

IOWANS WELL TREATED

"UNCLE" JOE CANNON PLACED HAWKEYE CONGRESSMEN ON GOOD COMMITTEES.

HEARST WAS PUSHED IN

New York Congressman Secured His Appointment Only After Strenuous Work on the Part of Himself and His Lieutenants.

(BY H. J. MAHIN.) Washington Bureau of the Courier, Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.

Iowa fared exceedingly well in the assignment of committees in the house of representatives.

The committee assignments of the various congressmen are as follows: Cousins—Foreign affairs, naval affairs, expenditures in the treasury department (chairman).

Connor—Labor, public buildings and grounds, library.

Birdsall—Elections (No. 3) merchant marine and fisheries.

Hedge—Coinage, weights and measures, postoffices and post roads, levees and improvements of the Mississippi river.

Hopburn—Interstate and foreign commerce (chairman).

Lacey—Public lands (chairman), reform in the civil service, Indian affairs.

Haugen—Agriculture, war claims.

Thomas—Claims, judiciary.

Smith—Appropriations.

Hull—Military affairs (chairman), militia.

The appointment of Judge Walter I. Smith, of Council Bluffs, to the appropriations committee, which is considered the best committee in the house, was an honor to the state and an honor to Judge Smith.

Another very favorable appointment was that of Judge Connor to the labor committee.

One thing Speaker Cannon was destined to do and that was to have good men of sound judgment on the labor committee in view of the great importance of labor affairs in this country at present.

Judge Connor's selection was an important recognition of the splendid record he has made for himself since first coming to Washington.

Hearst on Labor Committee.

The appointment of W. R. Hearst to the labor committee, by the way, was an act that was forced upon "Uncle" Joe Cannon.

He did not want to put Hearst on the committee but the latter declared he would have nothing else.

When he found in the committee had been practically made up in the speaker's mind he immediately got his lieutenants busy all over the country and very soon petitions from labor organizations all over the United States began to pour in asking that Hearst be made a member of the committee on labor.

Mr. Cannon was forced to name Mr. Hearst when another democrat on the committee resigned in his favor.

Wade Fares Well.

Judge Wade, the lone democrat from Iowa, fared exceedingly well in a general sense getting a place on the committee on naval affairs, which is one of the best committees in the house.

CARDINAL HERRERO DEAD.

Archbishop of Valencia Passes Away—Ill at State.

Madrid, Dec. 9.—Cardinal Herrero Y Espinosa, archbishop of Valencia, is dead.

He was taken violently ill during a visit to the pope at the Vatican.

He was thought to be partially recovered, only to die.

He was 70 years of age.

TO TAKE HAND

VENEZUELA PREPARING TO INVADE COLOMBIA IN CASE OF WAR.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. 9.—The Venezuelan government has imported 15,000 rifles and 10,000,000 cartridges and it is reported is preparing to invade Colombia in case of war between the latter country and the latter country and the United States.

Colon, Dec. 9.—A company of marines from the United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie, under command of Capt. McCreary, were landed here yesterday morning and took a train for Panama.

where a camp was established in the canal company's buildings. Another company of marines to the number of fifty from the Dixie left yesterday for Panama.

The camp at Panama is now thoroughly equipped, and all precautions from a sanitary standpoint to ensure the health of the marines have been taken.

COMPARES METHODS.

Bryan Visits French Chamber of Deputies and Senate.

Paris, Dec. 9.—William J. Bryan visited the chamber of deputies and the senate yesterday comparing the French parliamentary methods with those of the United States congress.

He was accompanied to the senate by Senator Clemens, who introduced him to Premier Combes.

AKINS GETS BERTH.

Chairman of Republican Committee in Missouri Has Appointment.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt has decided to appoint Thomas J. Akins, chairman of the republican state central committee of Missouri, to be assistant in the United States treasury in St. Louis.

DECAPITATED BY BUZZ SAW.

Farmer Meets Horrible Death at Lafayette, Ind.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 9.—Jacob Rough, a farmer living near this place, stumbled in front of a buzz saw while cutting lumber and was decapitated before it was stopped.

He was instantly killed.

FAVOR TARIFF

BRITISH AGRICULTURISTS ENDORSE JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN'S FISCAL POLICY.

London, Dec. 9.—The central and associated chambers of agriculture, which thoroughly represents the agricultural interests of Great Britain, today endorsed Chamberlain's fiscal proposals at a meeting here, dissenting from Balfour's scheme.

eagerly sought after and Judge Wade being a new congressman and a member of the minority, was unable to land them. It was at first thought that Judge Wade's chances of getting on the public buildings committee would be lessened by the fact that there were already one Iowa member on that committee but the appointment he did get shows that such considerations did not affect the speaker as in Mr. Cousins' Iowa has a member on the naval affairs committee, to which Judge Wade was appointed.

