

RAPID WORK DONE BY GEN. WILSON

Plans for Inauguration Already Taking Shape.

FLOOD OF CORRESPONDENCE

Committees Being Organized—Anxious About Pension Building—The Invitation of Vardaman.

The rapidity with which the work of the inaugural committee under the direction of the chairman, Brig. Gen. John M. Wilson, has been brought forward, has astonished those who are familiar with the operations of previous committees.

All records have been broken by the business-like retired army officer in the matter of appointing his executive committee, nominating the chairman of the various committees, calling the first meeting of the executive committee, and organizing the general work. General Wilson was ill when his appointment was made, yet he was able to announce, within twenty-four hours, the names of those whom he would ask to be members of the executive committee. A few names were left off the list, but they were placed on it the next day.

Naming of Chairmen.

Then came the nomination of the different chairmen. This was done promptly by General Wilson, after conferences with the men who had served as chairmen of inaugural committees in times past. Several men were appointed who headed the committees four years ago, and the others were selected with special regard to their personal fitness for the work assigned to them. All General Wilson's nominations were unanimously confirmed by the executive committee at its first meeting.

There was a whisper before this meeting was called, to the effect that at least one man would be protested. Those who were opposed to him soon found how useless their efforts would be, however, and gave up long before they went into the meeting. As no opposition appeared the chairmen were voted for as a slate and unanimously approved.

Work Moves Forward.

The next move General Wilson made was to request the chairmen of different committees to select their men and submit their names to him for approval as soon as possible. This aroused the energy of the chairmen and many of them have already responded. General Wilson passes on their lists and then makes them public.

The inaugural committee headquarters have been open just six days, and yet several of these committees are already organized.

This is much quicker work than has been done by inaugural committees in the past. Four years ago a week elapsed between the appointment of the inaugural chairman and the announcement of his executive committee, and the other steps toward organization were delayed correspondingly.

Believes in Promptness.

General Wilson is a man who believes in promptness. An old organizer, he knows how fatal it is to be dilatory and not only asks promptness of those who have undertaken with him the work of preparing the inauguration of President Roosevelt, but sets them a fine example himself. Every morning he is at his desk by 9:30 and he usually remains there until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. As a cordial receiver of callers he is a wonder. He has the rare faculty of making his visitor feel at home and at the same time impressing him with the idea that the time of the chairman of the inaugural committee is precious and not to be wasted unnecessarily. The plink of politeness, there is not the slightest artificiality or superiority in his manner. His courtesy is of the highest type, that which comes from the very nature of the man. His humor is inimitable, and no man goes to his desk with a frown and a troubled face and comes away with a countenance wreathed in smiles.

An Able Secretary.

The consequence of the committee as well as numerous other matters of importance are taken care of by Frank T. Hitchcock, the secretary, with an ability equal to that of the chairman himself. Mr. Hitchcock's experience in the Department of Commerce and Labor and lately with the Republican National Committee, during the Presidential campaign, makes him master of all the details of that phase of the inaugural committee's business. He has been asked to take up the wants of the visitors at headquarters and dealing with them in a satisfactory manner. As a worker, Mr. Hitchcock shows unusual ability, not only in the matter of tireless energy, but also as regards his capacity to systematize his task. Mr. Hitchcock and his two stenographers act to work at 9 o'clock every morning and are generally to be found at their desks at 6 o'clock in the evening. Nearly every night during the past week they have worked after dinner until 11 and 12 o'clock at night.

Mass of Correspondence.

This is necessary because of the great mass of correspondence that comes to the committee. Every letter is promptly answered. The letters after information are told to what special committee their letters have been referred, and a copy of the answer carefully filed away. Later when all the committees are in working order there will be less of this sort of work, as everyone having business with the different committees will know where to go, but just now Secretary Hitchcock has his hands full. As the committees are appointed by the chairman, Mr. Hitchcock files the names and addresses of the chairmen by the card system. He also has arranged to keep up with the business transacted by the different committees as time goes on, so that General Wilson may be in touch with the chairmen without having to be continually calling on them for information.

Causes of Anxiety.

