

SENATE CONTESTS NOT FEARED BY G.O.P.

Prepared to Retaliate Should Democrats Assail Moses, Phipps or Newberry.

CONTROL DEEMED SURE

All Previous Attempts to Unseat Senators Have Resulted in Failure.

Special Dispatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—If the three contests for seats in the Senate threatened by the Democrats are to be pushed through to a finish, the Republicans in the Senate are prepared to contest the seats of no fewer than a half dozen Democrats apparently elected and possibly one more.

Senators of the present majority talk of contesting the election of George H. Moses (N. H.), Truman H. Newberry (Mich.) and L. C. Phipps (Col.). Mr. Moses was elected to succeed Jacob H. Gallinger, who died in office. Mr. Newberry defeated the pacifist Henry Ford running as a Democrat with the President's indorsement in the Michigan fight, and Mr. Phipps defeated Senator Shafroth (Col.), self-styled "Honest John."

According to the Republican leaders, there is nothing to arouse suspicion that any of these contests will be successful. They said to-night that the clamor against the election of Mr. Newberry is entirely upon charges of extraordinary expenditures made in advertising his candidacy.

Privately, Senatorial leaders of both parties admit there is little hope of successful contests being promoted by either party. They called attention to the fact that from the foundation of the republic to the present time there never has been a successful contest for a seat in the Senate.

Democracy in the Senate are prepared to ask qualifications for the seating of those Republican Senators whose election is open to the least shadow of doubt. Republicans are prepared to ask a number of embarrassing questions in regard to the election of several Senators of the Democratic faith.

But even more embarrassing to the Democrats is the fact that the Georgia primaries may be investigated by the Senate and the election of William J. Harris, formerly chairman of the Federal Trade Commission and Senator Hardwick in the bitter battle of last August may be reviewed by the Republicans.

There are but three of the opportunity for the Republicans to meet Democratic suggestions of contested Senate seats. They do not represent the limit to which the Republicans may go in questioning Democratic success, but they do mark the limit of possible adventures before the Privileges and Elections Committee for the Democrats.

The Republicans have the Montana election as their holdout. They also have the results in North Carolina as a basis for suggested contests. All in all the Republicans have slightly the edge, if the issue of election purity is raised in question in the organization of the next Senate. They are ready for the Democratic blast with more ammunition to meet it than the Democrats have suspected.

MANY IDLE IN CONNECTICUT. Manufacturers Indorse Protest in Cancelling War Contracts.

BOAT OWNERS TO FIGHT.

Men to Remain at Work Pending War Board's Award.

At a conference in their headquarters, 111 Broadway, to-morrow afternoon, the boat owners of New York who declare they will fight any attempt to arbitrate the eight hour schedule demanded by marine workers of the port, are expected to decide whether they will be represented at the arbitration hearing called by the New York Harbor Wage Adjustment Board for the settlement of the dispute.

It was tentatively decided to hold the hearing Thursday, but owing to the expected arrival of the fleet on Wednesday, that date was declared inconvenient and the session will likely be put off until next week.

Meanwhile the men will remain on their boats until the War Adjustment Board has had an opportunity to make its award.

U. S. AND DAN CUPID IN CAHOOTS AT DIX

With Government Sanction, Soldiers May Stalk the Jersey Bride.

Now Captain Cupid takes command—'Tis the discharging season—And calls the lasses of the land To arms—arms of squeaking matrimony.

In France ten thousand Yanks have wed French girls and girls Italian; And Yankers girls, shall it be said, You've got less than the Gallic!

Ten thousand soldiers at Camp Dix would like to call you "Honey." Go rescue them, their little fix, Will yield to matrimony!

The War Department, according to a despatch to The Sun last night from Camp Dix, at Wrightstown, N. J., has gone into the business of encouraging matrimony. It has not opened a bureau for the union of fervent soldier hearts with lonesome American girls whose chances have been damaged by the exploitation of Yankee heroes by the appreciative girls of France and Italy, but it has announced that soldiers of demobilizing organizations and overseas veterans who desire to remain in the East may have their desire fulfilled by marrying in the vicinity of Camp Dix.

