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PRESSENCE OF M'CRAY ADDS TO ACTIVITY

Governor-elect Has Let It Be Known That He Favors McClure of Anderson, for Speakership.

GIVAN IS DARK HORSE

(Special Correspondence of the Richmond Palladium.)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 30.—It is apparent today that the legislative speakership contest has taken on new life and that J. D. Miltenberger, of Muncie, is up against a harder contest than anybody had any idea he would face.

Governor-elect McCray has let it be known that he is favorable to the election of John P. McClure, of Anderson. There was no indication that the Governor-elect would make an active fight in the contest but those who are supporting McClure believe that when the information gets sufficiently spread that he governor-elect favors McClure, the election of McClure will be assured.

Representatives of the traction and allied interests which have been for McClure from the start were busy day before yesterday and yesterday and today they are concentrating their efforts.

The fact that Mr. McCray is in the city, means, of course, that there is more or less political activity of all kinds and the speakership workers therefore have the opportunity they wish. Mr. Miltenberger was in the city yesterday and the friends of Clinton H. Givan, of Indianapolis, also a candidate for speaker were active.

Huffman Is Working.

W. W. Huffman of Anderson, apparently is the chief engineer for the McClure candidacy. Huffman is in Indianapolis today and says he will remain here until the speakership fight is over. It is presumed that the question will be settled at the house caucus which will be held next Wednesday night. Huffman says there is no doubt that McClure will be elected speaker.

In discussing the attitude of the governor-elect on the speakership Huffman frankly says that the power of a governor has to sign or veto bills and take other official action that may be either pleasing or displeasing to various individuals or factions.

Huffman Quotes History.

Huffman also has at hand some history which he is using. He says that never in the history of the state, so far as he can remember, has a governor failed to get for speaker the man he desired. He says that when Governor Durbin desired the election of Samuel R. Artman, his desire was gratified in spite of the fact that Artman had only a few votes pledged at the start.

Huffman says also that Emmett F. Branch, the present Lieutenant-Governor-elect, had only a handful of votes when he sought the speakership in the Hanly administration, but the fact that Governor Hanly desired the election of Branch did the work he says. He declares it will be the same way in the present contest and that McClure certainly will be elected.

Huffman in the past has served as secretary of the senate and has been known as a traction lobbyist. He lives at Anderson, the home town of McClure.

Miltenberger's Friends Worry.

Without doubt the friends of Miltenberger are worried by the new turn developments have taken. The Miltenberger candidacy had been sailing smoothly since the legislative conference held here a week or two ago and most of the political observers believed that McClure was practically out of the race. It was rumored about that McCray would not give it out that he favored McClure even though some of his friends had been working for McClure, among them Lawrence Lyons, who was McCray's manager in the campaign. Miltenberger's friends say that more than fifty members of the house will support his candidacy but it is admitted that the influence of the governor-elect will make a great difference.

Some of the leaders among those who are supporting Givan say that even with the Governor's influence McClure cannot be elected. But they express the belief that the governor's influence also will put the Miltenberger out of the race.

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Think Well of Givan.

The friends of the Governor-elect are said to think very well of Givan as it is understood also that Givan has maintained pleasant relations with the Miltenberger followers. Givan has not been regarded as a leading candidate and he is said to have the opposition of some of the most powerful corporations. The chance for a deadlock however revives the hopes of those who wish to elect him.

Those who are supporting Zell Swain for the position of secretary of the senate, say M. E. Watkins, of Roachdale, will be defeated in his contest for this place because Senator Estes Duncan, who is understood to favor the selection of Watkins is now a member of the legislative visiting committee and will be the chairman of the important Senate finance committee. Duncan and Watkins are from the same county and the favoring of both men with important positions it is asserted would be handing out too much in one direction.

Some Oppose Swain.

Those who are opposing the selection of Swain say that Swain is too close to Harry N. Styner, of Muncie, who got out of the race for secretary after it became known that he had been discharged as assistant

American Soprano Triumphs Under Own Name



Miss Louise Taylor.

Miss Louise Taylor has proved the valor of her American pluck, when, after four years' success in singing leading dramatic soprano roles in Italian opera under the assumed name of Louise Darole, she won a veritable triumph in "Aida" at Havana under her own name, Taylor. So unqualified was the first acceptance of an American in Havana opera that she was immediately re-engaged for another tour. Now to her following in Italy, South America, Porto Rico, Mexico, Panama, Canada and the United States, is added the enthusiasm of the Cubans.

Newspapers of London Insist on Conference on Armaments

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Insistence upon the desirability of restricting naval armaments and the holding of a conference on the subject by the United States, Great Britain and Japan was renewed today by London newspapers.

The Times, saying the belief was widely prevalent in the United States that Great Britain was bound by treaty to support Japan in case that country should enter war with America, devoted more than half of a long editorial seeking to convince Americans that this belief was "grotesquely false." The newspaper recalled that when the United States and Great Britain in 1914 signed the peace commission treaty, Great Britain immediately will be elected.

