

POLITICS RULE NAVY JOBS, IS NEW CHARGE

Work Held Back and Endangered, Says the "Army and Navy Register."

NO REGARD FOR FITNESS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—A serious charge is made against the present naval administration by the Army and Navy Register, a service paper. It charges that politics instead of efficiency have governed important technical appointments at navy yards and that the spirit of civil service regulations has been ignored by appointing political favorites to positions and to other positions connected with work on designs of new battleships.

The article in today's issue of the Register says: "The naval administration has engaged itself too much lately in the policy of politics at navy yards, especially at the establishment at Brooklyn. It seems to be considered that appointments with regard to fitness and with as much consideration for the political value of the selection may be properly as well as profitably made."

An example of the disastrous effect of such a policy has been furnished, according to advisers from New York, in the appointment of a chief draughtsman of the hull division constituting a conspicuously poor selection, inasmuch as the draughtsman was not only ignorant of the principles of hull design, but also of the principles of construction and repair just at this time.

Of course it must be expected that the policy of a national election there will be a certain amount of political appointments at navy yards without regard to the interests of the Government, but it might safely be placed upon that policy in order that the service might be protected and that such important work as the development of the designs of the new ships of war, especially at this time, might not be delayed, the article concludes.

Secretary Daniels said today that he had only one case of political appointment at the Brooklyn navy yard. It concerned a draughtsman, he said, and had aroused some criticism.

DRAFTSMEN ASK FACTS.

Daniels Gives Green Men the Most Pox, They Charge.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., April 22.—The American Society of Marine Draftsmen in annual session here today, adopted a resolution calling on Congress to investigate conditions at the New York Navy Yard. Secretary Daniels was criticized for his seemingly antagonistic attitude toward draftsmen. It was charged that inexperienced and incompetent men have been employed in the yard at higher wages than those paid elsewhere, and that the draftsmen of the latter are seeking positions elsewhere.

The society endorsed the preparedness policy of the Administration and decided to again demand that Secretary Daniels express his attitude toward the draftsmen in Government service. Speakers said that the Secretary thus far has evaded a direct answer to all questions concerning his policy in dealing with the draftsmen.

BUSY AT CHARLESTOWN.

Orders Received to Get the Ships Ready by May 20.

BOSTON, April 22.—Orders were received at the Charlestown Navy Yard today to get all ships of this port in readiness to go to sea by May 20. Twenty-seven ships of war, representing the third battle division of the Atlantic fleet and also battleships of the Atlantic reserve fleet, together with all torpedoes, boats and two submarines, are now at the yard.

This is the largest number of ships to be in one shipyard at one time. The presence of the torpedo boat flotilla is also out of the ordinary. There are also at the yard ten submarines, which were built for Great Britain for delivery after the war. They have all been tested and accepted by the British Admiralty, but could be taken over by the United States in case of necessity.

ARMY BILL STILL HELD UP.

Move to Appoint Conference Opposed by Mann.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Chairman Hays of the Military Affairs Committee (referred the House today against obstructive tactics on the part of the Republicans against the army bill by introducing a resolution to discharge the committee, disagree to the Senate amendments and appoint conferees. The resolution was referred to the Rules Committee and will be taken up if any attempt is made to delay the measure.

Representative Mann, minority leader, has objected to signing the bill to conference. He said that he wished to refer the Senate bill before action was taken and discovered any purpose to hold it back. It is probable that an effort will be made by the Republican members of the Military Affairs Committee to secure special votes on certain provisions incorporated in the Senate bill.

AUTO CHAPEL FOR KING.

Gift to Belgian Ruler Will Be Used at Front for Worship.

PARIS, April 22.—Louis Coetmans, the Belgian Consul at Antwerp, has presented an automobile chapel to the Belgian royal family. The automobile is so arranged that the back of the driver's seat can be swung into a chapel, with the altar steps at the back of the machine. The car bears the coats of arms of Belgium, the Pope and the Cardinal Mercier. The automobile chapel will accompany the King and Queen on their trips to the front and will be used for the celebration of mass on the fighting line.

GRIP RESTORES LOST SPEECH.

Woman Paralyzed Eleven Months Suddenly Relieved.

Mrs. William Cuppinger of 1015 Fifth Avenue, College Point, lost her power of speech May 26, last, by an attack of paralysis. Since then she has been under the care of Dr. Harry M. Biffar. Recently Mrs. Cuppinger has had the grip and Dr. Biffar has been treating her. On Friday night he was called to her home. While he was at the bedside with her husband and three small children, she was writhing in great pain and then said suddenly, "I feel better now." Her first words in eleven months yesterday she was able to talk freely. The physician said the blood which caused the paralysis and affected the speech area of the brain had disappeared.

