

DEMOCRATS FAIL TO SEE OPPORTUNITY

Appointment of Executive Committee Only Start, Says Sullivan—Chance to Profit by Republican Mistakes.

PARTY UNITY IS NEEDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—The Democrats have made a start toward reorganization. Chairman White has appointed an executive committee, and so far that is the only outcome of the strenuous agitation that has gone on for several weeks on the part of some Democratic leaders, who have been troubled by the inertia of the party machinery and have demanded that vitality be injected into it.

The appointment of an executive committee is a start, but it is not much more. The rules of the party are such that in choosing its executive committee, Chairman White was restricted to members of the Democratic national committee, and under that restriction it is not possible to do much. The members of the national committee are not as a rule, widely known to the public, and do not have any real leadership in the sense of representing Democratic thought.

Made Up of Workers. The national committee is made up almost wholly of local party workers, who are more interested in questions of patronage and in the details of local organization than in policy. About the only man on the new executive committee who can be regarded as having a public standing is Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia.

This new executive committee is almost wholly a matter of interest within the organization. It can have no appeal to the public and can do little toward making the Democratic party what the public expects of it, namely, a united and aggressive opposition party, so functioning as to bring out the contrast with the policies and measures adopted by the party in power.

Differences Not Healed. Even within the party the appointment of this executive committee does not bring peace or reassurance. It does not solve or heal differences which divide the organization into a Cox faction and a McAdoo faction. One faction of the party believes that Cox intends to hold fast to the position of leadership which came to him by virtue of his candidacy. For this belief there is good evidence. Although Cox himself refused to talk politics to the newspaper men while he was in Washington, certain things he did become sufficiently clear to justify the presumption that he proposes to keep the leadership if he can.

Cox to Try Again. From this the anti-Cox group passes readily to the conclusion that they expect to try to get the nomination again three years from now. An additional fact adding to this suspicion is Cox's announced intention of spending several months in Europe studying foreign problems. The anti-Cox leaders suspect Cox of looking forward to the league of nations, or some variations of it, as the leading issue.

The anti-Cox leaders look upon the present chairman of the party, George White, as a Cox man. To a large degree that is true, although White is a man of character who would have a conscientious sense of his trusteeship to the party as a whole. But even after White made the concession of appointing an executive committee, the anti-Cox leaders are no more satisfied than before. They still maintain that there should be a meeting of the entire national committee and a thorough-going reorganization.

May Call Meeting. Under the rules of the party only White has the power to call such a meeting, and his adoption of the executive committee is accepted as a sign of his unwillingness to go any further. The anti-Cox leaders say they will go over White's head and call a meeting by the device of a petition from a majority of the committee members.

For the sake of understanding, I speak of these men as "Anti-Cox Leaders." But it is a fact that they might, with equal accuracy, be called "Pro-McAdoo Leaders." The whole contest has superficially the appearance of a row between the adherents of two leaders for strategic advantage looking to the nomination in 1924.

Realize Need. It would not be fair to describe it as wholly that, for some of the leaders taking part in the contest are moved largely by realization of the necessity for greater cohesiveness and activity on the part of the organization.

What the Democratic organization really needs is to think of the public and not of the candidates. It needs to place the role of an opposition party effectively now and stop thinking of who is to have the nomination three years from now. It needs less squabbling for advantage within the party organization, and more effort toward unity in the sight of the public.

Unity of organization is desirable, but unity of thought and policy is much more important. Differences within the organization are bad, but differences among the publicly known leaders of the party in congress, on the executive committee, and especially those who are regarded as leaders, divided in such a way that the public will not be able to understand whether the Democrats present any contrast to the Republicans. In the

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When Harding Visited Bryan at His Home



Left to right: Senator Frelinghuysen, Mary Shotes Bryan, W. J. Bryan, Jr. (partly hidden), President-elect Harding, Ruth Baird Owen, George Christian, private secretary to the president-elect (partly hidden); Reginald Bryan, Helen Virginia Bryan, Dr. Ely and William Jennings Bryan.

President-elect Harding was the guest of William Jennings Bryan for an afternoon at "The Great Commoner's" home, "Villa Serena", on Biscayne Bay, Miami Florida, during his houseboat cruise in Florida waters. Bryan gave the incoming chief executive a warm greeting and introduced him to the many members of the Bryan family. Then followed a pleasant chat.

NEW YORK OFFICER ARRIVES TO RETURN GOODMAN FOR TRIAL

Russell Goodman, who was arrested by local police last Thursday and was held on a grand larceny charge from Mt. Vernon, N. Y., for alleged implication in an automobile theft, will be taken to Mt. Vernon, N. Y., by an officer from that city who arrived in Richmond Saturday morning.

