

GILLETT GETS BIG SPEAKERSHIP AID

Fess Withdraws and Is Believed to Have Thrown Votes Against Mann

DRY FORCES IN FIGHT Prohibitionists Using Influence in Interests of Massachusetts Congressman

Washington, Feb. 21.—Representative Simon D. Fess, of Ohio has withdrawn as a candidate for Speaker of the incoming House of Representatives.

The withdrawal of Fess, who is chairman of the Republican congressional campaign committee, will swing at least twenty-five votes for Gillett, if all of Mr. Fess's pledged votes follow him into the Gillett camp.

The withdrawal also started a definite move to pledge enough votes for Gillett to insure his election as Speaker at the general caucus of the Republican members of the next House of Representatives on Thursday of next week.

Hays Influenced Action In a statement announcing his withdrawal as a candidate, Representative Fess said that he was getting out of the contest after a conference held here today with Mr. Hays.

Representative Mann's strength lies especially in the Middle West. The Illinois candidate has the support of most of the delegation from his home state, and several votes have been pledged to him from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York.

The Gillett candidacy now will have also the support of the Anti-Saloon League forces. Mr. Fess entered the speakership fight as the candidate of the "drys" and Mr. Gillett has been their second choice.

himself and Mr. Mann additionally interesting on the wet and dry issue.

State Delegation at Work One effect of Mr. Fess's withdrawal is the position in which it places the Pennsylvania Republican delegation to the next House. There will be twenty-nine Republicans in the incoming House from that state, the largest Republican delegation in Congress.

The Pennsylvania—or at least many of them—have been jockeying so as to use their twenty-nine votes as a whip with which to force a large share of the patronage and committee chairmanships under the new Speaker.

The Gillett votes in the delegation at Wednesday's caucus split the delegation and it refused to agree to cast a complimentary vote for Representative J. Hampton Moore, Philadelphia. Had Mr. Moore been given the united endorsement of the Pennsylvania Republicans he could have swung the entire 29 votes as a unit to which every candidate might agree to give the Pennsylvanians the most jobs at the Capitol and the most committee chairmanships.

Now that the Gillett boom has taken definite shape as the result of the withdrawal of Representative Fess, who it was never believed, could be elected speaker, the Pennsylvania Republicans undoubtedly will have to vote individually. They will hold another caucus next Wednesday morning and their entire plan will be fully threshed out then.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS BLOCK MONEY BILLS

Action by G. O. P. Leaders Will Force President to Call Extra Session

Washington, Feb. 21.—Decision of Republican leaders in the Senate to prevent passage at this session of Congress of appropriation bills for the army, the navy and the diplomatic and consular service was reached in a tentative program covering the remaining days of the session.

The naval appropriation bill carrying provision for a new building program on which work would not start prior to July 1, 1920, and then only at the discretion of the President in the matter of international disarmament, following adoption of the league of nations program, was approved by a subcommittee of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee by a strict party vote.

There were indications that the army appropriation bill never would get out of the Senate Military Affairs Committee and that the diplomatic and consular bill also would be lost.

The failure of these three measures would force the President to call the new Republican Congress in extra session almost immediately in order that the appropriations might be passed before June 30 to enable the branches of the government affected to continue in operation.

Republican leaders are determined that the naval program in its present shape shall not be adopted at this session, and the insistence of the administration on the wording of the House bill probably will result in no provision being made at all.

ALFONSO LAMENTS ON NEUTRALS' TRIALS

Spanish King Says Allies Recall More Unfriendliness Than Help

By the Associated Press Paris, Feb. 21.—"The role of the neutrals is at present far from an easy one," said King Alfonso of Spain in an interview recently with Albert Londres, of the Petit Journal, published today by that newspaper.

"It seems to me," continued the King, "that the victors are more inclined to remember the actions they consider unfriendly than the help they had from us—but that is human."

"With what are we in Spain reproached? We are made responsible for the propaganda that a belligerent nationality carried on here, but the constitutional guarantees were not suspended. There were people of all nationalities here, and I failed to see how Spain could be made to answer for acts to which she was not a party."

Speaking of the Franco-Spanish relations during the war, King Alfonso said: "If France attributed good intentions to me, they were also the intentions of my people. One is the reflection of the other. I am the king, certainly, but the most constitutional of kings."

"Of all the kings still standing in Europe, I am of the latest creation. The English family is of the seventeenth century, the Belgian of 1832. I spring from a monarchial revolution, and my new contract with the people is younger than the republic. I am of a date scarcely forty-two years back. The greatest liberty reigns in the kingdom under this absolutely free regime, and the king and the people are one."

King Alfonso recalled how, in 1914, he informed the French Government, on his own initiative, that it need have no anxiety over the Pyrenees frontier. "Did not I do everything possible for those steps, which came from the

Deaths of a Day

FREDERIC E. WHITNEY Germantown Academy Teacher Dies From Influenza

Frederic Eben Whitney, for the last thirteen years teacher of science and mathematics in the Germantown Academy, died yesterday at his home, 122 West Pomona street, Germantown.