The committees which Mr. Birdsall got are both very good committees though not especially busy ones. The appointments however, are considered very favorable and Mr. Birdsall feels that he has been well taken care of.

None of the other members of the delegation made any special effort to better themselves. The older members are all very well fixed and none of them had any idea for asking for better appointments. In fact, Messrs. Hepburn, Hull and Lacey do not think they could be better suited than they are at present.

LIE IS PASSED

ATTORNEYS IN SHIPBUILDING CASE HAVE SHARP TILT.

ENLIVEN THE HEARING

Guthrie and Untermeyer Refer to Statements Made by Each Other as "Almost Indecent," "Deliberate Falsehood."

New York, Dec. 9.—A sharp tilt between the counsel enlivened the opening of the United States Shipbuilding Co. hearing today.

Mr. Guthrie characterized a statement by Mr. Untermeyer as "almost indecent" and the lie was passed on both sides.

Mr. Guthrie speaking of the "deliberate falsehood" on the part of Untermeyer, who retorted in terms equally strong.

Kept Letter From Papers.

Guthrie restored to the files in the case of the copy of the Morgan, Harges & Co. letter which he took away with him yesterday, thereby preventing its publication.

Mr. Perkins Testifies.

Untermeyer resumed the examination of George W. Perkins, of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. Perkins testified that he knew but very little about the shipbuilding company at the time of the sale of the Bethlehem plant but said the contract for the sale provided that Morgan & Co. would receive the actual amount of the cash advanced for the Bethlehem company, \$5,000,000 in stock being taken in lieu of all profits and interest on the investment, and to have legal opinion on the organization of the shipbuilding company.

MISSING PASTOR IS FOUND.

Rev. Mr. Pessell, Who Disappeared, is Under Serious Charge.

Burlington, Dec. 9.—Rev. Mr. Pessell of the German Evangelical Zion church, who mysteriously disappeared last week, has been recovered in Quincy, Ill. Investigation develops that he is wanted in Fort Madison to answer charges brought by a 14-year-old girl.

He recently came from that city to take charge of the church here. He has a wife and four children. His resignation is in the hands of the church officials.

RUN STARTED ON RACINE BANK.

Savings Depositors of Commercial and Savings Scared by Rumors.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 9.—Because of stories regarding the financial standing of the Commercial and Savings bank a run was precipitated yesterday. The bank has over \$600,000 in the savings department, and the depositors swarmed into the bank. The institution met all payments and the directors say they can weather the storm. No merchants or manufacturers have withdrawn. Deposits yesterday exceeded withdrawals.

SOCIALIST MAYORS DEFEATED.

Results of Municipal Elections Held in Massachusetts Cities.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Elections were held in twenty cities in Massachusetts yesterday. The most notable results were the defeat of the socialist mayors of Brockton and Haverhill for re-election. In both cities the republicans and the democrats united against the socialists. In Lawrence and Chicopee democratic mayors were elected, these being reversals of last year.

MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Murder of Miss Elizabeth Gillespie at Rising Sun, Ind.

Rising Sun, Ind., Dec. 9.—Miss Elizabeth Gillespie was assassinated last night while sitting in her house. The murderer shot her through the window, the entire charge taking effect in her head. No reason can be assigned and there is no clew to the murderer.

ACCIDENT AT SEA

THE KROONLAND ARRIVES AT QUEENSTOWN WITH STEERING GEAR USELESS.

Queenstown, Dec. 9.—The Red Star line steamer Kroonland, which sailed from Antwerp for New York Dec. 5, arrived here today without assistance, and with its steering-gear disabled. The Kroonland's 900 passengers were transferred to the White Star line steamer Teutonic tomorrow, and proceeded on to New York.

CONFESSES TO BANK ROBBERY.

Nebraska Bandit, Being Held, Says He and Companions are Guilty.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 9.—Tom Freeman, John Gardner and Fred Boardman, accused of robbing Nebraska banks, were arrested yesterday. Freeman confessed that he and his companions robbed the bank at Pleasant Dale a few weeks ago.

CONSIDERS MESSAGE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES GOES INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The house today went into a committee of the whole with Burkett, of Nebraska, in the chair, for the consideration of the President's message.

Hay is Improving.

