CONGRESS WISHES BILL MADE PUBLIC

Reticence Regarding Proposed Federal Incorporation Law Arouses Objections.

OPPORTUNITY ASKED TO STUDY MEASURE

Administration Said to Be Holding Back Until Supply Bills Are Passed.

Why so much secrecy and mystery about the Federal incorporation measure that the Administration expects to be passed by Congress at this session?

That question is being asked by members of both houses of Congress. The Administration bill was sent to the Committee on Judiciary of the Senate two or three days ago, but has not been introduced in Congress as yet. Some Senators have desired that it should be given out to the public, through publication in the press, and they have been unable to get any satisfaction. The details of the measure are known to members of the Judiciary Committee, and it has been seen by a few favored ones to whom the view has been permitted; but in general it is still a mystery.

"And I am informed," said a Senator who has been anxious for an opportunity to study the measure, "that the Federal incorporation and interstate commerce bills are to be sent to Congress as the Administration measures for this session, with the understanding that they are to be passed in the form in which they have been drawn. Amendments and the development of objections to their present form, it is declared, will be regarded as unfriendly to the present Administration, and as marking the willingness of the offender to incur the displeasure of the White House."

Would Be Shown.

The Senator added that he was in favor of the principle of Federal incorporation ,but was not willing to be bound to any particular working out of that principle. He wanted to see, study, and be sure he understood the bill he was to support, and declared that with him stood a considerable number of other Senators, who would not permit the plan of passing the bill with little discussion.

Word reaches the progressives of the Senate, that the program is to have the supply bills pushed forward as early as possible and passed in due time, while the two cardinal proposals of the session, the interstate commerce and Federal incorporation measures, will be held back until about April 1. Then they will be brought forward, at a time when Congress will be anxious for adjournment as early as possible, when members of the House, and many of the Senate, will be anxious to get home for their district fights. In these circumstances, it is declared, the organizations in the two houses expect to get the measures passed with the least measure of discussion.

"I don't think," said another Senator, "that this plan will succeed. I know that there are a good many members who are perfectly willing to stay here and talk all summer, rather than have that program succeed. Of course, if these measures are so explained that they command the confidence of Congress, and the country ,they are going to pass; there certainly will be no fight on them in such a situation. But it looks now like a long fight and a vast output of conversation."

One of Criticisms.

One of the criticisms made of the Federal incorporation bill, relates to the fact that certain members who have been looking into it find that it contains no provision for forfeiture of charter under it, in case of violations of the Sherman law, or of the Federal incorporation law themselves. They point out that this measure looks to giving a corporate existence to certain combinations which are in danger of being dissolved under the Sherman law. If they are given a charter to do interstate commence, which contains no provision for forfeiture, they fear that it may be held to be beyond the power of Congress to dissolve them in that form.

Thereupon would arise the question of whether any effective regulation could be enforced against them. The demand for a forfeiture clause is going to be made very strongly. The Attorney General and the President are quoted as having expressed the opinion that this could not be done constitutionally. Other constitutional students insist that it can be done, and that the doing of it is very necessary.

Verdict Awaited.

The report that the Administration will insist on these two bills being passed just as they are introduced, and is prepared to make them the test of party fealty, has been responsible for increased eagerness to know just what their critics will say about the bills, and especially for the verdict of the country upon them.

They are being examined with critical eyes, and both have been found objectionable in important respects. There is much difference of opinion about the merits of the interstate commerce measure in particular. The criticism is frequently heard, that it is just what the railroads have wanted, and not what the public wants. This is just as positively denied by the sponsors for the bill.

On the other hand, some of the people who believe the measure can be so amended as to pass, complain that the amendments ought to have been written into the original draft, as Cummins and other progressives asked in the conference in which the bill was drafted. They say that if the bill had been made to meet Cummins' objection and had been turned over to him to introduce, it would have made long progress in public confidence. Having been taken away from him, and his suggestions having been largely rejected in its drafting, the progressives are inclined to view it with misgivings, and they report that the country is doing the same thing.

INVITATIONS TO CHILE.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Jan. 14.—The Chilean government is sending formal invitations to all countries to participate in the national festivities next September, when a centenary of independence will be celebrated.

