

FOR NAVY TESTS INSTEAD OF THE PLUCKING BOARD

Bill Provides for Uniform System of Promotion Among Officers.

CREATION OF ACTIVE RESERVE LIST URGED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels transmitted to Congress today the report of a special committee which has spent several months in drafting a bill to reorganize the personnel system of the navy, a project which has been under consideration for several years.

The committee drafting the bill consisted of Assistant Secretary Root, Rear Admiral Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction and repair, and Lieut. C. M. Austin, recorder. The object of the committee's endeavors, as stated in its report, was to "provide for proper distribution of officers in the navy in the various grades in accordance with the needs of the service; to insure a uniform flow of promotion and to give all officers equal opportunity for advancement."

Three Factors for Promotion.

"The competitive method of promotion," says the report, "recognizes three factors—professional knowledge, official record of past performance and service opinion obtained from commanding officers from officers senior in the service."

It is proposed to begin the process of selective promotion with Lieutenants when they become candidates for promotion to the grade of Lieutenant-Commander. The committee says:

"Normally two out of every three Lieutenants will be promoted to the grade of Lieutenant-Commander at the end of this period those remaining will become candidates for promotion to the grade of Commander. About one-half will be promoted and the other half transferred to the active reserve list. Those promoted will serve as Commanders for six years. About one-half will then be promoted in the same manner to the grade of Captain."

Warrent Officers Included.

"In like manner provision is made for advancement of the grade of master at sea to the grade of master at sea in command of a vessel. The board believes the principle of promotion by selection after fair competition should apply to them the same as to other officers. As a result of the committee's report it is estimated that the proposed bill would give the navy eighteen Rear Admirals, seventy-five Captains, 140 Commanders, 320 Lieutenant-Commanders and such numbers of Lieutenants and ensigns as may qualify."

STATE OPPOSES BIGGER AWARD.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—Deputy Attorney-General Sanford W. Smith urged the Court of Claims today not to reopen the case of the First Construction Company of Brooklyn, which seeks to increase the award of \$1,081,000 for lands taken for a barge canal terminal in Gowanus Bay.

The First Construction Company, of which ex-Senator William H. Hedges is president, seeks to recover \$3,100,000 for lands appropriated by the State in the Gowanus Bay section.

The award of \$1,081,000 was made by the Board of Claims upon a report of Albert Haight, ex-Court of Appeals Judge, who was appointed State Engineer in 1907 and who was in charge of the company points out that it has mortgaged its right with the Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Brooklyn for \$1,400,000 and that the land is not worth more than the State is willing to pay for it such a mortgage could not be taken.

Gets \$5,000 State Job.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—Dr. William H. Howe, former Deputy State Commissioner of Health, of Poughkeepsie, was appointed State Medical Inspector of Schools by the Board of Regents today. The salary is \$5,000 a year.

McKAY LEFT \$300,000 TO PUBLIC.

Retired Chicago Banker Also Bequeathed \$2,300,000 to Relatives.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The will of Alexander A. McKay, bequeathing \$100,000 to the Art Institute for the maintenance and enlargement of the Munge collection of paintings, \$100,000 to the Home for Destitute Children and \$100,000 to the amount to the Mary Thompson Hospital for Women and Children was admitted to probate in the Probate Court today.

The rest of the \$2,300,000 estate goes to the widow, relatives and friends of Mr. McKay, who made his home at the Thackeray Hotel when in Chicago, died in New York November 18, 1914. He was a retired banker. The bulk of his property was inherited from Albert A. Munger, a cousin.

Duma to Open on February 9.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 26.—An Imperial decree issued today sets January 30 for the opening of the Council of State and February 9 for the opening of the Duma.

JUST ISSUED ANNUAL REPORT LAWYERS MORTGAGE COMPANY The only Mortgage Company in New York which publishes detailed statements of its business. (Noted on request) LAWYERS MORTGAGE CO. RICHARD M. HURD, President Capital, Surplus & Pr. \$9,000,000 50 Liberty St., N.Y. 184 Montague St., Bkn.

WILSON ACTS TO END PATRONAGE QUARREL

O'Gorman and Fitzgerald See Gregory Over Brooklyn Attorney's Removal.

MUST FILL PLACE SOON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—A resolution to end the patronage deadlock between the Administration and Senator O'Gorman, at least as far as it affects important offices in New York under the jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, was indicated by the action of Attorney-General Gregory yesterday in demanding the resignation of United States District Attorney William J. Youngs at Brooklyn.

The Attorney-General's action was taken with the approval of President Wilson after a series of ineffectual efforts to secure the approval of Senator O'Gorman for one of a number of candidates for the position which the Department had under consideration.

It is anticipated that Mr. Gregory will take similar action before long with reference to the United States Marshalship in Brooklyn and the Marshalship in New York, now held by Republicans, in the event that some solution can be found by which appointments may be made which Senator O'Gorman will not block in the Senate.

