

Leading Citizens Asked to Choose Candidate for Successor to Mayor

HARPER'S OPPONENT WILL BE SELECTED AT MEETING OF CIVIC BODIES CALLED FOR TOMORROW

Success of Recall Petitions Causes Those in Charge of Movement to Seek Desirable Nominee for Office of City's Chief Executive

CANVASSERS FIND RESPONSE AMONG VOTERS

Efforts of 'Machine' Politicians to Stave Off Rush of Signers Fail, Public Declaring Charges Have Been Proved and Change in Administration Is Demanded for Good of City

THE question of a successor to Mayor Harper will be definitely taken up tomorrow afternoon at a meeting called by the Municipal League. Invitations to the meeting were mailed yesterday to members of the Municipal League, Merchants and Manufacturers' association, City club and chamber of commerce with the idea that this would obtain a representative list of citizens.

TO SELECT CANDIDATE

"Naturally, the organization taking the initiative for the recall should likewise arrange for a meeting to select a candidate. For that reason the Municipal League has taken the next step. To obtain a representative list of names the leading civic and business associations were taken, but the invitations were not sent to members except to citizens of Los Angeles interested in the city's welfare. The members do not take in any one class or section of the city.

NO PARTY WORKERS NEEDED

"Now that they have raised this question of elections it is worth while to consider another phase of it. Usually the custom is to give holders of county petitions, which have been done to permit them to be around the polls. There is absolutely no excuse for this at Tuesday's election, for it is not a partisan election, and party workers are not needed. I suggest that the polls be watched Tuesday to see what county officers any workers come from; that will give an idea of what the heads of county departments think about county employes working against the people's amendments. Watch the workers and see what offices they should be in if doing their duty. See who is at the head of the office from which they come. No plea that it is for the party's interest will avail at this election, for it is absolutely a non-partisan election. This will likewise give pointers of value in connection with the coming recall election."

TO GET REPORTS

All volunteer canvassers will be requested to report in on their petitions by Tuesday. They will be paid canvassers report daily, but some of the volunteers have not yet reported. The campaign committee desires to ascertain the exact number of names secured, and will go over the reports Tuesday evening. This action will permit a more effective campaign during the coming week.

HARPER'S FRIENDS INJURE HIM

"I have read all I can find on both sides of the question, but there is no answer to The Herald's statements, and nobody has disputed the Municipal League except to say that everybody did not have a voice in their meeting. To my mind the arguments of the friends of Harper are doing him considerable harm. They call names, and the Municipal League is not representative, but it does not refute what The Herald said. 'What's the matter that Harper's name comes out in the open? I notice that their take petitions were kept in the saloons, while those of the Municipal League are right out on the street. That's a good indication, I think. I saw one of the pro-Harper petitions in a saloon today. It had a few names on it, and the barkeeper was pleased to sign. I asked him what interest he had in the campaign. 'It's orders,' says he, 'anyhow, do you want this a longhaired town?' 'Well,' I said, 'I don't want them to job the aqueduct.' 'Aw, no—the aqueduct,' he said, 'they had that all fixed before Harper went in.' I noticed they didn't ask anybody if he could vote or not."

CONGRESS VOTES LARGE SUM FOR ARMY BALLOONS

\$500,000 APPROPRIATED TO AID EXPERIMENTS

SPIRITED FIGHT ENDS IN VICTORY FOR AERONAUTICS

Achievements of Wright Brothers and Strides of Science, Exemplified in Sinking of Steamship Republic, Cited

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—By voting an appropriation of \$500,000 over the amount originally appropriated the house today made liberal provision for further experiments by the army in the use of balloons and airships.

The subject gave rise to a spirited debate which continued most of the session. The opponents of the proposition tried to defeat it by raising a series of parliamentary points, but the chair overruled these and paved the way for incorporating the provision in the army appropriation bill.

Aeronautics occupied much attention in the house today in connection with consideration of the balloon bill. The advisability of an appropriation for army balloons was the first order of business.

BURDEN OF ARGUMENT

The burden of the arguments in support of the balloon provision was that balloons had now become a part of an efficient army, while some of the opponents maintained that balloons were not used in the Russo-Japanese war, the Spanish-American war and the Boer war.

WHEN TO CITE VIRTUES

"The time for citing the case in reference to balloons," he said, "will come after they have saved hundreds of millions of dollars, and may be thousands of thousands of lives, and possibly a great deal more."

Mr. Macon was at last induced to withdraw his point of order on a statement by Mr. Sherman that balloons had been used with good results during the Civil War, but his renewal by Mr. Sherman again clouded the situation.

