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## SENATE GAINS BY PEPPER'S APPOINTMENT

Seen as Step Towards Restoring Intellectual Standards—Sprout Submerges Self-Interest in Choice of Lawyer.

## PERSONALITY OF MAN

By MARK SULLIVAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—From the national point of view and from the non-partisan point of view, the outstanding fact about the selection of George Wharton Pepper as the new senator from Pennsylvania is that it is a beginning toward restoring the intellectual standing of the senate. As such it is the first step in a nationwide policy recently inaugurated by the management of both parties.

It would be difficult to find terms too elevated to describe either Pepper personally or the manner of his appointment.

For Governor Sprout it was one of those acts which are not only patriotic in the impersonal sense, but which also involve the subversion of self-interest. Sprout was urged to resign the governorship in order to take the office himself. To refrain from that was not so much, perhaps, but in naming Pepper, Sprout also makes his own advancement in the future impossible. Pepper's appointment is only to serve out the unexpired term of Penrose.

**Pepper Unselfish**

In the Republican primaries next May, and in the election next November, the Pennsylvania senatorship will be filled. Sprout will not be able to get either of them, for he comes from the same and of the state as Pepper. Sprout's self-abnegation coupled with the kind of man Pepper is, is such an action as gives a sense of exaltation and makes one feel the country is headed in the right direction.

Pepper is, in every sense, a non-political appointment. It is impossible to every one of the organized interests that have dominated the selection of Pennsylvania senators for more than thirty years. It gives no comfort now, and Pepper will give no comfort in the future, to any interest of any sort that can be described as political.

Both in the size of the man he is and in his previous public activities, Pepper cannot be described in the ordinary terms of political affiliation. He was about the only lawyer of his standing in Philadelphia who was sympathetic to Roosevelt. When Roosevelt began his preparedness agitation in 1915, Pepper not only gave sympathetic support, but actually went to Plattsburgh and became a color sergeant in the first provisional regiment, although he was then within two years of fifty.

**Stands High as Lawyer**

It is just such strikingly individual acts, based on the deep conviction of a naturally retiring man, that have always marked him as a public character. He is constantly turning up as the unpaid attorney for the weaker side in some sort of litigation. As a lawyer he stands as high as Knox, or even Hughes, or Root. It is only a prodigious capacity for work that has enabled him to keep this position at the bar, and at the same time be the hardest working, though often the least conspicuous, figure in a wide variety of activities for the public good.

He is probably the most active and strongest layman in the organization of the Episcopal church in America. When the "father of our joining" the League of Nations came up, he was deeply moved and became the vice-president of the counter league for the preservation of American independence. Recently he organized and became the most energetic leader in the Philadelphian movement for better pay for school teachers.

**Modesty Inherent**

All this sort of thing Mr. Pepper does without taking on the color of what is commonly meant as a "prominent character." Retiring modesty is one of his most pronounced personal qualities. He was a professor of law in the University of Pennsylvania for seventeen years, and is now a trustee of the same university, and has honorary degrees conferred for eminence in his profession from several universities. In the senate Pepper will stand out like an oak, both for his intellectual strength and for his independence of ordinary political consideration.

Pepper's selection as a beginning in the strengthening of the senate leaves two things to be done. One is to abolish the seniority rule which makes it impossible for an able senator to give the country the full benefit of his talents until he has undergone a long experience.

The second is to send more men like Pepper to the senate. On both these points the leadership of both political parties is agreed. Right now the Democrats are seeking earnestly to have Ex-Vice President Marshall make the race for the senate from Indiana.

They are also seeking men of the highest caliber to make the fight in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, California and elsewhere. It is not too much to say that the turning point in the dependence of the senate has been reached.

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## HOOVER CONFERRING ON RAIL QUESTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Secretary Hoover, acting with the approval of General Harding, has entered upon a series of conferences relative to railroad labor questions, in which meetings chiefs of the railroad labor unions and representatives of the railroads of the country are participating.

## Seeks Governorship



Miss Alice Lorraine Daly

Miss Alice Lorraine Daly, educator and public speaker, nominated by the Non-Partisan League to run for governor in South Dakota, is preparing her campaign. She says she will make that campaign against "existing conditions."

## FEWER AUTO THEFTS WITH UNIFORM ENGINE NUMBERS, IS BELIEF

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The annual standards meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers today had before it recommendations for a uniform system for numbering engines which would go far toward making the theft of cars perilous.

The number plate would be an integral part of the engine and so stamped that it would be next to impossible to eradicate the original number and substitute another. A standard form of identification blank would be used and one suggestion was made that the number plate be cast with the engine so that an X-ray photograph would show the original number assigned at the factory.