There are several matters that are worrying General Wilson and the other members of the executive committee. Chief of these is the question of getting the Pension Office for the inaugural ball. That they will eventually get the building they do not doubt, but there are obstacles that must be removed before they can be quite sure. The legis-

Republicans Will Hold Rousing Jollification

They Will Celebrate Roosevelt's Victory With a Banquet at Rifles Armory Tomorrow Night—Prominent Men Will Speak.

The biggest jollification that has come off in the District of Columbia since the overwhelming victory of President Roosevelt at the polls, will undoubtedly be the banquet tonight under the auspices of the Old Boys' Club and the State League of Republican Clubs, at the National Rifles Armory.

More than four hundred men have already arranged to be at the tables, and it is expected that many more will make known their intention to be present some time tomorrow.

The hall will be handsomely decorated, music will be furnished by two orchestras, and a number of prominent men will respond to toasts.

Those Who Will Speak.

Among those who have accepted invitations to attend are Senators Scott of West Virginia, Hopkins of Illinois, and Dick of Ohio; Representatives Barthold of Missouri, Bede of Minnesota, Dayton and Dovenor of West Virginia; ex-Senator Thurston of Nebraska, William Collier, solicitor of the Department of Commerce and Labor; Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Bureau, and William E. Andrews, Auditor for the War Department.

William C. Connor, president of the New York State Club, will be chairman.

Executive committee held an executive session yesterday afternoon to discuss this question.

May Invite Vardaman.

The Vardaman question is another perplexing one.

Invitations to the governors of the different States to attend the ceremony here March 4 are being prepared, and the question of what disposition should be made of Mississippi has arisen.

General Wilson cannot say whether Governor Vardaman, of that State, would be invited or not. B. H. Warner, chairman of the committee on civic organizations, to whom the matter was referred, declared that the situation was most embarrassing.

"I have not determined upon what course to pursue," he said. "I will consult with friends before announcing my action."

Governor Vardaman has repeatedly within the last few months gone out of his way to abuse President Roosevelt personally. It is believed that the receipt of an invitation by him for the inauguration would be made the basis for further vituperation. This is why the situation is such a delicate one.

Clubs to Participate.

A number of prominent organizations have during the past few days signified their intention to participate in the inaugural parade. Among them are the New York Republican Club, 400 strong, and the Newark Political Club, of 300 members.

The Pennsylvania National Guard may come along, which insures a certain kind of liveliness throughout the city.

New Committees Named.

The following committees were named by the different chairmen yesterday:

Decorations of ballroom—J. R. Marshall, chairman; J. Q. Hill, vice chairman; Frederick B. Pyle, secretary; A. H. Baldwin, George W. Barnes, W. H. Bayley, Emile Berliner, Thomas Blagden, J. H. Corning, F. L. Hanvey, Samuel Hart, William F. Hart, Arthur B. Heaton, William H. Holmes, J. B. Kendall, C. A. Langley, A. M. Lothrop, Samuel Maddox, E. P. Marlow, George C. Maynard, Victor Mindelleff, E. L. Morse, J. H. Moser, A. J. Parsons, W. G. Peter, William R. Smith, J. K. Taylor, Grace Lincoln Temple, Mills Thompson.

Printing—Isadore Saks, chairman; Joseph I. Saks, vice chairman; W. Crozier Walsh, secretary; Reuben Harris, J. Whit Penson, Frank Peirce, Arthur Marks, Dr. W. A. White, John L. Prosser, H. P. Burney, O. J. Ricketts, William M. Meredith, R. P. Andrews.

Carriages—W. S. Knox, chairman; F. K. Raymond, vice chairman; Barry Bulkley, secretary; J. V. Barrows, G. V. Knox, F. A. Sebring, C. Jacobsen, W. S. Rogers, E. S. Cochran, C. E. Wood, C. F. Schneider, E. G. Schaefer, E. S. Alvord, J. C. Moleton, Percy Crawford, G. H. Walker, W. W. Danenbower.

Expenditures—W. H. Hills, chairman; J. Knox Taylor, vice chairman; E. L. Weston, secretary; Fred B. Rhodes, assistant secretary; Col. Robert I. Fleming, H. Rosier Dulany.

