undoubtedly is strong and there is likelihood of his proclaiming himself president of the republic. If he takes such a step, however, there is reason to believe that General Leconte, at Cape Haitien; General Firmin at Gonaives, and General Fouchard, at Jeremie, all aspirants to the presidency, will enter a vigorous protest and that an outbreak of civil warfare will follow. The hope of peace rests in the holding of free elections, and it is believed that General Simon recognizes the wisdom of such a policy.

May Proclaim Himself.
The rebel army has occupied the various barracks. It consists of infantry and cavalry. The latter branch is commanded by a son of General Simon. The infantry is almost entirely armed with rifles and is well supplied with ammunition; only a few detachments carry machetes.

Nord Alexis, the deposed president, accompanied by the members of his entourage, left the French cruiser Duguay Trouin today and transferred to the German steamer Sarnia. This vessel will take him to Kingston, Jamaica.

There has been a marked improvement in the rate of exchange since the Alexis government was thrown out and the population is very jubilant over the amelioration.

COLLIER LAUNCHED.

Largest Steel Vessel Ever Built on the Pacific Coast.

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 5.—The great steel collier, Promoteus, was launched at the Mare Island navy yard today. She is the largest steel ship ever built on the Pacific coast. The city is in holiday attire and thousands of visitors were in the city.

ALLISON WILL BE MISSED IN SENATE

Served as Head of "Steering Committee" Where He Accomplished Much.

SERVED AS A PACIFIER.

PREVENTED BREAK BETWEEN MAJORITY AND ROOSEVELT—SUCCESSOR LOVES WAR, NOT PEACE.

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The apparently well-founded announcement that Senator Hale of Maine, is to succeed the late Senator Allison of Iowa as chairman of the republican steering committee of the senate, serves to call attention to this unique committee which, without official status, is the most powerful at the north end of the capitol. The senate steering committee is more powerful even than the rules committee of the house, but its existence is not provided for by the senate rules, nor does a list of its members appear in the "Congressional Directory."

No important legislation can get through the senate until it has been passed upon and approved by the steering committee and conflicting opinions between influential republican senators are harmonized by the committee, instead of being thrashed out in the open senate. It is through this committee that the "inner circle" rules the senate, and it never fails to go hard with a senator who refuses to abide by its mandates.

Chairman of the steering committee gave a man of the late Senator Allison's peculiar attainments exceptional opportunities for usefulness. He was the greatest harmonizer the senate ever has known, and his influence was none the less potent because the public heard so little of his achievements. His colleagues give him sole credit for the fact that during the past few years there has been no open break between President Roosevelt and the senate majority. On more than one occasion when it seemed that nothing could prevent a rupture of relations, Allison stepped in and arranged a compromise. To his tact and sound judgment also has been due much of the credit for the fact that the senate machine has operated with so little friction. It is stated that had it not been for Allison's influence the senate powers-that-be would have heaped unbearable humiliation upon the head of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin. LaFollette's public criticism of his senate colleagues from the lecture platform aroused the most intense anger and a number of influential senators favored inflicting the severest punishment, some of them going so far as to advocate the expulsion or suspension of the Wisconsin senator. Allison showed them that to take official notice of LaFollette's unofficial utterances would serve only to call attention to the unpleasant things he had said and to bring ridicule down upon the senate.

Hale Loves a Row.
It will be interesting to observe the success achieved by Senator Hale at the head of the steering committee. He is of entirely different temperament from the late Senator Allison. Hale is a fighter by instinct and loves nothing in the world better than a row. At times when the relations between the white house and the senate have been strained to the breaking point it always has been Hale who was feared by the advocates of peace. When he has anything on his mind he has a way of letting it off in open senate and the language he employs on such occasions is blunt to say the least.

It does not seem possible that Senator Hale ever will be the senate pacifier, so some one else must be found to play that role. Senator Aldrich, of course, does a lot to avert friction, but he never has been able to take over the work that was Senator Allison's peculiar forte. Senator Crane of Massachusetts has displayed no little ability as a smoother out of difficulties, but his service hardly has been long enough to enable him to take Allison's place. Senator Cullom of Illinois has achieved no little reputation as a harmonizer, but despite his many years in the senate he has never been one of the "inner circle" that rules that body. It is rather late now for him to attain leadership, for had he had the aggressiveness demanded of a leader he would not have been kept waiting all these years.

Reforms in House.

The creation of some such body as the senate steering committee is one of the plans advocated for reforming procedure in the house, except it is proposed the house committee shall be provided for in the rules and have an official status. In this case, of course, the minority party would have representation in the membership. One of the plans advanced is that the committee on rules shall be enlarged and made an official steering committee, while others favor a separate committee.

