

MAKE BELIEVE APPRAISERS

PARSONS'S RAID ON THE SERVICE DEMORALIZED IT.

While His Experts Get the Delegates the Examiners Earn the Salaries—Collector Loeb Said to Be Backed Up by the Treasury in Retaining Customs Thieves

When Congressman Herbert Parsons, son of the John E. Parsons of the sugar trust who is now under indictment, got George W. Wannmaker appointed appraiser the combination was made which delivered one of the most important divisions of the customs service into Mr. Parsons's hands for his use as a political boss.

The New York Evening Post quotes Congressman Parsons as admitting yesterday that he has placed capable politicians favorable to him in important jobs in the appraiser's department. According to the Evening Post Mr. Parsons admitted that he got jobs for Krulwich, Stowell, Lexow and, of course, Wannmaker, who runs the Eleventh Assembly district under Parsons. Mr. Parsons said:

"If the charge against me is that I have tried to secure positions for men who have been active supporters of the party and of me I plead guilty gladly."

He denied that he had ever been a party to any frauds. Further investigation yesterday as to the facts about Mr. Parsons's bossing of the appraiser's department regarding the demands of the service brought to light this state of affairs.

Assistant appraisers have the independence of judges in ruling on the dutiable value of merchandise. Conscientious superiors have demanded of them that they conduct themselves with the most careful propriety in their relations with political leaders and with business men. Since Mr. Parsons as the master of the Federal machine in this city got control of the appraiser's department assistant appraisers who owed their jobs directly to Mr. Parsons's influence have spent as much time in political work for their boss as they have in laboring for the United States Government.

At Mr. Parsons's orders they have hustled around town from one political club to another, raising money for the boss who gets them paid by the United States and seeing to it that Mr. Parsons's interests are not neglected.

Since Mr. Parsons converted the appraiser's department into a cogwheel of the Republican machine and discovered how useful the public treasury was in paying his political debts or in securing allegiance to him as the Republican boss the morale and efficiency of the department have deteriorated. Many of the assistant appraisers have no technical knowledge of foreign merchandise or familiarity with it. They are ignorant of their paid business and are proficient in the political work that Mr. Parsons requires, which does not involve getting out the vote. The expert examiners of the department, most of whom are said to be honest and capable men, do the work of the appraiser's department and save their superiors from painful consequences. By their specially acquired knowledge the expert examiners are able to advise ignorant and inefficient assistant appraisers, thereby saving them from censure.

RAILROAD MEN ASK MORE PAY

CONDUCTORS AND TRAINMEN WANT 14 PER CENT. ADVANCE.

Men on Eastern Roads Only Involved in Preliminary Consideration of Schedule, but Western Roads Are Likely to Be Included—Conference Held Here.

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—Conductors and trainmen of Eastern railroads have decided to demand a uniform schedule and a wage increase of about 12 per cent. The movement involves 125,000 men and includes every railroad east of the Illinois Central's main Southern line and north of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. It is said to be the most stupendous wage movement ever attempted by the railroad brotherhoods, and has been under consideration two years.

Reports from Bloomington intimate that a similar movement is being considered for the men on all the Western roads. Committees representing the trainmen and conductors on the Chicago & Alton Railroad left Bloomington last night for this city, and it was said that their purpose was to open up their wage schedules. The conference, it was intimated, may be the forerunner of similar demands on the part of the men on other Western railroads.

Incidental to the demands of the Eastern railroads, the switchmen and yardmen in Chicago, who are controlled by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, are asking a wage advance of 5 cents an hour. Eighteen of the large trunk lines with terminals in this city were served with notice on November 2. Under existing contracts thirty days' notice must be given by either side of a contemplated change in wages or working conditions.

Switchmen and yardmen who are controlled by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, while the railroads have refused to recognize the claim, while no strike vote has been considered by the chiefs of the various brotherhoods, the general managers are said to be seriously concerned over the situation. The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors are acting jointly in the Eastern movement, as they did in the spring of 1907, when uniform schedules were signed for all the railroads west of Chicago.

The wages of the conductors and trainmen on the Eastern lines are about 13 per cent lower than on the west of Chicago, and the present move is being made to bring the men up to the Western standard. The trainmen and conductors in the territory involved, which is known as the Eastern Association, already have voted on the demands. Conferences with the general managers are expected to open soon, when the necessary preliminaries have been completed. It was said today that the general managers might appoint a committee to deal with the entire problem, as they did in the case of the Western railroads three years ago.