Goodman will return to New York without state papers, he having signed a waiver. He admitted to Michael J. Silverstein, the Mt. Vernon officer, that he was implicated in the sale of a stolen automobile, he having received \$15 for his part in the transaction, it is said.

Implicated in Others. It is thought by the New York officer that Goodman is connected with another robbery, and he is said to have admitted knowing and meeting the parties who have already been arrested as implicated in this.

The theft of the automobile for which Goodman is wanted occurred last October. He was known to have been in this locality although local officers received their information regarding the man from others than the Mt. Vernon police.

Goodman escaped from the marshal of Cambridge City and a posse about a month ago. He was found hiding behind a phonograph in a home at 801 North West Second street by local officers when they searched the home last Thursday.

RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Six alleged Russian communists were arrested here last night, and it is expected that others will be taken into custody today, 21 warrants having been sworn out late yesterday. Police officials are continuing their investigation of communist activities and have reported successful operations at Havre and Nancy.

The authorities at Frankfurt have arrested 14 persons, among whom are several communists and leaders of armed organizations says a Mayence dispatch to the Matin. Newspapers there declare that it has been found that communists in France are obtaining American money from some source in Berlin.

TRADING WITH REDS PROVES UNPROFITABLE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 5.—The first trading venture with the Bolsheviks has resulted unprofitably said officials of the Italian steamer Ancona, which arrived here today from Novorossisk, a port on the east coast of the Black sea.

Several reasons for the profitless voyage are given, foremost being a costly charter and the detention of the vessel at Batumi, by the Georgian government, for many weeks. The crew added that the Ancona was obliged to remain at Novorossisk for a month awaiting a cargo of furs, hides, carpets, sunflower seeds and other commodities which were exchanged for sugar, flour, coffee and cloth.

Vote Against Bringing Unidentified Soldier's Body

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5.—A resolution calling for postponement of the movement to bring from France the body of an unidentified American soldier for reburial in Arlington cemetery, has been adopted by the executive committee, Pittsburgh branch, Bring Home the Soldier-Dead league.

The resolution made public today advocates the return of all the known dead, requested by the next of kin, before the unidentified body is brought back. The graves registration bureau is still at work, the resolution continues and any body, listed as unidentified and buried within the next few months might be identified later.

OBREGON FINANCIAL DECREE FIRST STEP TO HELP BUSINESS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—Issuance of the decree permitting banks suppressed during the Carranza administration to resume business, made public on Thursday night by President Obregon, is considered in financial circles of the city to be the first step made by the president to stabilize banking conditions in the republic.

A comprehensive banking project, which will be submitted to the special session of congress next week, has been prepared by the government. One of the bills would call for the establishment of from six to eight regional banks for the issuance of paper money, which would be under government control.

Involves Large Sum. The value of the outstanding paper money which was issued by the various banks affected by Thursday night's decree is estimated at upwards of 110,000,000 pesos by the Financial and Mining bulletin, the official organ of the financial interests here. Of this amount, the Banco Nacional de Mexico issued more than 32,500,000 pesos; the Bank of London and Mexico, over 26,000,000 and the Oriental de Mexico, more than 21,000,000.

Some to Reopen Soon. The remainder, the publication says, is scattered among 20 other banks in 16 states, which acted as subsidiary banks of omission.

There is little prospect that all these banks will take advantage of the decree, it is declared, but it is considered certain that the next few days will see the Banco Nacional, the Occidental, the Mercantile de Vera Cruz, the Mercantile de Monterey, and the state banks of Nuevo Leon, Tlaxcala, Guerrero, Sonora, Hidalgo, Zacatecas and Mexico open their doors.

Secretary of the Treasury de la Huerta announced yesterday that the various banks affected by Thursday's decree held government obligations totaling 55,000,000 pesos. He asserted all these obligations would be redeemed, partly in gold and partly in government notes.

BOARD REPORT SHOWS NO WAGE DECREASE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 5.—Industrial accidents in Indiana number 2,537 during January, approximately 2,000 less than the monthly average, which officials of the industrial board said was an indication of unemployment.

Wages, however, showed no decline, the weekly average per man being \$31.28, according to the board's report. The average wage of children 16 years or under was \$18.87, as compared with \$13.48 for women. Thirty-three children and 76 women were injured during the month but none fatally. The highest weekly wage received in industry was \$39 and the lowest was \$5. Fatal accidents numbered 23 and the number of temporary total disabilities was 2,658.