It was declared the theft insurance rates would be reduced  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent of the recommendations were adopted.

## AIRPLANE USED TO SEARCH FOR MISSING COOK COUNTY OFFICER

(By Associated Press)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 10.—Use of a national guard airplane to aid today in the search for James Maher, county commissioner of Cook county, missing for 14 days, and believed lost on Lake Superior, has been authorized by Governor J. A. O. Praus. Tugboats to scour around the numerous small islands also were authorized by the governor.

Maher left Grand Portage on Dec. 27 for Port Arthur, Ont. He was last heard of at Cloud Bay. Becoming alarmed at his father's prolonged absence, Donald Maher, 15, walked 47 miles from Grand Portage to Port Arthur to start a search.

**Donald Confident.**

Today young Donald was hiking back to his home, confident that with the aid of the airplane and the tugboats, his father will be found.

"Old timers" at Lake Superior ports expressed the opinion that the elder Maher will not be found alive. He had only food enough for one meal when he started in an open motor boat. Maher was unarmed and it is said that if he had landed at any point on the north shore wilderness or on an island his chances of escape would be hindered by timber wolves, which are reported to be more numerous than for several seasons.

## TEN ARE PARALYZED BY POISON LIQUORS

(By Associated Press)

TARENTUM, Pa., Jan. 10.—Ten persons in this community are partly paralyzed and others are suffering from mental disorders as a result of drinking poison liquors, according to practicing physicians.

"I have examined some of the stuff Tarentum people have been drinking," said Dr. F. K. Cooth, "and some of it is rank poison. I don't know what is going to happen if people do not quit drinking this rotten booze. I know of some men who are nearing insanity from home-made stuff."

## GIRL BITES THUMB OF NIGHT PROWLER

(By Associated Press)

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 10.—Police today were looking for a man with a lacerated thumb, caused when Miss Helen Ludwig, 16, bit him after he had carried her from her home after robbing it.

The burglar gained entrance to the Ludwig home through a window, and after stealing several dollars, approached the girl, who was sleeping downstairs, picked her up and carried her to the street. He dropped Miss Ludwig when she bit his thumb. Miss Ludwig was unable to tell the police whether the robber was white or black.

## DELEGATIONS ARE STUDYING TREATY DRAFT

Tentative Pact Understood to Contain a Number of New Features—Extension of Time Rumored.

## TURNING TO SHANTUNG

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Delegations of the five naval powers continued today their separate study of the draft treaty prepared by naval and legal experts to cover their naval limitation agreement preliminary to a meeting later in the day of delegation heads to compare opinions on detailed provisions of the draft.

The treaty was given into the several delegations for study late yesterday and the time required for this caused a postponement of the meeting of the full naval committee originally planned for today until tomorrow.

The committee was expected, however, to reach final agreement on the text within two or three days and the treaty to be ready for publication to the world at a plenary session of the conference on Thursday or Friday.

## New Features

Although a carefully guarded secret in both substance and text the tentative draft is understood to include a number of wholly new features, chief among these a proposal to extend the duration of the pact until 1937, this not to affect, however, the ten-year period of the naval holiday.

Another new provision would authorize construction of warships on foreign account within the jurisdiction of the five powers, the size limitations on such ships to conform with those in the treaty.

The treaty draft would settle the merchant ship problem by limiting the armament of merchantmen to six-inch guns, thus making armed merchantmen definitely inferior to regular or converted naval auxiliary vessels which may carry 8-inch guns, and also it is understood by prohibiting the conversion of any commercial vessel of more than 10,000 tons into a naval auxiliary.

## Still Question

Although it was expected these provisions would be finally accepted, the merchant ship problem was still one of the questions of definition which were understood to be the chief concern of the delegates in their efforts to agree on a wording acceptable to everyone.

With the armament program of the conference nearing final disposition, the delegates were preparing today to press to an early conclusion also the Far Eastern discussions and to this end it was apparent that Shantung negotiations were being turned into new channels with revived hopes of agreement.

The nature of the latest move had not been revealed, but both the Chinese and Japanese implied that new and promising elements had been injected into the negotiations.

## Some Optimistic.

Believing that the other remaining elements of discord in the Far East were not of a nature to lead to extended debate, some of the delegates were so optimistic regarding the outlook as to predict a plenary session for Saturday or Monday to announce completion of the Far Eastern treaty.

Arthur J. Balfour, head of the British delegation had completed definite arrangements today to sail for home next Tuesday and his colleagues on the delegation said it was entirely probable that he would sign the Far Eastern agreement before his departure.

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