

SMITH HITS BACK AT HOLMES' FRIENDS

Replies to Criticism of Advocacy of Parker for Bureau Chief.

NO SECRECY SOUGHT IN HIS ACTIVITY

Declares He Declined to Give Support to Other Man When Requested.

In a sly statement, Director George Otis Smith, of the United States Geological Survey and temporary head of the new Bureau of Mines, explains his activity in urging the appointment of E. W. Parker as chief of the mining bureau, as against Dr. Joseph A. Holmes, who has the indorsement of most of the mining interests of the country.

Director Smith says that all the telegrams or letters which he has sent out bearing on the candidacy of Parker were prompted by his deep interest in the future of the new bureau and in securing the appointment of the best qualified man for the position. In a personally prepared statement, Director Smith says:

"Newspaper comment on my indorsement of a candidate for directorship of the Bureau of Mines has been called to my attention. No secrecy has been sought by me regarding this action or activity. While all I have done in bringing the candidacy to the attention of friends has been done in a personal and not official way, I, of course, appreciate that I cannot divorce my official position from whatever I might wish to do simply in a personal way.

Defends His Course. "Moreover, I realize that my interest in the organization of the Bureau of Mines and in the inauguration of its work as an independent bureau is largely actuated by official connection with this work for three years, while it has been under my supervision, and by a direct connection with the future activities of the new bureau by reason of my position as director of the coordinate bureau in the same department.

"Criticism of my interest in the selection of the director of the Bureau of Mines might have been avoided had I simply indorsed another candidate, whose friends early sought for him my indorsement, and have since been outspoken in their criticism of my action as taken.

"The reason for following the dictates of my own judgment, as well as the counsel of my associates in the survey, came wholly from a desire to insure for the new bureau at the outset such policy and procedure as conform to my ideas of the best type of governmental administration.

Telegram Made Public. "Being well acquainted with the two candidates, I naturally and properly indorsed the one whom I considered better qualified to serve what I regard as the best interests of the Bureau of Mines and the public service.

"The criticism of the methods used in the Bureau of Mines campaign grew out of the action of an Arizona mining engineer making public a telegram sent to him June 8, last. The telegram was a duplicate of others sent to various mining men over the country urging the indorsement of Parker. The telegram is as follows:

"Peter B. Scotland, Clifton, Ariz.: "Urge indorsement to President of Edward W. Parker, now chief mineral resources, Geological Survey, Director of Bureau of Mines. Several prominent engineers refuse to be candidates. I believe immediate should be one under whom new bureau will and can co-operate with survey. Parker has support of Lister, Langren, Campbell, Brooks, and other survey associates.

"GEORGE OTIS SMITH."

BURTON IS SLATED FOR CHAIRMANSHIP

Ohioan to Head Committee to Plan Celebration of Peace Centenary.

LAKE MOHONK, N. Y., July 25.—Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, will be chairman of an international committee to arrange for the celebration of the centenary of peace between the United States and Canada, according to an announcement by E. C. Phillips, secretary of the Lake Mohonk conference on international arbitration.

Secretary Phillips also announces that places on the committee have been accepted by President C. F. Thwing, of Western Reserve University; President Charles E. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin; Gov. A. O. Eberhart, of Minnesota; Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railroad, and others.

Places have been offered to Wayne MacVeagh, former Attorney General; former Senator George Turner, of Washington, and Sir Lomer Gouin, prime minister of Quebec.

OLD-TIME ACTOR DIES.

ST. LOUIS, July 25.—John S. Overton, an old-time actor, who played with the leading Shakespearean companies thirty years ago, is dead at his home here. During his stage career he supported Edwin Booth, Lawrence Barrett, Clara Morris, and John McCollough. He had the stage twenty-five years ago, and had been engaged in business in St. Louis.

