

PRESENCE 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 F. 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 McClure would not run it out that he favored McClure even though some of his friends had been working for McClure, among them Lawrence Lyons, who was McClure'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 Miltenberger out of the race.

Friends of Givan are working among the friends of Miltenberger and approaching those who are close to the governor-elect with the hope of bringing about the selection of Givan as a compromise candidate in case there is a McClure-Miltenberger deadlock.

Thick Well of Givan.
The friends of the Governor-elect are said to think very well of Givan and 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 Montmorenci, 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.

Louise Taylor has proved the value of her American pluck, when, after four years' success in singing leading dramatic soprano roles in Italian opera under the assumed name of Louise Darolee, 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 notified Japan of the fact. Japan was told that the agreement to submit disputes between the United States and Great Britain to investigation by a permanent international commission constituted an exemption on Great Britain's part to aid Japan.

14 SEAPLANES LEAVE CALIFORNIA STATION ON TRIP TO PANAMA

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 30.—Headed by the F-5-L squadron leader, 14 seaplanes left the North Island Navy Air Station here at 8:30 o'clock this morning on the first lap of the proposed flight from San Diego to Panama Bay. Crowds gathered early on the hills of Point Loma to watch the start of the 3,000-mile seaplane flight.

The "ships," 14 in all, with a personnel of 70 officers and men, were the largest number of aircraft ever gathered on the Pacific coast for such a long flight.

The first ship carried the pennant of the fleet commander, Captain Henry C. Mustin. It was one of the dozen F-5-L planes in the expedition and was under command of Lieut. L. D. Spaulding. The planes of this type were put ahead, the triple-motored NC type being faster and therefore held back.

Undaunted by Difficulties
Capt. Mustin is a veteran air navigator and has spent months of intensive study on problems incident to the Panama flight. He declared the greatest difficulty would be finding suitable anchorage grounds for the seaplanes in unfamiliar west Mexican bays and harbors. The question of fueling also was an important one, he said.

Optimism for a successful trip was expressed by the officers and men. The seaplanes are to send hourly wireless reports of their progress to the aircraft tender Aroostook off Cedros Island, 260 miles south of San Diego. All carried star shells for night signalling, but no night flights are planned. Each has a two weeks' supply of water and food.

Stolen Car of Williams Found in New York City
The automobile of Thomas Williams, which was stolen from North Ninth street on Dec. 14, has been located in New York city, according to word received by Chief of Police Wenger Thursday. The machine had been abandoned and the thief was not caught. Mr. Williams said he would go to New York for the machine.

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 the honor guest at a party costing \$5 a ticket," he said.

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 of way today on President-elect Harding's schedule of conferences. E. B. McLean, the Washington publisher, who is chairman of the inaugural committee; Senator Philander C. 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 announcements 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 of national importance 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 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 post 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.

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 as at present constituted are men of intemperate habits utterly unsuited to their duties."

Right Wing French Socialists Claims Leadership of Party

TOURS, France, Dec. 30.—The right wing of the Socialist party today declared itself to be the Socialist party of France. Its members have control of a considerable part of the party funds and also of the newspaper "Humanite" which is in the name of Deputy Marcel Sembat and various other individual Socialists, but in reality belongs to the Socialist party.

Efforts of the party to present a united front relative to the adhesion of the organization to the Third International of Moscow have been unavailing and it appeared that the party had been split into three factions.

These were the left wing which has voted to obey explicitly the commands of Nikolai Lenin, Russian Bolshevik premier; the Centrists, who favor adhering to the Moscow International, but who urge reservations to the terms imposed by the Right wing, which has opposed throwing the organization completely into the hands of the communists.

Demands Expulsion.

Last night's session of the Socialist congress which is meeting here developed into a wild and stormy sitting. G. S. Zinovieff, Bolshevik governor of Moscow, had sent a message to the congress demanding in the name of the Moscow executive committee that the Centrists should be branded the determined agents of "bourgeois influence and elements with which the Third Internationale can have nothing in common," and expelled from the party.

A long debate ensued. A resolution was then introduced by M. Mistral, stating that the party refused to carry out the demand for expulsions, but it received only 1,398 votes, 143 ballots not being cast.

