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DEMOCRATS MAY BE ASKED TO FILL THE COMMITTEES

Some Republicans Are Willing to Let the Majority Have Full Control.

A proposition to allow the Democratic majority to name the Republican assignments to the House committees was seriously considered at several informal conferences at the Capitol yesterday.

It is understood that one of the strong advocates of such a course is the late leader of the majority, Sen. E. Payne, of New York. With him are many other Republicans who look with misgiving on any effort of the minority to make a reasonably satisfactory adjustment of the committee assignments question themselves, and who would willingly accept the question as to whether such an assignment should be by their leader alone or by committee. They point to the fact that Mr. Cannon, in making up the committees of the House of the Sixty-first Congress, refused to accept any advice from the Democrats as to their own assignments, but went ahead and made them according to his own idea of fitness. They assert that in these days, when consistency is at a premium, it might be well to allow that precedent to stand, and to step aside gracefully and allow the Democrats their own way.

"I am heartily in favor of assigning the last lot of responsibility as to organizing the House to those who now control it," said Representative Ernest W. Roberts, of Massachusetts, yesterday. "I am one of those who believe that a member of Congress eventually lands on the committee where he is going to serve, and I am willing to trust the Democrats to place me where they think I may be of use. They are to shape the legislation and should assume full authority in fixing up the machinery."

GEORGETOWN PLANS AUSPICIOUS AFFAIR

Working Hard for the Brown-Fairchild Lecture.

Having prepared the largest hall in Georgetown for next Monday night, the Georgetown Citizens' Association is working hard and mail to make the affair the largest and most effective of the series of dual lectures by Glenn Brown and David Fairchild.

The association will have as its guests the Northwest Citizens' Association, and between the membership and friends of the two organizations. It is expected that Linthicum Hall, O street between Thirty-first and Wisconsin avenues, will be filled to its capacity, nearly 60. Mr. Brown will deliver a lecture on the design and possibilities of the McMillan Park Commission plan, and Mr. Fairchild will speak on the people's garden, telling how individuals can put in effective work toward the beautification of Washington.

"We want every one in Georgetown and vicinity to come," said Alton K. Farris, president of the Georgetown association, yesterday. "We don't want only the members of the two associations and their friends. We want all residents of the vicinity. The subject should

be of interest to all, rich and poor, old and young, property owners, and tenants. There will be interest for all and welcome for all."

Officers of the association, following an executive meeting to cover members five copies of a neatly arranged card of invitation yesterday. Every member is expected to distribute his quota of cards in whatever quarters they will do the most good.

In order to remedy a misconception, those who are directing the series of dual lectures made it plain again yesterday that all the lectures are absolutely free, the incidental expenses for hall and stereopticon lantern.

The largest meetings of the series is expected to-night when the Park View Citizens' Association will serve as host for the combined membership of the Takoma, Brightwood Park, and Petworth associations.

To-morrow the lectures will be presented before the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association, which will have as its guest the Pinehurst Association.

B. OF T. BALL TEAM TO MEET TO-NIGHT

Dr. Frank E. Gibson May Be Re-elected Captain.

The annual reorganization of the Board of Trade's baseball team will be effected at a meeting of all candidates to-night in the chambers of the Board of Trade.

Dr. Frank E. Gibson probably will be re-elected captain. Tentative dates for games already have been arranged with the Metropolitan and Chevy Chase clubs.

At a meeting of the executive committee yesterday afternoon, it was voted to instruct the laws and legislation committee to look for the selection of Representative-elect Lobeck, of Nebraska, and Doremus, of Michigan, as members of the House District Committee. Because of previous experience as auditors of their respective States, Auditor Tweedale suggested them as men who could be of valuable assistance in avoiding the annual tangle over District financial matters. Members of the law and legislation committee will take the matter up with Representative Oscar Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

After a brief discussion, the executive committee decided to leave the plans for the annual river outing and shad bake to the board of directors, which will meet the first Monday in April. The committee again expressed its approval of the proposed improvement of Rock Creek Valley, and urged action by Congress at the next regular session. The efforts of the American Embassy Association, which is urging on Congress the necessity of American owned diplomatic homes in foreign countries, also were endorsed.