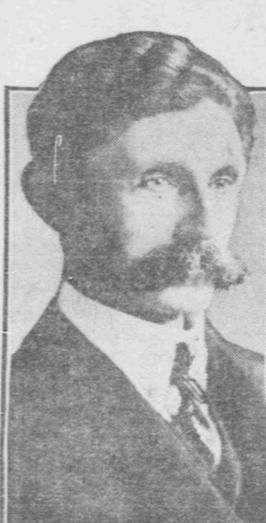
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DR. JOSEPH A. HOLMES, Former Chief of Technological Branch of Geological Survey, Whose Appointment As Bureau Chief Is Urged.



E. W. PARKER, Statistician in Charge of Division of Mineral Resources, Whose Claims To New Post Are Pressed By Friends.



GEORGE OTIS SMITH, Director of Geological Survey, Directed By President To Organize Bureau.

WILSON WITNESSES AMES' CRAFT TRIAL

Speed and Carrying Power of Aerocycle Tested at Annapolis.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 25.—The aerocycle invented by Representative Butler Ames was scheduled to begin its final tests this afternoon, the scope of the trials having been widened to include everything possible except the actual navigation of the air.

However, this will follow shortly if the tests during the remainder of the week are as successful as the informal tests during the trip from Washington to Annapolis. These were so successful that the members of the crew of the Torpedo Boat Bagley, upon which the machine is mounted, have become enthusiastic over the new machine. A new motor has been fitted into the aerocycle, capable of revolving the cylinders more rapidly than ever before. It will be determined whether or not the machine can rise with this power and whether the power will support the machine and its operator. This will be determined by placing weights on the platforms connected by ropes with the machines.

The speed of the machine will also be thoroughly tested. The propeller will be attached and the Bagley run at a measured speed against wind of known velocity. By this method, it is declared, the speed of the machine will be ascertained, if the craft can force itself ahead the short distance allowed by the platform upon which it is mounted.

Wilson Goes To Annapolis. Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson left Washington this morning to witness the tests of the Ames aerocycle at Annapolis.

Ames and Wilson are warm friends and the Representative insisted that his aviation success be observed first hand by the Secretary.

All Washington is interested in the outcome of the tests. In the first place the picture of it, which makes it look like a concrete mixing plant, excited great curiosity. Then the fact that a member of Congress proposes to go into the human-bird business caused a sensation.

Other Washingtonians went to Annapolis also to witness the trials.

HAY IS SCATTERED ALL OVER AVENUE

Car Crashes Into Loaded Wagon and Street Takes on Rural Aspect.

Pennsylvania avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets northwest, looked more like a path through a country field than a city thoroughfare shortly before 1 o'clock today, when a west-bound Capital Traction car struck a big load of hay and turned it upside down in front of the postoffice.

The car struck the wagon with considerable force, turning the load completely over. Part of the hay was stacked in the air about fifteen feet, while the rest was so scattered over the asphalt that the Avenue resembled a rural stage setting.

The accident tied up traffic in both directions for about half an hour.

The hay came from the farm of Charles Kirk, at Olney, Md., and was being taken to the establishment of a feed dealer, Slaughter Fisher, the negro driver, was buried under part of the load and had to be dug out with pitchforks. He was not hurt.

Fisher was driving up Eleventh street, and had crossed the eastbound tracks, when a car coming in the other direction hit the wagon squarely in the middle, lifting it up and turning it over as easily as if it had been picked up by a powerful derrick. The front of the car was badly damaged, and the passengers severely shaken up.

Several policemen from the first precinct station, in Twelfth street, hurried to the scene. They went to work with pitchforks and helped clean the debris from the car tracks.

PEACE WITH LABOR FORCED BY GARDNER

Gompers Says President of Michigan Stove Company Caused Closed Shops.

S. W. Gardner, president of the Michigan Stove Company, was responsible for the Buck Stove and Range Company factory being closed last week which resulted in the ultimate pact.

Mr. Gompers explains that Mr. Gardner has always been a friend of labor, and would have brought about this agreement between the Buck Stove Company and the labor organizations before had it not been for President Cleve.

LETTER CAUSES DEATH.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 25.—Because Mrs. James R. Dozier, 276 Bank street, forgot to mail a letter she wrote to W. L. McGraw, of Birmingham, Ala., her life paid the penalty. Her husband found the missive and killed her and himself in a jealous rage.