He is survived by a widow, Mrs. Florence Ethel Whitney, and two children, a boy eight years old and a girl six years old. Mr. Whitney was forty years old and a son of Mrs. Eliza A. Whitney and the late Abraham Whitney. Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at his late residence. Interment will be at Anderson, Mass., the home of his mother.

The Rev. Otis Tiffany Barnes, aged thirty-four, son of the late Charles K. and Christine White Barnes, died yesterday at his home in Bronxville, N. Y. His father, who died about two years ago, was widely known in this city and was a member of the Union League.

Mr. Barnes was the oldest child and only son. After graduating from Holy Trinity Grammar School he went to Lafayette College, graduating there in 1909. He then attended the Union Theological Seminary, New York city, and was ordained for the ministry in 1912. Shortly after his graduation he married Eliza Brown, daughter of Dr. Francis Brown, then president of Union Seminary. His first charge was at Chappaqua, N. Y. For the last two years he has been pastor of the Reformed Church at Bronxville, N. Y. He was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

Remains of a widow, two sons and one daughter, three sisters survive him. They are Mrs. Helen W. Bailey, Miss Christine Barnes and Miss Constance Barnes, all of Germantown.

Last summer, instead of spending his vacation resting, Mr. Barnes went to the Hog Island shipyard, where he operated an electric engine.

William F. Fowler, Jr., Common Council lost one of its youngest members in the death of William F. Fowler, Jr., of 2119 North Twenty-second street, who died yesterday after being stricken with pneumonia a week ago. Fowler represented the Thirty-eighth Ward in Common Council, and was elected in 1917 on the Town Meeting party ticket.

He was twenty-eight years old and for a number of years he had been identified with various business men's associations of the northwest section of the city. Fowler was conducting a printing establishment. While a member of Council, Fowler had fought for all reform measures, and had already won the respect of his opponents. He will be buried on Monday.

Miss Annie C. Stewart, the daughter of the late William and Catherine Stewart, died Wednesday night in the Habersham Hospital after an illness of about ten weeks. She was eighty-two years of age, had been ill for about two years, and died at the David H. Schuyler Building, Broad and Lombard streets. The interment will be private.

BOOZE SMUGGLING ENJOINED BY COURT

Michigan's Attorney General Invokes Law's Penalties Against Practice

By the Associated Press Detroit, Mich., Feb. 21.—The Michigan Attorney General's office today secured an injunction in the Circuit Court of Monroe against the importation of liquor over the Ohio-Michigan border.

Violating the injunction, it is said, will be held in contempt of court. Although activities of the authorities at Toledo have served to discourage the importation of liquor across the Ohio state line to some extent, local authorities admitted today that it was still coming into the state in large quantities.

From Lansing it is reported that while state constabulary and operatives of the State Food and Drug Department have been placed at the disposal of the Federal officers, it is doubtful if much can be done to curb the traffic until the passage of a measure now pending in the Legislature to take the place of the search-and-seizure act invalidated last Tuesday by the State Supreme Court. It is stated that ten days must elapse before the new law can be finally enacted.

Numerous seizures of the liquor have been made in Detroit from persons

Passports Limited Again

Request of France and Britain Complied With by U. S.

Washington, Feb. 21.—(By A. P.)—At the request of the British and French governments, the State Department has adopted a policy under which heretofore passports for travel in those countries

would be refused to all persons except those going on essential business, because of transportation difficulties and abnormal conditions.

An official denial was made today of reports that the British Government had requested particularly that passports be refused to prohibition agitators.

Indicted for Misusing Mails The Federal Grand Jury has returned a bill of indictment, charging Joseph Kernen with using the mails to defraud.

According to the bill, the defendant wrote letters to Frank P. Myers, a florist, of Wyndmoor, threatening to blow up his hothouse unless Mr. Myers placed \$5000 in a tin box in the shrubbery.

FINAL CLEAN-UP SALE OF FURS The best for values offered in Philadelphia this season. GITTELMAN'S SONS 918 ARCH ST. Only One Store

Billy Sunday Choir

Mr. Sunday is coming from Richmond, Virginia, to speak at the METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE next Monday evening, FEBRUARY 24, in the interest of the POCKET TESTAMENT LEAGUE.

A chorus of 175 soprano and 75 each of alto, bass and tenor is wanted from the OLD TABERNACLE CHORUS.

Tickets and badges may be obtained from H. C. LINCOLN, 1820 NORTH 23d STREET, Friday or Saturday, during the day or evening. Call or send addressed stamped envelope, stating part you sing. When list is filled, cannot add to number.

Two Named to City Positions Two city appointments were announced today. Miss Margaret A. Murrin, 1100 Polson street, was named as clerk in the Bureau of Water, and William Anderson, 2121 Stella street, as carry salaried of \$80.