WAGNER, NAMED, DECLINES NEW YORK POSTMASTERSHIP

President Sends Name to Senate, Despite Senator's Refusal to Take Post.

WANTS TO BE A JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, April 22.—President Wilson sent to the Senate today the long delayed appointment of a postmaster for New York city. He named Robert F. Wagner, State Senator and a Tammany man. The appointment of Wagner came as a surprise to most of the New York Democrats in Congress.

Wagner, it is understood, was selected by President Wilson as a compromise between the two warring elements of the Democracy in New York city. Mr. Wagner, while a staunch organization man, is regarded favorably by the independent Democrats.

The name of Joseph Johnson, who has persistently sought the appointment for many months, was withdrawn at the last moment after it became apparent that he had no chance. The President on one or two occasions was prepared to send Johnson's name to the Senate, but the opposition of many non-organization Democrats deterred the President. Senator O'Gorman had supported Johnson for the post, but had submitted two other names. It was reported tonight that Wagner was one of these.

In Face of Declination.

Apparently President Wilson has appointed Mr. Wagner in the face of a strong disapproval on the latter's part to accept the post. It was learned here tonight that Mr. Wagner declined the appointment some time ago, but apparently the President has gone ahead with the nomination regardless of Wagner's wishes. The President wrote him a letter yesterday urging him to accept.

The New York Postmastership has been one of the most troublesome patronage problems the President has had to solve. There is obviously a disposition at the White House to placate Tammany and the New York organization, but Mr. Wilson in the coming election, but the President has been influenced by the so-called independents, led by Secretary McAdoo, Franklin D. Roosevelt and others.

Senator Wagner declined the offer of the postmastership conveyed to him by Col. E. M. House two weeks ago. He again declined it on Friday when Col. House tried to get him to reconsider the proposal. Mr. Wagner therefore said yesterday that he was greatly surprised to hear that President Wilson had decided to send his name to the Senate.

"I really as I appreciate the compliment," he said yesterday, "the postmastership is outside the line of my ambition and I shall positively have to refuse the nomination. I have enjoyed my work in the Senate. I have enjoyed the legislative give and take and the opportunity to assist in putting through important legislation. But routine affairs in such a position as that of postmaster do not appeal to me."

Looks to Judgeship.

It is no secret that Senator Wagner expects to be nominated by the Democrats this fall for the Supreme Court position held until the end of the year by John C. Clark by appointment from Gov. Whitman. It was known last fall that he felt he had served long enough at Albany, but that he was sent back because Al Smith, majority leader in the Assembly, was going to run for Sheriff and Tammany could not think of being deprived of the legislative service of both Wagner and Smith at the same time.

Mr. Wagner therefore was left off the Supreme Court slate, it being understood that if things went well with the organization he would have his chance in the election this year. A Supreme Court Justice gets \$17,500 a year. The postmaster of New York receives a salary of \$8,000 and \$2,000 more as custodian of the Federal building. A Supreme Court Justice serves fourteen years, the postmaster only four.

One of the Senator's reasons for turning down the Federal job was his feeling that he could not afford to take it in view of other possibilities. His law practice has naturally been interrupted by his work at Albany, but there is no doubt that it has brought him more than the \$10,000 a year which the postmastership carries.

"My reasons for declining are entirely professional and personal. I have no background except my political ambitions," said Mr. Wagner yesterday. From the beginning of the deadlock which has caused the retention of Postmaster Morgan under a Democratic regime the Administration has tried without success to get Tammany to put forth a candidate so distinctly its own that there could be no mistaking the purpose of the Wilson followers to make peace with the New York Democrats. But Charles F. Murphy has consistently refused to recommend anybody.

The candidacy of ex-Fire Commissioner Joseph Johnson, now chief of the Public Service Commission's transit bureau, was sponsored in Washington by the late Thomas J. Pender, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, and by mutual friends of Mr. Pence and Mr. Johnson. Senator O'Gorman backed Johnson and still is being worked out. It is more surprising that Senator O'Gorman when President Wilson nominated Senator Wagner yesterday.

Mr. Murphy's Attitude.