THOUSANDS OF RATS CAUGHT IN MAY

Report Made by Marine Hospital Service on San Francisco Work.

Report on Rat Trapping in San Francisco

Traps used—8,000. Captured month of May—8,561 rats. Bait used—312 pounds bacon, 104 pounds cheese, 620 loaves of bread.

Object of crusade—Prevent occurrence of plague.

A rat catching tale is contained in a report issued by the Marine Hospital Service today.

It says that for the first time thirty laborers are employed in San Francisco as rat trappers. The number of traps in use is 8,000. The result of trapping in May was the capture of 8,561 rats. The amount of bait used was, bacon 312 pounds, cheese 104 pounds, and bread 620 loaves. The object of the rat destruction is to prevent the occurrence of a plague.

The last case of human plague, in San Francisco, the report says, occurred two years and a half ago, and the last case of rat plague was found eighteen months ago.

All of the anti-plague work done in San Francisco since that time therefore has been mostly in the nature of a prophylactic measure against reinfection. The work being carried on at the present time has for its purpose the destruction of rats and the permanent rat-proofing of such sections or premises as are shown to be centers of rat population.

CAR IS DYNAMITED; PASSENGERS UNHURT

Columbus Company Increases Service on Second Day of Strike.

COLUMBUS, July 25.—Dynamite made its appearance today in the street car strike which started yesterday.

An attempt was made to blow up a Broad and Leonard street car near the Felton school. The front of the car was lifted by the explosion, and a few windows were broken, but no other damage was done. Nobody was hurt. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

The company began to operate eighty-seven cars this morning, three in excess of the number operated Sunday. The company's officials are as yet undecided about operating cars at night.

Officials of the union declared that they were satisfied with the way things have gone thus far, and that they would win the strike.

KNIFE IS NOT USED, ASSERTS DR. HAYES

District Dogs Used for Experiments With Sheep Malady.

Correspondence made public at the District building today upon order of Commissioner Johnston disclosed the fact that the poundmaster is supplying the Bureau of Animal Industry, the Army Medical School, and the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service with dogs for research work and laboratory purposes.

The District officials today abandoned the air of mystery with which they surrounded the action with regard to disposal of dogs picked up on the streets. Evidently the officials of the Bureau of Animal Industry had not been informed that the correspondence between that bureau and the health authorities was to be given to the public.

At the moment Dr. Tindall, secretary of the Board of Health, was exhibiting all the correspondence relating to the sale of dogs at 50 cents each for experimental work, the officials in the Bureau of Animal Industry were making desperate efforts to contain the mystery attending their transactions with the District government.

Washburn Reiterates Statement. Dr. Washburn, of the pathological division, today reiterated the statement made to The Times Saturday afternoon to the effect that the Bureau of Animal Industry had not asked the District government for dogs; that the only dogs were those suspected of having rabies; that the bureau had not obtained healthy dogs from the District for more than five years, and that the bureau was unable to understand why Dr. Tindall should write concerning the sale of dogs when the bureau had made no request for such animals.

While Dr. Washburn was delivering himself of this general denial, a statement was being prepared in the office of Dr. Melvin, chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry. Dr. Melvin is out of town and the statement was prepared by his subordinates.

When completed the statement was sent over to Acting Secretary Hayes for approval and it was issued as the personal statement of Mr. Hayes.

Purpose of Experiments. This statement sets forth that it is the purpose to use dogs from the pound for the purpose of experimenting with remedies which the bureau desires to use to stamp out a disease known as "gid," which is prevalent among sheep.

The assertion is made that the dogs are not to be used for vivisection, and the opinion is expressed that the dogs will be in better condition after the experiments than they were before treatment.

Only about a dozen dogs are required by the bureau, according to Acting Secretary Hayes, and at the conclusion of the experiments the dogs will be disposed of in the same manner as is customary at the pound.

The papers made public at the District building today are marked in red ink, "Not for publication." This embargo is now off, since the announcement in The Times Saturday that the District officials were turning stray dogs over to the Bureau of Animal Industry.

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