CONSTANTINE CONFERS IN EFFORT TO SOLVE THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS

ATHENS, Feb. 5.—Conferences with political leaders were held today by King Constantine in an effort to solve the ministerial crisis which developed during the present week and culminated last night in the resignation of the Rallis cabinet. It was believed that M. Gounaris, minister of War or M. Kaloeropoulos, minister of Finance, would be asked to head the new ministry.

Premier Rallis had insisted that he should head the Greek delegation which will attend the Near East conference to be held in London beginning Feb. 21. M. Gounaris on the other hand, claimed the honor of being the Greek spokesman, citing his influence in parliament and the adherence of the Greek press to his qualifications.

This friction between the premier and his minister of war became so marked that it became known early yesterday that M. Rallis had decided to hand his resignation to the king.

When M. Rallis informed King Constantine that the cabinet had quit office the king asked for time in which to consider the situation, and the premier proceeded to the parliament building to announce the resignation of the government.

M. Rallis stated he would explain the reason which prompted him to resign to the king when he returned to the capital. He told the Associated Press that he had made a recommendation to the king that M. Gounaris be selected as his successor.

WILSON VEToes MOVE TO STOP RECRUITING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—President Wilson today vetoed the joint resolution directing the war department to stop army recruiting until the force is reduced to 175,000 men.

Returning the measure to the house the president said he was "unable to see in the conditions of the world at large or in the needs of the United States any change" that would justify a restriction upon the minimum enlisted strength of 280,000 men provided for in the recently enacted army reorganization bill.

Why Richmond is the Best Place in Which to Live Each day a Palladium reporter will interview persons at random to find out why they like to live here.

"Richmond is a city of homes," said one prominent club woman who formerly lived here: "You don't find a great demand for apartments but you do find a demand for homes. Every one wants to own their home. In nearly every city now great apartment houses are rising in every part of town and there is a steady influx to them."

"Nor do you find the working classes forced to live in rows of run down tenements as is the case in most of the cities I have visited. They too have their homes."

"It is a striking and noteworthy fact to find a city offering so many opportunities that are not confined to any one group but are shared by all. I wasn't born here but I lived here long enough so I feel justified in calling it 'my hometown.'"

BOLSHEVIKI STAMP OUT SOVIET FOES

Reds of Moscow Government Take Drastic Measures to Blot Out Anti-Soviet Activities in Russia.

LENINE ISSUES DECREE

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 5.—Drastic measures to stamp out anti-soviet activities in Russian and in surrounding territories have been taken by the Bolshevik government in Moscow, says the London Times.

The newspaper publishes a translation of the decree issued by Nikolai Lenin, Bolshevik premier, on Dec. 1, appointing M. Dzerjinsky head of the All-Russian extraordinary commission and delegating to him the task of eradicating foreign centers of counter-revolutions and preventing military enterprises against Russia.

M. Dzerjinsky accordingly issued secret instructions on Dec. 5, the Times declared, "by which his agents were ordered to crush all conspiracies and revolts engineered by foreign agents."

He recommended that hostages be taken among relatives in Russia of all members of White Guard organizations, and also decreed that traitors to the soviet cause should be ruthlessly destroyed. Terroristic acts against members of soviet military missions were also planned, the newspaper asserts.

Lenine's decree stated that foreign espionage organizations near the frontiers of Russia should be influenced with a view to utilizing them for the furtherance of soviet interests, and the creation of fictitious White Guard organizations was suggested in order that they might disclose the activities of foreign agencies in Russia.

FIGHT ON HOME RULE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP IN SENATE DISCUSSION

Fight on the home rule bill for cities of Indiana is expected to develop in the senate, according to Benjamin Johnson, head of the committee from Richmond which attended the house committee hearing in Indianapolis last Thursday evening. Reports from the state capital indicate that the proposed measure will pass the house but probably will strike a snag in the senate.

Governor McCray stated that he was in favor of the home rule bill now before the house, when the committee from Richmond visited him Thursday. He added that he was not in favor of the commission or city manager forms of municipal government, but as the proposed measure made these optional with cities he would favor it, Mr. Johnson stated.

McConaha Predicts Passage. Senator McConaha stated that as far as he knew no active opposition to the measure had developed in the senate, the senate usually acting in accord with the house. He predicted the passage of the bill. He stated that it was altogether probable that there would be a fight staged on the floor of the senate when the measure came up for a vote.