The removal of District Attorney Youngs has been the subject of O'Gorman and Representative John J. Fitzgerald to the Department of Justice posthaste today. Senator O'Gorman conferred with the Attorney-General for more than an hour this afternoon, after which he stated that he had not intended anybody for the vacancy, but it was understood that Mr. Gregory has taken up with him the fitness of several men who are under consideration.

Senator O'Gorman's visit caused something of a sensation in political circles, inasmuch as it was the first time he has called upon the Attorney-General in several months, during which his relations with the Administration have been strained, partly as a result of patronage disagreements.

The removal of Youngs is regarded as an aggressive step by the Administration. It naturally directs attention to the knowledge for the same district, the present incumbent of which, Charles J. Haubert, was appointed in 1910, his term having expired nearly a year ago.

The New York Marshalship, now held by William Henkel, whose term expired a year ago, also is to be filled as soon as the way can be cleared for the confirmation of an appointment by the Senate. The latter office carries a salary of \$5,000 annually and the appointment of twenty office deputies at salaries ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,000. It is one of the most important pieces of Federal patronage in the State.

There is every indication that Tammany tends to take a showdown with the Wilson Administration on the filling of these offices. Heretofore the organization has been ignored and Tammany's men in Congress insist that the President's intention toward the regular organization in New York must be disclosed before Congress convenes again and the talk of 1915 politics begins.

North Sea Fight to Be Naval Argument

At Least Two Battle Cruisers Will Be Demanded in Coming Debate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The exploits of the British battle cruisers in the recent battle in the North Sea will be used in the coming debate on the naval bill as an argument for authorization in the budget of at least two vessels of this particular type.

This became known today as the result of an announcement by Representative Hobson of Alabama, a member of the Naval Committee. Mr. Hobson recalled that at a meeting of the Naval Committee when the navy bill was being considered he offered an amendment providing for two battle cruisers. This amendment was defeated. Mr. Hobson contends that the British fleet defeated the Germans because of greater speed and higher power of the guns.

"It is apparent," said Mr. Hobson, "that power and speed will win the sea battles of the future. We should take heed of the lesson taught by the North Sea fight."

"Little navy and big navy" members are organizing for debate on the navy bill. The debate will begin this afternoon. The "little navy" members will make a particularly hot fight on the provision authorizing seventeen submarines. They point out that the Secretary of the Navy recommended eight of this type of boats and that the committee went to extremes in authorizing seventeen.

TO TEST NEW TORPEDO.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Members of the Naval Committee, headed by Representative Hobson as chairman of a sub-committee dealing with the subject, left tonight for the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay is where they will watch tests with a torpedo shell that is fired from a rifle above water, but travels under the surface of the water line.

The tests will be made by the Rhode Island and the target will be the San Marcos, which has been used for target practice for some time.

SENATE ENDS FIGHT OVER HALL.

Colorado Member of Commerce Board Confirmed for Reappointment.

Senate Sure to Pass Ship Bill, Republican Leaders Admit

Night Sessions Will Begin To-day and Democrats May Insist on 24 Hour Affairs to Force the Measure Through.

VOTE IS EXPECTED TO BE CLOSE IN THE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Republican Senators were inclined today to concede the probability that the Senate will pass the ship purchase bill after ten days or two weeks of debate. Senator Smoot, one of the Republican leaders, ventured to say that there would be no extra session.

That the bill will be passed by the House before the close of the session is doubtful, although the Senate leaders say they have assurances from Representative Underwood that the bill can be passed promptly in the House.

Some Democratic leaders predicted today that there would be more Republicans voting for the bill than there would be Democrats voting against it. Five Senators from the Republican side are claimed for the bill and the Democratic leaders insist that not more than three Democrats will vote against it.

Little progress was made with the bill today. Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire was the principal speaker in opposition to it. He condemned the measure unparaphrasing, declaring it would arrest private enterprise in efforts to build an American merchant marine.

The Senator had not concluded when the Senate took a recess. He spoke for nearly four hours. There had been some talk earlier in the day of continuing the session of the Senate until 10 o'clock tonight to enable Senator Gallinger to conclude. He expressed a preference to suspend, resuming his speech to-morrow.

Out of consideration for him the Democratic leaders abandoned the plan for a night session and took a recess until 11 o'clock, when the Senator Gallinger will again take the floor.

Beginning to-morrow the Senate will hold night sessions and may finally resort to night sessions of continuous sessions to get the bill through.

Senator Clark of Wyoming announced to-day that the Democratic leaders must insist on the Senate meeting at 10 o'clock and continue in session without interruption of adjournment at night each day. This would give a twelve hour session without a break and is likely to be resisted by the Republicans.

Senator Clark of Wyoming announced to-day that the Democratic members approved all the amendments agreed to by the Democratic caucus, including one providing for the introduction of a bill to amend the law relating to the building of an American merchant marine.

Senator Clark of Wyoming introduced an amendment to-day providing that not more than three members of the shipping board shall be members of the same political party.

ALBANY, Jan. 26.—Chief Judge Willard Bartlett of the Court of Appeals pointed out in an opinion handed down today that the highest court is not responsible for delays in the disposition of murder cases. The opinion is written in an application for compensation by counsel for a condemned murderer.