Secretary Hay, who has been confined to his home for the past two days by a cold is reported today as being much better. He is still confined to his bed but is transacting some official business notwithstanding.

Herran Denies Report.

Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, today authorized the statement that if the troops from Cartagena have landed near the mouth of the Atrato river, as reported by a French steamer which has arrived at La Guayra, it is directly in opposition to the advice both of himself and of General Reyes, who is commander of the Colombian army.

SENATE TAKES UP TREATY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The senate today took up the Cuban bill when the routine business was completed.

Nominations For Postmasters.

The President has referred to the senate the nominations of the following men for postmasters in Iowa: Simon D. Breuninger, Ackley; Benjamin G. Wise, Cascade; Edward A. Snyder, Cedar Falls; Edward Madison Clark, Lehigh; Charles F. Lecompte, Corydon.

BEAR SHOWS HIS TEETH

BIG RUSSIAN FLEET BEFORE THE COREAN CAPITAL'S PORT.

Tokio, Dec. 9.—A strong Russian squadron, consisting of eight warships including two battleships, has arrived at Chemulpo, Corea, the port of Seoul, the capital to support Russia's opposition to the proposed opening of Yongampho to the commerce of the world. The Russians threaten to land 3,000 men to march on Seoul should Corea disregard the warning.

COUNSEL IN KISHINEFF ANGRY

Court Refuses to Uncover Real Culprits and Lawyers Withdraw.

Vienna, Dec. 9.—It is reported that counsel for the defense in the Kishineff massacre trial have thrown up their briefs, and the prosecuting counsel are expected to follow their example. It seems the refusal of the court to undertake a fresh preliminary investigation in order to discover the real culprits leads the lawyers to regard the whole affair as a farce.

HEADS DEPAUW.

Dr. Edwin Holt Formally Inaugurated as President.

Newcastle, Ind., Dec. 9.—Dr. Edwin Holt today inaugurated as president of DePauw university. The guests included a number of college and university presidents, alumni from all parts of the country, and Senator Albert J. Beveridge, who delivered the principal address on "The School and the Nation."

THE STRAIN TELLS

ONLY TEN TEAMS LEFT IN NEW YORK'S SIX DAY RACE.

New York, Dec. 9.—Nearly all riders in the six day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden showed evidence of the strain early today. Barclay and Fetich were forced to retire, owing to injuries received in the mix-up, their partners, Franz Krebs and Gougolitz, respectively, making up a new team. This left but twelve teams in the race, out of seventeen that started. The eight leading teams at 10 a. m. had a score of 1,037 miles, eight laps.

RECEIVERSHIP DISSOLVED.

Zion City is Restored to Management of Dowie.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Zion City, its bank, and its industries were restored to the control of John Alexander Dowie at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Judge Kohlsaat with the approval of the creditors and receivers Fred M. Blount and A. D. Currier, signed an order dissolving the receivership which had been in charge of the Zion over-seer's property one week.

THE WEATHER

Iowa—Snow this afternoon and possibly tonight. Colder in the north-west portion. Thursday generally fair. Illinois—Threatening with snow to night and possibly Thursday.

Local Weather. Tuesday, 9 p. m. 22 Wednesday, 7 a. m. 22 Wednesday, 2 p. m. 25

OWNERS MEET

MINE OPERATORS HOLD ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

At Meeting in Des Moines Yesterday T. J. Phillips and L. L. Lodwick Were Elected Vice-President and Secretary Respectively.

From Wednesday's Daily. T. J. Phillips, of this city, was elected vice president and L. L. Lodwick was re-elected secretary of the Iowa Mine Operators' association at the annual meeting held yesterday at Des Moines. H. L. Waterman, of this city, was named as the member of the executive and scale committees and Henry Phillips was made an alternate to the scale committee from the second district in which Ottumwa is included. The following from Des Moines gives the details:

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Iowa Mine Operators' association at the Kirkwood yesterday was attended by about seventy-five delegates from all parts of the mining districts of the state. One of the principal things that came before the meeting was the appointment of a scale committee to enter into a new compact with the miners next March.

Reese Re-elected.

John P. Reese, of Albia, was re-elected commissioner for another year and his salary increased from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per annum.

The past year's business was discussed but no important actions were taken. The agreement for next season was also discussed, but no action was taken owing to the operators not knowing what demands the miners would present. The past year's agreement, which will expire April 1, has been very satisfactory, and it is not improbable it will be ratified for another year, with perhaps a few slight changes.

The Officers and Committee.

The officers and committees are: President—C. H. Morris, Des Moines. Vice president—T. J. Phillips, Ottumwa. Secretary—L. L. Lodwick, Ottumwa. Treasurer—T. W. Carpenter, Des Moines.

