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HUGHES' HAT NOT IN THE RING

Supreme Court Justice Changes Outlook in Political Circles by Stating That He Is Not a Candidate for Nomination

Washington, Feb. 10.—Spring political millinery is being hurried into the ring and yanked out again with real June fervor. The White House, Oyster Bay, and the supreme court are the gossip centers as politicians are buzzing about new developments affecting President Wilson, Colonel Roosevelt and Justice Hughes.

Publication of Justice Hughes' letter to Congressman Stemp, declaring his hat is not in the ring for the republication nomination, brought the New Yorker into the political limelight today for possibly the last time unless his name is suddenly sprung in the June convention of the G. O. P.

At the same time, publication of President Wilson's letter, permitting the use of his name in the Ohio primaries, and thus definitely throwing his hat into the ring, is imminent.

And again, the declaration of Cecil Lyon, of Texas, that Roosevelt will accept the presidential nomination if it comes from republican and not southern—states, added to the general excitement attendant upon the political millinery exhibit.

Roosevelt's forthcoming trip to the West Indies, he said, is intended to provide another "back-from-Africa-home coming."

Stemp's letters indicated that former Postmaster General Hitchcock is interesting himself in a campaign for Hughes, which, however, Hitchcock denies.

The administration drew some sunshine today from the announcement of the Nebraska gubernatorial candidacy of Charles Bryan, of Lincoln, with the intimation that he, and presumably his brother, former Secretary of State Bryan, would support Wilson's nomination, although opposing his preparedness program.

ROUMANIANS ARE ORDERED TO ARMS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Feb. 10.—Roumanian reservists have been ordered home, according to a Saloniki dispatch today. It is reported, too, that Roumania has appealed to the people to deposit gold in the national bank.

United Press Correspondent Wood at Rome a few days ago indicated that Roumania is hurriedly preparing to plunge into the war. Mobilization of the bulk of the Roumanian army was ordered, and troops were flocking to the Bulgar and Austrian borders.

CONVICT PORTLAND MAN OF SELLING BOOZE

Portland, Feb. 10.—A ninety-day term in the county jail was faced today by George Schultz, proprietor of the exclusive Perkins' buffet, although a jury in Judge Dayton's court recommended leniency.

Ginger ale, containing a "kick" and exhilarating loganberry juice caused Schultz' downfall. His bartenders said these drinks were served only to an exclusive list of lawyers and business men. Schultz' case was the twelfth charge of bootlegging in Portland since the state went dry January 1. He will appeal from his sentence.

SCOUT IDEA OF BIG GUNS ABOARD GERMAN FLEET

London, Feb. 10.—The idea that the German fleet will come dashing out of the Kiel canal some day, equipped with a new type of 17-inch guns that will blow England's dreadnaughts to pieces is ridiculed by British naval experts. Press reports say the new gun will hurl more than a ton of metal 20 miles, and that inactivity of the German navy recently has been due to time taken to place their new weapons.

British naval officers, however, believe that the 15-inch gun with which the monster Queen Elizabeth is equipped constitutes the maximum calibre for real efficiency, especially in the North sea, where the British and German fleets might clash. They point out that the British swift cruisers and destroyers could drive in small boats which the Germans would have to assign to "spot" the hits at twenty miles, and then the 17-inch dreadnaughts would be within range of the smaller but more accurate British guns.

"We could then simply blow them out of the water," said one naval critic.

The hazy atmosphere of the North sea, too, would make it difficult to establish a range.

LOCALS LOSE TO MURPHY AGAIN

The high school teams again suffered defeat at the hands of the Murphys at Murphy Wednesday night. The Murphys were in their element on the smooth dance floor, while the high schoolers, unused to the floor, could scarcely keep their feet. The Murphy team were in good form and showed the result of much practice. A large number of rooters accompanied the Grants Pass teams.

The girls opened the game and the Murphy girls, by better teamwork, established a large lead. At no time were they in danger, although in the second half the two teams held about even. Neither team made many brilliant plays, the game as a whole being rather slow.

In the boys' game Murphy started with a rush and played the local boys off their feet. By fast playing they managed to make the score 19 to 6 in their favor by the end of the first half. The next half was much faster, the high school boys bringing the score to a point where it might prove dangerous for Murphy. It looked at times as if they might be able to obtain the lead, but each time Murphy held and when the whistle blew the score stood 26-28 in favor of the Applegate team. Mr. Westcott refereed for the girls and Claud Smith for the boys. Gilmore of Murphy umpired both games.