The following men were elected to membership in the Board: Percy Crawford, Fred S. Giehr, Charles C. Lamborn, J. Elvans Mayfield, Charles O. Reed, George W. Spier, Frank W. Stone, and Ferdinand Waldman.

PENSION PLAN OF GOVERNMENT ARE ATTACKED

Stinging Rebuke to Departmental Practice.

BANK CLERKS HEAR IT

Prof. Veditz Asserts There Are Too Many Veterans.

Declares No Congressman Has the Bravery to Oppose Any Effort Made to Increase the Pensions of Old Soldiers, and that it is Not Politic for Citizens to Undertake the Unpopular Task, Anyway.

That the amount of money paid out by the United States government in the form of pensions to war veterans is entirely disproportionate to the amount merited by the pensioners was the assertion made by C. William A. Veditz, professor of sociology at the George Washington University, before a meeting of the Washington Chapter of the American Bankers' Institute last night.

TOO MUCH MONEY.

"I believe," said Prof. Veditz, "that too much money is being given to men who do not deserve pensions, and that as a consequence the government is being deprived of vast sums, the use of which would be of inestimable value if spent in other ways."

"While the idea of the heroic old soldier who has fought and suffered for his country appeals strongly to the people, that sentimental feeling is often used as a vehicle to procure pensions for persons who have no right to them."

"But if this sort of thing is continued indefinitely the government will have a heavier burden than it can bear before the end is reached. It is the prevailing idea that as the old soldiers of the country are rapidly dying off, the pensions must accordingly be rapidly diminishing. On the contrary, figures show the exact opposite."

"In 1901, \$7,000,000 was appropriated with which to pay pensions to war veterans. The amount appropriated last year was \$10,000,000, and the Sulloway bill contemplates a further increase of \$4,000,000 above the present amount."

"How much better would this great surplus and the enormous waste that is being made through the Pension Bureau be employed if turned into a pension fund for government clerks, where there are hundreds of persons who really merit pensions."

No Right to Money.

"I do not claim there is private graft in the Pension Bureau, except the graft of the pension attorney, perhaps; but the fault lies in the fact that there are hundreds of old men who are receiving money to which they have no right."

"Of course the pensioners are things which people do not like to talk about. It is not considered politic. Nobody wants to assume the responsibility of taking money from old men. I do not believe there is a single member of Congress who has the courage to introduce a bill abolishing pensioning persons. It is a matter of sentiment with them, but at the same time the great waste is going on. The subject is scarcely popular, for the idea of the heroic old soldier has almost a hold on the minds of the people that it seems to be planted there for all time. It would not be politic for a public man to advocate the reduction of pensions, and it would not be politic for a private man to do so."

In speaking of the post-office deficit, Prof. Veditz said:

"A deficit in the Post-office Department indicates a deplorable condition. It shows that taxation is not being made a burden on the taxpayers, but that the burden falls heaviest on those who can best afford to bear it. For the post-office to show a surplus would indicate that a high tax was being imposed upon the common people, and that they were being charged an exorbitant rate for the carrying of their mail."

A Surplus in Europe.

"In no country of Europe does the post-office department show a surplus."

The latter part of Prof. Veditz's talk was devoted entirely to taxation, its theory, and practice.

"I believe that two of the most equitable forms of taxes known are the income tax and the inheritance tax. These will in all probability be the most popular forms of taxation of the future."

Haldane Made a Peer.

London, March 23.—The Right Hon. Richard Burdon Haldane, for the last six years secretary of state for war, has been raised to the peerage with the title of viscount.

Stolypin to Retain Office.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—This evening's Bourne Gazette publishes a telegraphic message from Tsarok-Selo saying that it is learned from an undeniable source that Premier Stolypin has withdrawn his resignation.

Stanton Paper Sold.

Stanton, Va., March 23.—The Stanton Dispatch and News, owned by H. E. West, lately of Baltimore, was sold to a syndicate, headed by C. R. Caldwell, today. This is the sixth time this paper has changed hands in nine years.

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Services to Be Held at St. Patrick's Church May 10.

The Gen. Urell Memorial Association met last night in Grand Army Hall and heard reports of the subcommittees on finance. The committee reported that the subscriptions of the various organizations interested in bringing the body of Gen. Emmet Urell from Ireland for interment at Arlington have reached the amount necessary to cover all the expenses connected with the arrangements.