Even those most strenuous in advocating changes in the present house rules admit that there must be some method of controlling legislation and

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INDIANA'S EXECUTIVE MANSION FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS



NEW HOME OF GOVERNOR-ELECT THOMAS R. MARSHALL.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—Gov. Elect and Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall concluded their house-hunting when they leased the N. A. Gladding residence, Friday. The residence is located at 1219 N. Pennsylvania street, and when remodeled, under the direction of Mrs. Marshall, will be one of the most convenient homes in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall left Indianapolis for Columbia City, Friday evening. Mrs. Marshall said that she would feel better when they were moved and settled, but the Governor-elect would not take a hand in taking up and putting down carpets, or in the handling of the family furniture.

The state will pay no part of Governor Marshall's house rent, as he has emphatically declared that the appropriation of \$1,800 per year for the governor's house rent, made by the legislature a few years ago, is illegal and against the constitution of the State of Indiana.

FOUR MEMBERS OF FAMILY SLAIN

Revengeful Suitor Chops Open Heads of Colorado Family With an Axe.

DAUGHTER IS MISSING.

GIRL, TO WHOM MAN SUSPECTED. PAID SUIT, CANNOT BE FOUND—BODIES FOUND LYING IN POOLS OF BLOOD IN BED.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 5.—Their heads split open with an axe, the four members of the Garcia family were found dead in beds in their home on Corizzo Creek, eight miles from Trinidad, by Nicholas Fernandez. The dead are: Miss Viviana Garcia, 52 years old; Casmo Garcia, 73 years old; Tarravia Garcia, his son, 25 years old.

Luiz Gurule, an elderly woman, who made her home with the family. Francisco Martinez, 30 years old, is accused of the murder. It was evidently committed Wednesday, as the conditions of the bodies indicate that they had been dead for many hours.

Fernandez had borrowed a wagon from Garcia and went Friday to return it. When he drove into the yard and nobody came outside to meet him, he opened the door and entered the house. The place was a small, two-room adobe on the land owned by Tarrivia Gonzalez. Lying in their beds in the half dried blood were the bodies of the four in their night clothes. Their heads were all split open and a bloody axe was standing beside the door. Evidently they had been murdered while they slept.

Maggie Garcia, the 18-year-old daughter is missing. Martinez came to the home several weeks ago, representing himself as a wealthy sheep owner. He fell in love with Maggie, who spurned his attentions. The family also objected and drove him from the Garcia home. It is believed he committed the crime for revenge.

GIRL'S BRAVERY SAVES MOTHER

Catches Father Before He Makes Fatal Stab.

New York, Dec. 5.—August Bankenbrink, suddenly crazed, tried to kill his wife and daughter, Lulu, nineteen years old, in their home at 335 Twenty-first street, Brooklyn, today, and but for the girl's bravery, he probably would have succeeded.

Miss Bankenbrink leaped at her father just as he had poised a carving knife to plunge into his wife. Then followed a desperate battle in which the two women struggled with Bankenbrink through every room in their home. The knife was taken away from him after Miss Bankenbrink and her mother had been terribly cut about the hands and arms. Finding himself disarmed, Bankenbrink ran to a writing desk and seized a revolver.

Another fight followed. The daughter took the weapon away from Bankenbrink just as the police entered the house. He was locked up.

THIRTY HOUSES ARE BURIED IN AVALANCHE

Three More Bodies Removed From Debris.

Belluno, Italy, Dec. 5.—Three more dead bodies were unearthed today beneath the mass of earth, rock and trees which were carried down between Monte Palo and San Luicani by an avalanche, yesterday. Thirty houses were buried and in most cases the people were taken unawares and were hurried to flee to places of safety.

HOLIDAY TRADE HAS NOW BEGUN

Merchants of Richmond Are Called Upon to Meet Seasonable Demands.

DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

EARNST PHILANTHROPIC APPEAL BEING SENT UP ALL OVER THE COUNTRY IN BEHALF OF MERCHANTS AND CLERKS.

With the advent of winter, which came during the past week, business increased at all the wholesale and retail stores of the city. The demand

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THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Sunday, rain or snow.

OHIO—Increasing cloudiness; probably rain or snow Sunday.

CONVINCING PROOF.

This advertiser received 10 letters the day after the ad appeared in the paper:

WANTED.

WANTED—Room in private family. State price. Address "K" care Palladium. 2-21

We Americans are an impatient people. When we want things we must have them, and we are willing to work for them. We are self-made. This principal is the vital one back of our Classified Want Ads. They supply what you want, and get it in the way you ask for it. Powerful little things—Our Want Ads. They do the business for you. Turn to our Want Ads today. Page 11.

ELKS' MEMORIAL IS HELD TODAY

Address of the Day to Be Delivered by the Hon. G. W. Sieber.