ROOSEVELT ALUMNI HEAD.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 15.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt, of the Harvard class of '80, has been elected president of the Harvard Alumni Association, to succeed President Charles W. Eliot, whose term is about to expire. His election will bring him into closer relation with Harvard than at any time since his graduation.

MRS. LOCKWOOD NOW PRESIDENT

Woman's League of National Junior Republic Holds Its Election.

The Woman's League of the National Junior Republic has elected Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood as its active president, and has made Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks its honorary president. Its other newly elected officers are Miss Anna Solomons, first vice president; Mrs. Hannah B. Sperry, second vice president; Miss Mary Lothrop, corresponding secretary; Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, recording secretary; Mrs. J. J. Stephens, associate recording secretary; Mrs. James McNabb, treasurer; Mrs. John M. Gregory, auditor.

The treasurer reported a collection of $1,760.49 for the past year, and the league decided to wage a money-getting campaign some time before April 1.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR ATTEND BANQUET

Commander B. S. Graves Acts as Toastmaster at Annual Dinner of Washington Commandery.

Knights Templar of Washington Commandery unite today in declaring their dinner this year one of the most successful ever given. The scene of the annual event was the banquet room of the New Willard Hotel last night.

The toastmaster was Commander Benjamin S. Graves. Chairman Henry K. Simpson sat at his right, and on his left was Vice Chairman William S. Parks. More than 200 knights were at the tables. No formal program of speeches had been arranged, but a number of impromptu addresses were sandwiched between songs and orchestral numbers.

PLANNING DEFEAT OF LA FOLLETTE

Wisconsin Senator Hears Administration Is Backing Opponents at Home.

Senator La Follette's enemies in Wisconsin have got together on a plan for the accomplishment of his Senatorial downfall. This is the word which has reached here and which has come to the ears of Senator La Follette and his friends.

Not the least interesting phase of the situation, as the La Follette men describe it, is that Fighting Bob will have the opposition of the Administration in the struggle. The La Follette men assert that the influence of President Taft will be used against them.

It appears that a recent meeting of Wisconsin stalwart leaders was held in Chicago and plans for the defeat of La Follette talked over. It was decided to settle on former Representative S. A. Cook, of Neenah, as the candidate for the Senate to oppose La Follette. Gov. James O. Davidson will be supported for another term as governor. Senator Isaac Stephenson was one of the men at the Chicago meeting and State Chairman E. A. Edmunds was there. W. D. Connor, who used to be a La Follette supporter, and who is believed by many to be the shrewdest politician in Wisconsin, was present.

The story told here and being widely circulated in Wisconsin is that a message went from Washington to the effect that the Administration looked on Connor as the man to take charge of the fight, and conduct it with a view to beating La Follette.

In support of the idea that La Follette will have the opposition of the Administration, the La Follette men point to the fact that the Wisconsin patronage is being given to the stalwarts and withheld from the rebels.

All the developments in the Wisconsin situation thus far point to a supreme effort on the part of his opponents in the Badger State to overthrow him. It will be a spectacular campaign the State will see the coming summer. La Follette will go into every county, city, and town, and most of the villages in the State in an auto, and will make a personal appeal to the voters.

STEAMER ASHORE; PASSENGERS SAFE

Coastwise Liner Chatham Total Loss—Many Daring Rescues Made.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 15.—The coastwise liner Chatham, of the Merchants and Miners' line, bound from Baltimore to Jacksonville, Fla., went ashore off St. John's Bar in a dense fog.

A great hole was torn in her bow. Her passengers, in grave danger, were taken off by the Clyde liner Mohawk, and many daring rescues were noted. The Chatham will be a total loss, and there is small hope of saving her cargo.

So great was the impact that passengers were thrown off their feet. As soon as they could regain their footing, they began a rush for the life boats. The crew manned the life boats and under direction of the officers prevented passengers from crowding into them. Order was soon restored when the Clyde liner Mohawk, hearing the Chatham's distress signals, loomed out of the fog and came alongside.

Both the Chatham and the Mohawk lowered life boats and the transfer of the passengers was made as expeditiously as possible.