Hirsch's 923 MARKET STREET Sale Extraordinary! Women's Spring Suits & Dresses \$25.00 ON OUR SECOND FLOOR An Event Offering Truly Remarkable Values Suits of the highest quality | Dresses showing the very latest in millinery styles. Newest box quality tricotines, Georgette crepes, tulle and satins. Shirts are ruffled, shirred or straight line effects. The New "Dolmans" & Capes \$25.00 OUR TRIMMED HATS Are the Best Values in Town \$5.00 Silk Poplin SKIRTS \$3.98 New Silk Waists \$2.98 to \$4.98 BARGAIN BASEMENT Women's Newest SPRING SUITS In 10 New Styles \$14.98 New SPRING DRESSES \$7.98 to \$14.98 Girls' Wash Dresses \$1.98 Children's Dresses 98c Infants' & Children's Spring Coats \$2.98 to \$6.98 Children's Coats \$2.98

Mawson & DeMany 1115 Chestnut Street Opposite Keith's Theatre Premier Showing Tomorrow, Exclusive Spring Millinery For the Ultra-Fashionable Woman 7.50 to 18.50 A comprehensive display of authentic models for spring wear, reflecting every style variation of the season. Stunning large and small black Hats of shiny lisere, trimmed with burnt peacock and glycerined ostrich; models with entire crowns covered with an array of flowers and fruit, and the ever-popular more tailored hats. Special—Tomorrow! A Sale of Over 200 New Spring Hats Intended to Sell at 7.50, 8.50 and 10.00 5.00 Large drooping shapes; smart close-fitting effects; off-the-face models; tams and novelties in black, brown, dust, henna and jay. Every smart new trimming effect is reflected. We advise early shopping.

Mawson & DeMany 1115 Chestnut Street Opposite Keith's Theatre After Months of Delay and Disappointment, Our New Store Will Positively Be Ready in March! Removal Sale Our Entire Stock of Fine FURS to Be Sold Regardless of Cost! Early last year the builders promised to complete our new home by September 1st. Then came the delays incident to the war—steel was held up, transportation became bad, and one disappointment followed another. Finally we were assured that under no circumstance would we get into our new store later than December 1st. We felt so confident of this that we unhesitatingly prepared larger stocks, as our new store has three times the capacity of our present quarters. Again we met with keen disappointment. Lack of material, shortage of labor and numerous other difficulties were the contributing factors in the further delay of the building. Prepared as we were with much larger stocks, especially purchased to be sold during the past fall and winter, in our much larger store, we find that we are greatly overstocked. This vast stock must now be sacrificed at most stupendous reductions. It's the greatest fur-selling campaign—the biggest of its kind Philadelphia has ever known. If it is humanly possible to dispose of this enormous quantity of furs before we move, we will do it. But we are determined to clean up our stocks before we clear out of this store and we have cut prices to the very bone to do it. We Quote Below a Few of the Many Remarkable Values Offered in This Sale! (6) Taupe Fox Scarfs 10.00 Reg. 20.00 (8) Taupe Fox Scarfs 19.50 Reg. 40.00 (6) Natural Nutria Sets 23.00 Reg. 52.00 (6) Brown Wolf Scarfs 24.50 Reg. 49.00 (5) Hudson Seal Sets 30.00 Reg. 65.00 (5) Black Fox Sets 33.00 Reg. 69.50 (8) Taupe Wolf Sets 36.50 Reg. 75.00 (5) Brown Fox Sets 39.50 Reg. 80.00 (7) Taupe Fox Sets 69.50 Reg. 140.00 (3) Beaver Sets 69.50 Reg. 140.00 (3) Mink Sets 145.00 Reg. 290.00 (1) Persian Lamb Coat 245.00 Reg. 490.00 (2) Scotch Mole-skin Coats 275.00 Reg. 550.00 (1) Natural Mink Coat 345.00 Reg. 690.00 (4) Natural Marmot Coats 48.00 Reg. 99.00 (3) Natural Muskrat Coats 63.00 Reg. 130.00 (3) Australian Seal Coats 94.00 Reg. 190.00 (2) Natural Nutria Coats 96.00 Reg. 195.00 (2) Hudson Seal Coats 120.00 Reg. 250.00 (2) Natural Raccoon Coats 125.00 Reg. 250.00 (2) Hudson Seal Coats 142.50 Reg. 290.00 (2) Natural Squirrel Coats 240.00 Reg. 375.00 Every luxurious garment in our stock is included in this sale. Handsome Eastern Mink coats, superb Broad-tail coats, finest Scotch Mole-skin coats, beautiful Caracul coats, most exclusive productions of Hudson Seal in the smartest coats and wraps, dark gray Siberian Squirrel coats, lustrous Persian Lamb coats, sets and scarfs of Silver Fox, Hudson Bay Sable, Fisher, Blue Fox, Cross Fox, Ermine, Skunk, Mink, Lynx and Pointed Fox, at prices which are unquestionably the most remarkable ever quoted for furs of similar quality. Purchases Will Be Reserved in Our Storage Vaults Until Next Fall on Payment of a Deposit. Payments To Be Continued During the Spring and Summer

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