The undertaker at Cork will be communicated with by the committee. Plans made at the next meeting of the association, on April 3, at Grand Army Hall. It was stated at the meeting that the funeral probably will be from St. Patrick's church, and the date has been set for May 10.

Those present at the meeting included representatives from the G. A. R., Loyal Legion, Spanish War Veterans, Union Veterans Legion, B. P. O. Elks, Medal of Honor Legion, National Guard, and the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish War. Only the representatives of those organizations are authorized to collect funds.

WOMAN ON STAND IN CAMORRA CASE

Once Queen of Lower Classes Arouses Deep Interest.

Viterbo, March 23.—Today's session of the trial of the Camorra was marked by the fact that a woman, a sensational hearing, there being no demonstrations on the part of the prisoners except insults they offered Abatemaggio, the informer, as they passed his cage upon entering the court room this morning. The news of yesterday's outbreak attracted scores of tourists to court this morning, and many of them stayed throughout the proceedings.

After denying any complicity in the Camorra crime, the woman started the car-burners had offered to pay her \$12 for each act, which she refused to sign a statement prepared by them. This statement was brought out by the accusation that she had bribed witnesses to testify for her defendants.

Maria Stando made a striking appearance on the stand before President Bianchi. Although less charming than a few years ago, when she was the queen of the lower classes and the consort of several high officials, she still retains a great deal of her beauty. Her denials were uttered with a show of gusto that pleased the amazed prisoners.

SHOULD BE FREE FROM ALL POLITICS

Cleveland, Ohio, March 23.—The selection of State mine inspectors by popular vote must be stopped if there is to be a reduction of accidents in the coal and metal mines of the United States, according to a statement made today before the students of Case School of Applied Science, by Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, Director of the Federal Bureau of Mines.

The Director was giving a number of suggestions which, if followed, would mean a reduction in the number of accidents. "The mines of this country exact a toll of more than 3,000 lives yearly."

"The State mine inspectors should have greater permanence in office and freedom from political and other outside influences," said Director Holmes. "The selection and continuance in office should depend upon their training and experience. They should be examined by a non-political board of mining men. They should be elected from long experience and should be given the right to hold their office for life. The determination of such a board from the applicants that have shown the highest skill and best experience. Under no circumstances should they be selected by popular vote. In other words, politics should have nothing whatever to do with their selection or their continuance in office."

Electrician Ends Life.

Vallejo, Cal., March 23.—Stephen Ryan, chief electrician of the cruiser Cincinnati, was found dead in the cabin today with a bullet wound in the head. He returned to the ship yesterday after oversteering his leave of absence.

SINKING OF OLD WAR SHIP TEACHES VALUABLE LESSON

Representative Roberts Says Future Practice Will Be Held in the Chesapeake.

"They literally jarred the dust out of the old Texas, and then hammered her down into the mud of lower Chesapeake Bay, where the bulk of her remains will become the largest of many future practice targets for the navy," said Representative Ernest W. Roberts, of Massachusetts, yesterday.

"Seems strange to talk about blowing the dust out of a ship of the briny, damp seas, but that is actually what happened. The first salvo of shells, which was planted directly into the San Marcos, raised a dense cloud, which nearly everybody thought was either smoke or the gas from some explosion. It was neither. It was just dust blown from the sooty amastackets of the old sea ranger."

"It was not the intention of the navy at first to sink the San Marcos and leave her in Chesapeake Bay," said Mr. Roberts, in the midst of an interesting narrative of his experiences aboard the obsolescent craft. "The decision to continue the demolition was reached in the midst of the practice, and I consider the move wise in the extreme. The San Marcos was no longer of any value to the navy. If she had been sold to a foreign government we should have realized a ridiculously small price and criticism probably would have arisen as to the advisability of furnishing ships of war to some other power."

"To have saved the craft after she went down by the bow after the first few broadsides would have consumed many weeks of time and the expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars. I was gratified when the determination was reached by the officers and approved by the Secretary of the Navy to sacrifice the old man-of-war entirely for the sake of the experience and the lessons to be gained. Considering the fact that the hull remains for future target practice, and as the base for convenient sea targets for many months to come, I think the value of the vessel has been well expended."