UNIQUE CHARGES MADE BY A COOK

Declares Mistress Had Her Arrested in Order not to Lose Her.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 15.—Arrested on the complaint of her mistress, who charges her with stealing a waist, Mary Kadace, a cook in the home of Miss Ida Finklestein, has demanded an investigation by the authorities, declaring that her trouble is the result of her desire to resign her job as cook in order to get married.

Miss Kadace asserts that Miss Finklestein, who has a handsome home in Pittston, where it is difficult to get and hold good cooks, adopted this method to force her to remain in her service.

RECOMMENDS LAW TO GIRL STUDENTS

Mrs. Belva Lockwood Suggests Barristers Diploma as Suffrage Weapon.

Sweet girl graduates, go forth into the world armed with the sheepskin of the barrister, so that you may battle with men on equal ground and finally wrest the ballot from their hands.

This is the advice which Mrs. Belva Lockwood, the only woman who has ever received a nomination for President of the United States, would have all young women heed. It was given last night at the Arlington Hotel, where a reception was held in Mrs. Lockwood's honor by the Women's National Press Association.

"Mrs. Lockwood, by her legal acumen, persuasive argument, convincing logic and forceful personality, opened the gate which admitted women to an equal plane with eminent counselors and obtained for them recognition at the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States," said Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey in a tribute to the honor guest. Other speakers were Miss Emma Gelitte, Miss Grace Pierce, of the Syracuse College of Law; Mrs. Edward Funk, Mrs. Hannah Sperry, Mrs. Margaret Coope and Mrs. Susan Pollock.

Only one man—the Rev. W. T. McKinney—got as far as the "firing line." He did so by declaring for equal rights and votes for women.

GUATEMALA TO JOIN IN JULY 4 PAGEANT

First Acceptance Received to Macfarland Plan for Pan-American Celebration.

Commissioner Macfarland's plan for a Pan-American celebration of Independence Day, July 4 next, has been accepted by Guatemala. Senor Luis Toledo Herrarte, the resident minister of Guatemala, has informed John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of American republics, that his government will take pleasure in providing a float illustrative of some interesting period in the history of Guatemala, which will be given a place of honor in the procession on the anniversary of the nation's birthday.

Guatemala is the first of the Latin-American contries to formally accept the project.

FRIENDS OF WALSH ADJUST FINANCES

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 15.—Under an agreement reached between John R. Walsh, the convicted banker, and the associated banks of Chicago, which backed the adjustment of Walsh's financial affairs after his banks' suspended in 1905, the former's money troubles are settled. Walsh signed a document giving the associated banks $14,039,000 in securities he put up to cover a note for $7,121,887, in return for the canceled note.

HARVESTER TRUST TO CUT BIG MELON

More Than $14,000,000 Set Aside From Net Earnings.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The announcement of the cutting of a big melon in the International Harvesting Company, was forecast by George W. Perkins, chairman of the finance committee.

At a meeting of the finance committee this afternoon it was reported that the net earnings of the company for the past year, after setting aside various large reserves, amounted to $14,000,000.

The company now has $60,000,000 preferred and $60,000,000 common stock. It was decided to issue an additional $20,000,000 in common stock, which is to be divided among the common stockholders as a stock dividend.

In addition the finance committee set aside $2,200,000 as a 4 per cent dividend on the common stock, payable 1 per cent a quarter.

Formal action on this dividend matter will be taken by the board of directors January 25.

The company has not been paying dividends on its common stock.

OFFICIALS HONOR CHARLES H. ACKERT

Farewell Dinner Given to Retiring Manager of the Southern Railway

As a tribute to the worth of Charles H. Ackert, who has just retired as general manager of the Southern Railway to accept a position in Chicago, two-score of railroad officials gathered at a farewell dinner and reception last night at the New Willard.

President W. W. Finley expressed the great regret felt in losing Mr. Ackert's valuable services and wished him success in his new venture as vice president of the Hawley lines in Chicago. Mr. Ackert responded by expressing sorrow at being forced to break the associations of years. Col. W. A. Henderson, solicitor of the Southern, was toastmaster.