Finance—Additional appointments: Thomas B. Bryan, Dr. Thomas V. Harmond, Phelan S. Hawn, John J. Hemphill, William Corcoran Hill, S. Kann, Gustave Lamsburg, Oscar J. Ricketts, John Solden, Leon Tobriner, C. Thomas Dunlop.

WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

New officers were elected by the Wisconsin Association last night at the annual meeting, which took place at the Dewey Hotel. Owing to the weather not many of the 29 members ventured to attend. Addresses were made by the president, the mother State, and having fun with the new officers, by Representatives Charles S. Weiss and Theo Otgen. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury J. A. Taylor was chosen president of the association; W. C. Parkinson, first vice president; Assistant Attorney General, second vice president; Sydney R. Jacobs, secretary; Charles H. Bell, treasurer, and B. W. Beebe, B. W. Holman, Charles J. Sumner, Thomas W. Brabney, and Morris E. Swain, members of the executive committee.

Toys at Hudson's.

The growth of Hudson's Variety Store from small beginning to its present spacious building of three floors at 416 Seventh Street, one of the most complete housefurnishing stores in the city, is a source of pride to Mr. Hudson and to his many patrons and friends. Toys this year—a whole floor of them—almost enough to give every child in Washington a new toy for the coming year. The Toy store is truly enormous, embracing almost every Toy known, and especially those most dear to the child's heart.

Besides the Toys the big store is filled with China, Glassware, Crockery, Pictures and Statuary, Housefurnishings and innumerable articles for the home that would be suitable for Gifts. Prices are always moderate at this place and customers are sure of courteous treatment.

FIERCE BATTLE OF STREET WAIFS

Fight That Took Place Recently on the Avenue.

NORTH AND SOUTH ARRAYED

Boys Stand Up for Their Rights to the Amusement of Their Elders.

Wherever you can find a congregating place for small boys who are compelled to earn their own living at a tender age, it is a safe bet that the place in question is almost hourly the scene of scraps between the youngsters.

It is no reflection on the little street waif that he sometimes has to gain his points by right of might. He has nobody to fight for him but himself, and if he doesn't do it, his lot will be a sad one.

One of these congregating places is Pennsylvania Avenue, near Fourteenth Street. At all times of the day a crowd of newsboys, messengers, and various other kinds of boys can be found there. First fights are not an unusual occurrence, but, in spite of their frequency, always excite a good deal of interest among the men in the neighborhood.

Fierce Fight This.

A fight that took place the other night between two of "de gang" excited unusual interest, because one of the participants was a son of the North and the other a son of the South. Partisanship ran high among the onlookers, and the crowd was divided into two distinct sides, with the Southerners predominating.

"Soak de Yankee," yelled the ex-Confederates.

"Hit de rebel in de eye," shouted back the Northern partisans.

Cop on the Scene.

The battle waged fiercely as the crowd urged the two kids on, and would probably have resulted in a draw if somebody had not yelled "cop." The warning quickly dispersed the gathering, and when the bicycle policeman approached he could find no signs of the two youthful pugilists.

The crowd had almost departed when those who had lingered to see the end were startled to hear a negro newsboy bellow:

"Extra paper. All about de big fight on Pennsylvania Avenue. Extra Choir!"

MAKE CIGARS FOR THREE STATES

Hamilton and Company, cigar manufacturers, Alexandria, Va., whose factory is known as No. 37, Sixth district, do an immense business all through the State and North and South Carolina.

They began business in the old Marshall House in 1889, and have been in their present location about six years, having bought the property where they now carry on business. This firm works about twenty men and is well known far and wide as a solid conservative business house.

Parlor Cars to Pinehurst

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Remsen Is Not Seeking To Succeed Dr. Gilman

Has Given Subject of Becoming Head of Carnegie Institution No Thought—May Accept If Place Is Offered.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 10.—President Ira Remsen of Johns Hopkins University is not a candidate for the position at the head of the new Carnegie Institution in Washington, vacated by the resignation of Dr. Gilman, former president of the local institution.

Whether Dr. Remsen, whose name is being mentioned in connection with the position, would accept the place were it voluntarily offered to him is another question.