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HAYS LAUDS LEADERSHIP OF HARDING

Praises Course Followed by President-elect—Discusses Plans of Inauguration and Economic Situation.

SENATOR KNOX CALLS

(By Associated Press)

MARION, O., Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration held right or way to day on President-elect Harding's schedule of conferences. E. B. McLean, the Washington publisher, who is chairman of the inaugural committee; Senator Philander G. Knox, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the congressional committee on inauguration, and Will H. Hays, who as chairman of the Republican national committee will have an active part in inaugural arrangements, were among those called into consultation here on details of the ceremony.

Both Mr. Hays and Senator Knox have been persistently mentioned for cabinet posts and their visit here added to speculation about selections soon to be made by Mr. Harding. It was not revealed, however, how far the conferences might have concerned that subject.

Consider Agriculture

Others on Mr. Harding's appointment list during the day included a committee of the National Grange, who asked for the interview to present their views on the agricultural situation.

The conferences today with the president-elect are believed to have bolstered indications that announcement of some of the cabinet selections will be announced soon. Senator Harding reviewed with Chairman Hays all the discussions on cabinet selections and association of nations, and other matters, which have taken place here during the last few weeks. They also talked over inauguration plans. After the conference Chairman Hays said:

"This normal man is doing the normal thing. He is keeping his promise made repeatedly before the election that he would immediately approach and seek the solution of the great domestic and foreign problems with a discussion with as many leaders as possible.

"From all sides comes the word that this splendid course is going forward indeed toward aiding the situation which might have been very different as we move into the new year. It is a real satisfaction to note the renewed confidence which is the actual result on the recognition on the part of the public that there is in the president elect a real constructive leadership with right ideas moving to a definite end."

LENNARD TO APPEAR IN HAMILTON FRIDAY

John I. Lennard, of Richmond, will appear in the Hamilton municipal court Friday morning to answer to a charge of receiving stolen automobiles, preferred by the state of Ohio, officials said today.

At the preliminary hearing scheduled for Friday morning Lennard will probably be bound over to the grand jury for trial, officials said Thursday.

MILNE OUT; BOARD SEEKS NEW OFFICIAL

W. A. Milne, of Muncie, who had signed a contract to assume the duties of secretary of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, on Jan. 1, 1921, was released from the agreement Wednesday evening, by the board of directors. Mr. Milne requested that he be freed on order that he might accept an offer from Cincinnati, at about three times the amount he was to have received here.

Applications for the vacancy created are said to be on file at the headquarters. Members of the board of directors believe that they can obtain a man as capable as Mr. Milne, for the secretaryship within a short time.

The following statement was issued last night by the board of directors:

"Mr. W. A. Milne of Muncie, Ind., who was to take the duties of secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has been released from his contract owing to the fact that he has been offered a very much better position in the industrial field at Cincinnati, at a salary at three times that offered by us, together with a partnership in the business."

"The board regrets very much to release Mr. Milne, but thinks it would be unfair and unjust to him not to do so in view of the unusual business opportunity offered him. This is particularly true because Mr. Milne had not yet assumed his duties here, and the Chamber of Commerce has not been handicapped in securing a competent secretary. The board has several able and experienced men under consideration for the secretaryship and will select the best man possible."

Representative Anthony Leaves to See Harding

(By Associated Press)

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 30.—Representative D. R. Anthony, of Kansas, member of the House military affairs committee and chairman of the sub-committee having charge of all appropriations for the army during the next fiscal year, left his home here today for Marion, O., to confer with President-elect Harding.

Mr. Anthony will stop in Marion at the request of Mr. Harding and it is understood military affairs will be the subject of the conference which is set for Friday morning.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair tonight; warm in extreme south portion; Friday cloudy.

Temperatures Yesterday

Maximum 33
Minimum 18

Today

Noon 41

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore

Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday; moderate temperatures will continue for the next 24 hours at

noon.

General Conditions—Mild weather

now covers the Mississippi valley and

plain states but it remains cold over

the south Atlantic coast with minimum

temperatures below freezing. An ex-

tensive rain storm is now in progress

over Montana, Idaho, Oregon and

Washington. It is turning cold again

over western Canada.

GOVERNOR CALLS OFF DANCE

(By Associated Press)

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 30.—Governor-elect J. M. Dixon today called off an inaugural ball planned for Helena next week. "I don't want to be a honor guest at a party costing \$5 a ticket," he said.

British Commission Condemns "Black and Tans"



Recent photo from Dublin showing Black and Tans, with revolvers drawn, guarding veritable Sinn Fein arsenal found in cycle shop after its discovery.

The report of the labor commission sent by the British government to investigate conditions in Ireland and presented on the commission's return recently is a scathing denunciation of the government's methods in dealing with the entire situation. Discussing the work of the "Black and Tans", the Royal Irish constabulary, the report says that "in the Black and Tans and auxiliaries the government has created a weapon which it cannot wield; it has liberated forces which it is not at present able to dominate." It adds that "by no means a negligible proportion of the Royal Irish constabulary are at present constituted are men of intemperate habits utterly unsuited to their duties."

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