THREE ARE INJURED BY SPANISH SHELL

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 15.—A colored woman and her two children are in a critical condition today as the result of the explosion of a one-pound shell which had been kept as a Spanish-American war relic. The explosion was caused by one of the children striking the shell with a nail. The side of the house was blown out.

TO LECTURE ON CHRIST.

"When Christ Was in the World" will be the first of a series of illustrated lectures which the Rev. Donald C. McLeod will give at the First Presbyterian Church, beginning tomorrow night.

PREACHER ACCUSED OF LEAVING FAMILY

Young Woman Companion Sorry She Eloped With Former Minister.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Arthur B. S. Stanley, formerly a Baptist preacher in Detroit, Mich., accused of having left this wife and three children last October and eloping with Miss Edith Markham, a pretty young woman of the same city, was arraigned in Central Police Court and held without bail to await requisition from Detroit on the charge of desertion.

Stanley is twenty-six years old, and the woman for whom he left his family is one year his junior. While the hearing was in progress she waited in the corridor. With tear-filled eyes she confessed that she had made a mistake and regretted that she had ever left her home. Stanley, however, showed no sign of repentance. In answer to a question from the magistrate, the former preacher, with bowed head, said: "Things were not as pleasant as they might be at home. That was why I left."

According to the police, when Stanley left Detroit last October he was working in a printing plant. In the same shop was employed Miss Markham. They became friendly and it is said that the girl aided Stanley in his work as a local preacher and missionary.

TWO ARE ARRESTED FOR BOYS' MURDER

Suspects Answer Description of Mysterious Slayer—Evidence Is Lacking.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The police have made two arrests on suspicion of men believed to know something about the wanton slaying of Robert Lomas, six, and the probably fatal wounding of his boy friend, Arthur Shibley, but they seem as far from solution of the mystery as when they first started.

At the Washington Heights Hospital it is said that little Arthur Shibley is still alive, but that there is practically no hope. The doctors plan blood transfusion and his mother waits near the bedside to offer her blood if it is finally decided that this will increase the child's chances of recovery.

Beyond the fact that the suspects slightly answer the description of the slayer and say they have no home, the police have no evidence against them.

MOORE'S SUCCESSOR PUZZLING SOCIETY

Geographical Body Will Elect President Next Week—Board Renamed.

Henry F. Blount, Rear Admiral C. M. Chester, E. V. Colville, John E. Pillsburg, Rudolph Kauffmann, T. L. MacDonald, Prof. Willis L. Moore, and S. N. D. North, on the board of managers of the National Georgraphical Society, have been unanimously re-elected for the ensuing three years.

The election of officers will take place next Wednesday evening at the society's headquarters, Hubbard Memorial Hall, Sixteenth and M. streets northwest. There is some discussion as to who will succeed Prof. Willis L. Moore, who has declined to serve again as president.

An illustrated lecture on bird life was given by Frank M. Chapman, of New York.

LEBANON COLLEGE FUND COMPLETED

Authorities of Pennsylvania Institution Succeed in Raising $100,000.

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 15.—Lebanon Valley College, at Annville, which suffered the loss of her buildings in a disastrous fire September 24, 1904, has about completed a fund of $100,000, which amount the college authorities started to raise on June 3, 1908.

President Lawrence Keister, S. T. D., D. D., who became the executive at Lebanon Valley June 10, 1907, was confronted with a debt of $90,000 at the time of his election. The small balance of the fund will be raised before the forty-fourth annual commencement this June. The endowment effort will then be given full sway and an effort will be made to raise for the college at least $50,000 in the following year.

Lebanon Valley has built a number of new college buildings devoted to purposes of administration, library, and dormitories for men and women, musical conservatory and a heating plant. $8,000 were spent on the science department. United Brethren Bishop J. S. Mills, lately deceased, left a scholarship which will be effective this September.

WOMAN IN DISGUISE IN PAUPER'S GRAVE

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 15.—As no one appeared as a claimant to the body, the mysterious woman in man's clothing, who was killed in the Baltimore and Ohio yards at Wheeling Junction last Sunday, was buried at the expense of the county in potter's field. Her male companion, who disappeared following the woman's death, has not been apprehended, despite the diligent efforts of the police.