INCREASE IS LOST

After the ruling Mr. Hull of Iowa offered an amendment increasing the appropriation from \$250,000 to \$750,000, which Mr. Hull admitted after being subjected to a long questioning was to be used largely for experimenting with and the development of balloons and airships.

GET MUCH DATA ON COST OF FOREIGN MANUFACTURES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Members of the house committee on ways and means recently asked different executive departments to procure for them from foreign countries all facts obtainable regarding the cost of labor and other expense incident to the production of the manufactured articles abroad, for use in the preparation of the tariff bill.

TO STUDY DEFECTIVE PERSONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The establishment of a laboratory for the study of criminal, pauper and defective classes is provided for in a bill which the committee on judiciary now will report to the house. The laboratory will be the work of collecting sociological and pathological data to be in charge of a director to be appointed by the president. The laboratory, if the bill becomes a law, is to be located in Washington.

BILL AFFECTS LIQUOR DEALERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The delivery of a package containing intoxicating liquors to any person of the age of 21 years is prohibited by the provisions of a bill introduced yesterday by Representative Miller of Kansas. A fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment for two years is fixed as a penalty for violation. The bill applies only to interstate shipments.

CAPITALISTS TO GIVE TESTIMONY ON ABSORPTION

BIG STEEL MERGER WILL BE PROBED TO BOTTOM

IMPORTANT WITNESSES SUMMONED BY SENATORS

Henry C. Frick and Judge Gary Among Magnates Subpoenaed to Tell of Combine Sanctioned by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—When the senate committee charged with the investigation of the president's authority for permitting the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron company by the United States Steel corporation resumed its inquiry on Tuesday next it is expected there will be a number of important witnesses examined.

Among these may be Judge E. H. Gary and Henry C. Frick, the representatives of the Steel corporation, who laid the question of merging the two concerns before President Roosevelt, and Lewis Cass Ledyard, who is said to have originated the merger idea in order to take the Tennessee Coal and Iron company's stock out of a number of loans which were being pressed for payment by New York banking institutions which held the stock.

NAMELESS PARTNERSHIP

Thus far in the hearing before the special committee on judiciary this partnership remains nameless, but it is understood the members of the committee are confident they know the concern meant and will be able to subpoena its members.

TWO GIVE CITY JAIL THE SLIP

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THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Cloudy, with showers, Sunday; fresh southwest wind. Maximum temperature yesterday, 59 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees.

LOCAL Aero club of California begins campaign to widen work of organization in Los Angeles county.

Japanese rob laborer who offers to pay them for sharing meal with him and then thieves blind victim over fire, leaving him to roast. He will recover, but the men do with it—what the people believed. They did not believe in that security (Tennessee Coal & Iron stock) and they left it in the steel bonds. Whether their belief was well founded or whether it was not has nothing at all to do with people's minds at that moment."

Real estate dealer sniffs robber in his room, catches him, but thief draws revolver and makes his escape.

Dr. Thorpe obtains divorce decree on grounds of desertion, he also is awarded custody of the children.

Eleven-year-old child while wading in pool in abatement gravel pit is drowned by stepping into hole six feet deep and filled with water.

Omibus established bill introduced in congress.

United Mine workers' convention again wrangles; domes money to aid Gumpers, Mitchell and Morrison.

Outdoor school planned for consumptive children in Chicago.

Oklahoma's convicts taken from Kansas penitentiary and placed in county jails. Serious charges preferred by lawyers in the trial of Coopers at Nashville creates furor.

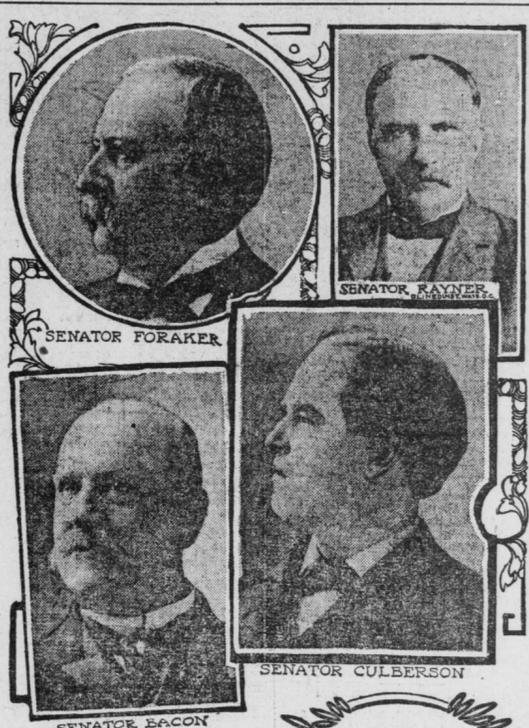
Steamer arrives at Chicago after fearful voyage in storms on Lake Michigan.