The executive committee was made a part of the scale committee. In addition to the member of the executive committee, a member of the scale committee who is also an alternate to the executive committee was elected from each district. They are: Centerville; David Lodwick, Mystic. Ottumwa; B. C. Buxton, Buxton. Third district—L. W. White, Oskaloosa; John Phillips, Pekay. Fourth district—B. C. Smith, Des Moines; Ed Gray, Des Moines. Fifth district—Sam McClure, Lehigh; James Stout, Fraser. President Morris and Secretary Lodwick are also members of the executive committee.

Alternates Named.

The following have been named as alternates to the scale committee: First district—T. E. Lee, A. G. Widmer. Second district—Faley Hynes, Henry Phillips. Third district—W. A. Durfee, Geo. Ramsay. Fourth district—W. C. Sheppard, Samuel Blount. Fifth district—H. H. Canfield, A. Craig, David Dinning.

The scale committee will meet in joint session with representatives of the miners' union, probably in Des Moines, in March to enter into an agreement for the ensuing year. Commissioner John P. Reese will be sent as a delegate to the interstate convention of operators and mine workers to be held in Indianapolis, Ind., in January.

M'KEEN SUCCEEDS MILLER.

Becomes the New General Manager of The Vandalla Railroad.

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Benjamin R. McKeen has been appointed general manager of the Vandalla railroad to succeed H. I. Miller recently appointed general manager of the Rock Island system.

GUARD LABOR

AUTHORITIES ORDER THAT PRISONERS AT FORT DES MOINES DO ONLY POLICE WORK

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Instructions have been sent Major Turner in charge of Fort Des Moines to carefully limit work of prisoners at the fort to police work. In a letter from the chief of staff of the army to Congressman Hull it is said it is not the intention of the war department to use these prisoners in construction of the post in any which would interfere with the employment of workmen but solely for police purposes. "In the same manner as obtains at any completed post." The letter further says since the abolishment of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth there has been no central point where general prisoners can be confined and it has been necessary to distribute them among the various posts. Jefferson Barracks being overcrowded and unhealthy and the distribution was impracticable.

Congressman Hull says the prisoners are not convicts in the usual sense of that term, but men of good character, sentenced for petty offenses.

So far as objections because of colored troops were sent to Fort Des Moines, Captain Hull is advised by the war department that General Bates requested their detail to guard prisoners. Their detail is merely temporary. "So far as that is concerned," said Captain Hull, "they are soldiers of the United States and entitled to the respect as such."

Iowa Leads the World.

Secretary Wilson recently returned from Michigan, where he talked on beet sugar, expressed deep gratification today over the victories of Iowa State college stock at the International Live Stock exposition. "Iowa leads the world," he said, "in its pedigreed cattle. The animal husbandry department at the Iowa State college is the strongest to be found anywhere."

WILL ENFORCE LAWS.

Anti-Trust Measures Aimed at by Secretary Shaw.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Secretary Shaw has transmitted to the house a request for \$15,000 additional for the department of justice for "enforcement of the anti-trust laws."

TOWN IS HAPPY

BENTONSPORT MILL TO BE REPLACED WITH ANOTHER BUILDING.

Des Moines, Dec. 9.—E. R. Mason, clerk of the United States circuit court in this city, and his brothers, will rebuild the old stone mill at Bentonport, which was recently destroyed by fire, with not a cent of insurance upon it. The Mason brothers had just secured title to the property in their old home in Van Buren county, and had not had sufficient time to have it insured when the fire swept it away. They were just preparing to manufacture a special pancake flour, which was to be placed on the market here and in Chicago. E. R. Mason was representing the interests in Des Moines, and ex-Senator William Mason looked after those in Chicago.

People Raise Bonus.

The people of the little town of Bentonport have raised a substantial bonus to induce the well known men to rebuild the old stone mill.

FEAR FOR SAFETY.

Alleged Dynamite Plot Causes Strict Guarding of Bandits.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Extra precautions were taken yesterday afternoon and last night in guarding the four street car bandits. Assistant Chief Schuetter having been told of a "plot to blow up the jail." Neither Jailer Whitman nor Captain Schuetter placed any credence in the story, but decided to take no chances.

OLD SAILOR DYING.

Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherhard (Retired) in Serious Condition.

Stratford, Conn., Dec. 9.—Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherhard (retired) is dying at his home here from diabetes complicated with nephritis.

WOMEN TURNED DOWN.

Norwegian Parliament Refuses Them The Franchise.