But Mr. Murphy, although he thinks well of Mr. Johnson, would not O. K. him for postmaster. To the Rev. Milo H. Gates, rector of the Chapel on the corner of 11th and 12th streets, who wrote a letter protesting against Tammany's getting into the postmastership fight and urging that Mr. Morgan should be retained because of his efficiency, Mr. Murphy replied last December that the clergyman was in error regarding the attitude of Tammany.

He assured Dr. Gates that he had not recommended any one and did not intend to. To this purpose, so Mr. Murphy's friends said yesterday, he has stuck. Unable to get a personal endorsement from Mr. Murphy, the Johnson workers went to Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall. The most he told them was that if the President were to nominate Mr. Johnson the organization would express no displeasure.

Tammany insiders believe that the President's advisers have two motives in recommending the nomination of Senator Wagner in the face of his forthcoming declination. First, they say, Mr. Wagner was born in Bavaria, is pro-German and has been recommended by the nomination could be construed as an effort to conciliate the voters of Teutonic sympathies. The desirability of giving the postmastership to a German name has been constantly impressed upon President Wilson by his political strategy board, and other German names besides that of Wagner have been considered.

Second, Mr. Wagner, with loads of friends among the "independents," is a true blue Tammany man. In selecting him the Administration got a man acceptable not only to the German voters generally but to all sorts of Democrats, both within and without the organization.



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A Tammany View.

As the situation was diagnosed by a Tammany leader yesterday, the President's advisers in Washington can now say, "Well, we showed how we stood toward the New York organization and toward the foreign born voters. If Senator Wagner finally declines to be postmaster the people will realize that we have tried hard to show our good faith."

Tammany, as a matter of policy, has determined not to let the postmastership go to any conspicuous member of the organization. It has been understood, for one thing, it is not disposed, in the words of one of its spokesmen yesterday, "to seize the last crumb that falls from the table after being denied for three years a seat at the feast." Further, in view of Mr. Murphy's present disposition to keep his flock out of the spotlight until election time, the postmaster-

ship is regarded as too prominent in the political field. And finally, Tammany does not care about the job, anyway, under present conditions. It carries almost no patronage. If Senator Wagner or any other Tammany man took it there would be a cry for jobs from Tammany workers who have been starved out by the Mitchell and Whitman administrations, and until recently by the Administration at Washington. The postmaster could not answer this appeal and dissatisfaction inside the organization would add to the perplexities of a campaign year.

Knitting Socks for Home.

It also has been hinted that in return for the postmastership and other signs of favor the Wilson politicians might possibly expect Tammany to nominate Frank L. Polk, counsel to the State Department, for Governor of New York this fall. While Tammany "personally" likes Mr. Polk, it has no intention of committing itself in his interests without finding out where it will stand with the Wilson Democrats in next year's Mayoralty campaign.

So for the present Mr. Murphy and his political war board are peacefully knitting socks for their own soldiers. Likewise, there are political wheels within wheels in the situation which has caused Senator Wagner to decline the postmastership.

Mr. Wagner was born in 1877. He entered the Legislature as an Assemblyman in 1906 and has been in the Senate since 1909. He is his party's leader in the Senate and was Lieutenant-Governor while Gov. Glynn was filling out the term of the impeached Sulzer. "I understand that Senator Wagner will not accept the postmastership," was all that Senator O'Gorman had to say last night when he was asked if he wished to comment on the New York situation.

CHICAGO POSTMASTER.

Dixon S. Williams Appointed—Not Indorsed by Senator Lewis.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The President today nominated Dixon S. Williams as postmaster at Chicago. The nomination was not indorsed either by Senator Lewis or Foster C. Sullivan so far as can be learned. Mr. Williams is president of the Southern Club of Chicago and is a close friend of Secretary McAdoo, Justice McKeen and Postmaster-General Burleson.

Senator Lewis predicted a few days ago that the postmaster would be a prominent German and would carry his indorsement. Mr. Williams, it is declared, does not fill this bill in either respect. Senator Lewis is out of town tonight and his views cannot be obtained. If he decides to fight Mr. Williams probably will not be confirmed, for there is an unvarying rule of the Senate that no postmaster nomination will be confirmed in the home town of a Senator that is objectionable to the Senator.

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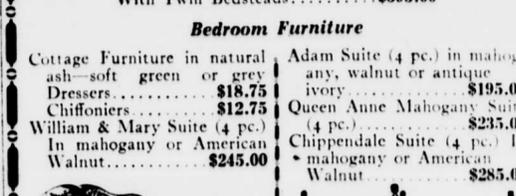
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