TEN MEMBERS DECEASED

DEATH ROLL OF LODGE SMALL CONSIDERING LARGE MEMBERSHIP—J. B. GORDON TO DELIVER THE EULOGY.

IN MEMORIAM.

ADOLPH BARTEL.
WEBSTER CHANDLER.
WALTER GAYLE.
GEORGE EBERSOLE.
J. FRED JAY.
CHARLES L. SHERA.
WILLIAM W. GRUBBS.
B. H. MOORMAN.
J. W. NICHOLSON.
DR. GEORGE H. GRANT.

Today when the Richmond Lodge, No. 649, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, holds its annual memorial services at the Gennett theater, a tablet containing the names of the above departed members will be shown. The death roll of this lodge, which has over three hundred members, is small when it is taken into consideration that the lodge has been in existence about eight years.

"Dead, but not forgotten," are the members of the local lodge of this great secret society as will be testified this afternoon by the beautiful services the Elks will hold in honor of deceased members whose names are at the bottom of the above list died this year.

Services at the theater will begin this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Each member of the lodge has been provided.

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Different in House.

There will be more life in the proceedings of the house. Members chat on the floor like school girls before the call to order. As the heavyweights enter they are greeted with applause. "Uncle Joe's" appearance is always the signal for a volley of hand-clapping. He will smile upon the "boys," shift his glasses to the end of his nose, carefully lay the remains of his cigar on the desk, say sotto voce to the clerk, "they're off," and taking his gavel in his good left hand, bring it down with a resounding thump. The blind chaplain will deliver the invocation, and the clerk call the roll.

The roll call finished, the house will initiate the new members. After appointing the usual committees, as in the senate, and adopting resolutions in memory of the members who died during the recess, the house will adjourn until Tuesday.

Before, during and after the brief session of the house, bills and resolutions in great number will be poured into the hopper, gobbled up by the clerks, run through the stamping machine, and chucked away to pigeon holes, many of them to remain there. They do things differently in the senate, every bill and resolution being presented personally in open session.

CONGRESS WILL CONVENE PROMPTLY AT NOON MONDAY

Several New Representatives Will Appear in the House, And Cummins of Iowa, Is New in the Senate.

FAIRBANKS WILL CAST ASIDE FRIGID DEMEANOR

Vice-president Is Always Glad to Meet Members—President's Message to Be Delivered Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 5.—At the stroke of 12 o'clock noon Monday, Dec. 7, the two branches of what Americans are proud to call the greatest legislative body in the world, will be called to order by the falling of the gavel of Vice President Fairbanks in the senate and Speaker Cannon in the house of representatives, and the second session of the sixtieth congress of the United States will be under way. It will continue until March 4.

To the old-timer the day's proceedings will be without special interest. The whole program has been mapped out and will follow closely the lines set many years ago.

But there will be enough to attract to the galleries and corridors the usual first day throng.

In the house, Speaker Cannon, will as usual be the one particular attraction. In the senate, Allison of Iowa, will be missed, and there will be much craning of necks to get a good view of Cummins, his successor.

In the house, the faces that will be most missed will be those of Littlefield and Powers, both of Maine. Littlefield resigned and is now practicing law in New York city. In his place will be found John P. Swasey. The late Llewellyn Powers will be succeeded by F. L. Guernsey. Other changes in the house will be as follows:

Alabama: Second district—O. C. Wiley, democrat, vice A. A. Wiley, democrat, deceased.
Indiana: Thirteenth district—H. A. Barnhart, democrat, vice A. L. Brick, republican, deceased.
Louisiana: First district—Albert E. Topinal, democrat, vice Adolph Myer, democrat, deceased.

North Dakota, (at large)—Either C. H. Burke or E. W. Martin, republican, vice W. H. Parker, republican, deceased.

Fairbanks Not Chilly.

Vice President Fairbanks is always a vision of geniality when he opens a session in the senate, and it is to be expected he will be the same this year, comes in smiling, shakes hands right and left with members of the senate and everyone else in his vicinity, not omitting the pages. Even the vice-president's worst enemy cannot accuse him of chilliness on this occasion.

The convening of the senate is solemn, however, and when Mr. Fairbanks, amid oppressive silence, raps three times with his gavel, his face will be in keeping with the occasion.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the venerable chaplain, will invoke the divine blessing and the roll will be called. Resolutions will then be adopted informing the house that the senate is ready for business. Then the usual committee will be appointed to wait on the president with similar information, just as if the president had not heard a word about it.

A brief recess will be taken and the committee will return with the announcement that the president is "delighted" or words to that effect, and that he will "later communicate with congress in writing." Then the senate will solemnly adjourn until Tuesday.

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