This is one of the ways, perhaps the only way, the lonely soldiers may avoid transportation to far away camps near to their homes. The Government is benevolent. It fears that some of the soldiers discharged far from their homes may spend all their money and become stranded if they can get young American women to protect them and care for their dough the problem will be solved. There will be no question of the residence of the bride. She need not be from Jersey, which is reputed to have a fine assortment for bridal material, but she must be married to them in the vicinity.

It is assumed that the soldier who marries in the vicinity may like to continue residence there or thereabout; but Atlantic City is not so far away and then there is Newark, Jersey City and even Manhattan.

At Camp Dix the soldiers, with sweethearts to come to the camp and wed. They may get a license at any city clerk's office or town clerk in New Jersey and the chaplain at Camp Dix will be mighty glad to tie the knot, even if it keeps him busy all month. The many plans will furnish the wedding marches free.

RESCUES A FRENCH CREW. Gloucester Boat Picks Up Helpless Seamen—One Death.

LEAGUE IS TRUE MILITARY TO TRAINING

Forty Senators, 152 Congressmen Said to Be in Favor of Compulsory Service.

The National Security League is pressing its campaign for enactment of Federal legislation to provide some form of universal military training.

In a statement on the subject issued yesterday the league officials announced that 40 Senators and 152 Congressmen, in response to questionnaires sent out to members of the incoming Congress, committed themselves definitely in favor of such enactment.

Only one Congressman-elect, M. O. McLaughlin, representing the Fourth Nebraska district, has announced himself as opposed to a universal training system.

In conducting the poll the league's committee on universal military training made it plain that it was not advocating any particular form of enactment, but was merely attempting to elicit the views of members of the new Congress on the broad principle as a basis of educational propaganda on the subject.

Among some of the replies received was one from Congressman Daniel J. Griffin of the Twenty-second New York district, who wrote:

"I am a firm believer in universal military training, for the reason that I consider that one of the primary obligations of citizenship is not only willingness but ability to defend our hearth, our home and our flag by force of arms whenever the occasion demands. Every male citizen should be trained to perform military duty, and this should be as much an obligation upon him as the duty of serving on a jury or the performance of any civic requirement."

Congressman Haskell of the Tenth New York district wrote:

"The lesson learned from our recent experience must make us realize that we should be as much in a military as in a naval preparedness cannot be accomplished as a result of the peace conference, the wisdom of at all times being in a state of actual military and naval preparedness cannot be questioned by any loyal American."

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HELP HELD UP BY LACK OF FUNDS

Lenders Will Not Advance Money Until Labor and Material Markets Are Settled.

ARCHITECTS SUBSTITUTE Use Commodities Which Are Available and Cheaper Than Brick and Pine Lumber.

Before building money will freely flow into projected construction work the building material manufacturer and dealer, laborer and equipment supply interests must show that prices of all commodities have been brought to a stage of stability, according to the Dope Service Daily Building Reports to-day.

In the absence of such assurance lenders are cautious, not because they fear the ability to compete with structures built before the war, but because they are wary of a condition where excessive demand for building materials to-day, when the quantity available is below normal, might result in a stampede of prices, labor costs, etc., as to effectively prohibit construction.

The volume of construction now moving is entirely of the most urgent type needed commercial and industrial building work. One large concrete construction company handling millions of dollars worth of Government work, recently made a survey of New York City, visited by a great fire, and developed only one insignificant contract, that one for an industrial concern. Owners of buildings under way are not permitted to build until there was some sign of a general stabilizing of building prices.

This attitude is typical of all parts of the country, that although there is a demand for more rentable space of a speculative nature they would defer work until they had assurances from material, equipment and labor interests that they had a fair share of construction.

In the interim there is about a 20 per cent. of normal building market developing along the Atlantic seaboard from Boston to Miami. The price of materials at the extreme high prices of one material architect are turning to another.

The stone interests, hearing of the price of commodities, have been rushing for quantities to large distributors at center, and to-day there are available 2,000,000 feet of Indiana limestone at prices barely above those ruling before the war.

Judged by the last two years of construction in this district, a very general building market is developing and the material interests that can be financed entirely by private funds. This includes business, commercial and industrial work, and it will be sufficient to give every one a fair share of construction.