Preliminary efforts of cities of the state for the passage of the home rule bill are said to have reached their climax with the hearing before the house committee last Thursday. At this time virtually all those present recognized that the advocates of the bill had much the better of the argument, according to members of the local committee.

Expect Pressure. The showing made at this time probably will make the opponents of the measure bring their forces to bear on the senatorial fight, it is said.

Representative Knapp, of Wayne county is leading the fight in the house for the passage of the bill, and Senator McConaha is expected to take an active interest in the bill when it comes before the senate.

ONCE PROSPEROUS MAN ENDS LIFE AS HERMIT

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—In a tenement room on the east side today police explored an improvised cave where yesterday they found the body of Theodore Greasley, once prosperous business man, who had hidden himself there for six years a veritable hermit in the most congested part of the world's largest city. Today's search was for the gold cache usually associated with stories of recluses.

Breaking in the door of the room yesterday the police were confronted with a solid wall of old papers and rags. Burrowing through, they found a dugout and in it the body of Greasley, who, physicians said apparently had been dead several weeks.

In Greasley's diary was found a story of misfortune—his ambitions, the coming of the time when he opened a shop—how it subsequently was lost in debt—the death of his wife—the abandonment of hope and solitude.

Kansas Coal Miners Are on Strike Today (By Associated Press) PITTSBURGH, Kans., Feb. 5.—The first strike of Kansas coal miners, called officially by the district board of the union, since the passage of the industrial court law is in effect today. Two hundred coal miners were called out by the district board, headed by Alexander Howat, president of the Kansas Miners' union.

WILLIAM F. MEDSKER HONORED BY MEMBERS OF BAR ASSOCIATION

Tribute was paid the late William F. Medsker, of Cambridge City, by the members of the Wayne county bar at a memorial meeting held in the county court house Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Impressive expressions were made of the high regard with which the veteran lawyer of the county was held by his associates. The manliness, sociability and companionship were stressed by some of the older members of the bar who were closely associated with the deceased.

Henry U. Johnson spoke first of the congenial and companionable nature of Mr. Medsker. Ray Shively brought to notice the veteran lawyer's characteristics. John Rupp, Arthur C. Lindemuth, and Judge William A. Bond spoke with regret of the departure of their friend and associate.

Impressive Ceremony. A frankness and impressiveness seldom seen in memorial services characterized the meeting. The memorial drawn by a committee was adopted unanimously and will be made a record of the county. The memorial follows:

"William F. Medsker, a member of the Wayne County Bar, was born August 12, 1847, at Middletown, Henry county, and died at his home in Cambridge City, Wayne county, Indiana, on the third day of February, 1921. He was the son of Josiah and Josina Medsker. He enlisted in the Union army at Camy Carrington, Indianapolis, in 1864, before he reached the age of 17; at first was a member of 42nd Indiana Volunteers, and later transferred to the 75th Indiana Volunteer.

He was with Sherman's army in the 'March to the Sea' and in the Grand Review of the Army at Washington at the close of the Civil War. He was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., on July 30, 1865, reaching his home on July 31, 1865.

After the war he took a college course at Asbury college, now DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., and began studying law while in college, and afterwards continued the study in the office of Major John B. Gordon in Indianapolis, and was admitted to the Marion county bar in 1869. He came to Cambridge City in 1870 and began the practice of law and continued in the practice at that place until the time of his death. He was actively identified with Cambridge Post G. A. R. No. 175, and in 1919 was chosen department commander of the G. A. R. for Indiana.

He was a Republican in politics, and was elected a member of the legislature in 1896, as representative from Wayne county, Indiana, and served one term.

He was married on Sept. 4, 1872, to Alice S. Conklin of Cambridge City, Ind., and she and two sons, William A. Medsker and Harry B. Medsker, survive him.

William F. Medsker was a good citizen, a very friendly disposition, and will be much missed by the members of the bar and his other friends. "We ask that this brief memorial adopted by the bar be presented to the Wayne circuit court, and the court asked that same be placed on the records as a part of the records of this court, and a copy of the same sent by the clerk to the family."

SMOOT SMOKING BILL MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Senator Smoot's proposal to prohibit smoking in most government buildings in Washington, met sudden death today in the senate, but it may be substituted by Senator Vawdsworth, New York, requiring department heads to prohibit smoking when it would endanger public property.

Senator Smoot's amendment to the Sundry Civil bill went out on a point of order by Senator Robinson, Democrat, of Arkansas, who declared it was unfair, because it would permit the senators and representatives to smoke in their offices and in the capitol, but would prohibit the president, cabinet officers and department clerks from smoking.

