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HAVE OTHER GRIEVANCES

Where Some Congressmen Think President Exceeded His Powers.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Attention was called today to the fact that the utterance of the President in regard to the action of Congress in limiting the use of the Secret Service force is in violation of the Executive privilege. It is considered by members as objectionable. It became known that the subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations having in charge the preparation of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill has been investigating the raising of the old Pennsylvania station that was on the Mall until the President had it torn down last summer. That the committee failed to expunge its inquiries about this action from the printed hearings is taken to indicate the temper of that committee toward the Executive.

When Colonel Charles S. Bromwell, military-adjutant to the President and Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, appeared before the committee, Representative Burleson, of Texas, asked him if he had not requested an appropriation last year for a watchman for the old station. "I think so," replied Colonel Bromwell, "but I have not had any occasion to use it, because I have torn down the railroad station." "What? Torn down the railroad station?" exclaimed Representative Burleson. "Yes," replied Colonel Bromwell, "I explained that he tore down the building on a written order from the President of the United States. "Do you know of any law on the statute books that authorizes any executive officer to sell any of the property of the United States of which he is acting as real estate?" inquired Chairman Tawney, of Minnesota. "No, sir," replied the President's aid. "I called the attention of the higher authorities to that fact, and I received an order to tear the building down." From the stenographic report of the hearing, it appears that Representative Livingston asked if the President had said why he wanted the building removed. Mr. Tawney replied that there was any necessity for the removal, and Mr. Burleson inquired if it was done to improve the perspective, all of which remained unanswered until Chairman Tawney demanded a reply. Then Colonel Bromwell replied that he knew of no immediate necessity, although he was glad personally that it was done.

SAY FRANK IS ABUSED.

Authority of Country Life Commission Questioned.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The legislative subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee has been conducting an investigation into the use of the government frank by the President's Country Life Commission and has obtained an opinion on this subject from A. L. Lawson, Third Assistant Postmaster General. As a result of this investigation, Representative Livingston, a member of the subcommittee, asserts that the circulars issued by the commission are being mailed without authority of law and constitute a grave violation of the franking privilege. Mr. Lawson, whose duties give him supervision of the franking privilege, submitted the following opinion to the subcommittee: "That the circular, as such, is not frankable, but that there possibly might be conditions under which it would be frankable by a member of Congress or mailable under a petty envelope by an official of the government." Mr. Livingston holds that the circulars are being

sent out by Dr. L. H. Bailey, president of the commission, who is not an official of the government, and that even if they were sent out by Gifford Pinchot, the only government official on the commission, the law would be violated for the reason that Mr. Pinchot's position as forester does not confer in him the power to use the frank in another capacity, and because a return frank is enclosed. Mr. Livingston believes that the commission should discontinue this alleged violation of the franking privilege, for which no penalty is provided in the law. He does not charge that the violation was intentional, but points out that \$57,000.00 is spent annually by the Postoffice Department for uncompensated service, and that this should be reduced as much as possible.

The question was brought up at the hearings on the legislative appropriation bill, when Mr. Livingston asked what authority existed for the use of the frank by the Country Commission. Mr. Lawson said that he was unable to answer definitely, but that "correspondence in regard to that commission which related exclusively to the business of the government conducted by an officer of the government under the supervision of an executive department might under the law be transmitted free." "These men are not officials of the government," Mr. Livingston said. "President Roosevelt has no right to appoint them under any law to any official position."

"The President has the right," added Mr. Gifford, of Massachusetts, "to appoint any number of commissions, but his appointing those government commissions does not make them government commissions." "Mr. Pinchot seems to be the only member of the commission in the government service, but the letter is not sent out by Mr. Pinchot for the government of the United States, but for the benefit of the Country Life Commission, and the question is, How they get the right to the franking privilege?"

OH, JOY! A CAMPAIGN DIVIDEND.

When Frank H. Hitchcock and Norman E. Mack heard what happened to the members of the Taft and Sherman Stock Exchange Campaign Club they doubtless will hurry right down to the home of the octopus and go to night school. The campaign club of the Stock Exchange, being of sound mind and in a dispensing spirit, gave liberally for the purpose of putting craps on the door of the Peerless Bryan, firm in the conviction that Bryan would put craps on the home of the octopus if he had a chance. After the chores were all done, the votes all counted, the banners and bands and spellbinders and addressing and mailing companies and telegraph and messenger companies all paid, believe it or not, dwellers by the unsalted seas and untiered disciples of Haskell, there was a wad of money left—money left!

Then the octopus, cousins, being still conscientious and salient for home and native land, went over the list of contributors, made note of what each had given, and divided what was left fairly and honestly, releasing to the subscribers a dividend, or rebate, of 25 per cent. The checks went out this week. The people at the Union League and Republican clubs are trying to keep the alarming news from Chairman Hitchcock, but it is suspended that, being of an inquiring mind, he will hear of it.

RADICALISM IN SENATE ELDER LEADERS WORRIED

Fear a "Revolt" at Special Session of Congress.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The growth of radicalism in the Senate in the last few years has now reached a point where it is the cause of grave concern to the "elder statesmen," who have long dominated the Senate, and who by their constant and judicious amendments have been able to kill all the more extreme measures which originated in the Senate or came over from the House. There are now only two of the "Big Six" who a few years ago dominated the Senate. They are Senators Aldrich and Hale. Senator Lodge acts with them nowadays. The original "Big Six" consisted of Aldrich, Allison, Piessars, Biggs, Nelson, Hale, Spooner and Hanna. One by one these men have dropped out by death or resignation until only the two named remain. They are a powerful pair, and this year they will continue to control the affairs of the upper house, but when the Senate meets for the special session next March there may be a revolt which will overthrow their dominion.

