

## JOB OF TAFT MEN MAY END ON JULY 1

Democrats Have a Plan to Place Their Men in Federal Offices.

### WORKING ON NEW LAW

Republicans Frightened.—A Number of Officials Would Be Affected.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The Democratic caucus of the Senate probably on next Thursday will consider a somewhat startling patronage scheme from its patronage committee. This committee was appointed to devise a plan of action toward the nominations, which President Taft has sent to the Senate since his defeat and which the Democrats thus far have held up. Its program, if adopted, will result in vacating thousands of Federal jobs within a few months after the inauguration of President Wilson and the substitution of a host of Democratic for Republican office holders.

The scheme originated, it is understood, with Senator Clark of Arkansas, but it is said to have the approval of most of the other members of the patronage committee. They are all Southerners, more or less hungry for rich pickings under the Democratic administration—Senator Martin of Virginia, the nominal Democratic leader of the Senate; Stone of Missouri, Owen of Oklahoma and Hoke Smith of Georgia.

#### Those Affected.

The plan contemplates the enactment by Congress of a law that will terminate next July the terms of office of all Presidential postmasters, district attorneys, marshals, revenue collectors and other officeholders, whose terms originally were contemporaneous with that of the President and members of his Cabinet. The plan is to propose the passage of such a law at this session of Congress with the understanding that in the event of Republicans supporting it, all of the 1,300 Taft nominations now being held up shall be confirmed immediately and that all further nominations made by Mr. Taft up to March 4 shall receive favorable consideration at the hands of Democrats.

Of course the enactment of such a law would throw open to the Democrats a block on July 1 next all the vast field of Federal patronage. Under present conditions many of the Republicans who have been appointed to office by President Taft within the last year will hold over through most of the Wilson Administration unless Mr. Wilson resorts to the removal of Republican appointees before their terms expire. The latter course would amount to return to the most flagrant practices of the spoils system and undoubtedly would not be considered by Mr. Wilson. The proposition to be advanced by the Democrats is in effect therefore an offer to trade a lease on official life for unconfirmed Taft appointees until July 1 in exchange for the retirement of all Republicans on that date.

#### How Regarded.

Republicans who learned today of this proposition immediately announced that it would not be considered for a minute. In fact, the Democratic plan is regarded by Republicans merely as an attempt to afford a pretext for continued opposition to the Taft nominations from now until March 4. They say the Democrats intend to offer an impossible proposition and then raise the cry before the country that they are justified in opposing the Taft nominations on the ground that the Republicans have declined to accept a fair proposal.

Some of the Democratic advocates of the plan, however, contend that if it is not accepted by a Republican Senate at this session an effort will be made to have a law passed immediately following the induction of the new Congress, when both branches will be controlled by the Democrats, fixing July 1 as the date for the expiration of Federal offices of this character.

The feeling over the patronage question is beginning to assume serious proportions and it is likely to cause President Wilson more trouble than any other. The Republicans now have a majority of eight in the Senate, but they have been unable to accomplish anything in the way of confirmations since the reassembling of Congress.

### NAPOLEON'S POLICE.

An Incident That Shows How Closely They Were Watched.

During the reign of Emperor Napoleon I, at a dinner in Paris the conversation turned upon the emperor and his government. One of the company remarked that he was a great man, but was too fond of war. When the party broke up a gentleman who was present requested to speak in private to the person who had made that observation. "Sir," said he, "I am sorry for it, but I must request you to go with me to the police."

"Why?" said the other in the greatest apparent alarm. "I have said nothing against the emperor but what every one must acknowledge, that he is too fond of war. There can be no harm in that."

"With that I have nothing to do. You must go with me to the police."

The other now began to show the strongest symptoms of fear. He endeavored to treat the police agent in the most pathetic language to have compassion on him. The other, however, stood unmoved by all his solicitation, when suddenly the man rose from his knees and burst into a laugh, to the utter astonishment of the police agent.

"You think you have caught me," said he. "You are a spy of the police. So am I, and I was put over you to see whether you would do your duty."

### MOVEMENT STARTED TO IMPEACH MAYOR



MAYOR HARRISON.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Mayor Carter Harrison may be impeached for permitting alleged violations of the saloon closing law on New Year's Eve. The evidence has been gathered by clergymen, who went out as investigators.

### STREET STORIES

Albert C. Brown, the new janitor at the Wayne county court house, has been a resident of Richmond since 1842 and is one of the oldest residents who was born in Richmond.