CONSIDER NEW ARMOR PLATE BILL MONDAY

Washington, Feb. 10.—Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee today obtained the permission of senate leaders to call up the administration bill for government armor plate manufacture as a special order of business for Monday. The president had endorsed pushing the bill.

BRITISH CRUISER SUNK BY ZEPPELIN

Berlin, Feb. 10.—In their last raid on England Zeppelins bombarded and sank the British cruiser Carolina and the destroyers Eden and Nich. the Cologne Gazette reported today.

The British admiralty recently denied that any ship had been sunk in the last Zeppelin raid.

OREGON MAN PLEADS FOR BRANDEIS

Attorney J. N. Teal, of Portland, Testifies at the Hearing Being Held to Probe Fitness of Wilson Appointee

Washington, Feb. 10.—Friends of Louis D. Brandeis, the "people's lawyer," named by President Wilson for the supreme court, are confident that the outcome of senate committee hearings to his fitness will be favorable.

"The majority of the committee," said one of Brandeis' supporters today, "indicated clearly that they thought the most Clifford Thorne proved was that he and Brandeis had different ideas as to how the five per cent rate increase should have been conducted. There is no reason why the committee may not decide when it hears Brandeis that he is right and the Iowa commissioner wrong."

Answering Thorne's charges that Brandeis had "thrown" the rate case to the railroads, Joseph Teal, Portland, Oregon, attorney, and Lieutenant Governor Eshelman of California came strongly to Brandeis' defense last night.

Teal said frankly he disagreed with the basis for Brandeis' arguments in the case, but said emphatically he did not believe Brandeis would betray any one—much less the people,—as Thorne had suggested. Teal held that the Bostonian submitted facts fairly, and that had he done otherwise than he did he would have been negligent in his duty. He expressed surprise at the attitude taken by Thorne.

Eshelman spoke similarly. The present charges against Brandeis, he said, were the first reflection he had heard against the Bostonian's professional conduct. Indeed, he declared, Brandeis had acted in the best of faith and in accordance with the instructions given him by the interstate commerce commission when he was engaged.

PLAN TO RETAIN DUTY ON SUGAR

Washington, Feb. 10.—House ways and means committee democrats today tackled the problem of providing revenues wherewith to defray the cost of the administration preparedness program.

They drafted a resolution retaining the sugar duties, but did not decide about lumping a number of important measures in a single "omnibus" bill, nor about considering revenue questions separately. They do not plan to have a party caucus about the sugar duties, and their resolution probably will be sent into the house within ten days.

Meanwhile the military and naval committees are hastening as much as possible the conclusion of their work. The military bills will probably be in shape soon, but the naval measures will be delayed for some time.

MARSHALL'S NAME ON OREGON'S PRIMARY BALLOT

Portland, Feb. 10.—The name of Vice-President Marshall will be placed on the primary ballots in Oregon. This was determined yesterday when Postmaster Myers received a letter from Marshall's secretary, Mark Thistlewaite. The letter said: "The vice-president could not bring himself to ask any one to file petitions for him, but if petitions are filed for him, he certainly will not repudiate the action."

DANIELS FOR ADEQUATE NAVY

Secretary Also Advocates a Merchant Marine Under the Stars and Stripes in Address on Preparedness

Washington, Feb. 10.—Echoing the recent words of President Wilson, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today advocated before the chamber of commerce of the United States a merchant marine flying the stars and stripes and an adequate navy to uphold the rights of America. On this point he said:

"Our farms grow more than the republic can use. We have the right to feed the world, and we do not propose to surrender that right or to permit it to be jeopardized."

As for the navy to maintain such rights, Daniels added: "If it is built according to the program of the administration we will have by 1921 33 capital ships of the first line, 25 battleships of the second line and armored cruisers, 108 destroyers, 17 submarines and smaller craft in proportion."

President Wilson addresses the organization tonight on "Preparedness and Business."

HITCHCOCK FAVORS NAMING OF HUGHES

(By United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 10.—Replying to claims that he had been fostering an organization for the nomination of Justice Hughes for the republican nomination for president, former Postmaster General Hitchcock declared today:

"There is no organization, as far as I know, working for Hughes' nomination. Neither am I about to promote such an organization."

Correspondence between Congressman Stemp, Virginia republican, and Hughes, claimed Hitchcock had been trying to gain Virginia republican support for Hughes. In reply Hughes wrote that he was out of politics and was opposed to the use of his name in connection with the nomination.

Hitchcock described as "purely fictitious" the reported telephone conversation with H. Brown Allen, of Staunton, Va., in which it was said he had described a move to nominate Hughes.