Confirmation of the news from Chicago that the trainmen and conductors on the principal Eastern roads will demand a 12 per cent increase in wages was had in this city yesterday. It is expected that demands for higher wages and in some cases a uniformity of wages will be made on behalf of all the brotherhoods. It was learned yesterday that the grand officers of several of the brotherhoods have been in New York several times recently and conferred with the heads of the branches in the local district.

Among those who have been here more than once within a short time are Charles Wilson, vice-grand chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and James Murdock, first grand chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, who conducted the negotiations by which a strike of the switchmen and yardmen in all of the railroads in the western district just before Christmas of 1907 was averted, the switchmen being affiliated with this brotherhood.

The Attorney-General is said to feel very confident that the Supreme Court will overrule Judge Holt. If it does, the criminal prosecutions against sugar officers, big as well as little, for violations of the Sherman anti-trust law will go on.

The Attorney-General is apparently camping on the sugar combination's trail. It was through his initiative and persistence that about two and a quarter millions of money exacted by fraud was repaid to the Government by the trust, and it is the understanding in official circles that this is by no means the end of the matter. The Attorney-General will not be content until the trust has been broken up and the world is to get an official of that branch to tell the truth about the conditions in it. They are all afraid that informers will run to the appraiser or to another of Mr. Parsons's friends. They don't dare to appeal to Washington, because Washington has consistently backed up the present administration of the appraiser's department.

The consequence of political jobbery has been inefficiency and corruption, stealing, fraud and tip taking in the lower reaches of the service. The smaller officials with an eye to the money they could get for themselves whether the Government suffered or not. The watch frauds, the Japanese silk scandal, the New York City fire insurance, were traceable to the decay brought about by political jobbery.

The appraiser's department, along with the rest of the Customs House, can be made clear to Congress by the President Taft or Congress exposes the whole system of intrigue, personal and political. There are about 20,000 merchandise collectors, that have dealings with the appraiser's department. There are not ten in the whole number who would oppose an investigation by Congress. Practically all of them want Congress to look first into Herbert Parsons's activities in connection with the Customs House and to ascertain how far William Loeb, Jr., as collector of the Port, has approved of a policy which has degraded, debauched and injured business. The Collector has no authority over the appraiser, but there is nothing to prevent a Collector from reporting to persons that have the impression has become very strong in the last few days among the merchants that Congress will name a joint commission of Senators and Representatives to investigate the whole service.

FORBES FORMALLY NAMED.

Secretary Dickinson Signs His Commission as Governor-General of the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Secretary of War Dickinson today signed the commission of W. Cameron Forbes of Massachusetts as Governor-General of the Philippine Islands. Mr. Dickinson sent this cable dispatch to Mr. Forbes:

Forbes, Manila: Has just signed your commission as Governor-General, effective November 11. Congratulate you and wish you success in every way. You can use your own pleasure as to postponing inaugural ceremonies.

In accepting the resignation of James F. Smith of California, the retiring Governor-General, Mr. Dickinson sent him the following telegram:

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9, 1909. Hon. James F. Smith, Cloverdale, Cal.: Your resignation as Governor-General of the Philippines is accepted at expiration of your leave, November 11. The country feels under great obligations to you for the efficient performance of your duties, and I am sure that they will redound to the permanent benefit of the Philippine people. It is with reluctance that I sever our long and pleasant association for you a continuance of your eminent career.

SECRETARY NAGEL RETURNS.

Commerce and Labor Head Seeking an Assistant in McHarg's Place.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, was at his desk in the Department today for the first time in several weeks. Secretary Nagel is looking around for an Assistant Secretary to succeed Ormsby McHarg, who resigned ten days ago to begin the practice of law in New York. Secretary Nagel said he had written to several members of the Cabinet to suggest the name of the new Assistant Secretary.

IN TAUSIG'S PLACE.

Capt. Marshall to Be Commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Capt. William A. Marshall, commanding officer of the armored cruiser North Carolina, has been selected as commandant of the Norfolk Navy Yard to succeed Admiral Edward D. Taussig, who will retire on November 20. Capt. Marshall has been commanding officer of the North Carolina since May, 1908. His successor has not been chosen.

Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The battleship Mississippi has arrived at Philadelphia, the tug Navajo at Magdalena Bay, the cruiser New York at Boston, the cruiser Tacoma at Guantanamo, the supply ship Supply at Kobe, the gunboat Vicksburg at Annapolis and the torpedo boat Stringham, Eddie Dupont and Shubrick at Wilmington. The tug Rock has sailed from Norfolk for Richmond, the torpedo boat Goldsborough from Mare Island for Magdalena Bay, the gunboat Helena from Canton for Hongkong and the torpedo boat Worden and Porter from Norfolk for Charleston.

BOSTON ART MUSEUM TO OPEN.

Many Persons of Note Attend First Private View.

