

and Percy Coffin of the civil service commission.

Coffin authorized the employment at high salaries of real estate experts when some advised that such employment did not conform with law, say those who support Sergel, and say he is only trying to keep looters from the city treasury.

Coffin and Sergel went the limit in their row. Sergel seems the victor for a while, at least.

Meanwhile city workers are wondering what they will tell the grocer and the installment furniture man when they want to know why the bills are not paid.

Mayor Thompson today prepared to put the issue up to Gov. Dunne and to ask for immediate relief even if a special session of the legislature must be called.

BRYAN MAINTAINS FRIENDSHIP FOR WILSON

Washington, Nov. 6.—Former Sec'y of State Bryan today issued another statement in which he renewed his assurances of friendship for President Wilson. His statement follows:

"I have no plans formulated. I am doing what I believe to be the duty of every citizen to do. How can the president know what the people think unless individuals express themselves?"

"Those who approve of his plan do not hesitate to express themselves. Why should those who differ be silent? The editors of metropolitan newspapers who daily fling incense before the special interests do not hesitate to express an opinion as to what the country needs.

"When did it become unpatriotic for a citizen to differ from a president? When did it become disloyal for a Democrat to differ from a Democratic president on an issue which the president declared to be nonpartisan?"

The president said he would ask those who differed from him to express their opinion. He certainly will

be the last to complain because his request is complied with."

KITCHENER'S ABSENCE MAY MEAN GIGANTIC BATTLE

London, Nov. 6.—That Lord Kitchener's absence from the British war office, where Premier Asquith is still presiding temporarily, is connected with some military movement of capital importance is the growing belief throughout England today.

The tone of comment in the London and provincial morning press left little doubt that the official denial of Kitchener's resignation as war minister was truthful. His ostensible retention of the post of minister of war, however, would not prevent his taking a field command.

IT'S UP TO THOMPSON MONDAY

A resolution passed by the Building Trades Council and by the city council against the ordinance creating a board of standards and apportionment was presented to Mayor Thompson this morning.

"We believe that this is an attempt to reduce the salary of the city employees below those paid by private manufacturers and request that you veto the ordinance," the resolution reads.

The mayor explained that the corporation council was out of town. He will be back next Monday and the mayor has till Monday night to veto the ordinance.

THIS HAS A QUEER SOUND

Madison, Wis., Nov. 6.—Professors at the Wisconsin agricultural college were today teaching the students how to get chickens "stewed."

They didn't order champagne, high balls or any other fancy drinks, but just plain Scotch whisky. And that did the work nicely.

The theory has been advanced that if a hen is intoxicated it will lay three eggs a day and several of the students are working out an experiment to see whether the theory is true.