"Palladium" was the first word Mr. Brown learned to spell. He lived in a log cabin where Hill's greenhouse now stands. "There were cracks between the logs in the cabin and my mother placed newspapers there to keep out the cold winds," said Mr. Brown. "Most of the papers were Palladium papers as that is the only one we ever took. They were pasted so conspicuously about the roof of the cabin over my bed that I learned to spell the word 'Palladium' before I had committed the entire alphabet to memory."

### USE MILLION DOLLARS

Every Four Years in Richmond for Education.

One million dollars is expended in Richmond alone every four years for educational purposes according to the report of Superintendent Williams of the Wayne county schools.

During the last twelve months \$219,673.31 was distributed in Richmond through the public schools, and \$473,499.68 was expended in the entire county.

Throughout the state, county superintendents are reporting the loss in the number of school children. Even in Wayne county the number of children enrolled in the schools is not increasing according to the rate of the increase of population. Mr. Williams

recommends the removal of all Republican appointees before their terms expire.

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### ON WAY TO RICHMOND

Mary Allen Being Brought Here from Rising Sun.

Sheriff Oliver Mitchell will arrive tonight from Rising Sun, Ind., with Mary Allen, who is implicated in the delinquency of Georgianna Doyle. Sheriff Bayer has no authority outside of Wayne county according to Judge Fox who decided that it would be necessary for Mitchell to bring Mrs. Allen to this city.

Joseph Allen still maintains that his signature to the affidavit is false. He does not accuse any one, as yet, of signing his name. The affidavit sworn to before Justice of Peace Samuel Morgan stated that Georgianna Doyle is 16 years of age, contrary to the fact that she is but twelve. This is known by both Allen and his wife it is said.

Hensley is taking the matter quietly and seems unconcerned at the county jail where he is being held until he will be able to furnish bond of \$300.

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### COURT REJECTED A DISSOLUTION PLAN

U. P. and S. P. Split Must Be More Satisfactory, Supreme Court Rules.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The objection of the attorney general to the plan of dissolution proposed by the Union Pacific railway to carry out the mandate of the supreme court of the United States was sustained by the court today, which held that the distribution of stock of the Southern Pacific to Union Pacific stockholders did not carry out the dissolution orders.

Justice Day, in stating the opinion of the court, said: "The proposal to distribute the stock among the share holders of the Union Pacific, or to sell the stock to such share holders, if granted, would in effect, transfer the stock of the Oregon Short Line, which now holds it for the Union Pacific, to the share holders who own and control the latter company. The court is of the opinion that this distribution or sale cannot be ordered. The ultimate determination of the affairs of a corporation rest with its stockholders and arises from their power to choose the governing board of directors. After such distribution as is now proposed, the stockholders of the Union Pacific may dominate and control, not only the Union Pacific, but the Southern Pacific company as well."

"We are of the opinion that such distribution would not so effectively end the combination as to comply with the decree heretofore ordered to be entered by this court."

### 2 ENGINEERS CONFER

Discuss the Building of New Bridge.

County Bridge Engineer John Mueller, of New Castle, was here today to confer with the county commissioners about the proposed South End bridge. Mueller has been continually receiving correspondence from residents of this city relative to what action the people preferred. Most every case reported that the sentiment of the citizens was favorable toward the erection of the bridge over Main street and moving the present bridge to the south side. One writer informed the engineer that it would be best to compel the traction company to pay one-third of the expense of building the bridge.

City Engineer Charles and Mueller went over the present plans to be submitted to the council this afternoon. The men took a trip to the bridge and examined it. Both officials are favorable toward the movement on the part of the citizens and officials to have the new bridge over Main street.

The bridge will last for 30 years if taken down and repainted, they say.

It will not last more than 6 years in its present position. President Kennedy, of the board of works said the South Side Improvement association only wanted a fair deal and if the officials could show the residents of the south side that the Main street bridge would answer the purpose they would be satisfied with it.

### AN INDUSTRY BOARD

Provided in a Bill Bristow Enters.

(National News Association)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Senator Bristow of Kansas today introduced a bill to create an industrial commission of seven members with annual salaries of \$12,000 each. The purpose of the commission is to have jurisdiction over corporations doing a certain amount of interstate business in much the same manner that the Interstate commerce commission has jurisdiction over railroads and other means of transportation.

The bureau of corporations of the department of commerce and labor is to form a part of the proposed industrial commission. The bill gives the president the power of appointment and removing the commissioners.

### MEETING, JANUARY 14

Stockholders of National Banks in Session Then.

Between 6,000 and 7,000 national banks all over the country will hold annual stockholders meetings at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of January 14. This will include the three national banks of this city who will meet on that day in accordance with the national custom.

It was stated by officials of the Union National, First National and Second National banks of Richmond that as yet no changes have been announced in any of the officers of the banks.

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