BOSTON, Nov. 9.—Public officials, prominent museum administrators, heads of colleges and people prominent in social life who have aided the Boston Museum of Fine Arts by gifts, loans or contributions attended the first private view of the new institution on Huntington avenue this afternoon.

The reception was opened at 2 o'clock, and from that hour on the building was visited by thousands. President Gardner M. Lane received in behalf of the trustees, most of whom were present. Among the guests were Frederick A. H. G. East of the Cincinnati Museum Association; John W. Beatty, art director of the Carnegie Institution of Pittsburgh; Dr. Daniel C. Merriam and Philip J. Barbour, trustees of the Brooklyn Museum; Director H. C. Ives of the St. Louis Museum of Fine Arts; Dr. Edward Robinson, art director; Robert W. de Forest, secretary; H. H. Eaton, assistant secretary; and Burton Burroughs, curator of the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

Franklin W. Hooper, Director W. C. Goodyear, curator of fine arts, and Frederick Albert, curator of the Fogg Art Museum in Cambridge, were the chief of the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Science; Director William H. Goodyear of the Detroit Museum of Fine Arts and many from the staff of the Fogg Art Museum in Cambridge. The trustees of the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Science, Director William H. Goodyear of the Detroit Museum of Fine Arts and many from the staff of the Fogg Art Museum in Cambridge were the chief of the Brooklyn Institute of Art and Science.

Many distinguished museum officials from all parts of the country attended a conference at the new museum this morning. It was an interesting event, during which various sides of administration, and papers were read and addresses made.

Telegraphers Have a Ball.

The annual entertainment and reception in aid of the relief fund of the New York Telegraphers Aid Society was held last night at Terrace Garden. It was largely attended and a good sum was realized. Among those there were Assistant Superintendent H. J. of Western Union company, Supt. Mason of the Broad street cable office of the Western Union and some of the other officials of the Postal and Western Union companies. The evening was enjoyed with various sides of administration, and papers were read and addresses made.

President Faunce Talks to Iron Founders.

The thirteenth annual dinner of the National Founders Association, composed of iron founders of the United States and Canada, was held last night on the roof of the Hotel Astor. Two hundred and fifty members were present, and the wives of a number of them looked on from a balcony. T. J. Drummond, president of the association, was toastmaster. The speakers were President Faunce of Brown University, and ex-Gov. Usher of Rhode Island. The association's convention will end tonight.

Award of \$5,500 for Breach of Promise.

Miss Jeanette Fried of 801 South Seventh street, Newark, obtained a verdict for \$5,500 in the Supreme Court Circuit yesterday in her breach of promise suit against Charles Nissensohn of 189 Spruce street. Miss Fried alleged that Nissensohn had been affianced to her, but that he had broken the promise of marriage. Nissensohn testified that he had lost his love for the young woman because she was too fond of drinking cocktails and other stimulants in public places.

Accused of Embezzling From Laborers.

Vincent Rosak, who has an office at 1 Washington street, New York, was held in \$5,000 bail for the Grand Jury on the Third Precinct police court, Newark, yesterday on a charge of embezzling money given him to forward to foreign countries. Claims aggregating more than \$200,000 it is alleged, were made against him by Polish and Slavic laborers.

ARMY AND NAVY ORDERS.

These Army Orders were Issued to-day.

Second Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, Seventh Cavalry, to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment. Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, Seventh Cavalry, to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment. Lieut. Charles M. Maigne, Seventh Cavalry, to Hot Springs, Ark., for treatment.

These Navy Orders were Issued.

Lieut. C. A. Gardner, from the St. Louis to home and wait orders. Lieut. C. A. Gardner, from the St. Louis to home and wait orders. Lieut. C. A. Gardner, from the St. Louis to home and wait orders.

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CLOTHES THEY TALKED ABOUT THAT MYSTERIOUS CABINET SESSION EXPLAINED. Is It Proper to Meet a President Who Wears a Sack Suit, Being Himself Endued With Spiketail or Even Informal Dinner Coat?—Time Will Tell. WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Washington was in a state of high excitement last night over the two hours special session of the Cabinet, of which THE SUN told this morning. The quest for information was taken up early to-day. It was not until late this evening, however, that the ghost was laid and the mystery cleared.

GERMANS HELP THE "CALL" Gift of \$2,400 Is Announced for the New York Socialist Newspaper. The manager of the daily Call, the Socialist newspaper, announced yesterday that he had been notified by the executive committee of the Social Democratic party of Germany that it has decided to give 10,000 marks to the support of the Call. The money, which is equivalent to about \$2,400, will be sent by draft in today or two. It is the largest single contribution yet made in aid of the Call.

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