Dr. Pritchett, the president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Boston, was at first looked upon as the probable successor of Dr. Gilman, but his pronounced views regarding the independence of the head of such an institution have tended to make his selection less and less probable, until at the present time, in the opinion of many, his name can be safely eliminated from the list of those upon whom the choice of the trustees of the institution is likely to fall.

The fact that he would find dictation of any kind in regard to the policy of the institution upon the part of the trustees utterly obnoxious is looked upon as sufficient reason why he would fail of election.

Dr. Remsen's name has recently been given great prominence in this connection. "You may state authoritatively that I am in no sense a candidate for this position," said Dr. Remsen. "I have not turned my hand over in any way to have my name brought forward in connection with it. I do not have any opinion as to what is in the minds of the trustees of the institution. It is a matter which I have not discussed and to which I have given no thought. I am not seeking any position at all."

When asked what action he would take in the event of the position being tendered to him, Dr. Remsen laughed heartily. "I have not given it a thought," he said. "It is not wise to anticipate a likelihood so vague."

Asked if he would give such an offer a serious consideration, he replied: "It would surely be worthy of most serious consideration. I have wasted no time in thinking of it, however, and what decision I should reach in such an event, I am positively unable to state at this time."

FURTHER CUT PLANNED IN DISTRICT ESTIMATES

Appropriation for High Pressure Fire Service System Likely to Be Thrown Out in Committee.

An informal conference was held by the District Commissioners and the District Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee at the Capitol yesterday, regarding the District appropriation bill.

No announcement was made of the result of the conference, as it was entirely informal and confidential.

It is understood, however, that the subcommittee will cut the bill even more closely than was done by the Secretary of the Treasury, who has already taken \$1,500,000 from it.

In consequence of this, such items as the \$500,000 for the high-pressure fire service system and the increases for the school teachers' salaries will, it is feared, be disallowed.

Beginning tomorrow, the Commissioners will have daily session with the subcommittee, going over the bill, item by item.

AGREED.

"I don't see how anybody can earn a decent living writing poetry for the papers," said the practical business man.

"Neither do I," replied the seedy gent with too long hair.

For he was a newspaper poet.—Cincinnati Tribune.

REPULSIVE PETS FOR SMART SET

Society Queens Fond of Serpents and Lizards.

A PAIR OF MICE COST \$600

Monkeys, Rats, and Guinea Pigs All Chosen for Companions—Signs of Decadence.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The craze among society women for strange pets is growing apace.

It is one of those fashions of fashion which apologists for the eccentricities of the smart set cannot attribute to the influence of the "vulgar American woman and her dollars." It is distinctly a home product.

Notwithstanding the supposed hereditary aversion of the daughters of Eve to all members of the serpent tribe, snakes are the favorite recipients of the surplus affections of many fashionable women.

Take Pets to the Opera.

Brilliantly dressed ladies may be seen fondling them in the boxes at the Royal Italian Opera. Others may be observed caressing live lizards.

The inseparable companion of one woman is a devoted python twelve feet long. Another is so attached to a boa-constrictor, big enough to crush her to death in a moment if so inclined, that it accompanies her everywhere on her travels.

Pet monkeys, rats, mice, guinea pigs, and various strange little quadrupeds from strange lands accompany their fair owners to the Italian circus now performing in London under the supposition that the entertainment will minister to their enjoyment.

Costly Mice.

A ladies' mouse club is in existence in the West End. A pair of blue mottled mice recently fetched \$50.

Toy dogs, probably much to their own relief, are no longer the pets most favored by ultra-fashionable women, or those who should be considered such.

The popular demand is now for something out of the ordinary. It doesn't matter what, so long as it is alive.

This is the sort of thing which learned historians and students of sociology tell us stands for decadence. Perhaps it does, but saying so won't stop it.

Those who tell not, neither do they spin, must be amused somehow. The least of their concerns is what is going to happen to their posterity.

BIG LAUNDRY BUSINESS.

The Alexandria Steam Laundry Company, 26 South Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., is getting its share of business. Our representative had hardly room enough to find his way around the plant. It was crowded with work.

H. L. Purdy is given much credit for the present success. This concern does a large business in the District of Columbia along with their Alexandria business.

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