Great disorder prevailed in the hall, younger and more ardent delegates shouting "Apaches," and frequently coming to blows. M. Paul, leader of the Right wing, then rose and announced the Socialist party would meet at the City hall at 10 o'clock.

He was followed by M. Faure of the Centrists, who declared that as M. Mistral's motion, stating conditions upon which the Centrists would remain in the party had been rejected, the members of that faction would meet at 10 o'clock this morning to consider what action would be taken. Members of the Right Wing then walked out, but the Centrists remained.

M. Frossard then announced that "the Socialist party of France will continue its session in this very hall," and adjournment was taken a little later.

NIVELLE PLEADS FOR AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 30.—Continuance of the traditional friendship of the United States and France was urged by General Georges Nivelle of the French army here today.

"The allies of the war must keep an unbroken front against any enemy," he said in the war. "The friendship of France and the United States which began in your revolutionary war and was cemented by the world war, must not die."

General Nivelle and his party arrived here last night. He is to address a luncheon in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce at noon. During his visit here he is the guest of Myron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France.

Notify Lithuania of Plebiscite Line

(By Associated Press.)
WARSAW, Dec. 30.—Formal notification has been sent to Lithuania that the railroad between Vilna and Dvinsk will remain Polish and that the proposed plebiscite will be held only in territory west of that line.

There was no possibility of the Right Wing having anything to do with the section which voted for unreserved adhesion to the International, but the Centrists appeared to be divided among themselves. A large section of this faction including M. Renaudel and Albert Thomas, refuses to be associated with any group. It was believed that today's meetings would determine whether the Centrists would form an independent organization or would split, one-half going with the Right wing and the rest with the Left.

MRS. ALICE NEWMAN FOUND DEAD IN HOME; HER BODY IS BURNED

Mrs. Alice Newman, about 70 years old, 315 Richmond avenue, was found dead from burns received when she fell into the gas grate in her home, shortly before 3:15 p. m. Thursday. Mrs. Newman was found by M. T. Clark, who lives in the other part of the double house occupied by Mrs. Newman.

Mr. Clark was led to the discovery of Mrs. Newman's charred body by noticing smells of burning clothing and smoke which spread through the building.

Ray Newman, a son of the deceased woman, says that his mother has been subject to fainting spells and it is believed that she fell into the grate after suffering one of her attacks of faintness.

Her son believes that her death was due to the fainting attack. When Mr. Clark found Mrs. Newman's body stretched prone on the floor of her home, he found that the upper part of her body was burned badly but not beyond recognition.

Upon smelling the odor of burning clothing which permeated the building, Mr. Clark made several unsuccessful attempts to arouse Mrs. Newman. Failing to gain an entry he jarred the front door so violently that the door came open and he made the discovery of her death.

It was found that the right arm had fallen into the grate and it was completely burned off. The upper part of the body was badly charred.

She is survived by two sons, Ray, a bookkeeper at the J. M. Hutton company, and Victor, clerk in the senate postoffice at Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Alice Newman was born in Mumfords, N. Y. She attended normal school at Oswego, N. Y. She came west with her people shortly after her graduation from normal school. The deceased woman taught school at Greenville, O., Noblesville, Ind. and Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Newman married Jonathan Newman in 1884. Her husband preceded her in death, having succumbed in January, 1914.

GARFIELD IS CALLED IN SENATE INQUIRY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Anthracite coal conditions, mining cost, and methods of distribution were taken up by the senate reconstruction committee at a prolonged executive session today with Dr. Harry A. Garfield, former federal fuel administrator. Chairman Calder said Dr. Garfield had given the committee suggestions as to how to assemble anthracite coal cost data and that the inquiry into that industry would be pushed.

An informal conference of the committee yesterday with Dan W. Sims, of Indiana, who recently resigned as special government attorney in the prosecution of coal operators and un- ion miners indicted at Indianapolis on charges of conspiracy, was followed by a statement that the committee would not at this time call Mr. Sims to testify. The decision to temporarily excuse Mr. Sims was reached, it was said because of the fact that the conspiracy cases still were pending, and public consideration of the government's legal policies involved might be prejudicial to the defendants.