Divers will shortly be sent to the wreck and will make a careful examination of the hull of the vessel to ascertain the damage inflicted below the water line. Discussing the test, Secretary of the Navy Meyer said:

"The results of the firing at the San Marcos have furnished us with the most valuable information concerning the important questions that arise in the consideration of the preparedness of the fleet for actual battle. The firing has conclusively proven that our system of training is the best, and the total wreck of the San Marcos has impressed every observer of the accuracy of fire and the destructive feature of our projectiles."

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The important thing in Tailoring is this: To get Clothes that fit your individuality as well as your form. Art and taste have to enter into the designing of the patterns. For example, one of the handsomest models this season is a one-button cutaway frock, flat-brained. Nine men out of ten can wear such a garment most becomingly, but the tenth man couldn't, and we wouldn't recommend it to him. For him there's a style that wouldn't be suited to others. So it goes.

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And for business, we're answering more and more calls each day for the English-cut. I've got that style down pat.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

SECOND HUSBAND MUST PAY \$10,000 TO THE FIRST

Editor of the Club Fellow Wins His Suit Against Former Chum in Alienation Case.

New York, March 23.—Perceval L. Harden, editor of the Club Fellow, a weekly society paper, to-day won a verdict of \$10,000 from William T. Hoops, his former chum, for the alienation of the former Mrs. Harden's affection.

Mrs. Harden divorced the editor in a Chicago court in 1907, and immediately married Hoops. She is now living with him in this city.

Harden sued Hoops for \$10,000 damages. He charged that Hoops came into his home as a friend and made love to his wife behind his back, and finally won his wife away from him. In support of these charges several witnesses told how Hoops kissed and embraced the former Mrs. Harden while she was still living with her husband.

Hoops and his wife denied that there was any truth in the charge, but when the time came to put in a defense the action during the trial Hoops' lawyer contended himself with simply proving that Hoops and Mrs. Harden were legally married. He declined to swear witnesses in defense.

I. N. Jacobson, counsel for Harden, in summing up the case to-day told the jury about a letter that Mrs. Harden wrote her husband, informing him that she did not care for him, and that she was writing from "the bottom of her heart."

"That was written not from her heart," the lawyer declared, dramatically, pointing to Hoops, "but from the heart of this defendant here."

"You're a liar," shouted Hoops, half rising from his seat.

Hoops went Justice Pendleton's navel and the irate defendant sank down.

"I will not permit that," said the court. "You will be committed to jail for contempt of court if I hear another word from you."

Hoops made no more remarks. He will appeal the case.

CHILD'S CURIOSITY BRINGS FIREMEN TO CAR BARN

Ten-year-old Helen Kobb allowed her curiosity to get the better of her yesterday when she mistook an old-fashioned fire alarm box in the City and Suburban car barn at Thirteenth and D streets northeast for a clock and accidentally called out the firemen.

It was a fearful pair of blue eyes that looked up through stray locks of yellow curls into Judge De Lacy's face before the bar of the Juvenile Court as she explained in a childish tremor just what she had done. This is the way it happened:

Helen was playing about the streets, having a good time all by herself, when she suddenly remembered that her mother told her she must be in by noon at the latest. But there wasn't a clock in sight, and as Helen was prowling about the car barn she spied the alarm box in a corner, which she surely thought was a clock. It was an old-fashioned one, and Helen didn't have the slightest trouble in pulling the little trigger, which she thought would throw open the face of the clock.

"Click, click, click," and Helen's eyes bulged out wider and wider. But Helen was real frightened a moment later when a smoking fire engine, drawn by two puffing horses, drew up to the door. Another moment brought a hook and ladder to the door and little Helen, not able to restrain herself any longer, burst into tears. A blue-coated policeman took Helen in charge and half an hour later appeared in the doorway of the Juvenile Court, holding a very much frightened little person by the hand.

Judge De Lacy simply pinched one of Helen's rosy, beamed cheeks in a way that dispelled all her fears.

"If you didn't know a fire-alarm box from a clock," he said, "I don't suppose you knew you were doing anything wrong by trying to find out, did you, Helen?"

"No, sir," beamed Helen. And what is more, Helen is always going to ask some one what time it is now, instead of trying to find out for herself.

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