Express agent hurled safe into river in Pennsylvania to foil supposed train robbers.

Secretary Garfield declines to enter Taft's cabinet.

Reports from Barcelona deny earthquake did much damage.

Chief Witness and Four Senators Probing Merger



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FEMINE 'HIGHWAYMAN' USES REVOLVER

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THE SONG OF THE SLEUTHS

The sleuths then sang their repertoire, including a song about sleuthing in general and White House sleuthing in particular.

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SAY FAREWELL TO ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS

GRIDIRON CLUB MEMBERS SERVE ONLY "H 2 O"

SERIO-COMIC FUNCTION FULL OF DISTINCT FEATURES

Noted Newspaper Men and Others Indulge in Much Hilarity at Expense of Retiring Officials

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Farewell to President Roosevelt and Vice President Fairbanks—in their official capacity—was said to them tonight by the famous Gridiron club of Washington newspaper men.

The occasion was the annual winter dinner of the club, and as is always the case, the roll included many names that figure conspicuously in the hall of fame.

It was far from a sad affair, although the occasion was of a farewell nature. Gridiron dinners never are sad. For the present and vice president were the guests of honor, so they came in for equal prominence in the fun of the evening.

WERE BUTT OF MANY JESTS

While they were the butt of many of the jokes and skits, there was every evidence that they enjoyed the entertainment as much as the rest when the jests were aimed at others.

The temperature of the moment showed its effect on the club. As a souvenir of the dinner guests were given "H 2 O" illustrated Gridiron almanacs, published by "The Gridiron Water Wagon Press."

Between its covers no remedy was given for ills of statesmen, journalists, real newspaper men, molluscoides and "malefactor of great wealth" other than "H 2 O."

In this almanac the "Teddy Bear" formed the center of the Signs of the Zodiac, while the entire production was marked as forwarded to congress as "special message No. 2, 232,232,232."

The guests observed particularly that the total eclipse of the year is due in March, and "it is viewed with interest by the United States, Africa and Oyster Bay."

LIST OF FORECASTS

A list of forecasts for every day was given in one section of the almanac, but the program for March 4. The reason for this, it was explained, was that "after the fourth of March there is no telling what will happen."

For the convenience of the guests, a notice stated that gentlemen "mentioned" for the Taft cabinet would march in procession at the inauguration, forming a division 25 miles long. This great battle, advertised on hand bills scattered through the banquet room, proved to be a fight between President Roosevelt and the cabinet.

The inauguration of Henry Hall, correspondent of the Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph, as president of the club, afforded the first opportunity to James Henry of the Philadelphia Press, an opportunity to give the new official some instructions.

HIS FINGERS CROSSED

The new president took the oath with his left arm crossed, two fingers crossed, swearing that he would keep the Ananias club in a flourishing condition, ride ninety-eight miles a day and keep congress on his reservation.

When Jewett H. Mubree, correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, made his appearance for initiation, he produced an invitation from the president of the Ananias club.

He was told of his mistake, but he insisted that the room was packed with members of the Ananias club, and when the lights suddenly went out. Amid darkness and to the accompaniment of a weird piano aid, there was a shuffle of feet and in rhythmic time came a sibilant and mysterious sh-h-h-h.

The secret service sleuths were approaching! One of their number explained that the sleuths were trying to find out what congressmen did with their \$5000 a year.

Chief Wilkie admitted that he had detected no counterfeiters, but added that he had discovered a few "four flushers."

Finally the squadron separated, one going out "to protect the letter boxes in general and White House sleuthing in particular."

At another stage of the dinner an interruption was made to revise the tariff. Representatives Seneca E. Fayus of New York, John Dazell of Pennsylvania and Champ Clark of Missouri were discovered seated at a table. Announcement was made that the house committee on ways and means was in session to hear evidence concerning the tariff, and "God save the United States," added the herald.

The climax of Andrew Carnegie's testimony came when he demanded to know what reason there was for a tariff on steel, now that he had gone out of business.

The music was attractive, as usual, and had its culmination when a quartet of members told Vice President Fairbanks a song that the club's memory his tall form would ever fondly live.

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