FIUME SEES END OF LONG HOSTILITIES

Fighting Between Regular Italian Troops and D'Annunzio's Legionaries Ended Agreement Signed Friday.

PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY

(By Associated Press.)
TRIESTE, Dec. 30.—Gabriele D'Annunzio appeared to have dropped out of sight in the official negotiations now in progress. The agreement to be signed today for Fiume's submission to the treaty of Rapallo and Italian rule will be subscribed to by the Italian government and the local authorities to whom D'Annunzio yielded his power.

General Cavaglia commanding the Italian forces which operated against the D'Annunzio legionaries will conclude the final agreement with Mayor Riccardo Gigante of Fiume and Captain Hostwentrup, to whom the defense of Fiume was entrusted.

Much speculation prevails among the Italian officers as to the future of D'Annunzio. The general opinion expressed is that he will leave Fiume and go into exile. D'Annunzio's last public act was to send out a proclamation complaining of dissension among the Fiumians. He declared they were not the sort of people to fight and die for and denounced them in bitter terms.

Hostilities End

Hostilities at Fiume, between Italian regular troops and D'Annunzio legionaries ended Thursday night. The agreement for the capitulation of Fiume was signed Friday morning. Orders for a cessation of fighting at Fiume apparently followed a report to General Cavaglia, commander of Italian regulars in Dalmatia, that the council of Fiume, to which Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio had turned over his power as head as the regency of the quarnero, and had accepted the terms of the government.

At a conference held at Abbazia yesterday the council gave complete recognition of the treaty of Rapallo against the application of which D'Annunzio and his men were fighting and signed an agreement for the capitulation of the city.

The last news from D'Annunzio personally stated he had resolved to leave Fiume by airplane, and it is presumed he reached to take with him Signorita Luise Baccara, who has been in Fiume for several months and to whom he has declared he will be married as soon as he is given a divorce from his present wife.

ROME, Dec. 30.—Anxiety relative to living conditions in Fiume were not concealed yesterday at Abbazia by Pickardo Gigante, mayor of the city, during his interview with General Ferrario in direct command of troops attacking the city. He said the population was threatened with starvation. Although an ardent supporter of D'Annunzio the mayor, urged that an agreement be reached to avert the making of innocent victims of old people, women and children.

Abbazia was the headquarters of diplomatic representatives to the "regency of Quarnero" especially those from the Balkan states, who hurriedly left when they realized that actual siege of the city was about to begin.

Mayer Is Wounded.
Colonel Mayer of the Carabinieri was perhaps fatally wounded during the fighting on Monday. He advanced at the head of his soldiers, declaring he would not fire under any circumstances but was shot down. The troops ran into all kinds of ambushes and this irritated the regulars, who, seeing they were treated like enemies, had recourse to retaliation. For the same reason the naval forces in the harbor found it necessary to fire against some of the military establishments in the city.

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SAMPLE C. BYER, 87, SUMMONED BY DEATH

Sample C. Byer, 87 years old, member of Masonic lodge here for 55 years, and a resident of Richmond for 68 years, died at his home, 22 South Eleventh street at 1 a. m. Thursday. Mr. Byer's death followed an illness of about 10 days.

He was born in Greencastle, Pa., Feb. 9, 1833, later coming to New-castle, where he lived until a young man. He worked as a surveyor for a time, then came to Richmond. A short time later Mr. Byer returned to Newcastle, where he stayed for several years. In 1857 he married Miss Anna Eliza Mason, of Richmond. He was a cabinet maker and followed the trade the greater part of his life. He was, however, mailing clerk at the local postoffice from the fall of 1882 until 1894.

Married Second Time.

Following the death of Mr. Byer's first wife, he married Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsey, of Richmond, June 30, 1906. Mr. Byer belonged to the King Solomon Chapter of Masons and was the second oldest member in point of service. During the past few years he had not been active in the lodge owing to his advanced age. He was a member of the local post of the G. A. R.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Byer; one daughter, Mrs. F. S. Davis, of Connersville; one son, Mason Byer, of Richmond; two step-sons, Hugh Ritchie, of Florida, and Grayson Ramsey, of New Mexico; and one step-daughter, Mrs. Edward Morgan, of Richmond.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Friends may call at any time.