SATISFIED MORTGAGES. (With name and address of lender and amount.)

Manhattan. 4TH ST. 74-201 E. Lender Zippert and...

TRANSACTIONS RECORDED.

TRANSFERS. (With name and address of owner and amount.)

Manhattan. BROADWAY 104. 2141-1241 E. Lender...

West Side. (West of Fifth Avenue, between Fourteenth and 110th streets.)

Manhattan. 17TH ST. 403 W. 17th St. 65,652-2...

Manhattan. 17TH AV. 208 W. 17th Av. 1,100...

LIVE TOPICS OF THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

WAIST RETAILERS TO BE WATCHED

Manufacturers of women's waists are going to keep a strict eye on retailers who handle their lines. All they learn about them is to be reported to a service bureau, which the manufacturers have just formed.

This bureau is to serve as a central point from which any manufacturer who is a member of the United Waist League of America can obtain information as to how any special retailer is rated in business circles, whether he is in the habit of returning goods, cancelling contracts or practices any other trade abuses.

Cloaks and Suits Sell Well. Special Dispatch to The Sun. CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—From all parts of the country come reports that the cloak and suit business is exceptionally good in spite of the readjustments going on in many industries.

Travelling men returning here bring news that their lines are being well patronized and that the business is going to keep on increasing.

Suits are being sold in more variety than usual.

St. Louis Fur Sale Date Changed. Arrangements have been made to eliminate the conflict in dates of the winter fur sale to be held by the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation and Fustner Bros. & Co. of St. Louis.

Both firms originally set January 27 as the date for their sale, but at a conference of their representatives it has been decided that the St. Louis sale will be held January 27 and the New York sale will be held February 3.

More Males Approve Snug Styles. GERMANTOWN, Pa., Dec. 22.—There was mingled approval and embarrassment at the annual snuggly exhibition at the Y. M. C. A. Building here when the bathing suits were displayed.

The approval was voiced by the male spectators, but the women showed an interest in the snuggly exhibition and a disapproval. For the bathing suits were filled to capacity by mannequins who performed aquatic "stunts" on the gymnasium floor to the extent that the snugly fitting garments would permit.

Forecast Good Export Business. Special Dispatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—An unprecedented number of inquiries of information regarding the export trade was received by the Bureau of Foreign and Commercial Affairs during the week.

The inquiries came from business men in all manufacturing lines and is believed to foreshadow the largest export business in the country's history.

Claims \$200,000 Damages. Four suits, totaling in the aggregate damages of \$200,000, have been filed in the Supreme Court by the Fair Wind Insurance Co. against the American and Foreign Steamship Co. and the American and Foreign Steamship Co. and the American and Foreign Steamship Co.

The suit states that the defendants caused the loss of the cargo on the Fair Wind during the week of November 1918 and had asked creditors for a year's extension.

Button Makers Plan Federation. A convention of button manufacturers will be held in New York in the latter part of January or early in February to work out plans for a national federation of the industry.

Associations from all sections will be represented by the War Service committee of the button industry.

Victory Colors Interest Manufacturers. Interest in colors has been stimulated by the different "victory" shades which have been announced, and the most recent statement from Paris of green and red and blue reduction of dyes being used extensively is of import to silk manufacturers.

Many of them have begun work on fabrics of similar colors.

Quartermaster Official Resigns. Special Dispatch to The Sun. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Matthew Wilson, who has been connected with the Quartermaster Corps for a year as chief of the clothing division, has resigned and will go to Europe on a private business trip.

Favor High Clothing Prices. Special Dispatch to The Sun. BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—Baltimore clothing men believe that reduction should be made in the present prices of clothing. They are in accord with the New York market view in this respect.

The cost of manufacturers and the price of merchandise have not been reduced they say they see no reason for clothing prices to come down.

Business Troubles. JOHN HANNA, a voluntary petitioner of John Hanna of Peter Duesler, N. Y., has filed a petition for the appointment of a receiver for the three largest creditors of the Hanna Bros. Manufacturing Co., of New York, who are Peter Duesler, N. Y., and John Hanna, N. Y., and John Hanna, N. Y.

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YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

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