$10,000 IN OPIUM SEIZED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—More than $10,000 worth of opium has been seized on the Pacific coast within the last ten days. Opium valued at $4,000 was seized today by customs inspectors on the Pacific mail liner Siberia, which arrived yesterday from the Orient.

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Cardinal Gibbons is expected in Washington this afternoon as the guest of Mgr. Thomas S. Lee, rector of St. Matthew's Church, and will remain probably until tomorrow evening.

If the cardinal is able to come he will celebrate an early mass at St. Matthew's tomorrow and probably will preach the sermon at solemn high mass at 11 o'clock. At 3 o'clock he will administer the sacrament of confirmation to a large class of children and adults.

PROGRAM OF MUSIC TO ASSIST BLIND

An attractive program of volunteer readings and music in the reading room for the blind of the Library of Congress has been arranged for next week.

On Monday Miss Helen Nicolay will give a series of readings, on Thursday a song and piano recital by Mme. Devonne Hempstead is scheduled, and a reading by Mrs. Jane C. Cunningham will be given on Saturday.

RECITAL AT ST. JOHN'S.

A public organ and violin recital will be given at St. John's Church, Lafayette square, on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Selections will be given from Massenet, Toura, Lemare, and Bohm. The program will conclude with Bohm's "Cavetina" as an organ voluntary.

HONORS DENIED TO CAPTAIN VIAUD

French Naval Officer and Author Retired Without Advanced Rank.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—Pierre Loti, the noted French author, whose name in real life is Captain Viaud, and who as an officer in the French navy has been fully as conspicuous for his seamanship as he has been in the world of letters, has been retired from the service a bitterly disappointed man.

The captain has believed for some time that he would be advanced to flag rank before retirement, but this was not done.

His friends declare today that the jealousy of a clique of staff officers has robbed the author of advancement to which he was honestly entitled.

CONSUL'S SON DROWNED.

SAINT MALO, France, Jan. 15.—Henry, the son of Raymond Moulton, the American Consular Agent, was drowned off shore today when his boat was capsized in a squall. Raymond Moulton is a native of New York, from which city he was appointed to the consular office at Saint Malo thirty years ago.

PICTURES DONATED TO HUBBARD SCHOOL

Presented in Name of Decoration League by Mrs. C. W. Richardson.

Mrs. Charles W. Richardson, president of the League for the Decoration of the Public Schools, in the name of that organization has presented over twenty beautiful water colors and engravings to the Hubbard School, on Kenyon street. Some of the pictures formerly belonged to Mrs. Gardiner Green Hubbard.

The gift was accepted for the Board of education by its vice president, W. V. Cox, who paid a high tribute to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner G. Hubbard.

MURRAY PRESIDENT OF DRAMATIC CLUB

Daniel Bradley Murray, manager of the football team of Georgetown University, is receiving congratulations today on his election as president of the Georgetown University Dramatic Association. Other officers elected are Frank Carlin, vice president; Charles Anguio, secretary, and William Sitterding, treasurer. The students will present "All the Comforts of Home" at the Columbia Theater next Wednesday afternoon.

HALLEY'S COMET SEEN.

HAVANA, Jan. 15.—The Belen Observatory reports that last night Halley's comet was sighted in the form of a faint white cloud.

PROSECUTION ENDS IN MAE WOOD CASE

Senator Platt's Condition Indefinitely Postpones Trial—Is Released.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—What marks the practical ending of the prosecution of Mae C. Wood, of Omaha, growing out of her "divorce" suit against former Senator T. C. Platt, occurred before Justice O'Sullivan, when Miss Wood was released on her own recognizance.

The two indictments against her, found in 1907, charging her with forgery and perjury, have not been quashed, but it is hardly likely they will ever be moved to trial, so serious is Mr. Platt's condition.

DEAD IN SNOWBANK.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—Henry F. Blackstone, inspector in chief of the engineering department of the Philadelphia and Reading railway, died today while inspecting work on the line of the road near Tioga station. His body was found lying in a snowbank. The exertion of making his way through the snow is supposed to have brought on an attack of heart disease.