Christina, Dec. 9.—The Norwegian parliament today unanimously rejected a bill conferring the franchise on women.

BANQUET IS FREE

INVITATIONS TO THE BIG AFFAIR ARE ACCEPTED BY MANY.

THE LIST OF SPEAKERS

Ways and Means Committee and Hospital Association Hold Joint Session—Banquet Arrangements Complete—City Districted for Soliciting.

From Wednesday's Daily. Every one who has received an invitation to the hospital banquet to be held Friday evening in the basement of the Market Street theatre is earnestly requested by the chairman of the invitation committee to write upon the return postal card received with the invitation, either an acceptance or a refusal of the invitation and mail the card as it is addressed to B. P. George. The banquet is absolutely free to all who have received invitations. There will be no charge for admission or places at the banquet tables and there will be absolutely no appeal or solicitation for subscriptions.

Of the 750 invitation mailed many acceptances, sufficient in fact to insure that the banquet will be one of the most successful affairs of its kind ever held in the city, have been received. It is almost absolutely necessary that the committees having the preparations for the banquet in charge know at once within a very few the exact number of persons who will attend. The banquet is not a money-making proposition and preparations will be made only for the number who give the proper assurance that they will be present.

A Joint Meeting.

A joint meeting of the Ottumwa Hospital association and the ways and means committee was held last evening in the office of J. H. Merrill on East Second street, at which the banquet arrangements were discussed and found to be practically complete and at which plans for the work of soliciting subscriptions for the new hospital building were formulated.

Judge W. D. Fisdale, Senator S. H. Harper, and Dr. M. B. Brown, were named as a reception committee to meet and entertain Geo. E. MacLean of Iowa City, president of the Iowa State university, who is to be the principal speaker on the evening of the banquet.

List of Speakers.

The committee appointed to secure speakers for the banquet made their final report. H. L. Waterman is to be toastmaster for the evening. The chief address is to be delivered by President MacLean. In addition there will be a number of five minute talks by the following business men of Ottumwa: Dr. D. C. Brockman, Calvin Manning, Dr. F. F. Stoltz, Senator S. H. Harper, T. D. Foster, Dr. A. O. Williams, Rev. Father James Foley, F. W. Simmons, T. J. Phillips, Mayor T. H. Fickler, George A. Brown, J. J. Smith, J. B. Sax and D. H. Emery.

The committee which has been calling upon the citizens for large subscriptions report good success, and states that there will be at least \$10,000 in bona fide subscriptions ready to be announced at the banquet. The work of securing the remaining \$15,000 will begin on Monday morning, December 14.

Sub-Committees Named.

For the purpose of systematizing the work of securing these subscriptions the city has been divided into five districts and a committee assigned to each. Main and Market streets are the dividing lines and practically all the soliciting will be done among the business houses. The divisions and the committee men are as follows:

First District. West of Market and south of Main streets. Committee—Mrs. Frank Racine, Mrs. C. R. Allen, A. G. Harrow.

Second District. West of Market and north of Main streets. Committee—Mrs. H. L. Waterman, Mrs. J. J. Smith, J. W. Garner, Claude Myers.

Third District. East of Market and south of Main streets. Committee—Mrs. Charles

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MARCH ON PANAMA

Colombian Troops Reported to Be Ready to Make Attack.

LA GUAYRA, VENEZUELA, DEC. 9.—THE FRENCH STEAMER VERSAILLES, WHICH HAS ARRIVED HERE FROM SAVINILLA, REPORTS THAT COLOMBIAN STEAMERS HAVE LANDED 1,100 MEN FROM CARTAGENA, NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE ATRATO RIVER ON THE GULF OF DARIEN, TO OPEN A WAY OVER THE DARIEN MOUNTAINS INTO PANAMA. FROM ALL PARTS OF COLOMBIA TROOPS ARE REPORTED TO BE EITHER MARCHING ON PANAMA OR AWAITING THE RESULT OF GENERAL REYES' MISSION TO WASHINGTON.

MUST LIVE ON LAND

No Favoritism For Relatives of Soldiers and Sailors.

WASHINGTON, DEC. 9.—TO NULLIFY THE ATTEMPTS OF CATTLE COMPANIES AND OTHERS TO OBTAIN LANDS IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW, THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR HAS OVERRULED THE FORMER DECISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT WIDOWS AND MINOR ORPHANS OF SOLDIERS OR SAILORS DO NOT HAVE TO RESIDE ON THE LAND ON WHICH THEY MAKE A HOMESTEAD ENTRY.