Tornado Moves House 100 Yards; Nobody Injured

HALEYVILLE, Ala., Feb. 5.—A tornado struck this town early today removing the residence of E. J. McNabb 100 yards without injury to the sleeping family. Other buildings were lifted from foundations, and a score of small structures demolished. No one was seriously injured.

Weather Forecast

MOORE'S SPECIAL FORECAST. Falling temperature will begin by Saturday afternoon, and gradually overspread all of the central states. Snow is coming and present indications are that it will arrive either Saturday night or Sunday.

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau.—Generally mild and colder tonight except snow flurries in extreme north portion; Sunday unsettled and colder; probably snow. Temperatures for Yesterday: Maximum 46, Minimum 34. Today: Maximum 46, Minimum 34.

Forecast for Wayne County, by W. E. Moore.—Unsettled and colder tonight and Sunday, with snow. Weather Conditions.—General rains over the central states, as the storm crosses the Mississippi and Ohio valleys are changing to snow as colder weather is moving down from Saskatchewan. Temperatures range from zero in the northern border states to 52 below zero in the Yukon valley.

MAY RENEW ATTACK ON PRIMARIES

New Move May Be Started in State Senate Next Week for Repeal of Direct Voting Laws.

SWAIN FATHER OF BILL

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 5.—A new move may be started in the state senate next week for the repeal of the state-wide primary so as to carry out generally the recommendations of Governor McCray. Although no announcement has been made by the Republican state committee, it is expected to approve of the bill with some of the committee members seeking to win its approval in the senate. Governor McCray, however, is not known to have taken on new interest in the proposal, seemingly leaving decision up to the committee.

Senator Swain will introduce the bill which will provide for nomination of all candidates for county congressional and legislative candidates by direct primary. A convention system would be established for nominating candidates for United States senators and state governors and the presidential preference primary would be discarded.

Fight Up In House. Provisions designed to regulate conduct of state conventions will probably be included in the bill, possibly including the requirements of the use of voting machines by delegates in casting their votes.

The primary fight also is scheduled to come up in the house, its committee planning early disposition of the Willis bill which would wipe out entirely the primary system and restore the old convention system. Passage of this bill in its present form is regarded as hopeless by house leaders, but its consideration is expected to bring out the house membership attitude towards the primary.

TAX BOARD MEMBERS TO MEET ASSESSORS OF COUNTY FEB. 14

A representative or member of the state tax board of tax commissioners will be here Monday, Feb. 14 to explain to the assessors of the county changes in state laws for this year and the methods to be followed by the assessors and their deputies. The officials will meet at the court house at 10 o'clock.

Announcement of the meeting was made by David L. Reid, township assessor, an acting county assessor. Only a few radical changes have been made in the method of assessing from last year, it is stated. One of these is that furniture in a room will not be itemized this year, but the whole value of the room judged and assessed. It is believed that this will be a time saving measure. Many things that are now classed as household furniture will probably be put in a separate class now, the local assessor stated.

Personal Property Stressed. Special efforts will be made to set the true value of personal property this year. The assessor stated that the horizontal increase that has been made in the past would then be eliminated, it is thought.

Supplementary reports from business firms will have to be in by April 1, according to the latest information. These have always been delayed in the past.

Farm lighting systems will be listed as personal property and not as a part of the building in which they are housed, it is stated. Musical instruments will be listed separate from furniture in a room.

DR. JAMES CHARLES, DIES OF PARALYSIS

Dr. James Charles, 80 years old, for 35 years a resident of Richmond, died at his home, 24 South Thirteenth street, at 9:40 o'clock Saturday morning, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, which he suffered the previous Monday.

Friends may call at the home Sunday afternoon between 2 and 3 o'clock and in the evening between 7 and 9. The funeral services will be conducted from the home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev. Backus, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, of which the deceased was a member, officiating.

Dr. Charles was born on a farm near Williamsburg and moved to this city 35 years ago, living here continuously since. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Martha H. Charles, a daughter, Mrs. Clara W. Parrish, of Harriman, Tenn., and a brother, Thomas, of Chicago, and by five grandsons.

Dr. Charles was an inventor and the president of an electric appliance company. The business was started before he moved to the city while he was residing in Ridgeville, and has increased since by his further inventions. His most recent continuance was a motor designed to operate by water power and furnish current for heating, upon which he had received favorable opinion, but which is left uncompleted on account of his death, as he was working upon it when taken ill.

Clearing House Banks Show Increased Reserve

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold \$15,997,070 reserved in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of \$6,221,920 from last week.