"A full year passed between the time when the appeal in this case was taken and the date of argument," said Chief Judge Bartlett. "It was to prevent delays of this character that the six months provision for bringing on arguments was adopted in the law."

"For this reason the court refused counsel compensation in the case of Vincenzo Campanelli, sentenced to death in November, 1912, for killing his wife in New York city."

The court in a per curiam opinion decided also that the New York city Public Service Commission has no right to information regarding the receipts of the Metropolitan Police Department, which is Central Terminal in New York city. Efforts had been made to have the records changed and the commission was asked to furnish the information.

"We do not find it necessary for the disposition of this appeal," says the court, "to determine whether the Public Service Commission has the right to inspect the records of the Metropolitan Police Department in any case the power to compel a railroad corporation to maintain a parcel of land in the city of New York."

"The only men that serve the world now are young men and men who never grow old; men in whose system the steam goes strong and the wheels are true. After all, your final test is a spiritual test, whether you want to use that handsome word or not. You are judging the spirit of the man, that is, his integrity. After all, your final test is a spiritual test, whether you want to use that handsome word or not. You are judging the spirit of the man, that is, his integrity."

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Will Request Permission to Address Senate on Suffrage Bill.

Mrs. Harriet Stanton Blatch, president of the Woman's Political Union, will request permission to address the Senate on the suffrage bill, according to an announcement made here yesterday.

The bill, according to Senator Hinman, will be reported on the calendar for a second reading on Thursday and will go to a third reading on February 1 unless the present programme is disarranged. Mr. Hinman, who has been referring to the bill, promised that there will be no unnecessary delay in bringing the measure to a vote.

SUFFRAGE GAINS IN BAY STATE.

Legislative Committee Favors Amendment to the Constitution.

HORON, Jan. 26.—The Legislative Committee on Constitutional Amendments has reported favorably to the Senate the bill to strike out the word "male" from the qualifications for voters in the State. Representative Cook of New Bedford was the only member dissenting.

GUERRERREZ OFFERS HIS AID TO CARRANZA

Gen. Obregon Refuses to Let Ex-President Join Him Until First Chief Agrees.

FAMINE IN MEXICO CITY

El Paso, Jan. 26.—Gen. Obregon received a communication yesterday from ex-Provisional President Gutierrez offering to turn his forces over to the Carranza leader, according to advice from Carranza's representatives here.

Gen. Obregon replied that Gutierrez must take up the matter with Carranza direct and that until some agreement was reached Obregon would continue to regard Gutierrez as an enemy. Gutierrez is negotiating now direct with the "First Chief."

Villistas say that Obregon and Gutierrez reached an understanding prior to which the two were to combine and set up a new Government opposed to both Carranza and Villa.

Cholula, a suburb of Puebla, has been captured by the Carranza force of Gen. Obregon after a force fight with the Zapatistas, according to further Carranza advice.

Conditions in Mexico city are at a standstill regarding business, and every effort is being made to secure fuel. All of the large factories have closed down. The big Buen Tono cigarette factory was forced to close last Sunday, leaving out of employment some 4,000 workers.

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Announcement

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I print this for your guidance

WINTHROP AMES

ASSERTS BIG GROCERS HAD KRAGS FOR SALE

Mysterious Complainant Says Austin, Nichols & Co. Balked at Closing Deal.

Ernest B. M. Weatherall, who has been known at times along Park Row, in Thirty-fourth street and in other places, as a picture frame dealer, has brought suit in the Supreme Court against the wholesale grocery firm of Austin, Nichols & Co. and thereby created a mystery.

Weatherall, in his complaint, served on Monday by the law firm of Carmody, Blauvelt & Kellogg, alleges that the grocery firm employed him as an agent to sell \$5,000 Krags-Jorgensen rifles, the same at a commission of \$1 a rifle. He also alleges that he obtained a bona fide purchaser who had the cash and that the grocery firm then refused to carry out its agreement.

On the side of the defendant Carl Ehlermann, Jr., the grocery firm's attorney, declared that the company never retained Weatherall as its agent, never asked him to sell any rifles, and never had any rifles to sell, it being a grocery firm and sticking closely to that business.

The situation last night seemed to be that the defendants believe, if anybody had the rifles, it was Weatherall, who was acting as a little business on the side, but this was not thought to be the case. Mr. Ehlermann hinted that it was not the first time such a thing had been tried, but he did not go into details.

According to Weatherall's complaint, which has been filed, the company on December 3 hired him as an agent to dispose of the rifles and some other equipment, rounds of ammunition, with the understanding that \$29 was the minimum price for the rifles and \$30 a thousand for the ammunition.

Within a day or two, the complaint continues, Weatherall found the bona fide purchaser; whom he does not say. This person was willing to pay cash upon presentation of the warehouse receipts. He was to pay \$23 each for the rifles and \$36 a thousand for the cartridges.

Weatherall's address does not appear in the City Directory nor the Telephone Directory. It is known that at various times he has done some newspaper work in Park Row, and at last accounts was in the picture frame business. He was married and lived once in Seventy-fifth street, but does not live there now.

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