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Colonel Heburn was authorized to appoint a committee to study the various changes suggested at the meeting. This committee will report on Tuesday night, when it is expected that the definite policy of the "insurgents" will be outlined. In the mean time every man was urged to consider himself a committee of one to spread the "rebel" propaganda. It was not decided when the first onslaught on the rules was to be made. Some suggested that the attempt be made at this session by the introduction of a resolution which would gain the support of the Democrats. To do this it would only be necessary to obtain about thirty Republican votes. Another proposition was that this session be devoted entirely to arousing sentiment in favor of a change, and that the next session would be the proper time to change the rules. It was pointed out that Speaker Cannon has repeatedly said that he will allow any measure to come before the House which is desired by a majority of the members, and for this reason it was argued that no haste is necessary.

BINGHAM, METZ, IVINS.

Testify as to City's Finances at Legislative Hearing.

Police Commissioner Bingham, Controller Metz and William M. Ivins were a trio of interesting witnesses before the legislative committee of which Senator Cassidy is the head when it resumed its hearing on the financial administration of the city in the aldermen's chamber of the City Hall yesterday. Commissioner Bingham said the city was being robbed on a number of contracts. Mr. Metz amplified previous remarks as to city employees who draw double pay, and Mr. Ivins was optimistic as to the debt of the city, which was not, he said, increasing with alarming rapidity. He put himself on record, however, as being opposed to the raising of the debt limit, and said he thought the city should be in a straitjacket for a while. Commissioner Bingham was the chief witness in the morning, and the old feud between himself and Controller Metz was shown to be still smoldering. The Commissioner had a good deal to say as to troubles at a new station, presumably the new Tenderlon station, and told about defects that developed soon after it was turned over to the department. The Finance Department said that everything was all right, he said, and blamed the Police Department for any troubles that existed—"the usual yowl about the police," said the Commissioner, "and it isn't true."

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In his address President Hadley said: "Two generations ago the intellectual ideal of the college was the leading debater. Now it is no longer the debater, but the athlete, who occupies the center of the stage. Now it is no longer success in oratory, but success in sports which is overvalued. Whether we should be better off if we had less athletes and more debaters, or more athletes and less debaters, is a matter about which there may be differences of opinion. There is, I think, no doubt that if the intellectual prizes and less upon the athletic ones. This result is not going to be reached by mere talk, whether against athletics or in favor of scholarships. The way to make the American people more interested in scholarship than in athletics is by proving that our prize scholars are the prize men for their colleges and universities. I think the prize winners in our American universities have done as much for the public as the public has a right to expect. The way to make the American people more interested in scholarship than in athletics is by proving that our prize scholars are the prize men for their colleges and universities. I think the prize winners in our American universities have done as much for the public as the public has a right to expect."

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Prominent Southerners have just started a million dollar plan to put into early practical operation the sentiments and hopes expressed by President-elect William H. Taft when he said a few nights ago in this city that nothing would give him greater pride than to be the means of bringing men from the South and their Northern fellow citizens closer and closer in sympathy and point of view. Promoters of the plan were at the Waldorf yesterday.

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"The plan is to build a sixteen story structure. It will be the largest building in the North," said Mr. Parker. "The South has everything in the way of resources except money. We will be able to prove this quickly and with all required accuracy when the plan we intend to follow is in operation. We have coal, lead, marble and more hardwood timber than can be found anywhere else. Louisiana produces 80 per cent of the sulphur of America, 24 per cent of the petroleum comes from the South, 94 per cent of the cane sugar and rice, cotton, corn, alfalfa and wheat in immense quantities. "The solid South is coming North—not in the political sense necessarily, but in the commercial sense, and this is the psychological moment, we think, to take the proposed action."

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Saying He Was John Baptist, He Holds Up Jersey Cars and Hotel.

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It was about the noon hour when the strange entered Goldberg's drug store and asked for some canters indica, a drug used as is morphine. The druggist refused to give it to him without a physician's prescription. Pomeroy left the store in a rage, snatching a pistol, drove all the way in Walsh's Hotel corridors into the street. He emptied the money drawer. The maniac then went to Joseph Ravess's butcher shop and Isaac Hassenstein's tailor shop and drove the proprietors out of doors. Pomeroy met Enoch Carlson and Fred Hermann on the street and shot at both of them. He stole a delivery wagon and rode around the block in it. When near the Hudson River Traction Company's power house he crashed man back up a trolley car, fired a shot at Grant Owens, the trolley man, and drove the women passengers into the street. Pomeroy shot at a boy, and when James Shanko, a motorman, remonstrated with him, the maniac drove him into the car barn.

By this time Postmaster John J. McGarry and Patrolman Robert Mackay had formed a posse, and they started out to capture the wild man. He headed for the park on the Palisades, but when on the small bridge over the tracks he saw the power house he defied his pursuers and began firing at them. During the exchange of shots Pomeroy was seen to stagger. Two small shots from a lead in Livingston Mallory's rifle had struck him in the face and head, and, seeming to believe he had been badly wounded, he gave up the fight. "I served in many engagements in the Philippines, but this was the best battle of all, because I was fighting white men and not niggers," said the wounded man when taken to the lock-up. To Dr. S. T. Hubbard, of Edgewater, Pomeroy said he had served as a trained nurse on Ward's Island. In his pocket were his honorable discharge papers from the 35th Infantry, dated 1906. A can from Dr. Barnes's sanatorium, of Stamford, Conn., was also found in his clothes. In another pocket fifty .32-calibre cartridges were found. Pomeroy was taken to the Morris Plains insane asylum.

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