At the same time, however, Hitchcock made it plain that he approves of Hughes' nomination.

"I am strongly in favor of Hughes' nomination, if it is possible," he said. "I believe he would be the strongest republican who could be nominated."

COMMENCE SECOND TRIAL OF BRANSON

(By United Press Leased Wire.) McMinnville, Feb. 10.—A tangled mass of hair, formerly part of a woman's "rat," was the principal exhibit today in the murder trial of William Branson, charged jointly with Mrs. Anna Booth with the murder of William Booth.

The "rat" has become historic in connection with the case. In the trial of Mrs. Booth, which resulted in a hung jury, it was admitted as evidence despite the objections of attorneys. The lawyers redoubled their efforts today to prevent the "rat" becoming part of the case, but Judge Belt admitted it.

UNION PACIFIC TRAIN ROBBED BY A LONE BANDIT

Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 10.—Posses are pursuing a lone, young highwayman who last night, at Green River, boarded the eastbound Union Pacific train No. 18, made up at Portland, Oregon, and robbed men in the smoker and in two Pullmans before he became frightened, stopped the train and escaped near Rock Springs.

The highwayman did not molest women passengers, and he politely reassured them that he intended them no harm. Only one shot was fired, and that merely as a warning. It went wide over the conductor's head.

The bandit's face was concealed by a white mask, which only imperfectly hid his smooth-shaven face.

Encountering the flagman in the smoking compartment, the bandit forced him at the point of a revolver to hold a hat into which he ordered the passengers to drop only cash. In this way he obtained \$61 in the smoker. Then he turned his attention elsewhere, but did not stop for the one male in the next Pullman forward.

In the midst of operations in the second Pullman from the observation car the conductor entered from the diner and drew fire from the bandit's revolver. The conductor hurriedly threw up his hands, but when the robber thrust his head into a berth to get a passenger's money the conductor ran back.

The highwayman then pulled the cord, stopping the train. Thereupon he ran back to the observation car and dropped off in the darkness. Two well-filled coaches ahead of the diner were thus left unmolested. The sheriff of Green River and officials from Rock Springs formed a posse, but got no trace of the man.

WAR DISASTER FOR GREECE, SAYS PREMIER

Athens, Feb. 10.—Referring to reports that strong pressure might be exerted upon Greece to force her into war, Premier Skouloudis told parliament today that no coercion, however painful, could equal the disasters that would befall the nation should it join the struggle.

GENERAL MANAGER OF W.U. IS DEAD

New York, Feb. 10.—Bejvidere Brooks, vice-president and general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, died here today.

Death, due to heart failure, came suddenly. Though he had not been in good health for some months, he was at his office as usual yesterday. This morning he was ill, and decided to remain at home. He died shortly before noon.

Brooks' rise to the position of general manager of the company was a romance of business. Born in Wheelock, Texas, July 6, 1859, he became a messenger boy at the age of 13, and studied telegraphy during his spare hours. While he was still a youth, he was appointed manager for the Western Union at El Paso. Gradually he went through the posts of superintendent at Dallas and Denver, general superintendent of the Eastern and Southern divisions, with headquarters at New York. In 1910 he became general superintendent and was appointed in 1913 to the position of vice-president and general manager.

Brooks was a widower with four sons.

35 PICTURE BRIDES ARRIVE FROM ORIENT

San Francisco, Feb. 10.—Thirty-five "picture brides," gay in silk kimonos, constituted the largest shipment of these Japanese girls that ever reached here. Most of them had already wedded today.

KAISER HAS NEW POLICY ON THE SEA

Commencing Feb. 29th, the Central Powers State They Will Sink Without Notice All Armed Merchantmen

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Beginning with February 29, Germany will regard armed merchant vessels as warships, according to a memorial addressed to neutral nations received by American Ambassador Gerard today.

Under Secretary Zimmerman declared:

"We believe we can meet Secretary Lansing's idea about submarine warfare."

Germany is taking this step because of Great Britain's secret instructions to merchant ships to fire on submarines before they have any chance to attack. The memorial recited that there have been 19 such instances.

The time between now and the 29th is allowed so that neutral nations may have an opportunity to adjust their commerce to this new situation.

GERMAN LOSS HEAVY AT VIMY HEIGHTS

London, Feb. 10.—German losses in the terrible fighting for the Vimy heights and along the Somme south of Arras totaled 60,000 more than the British casualties in the Loos offensive in September, according to information reaching here today. The battle still continues in a swirling snow storm. The French are staging vicious counter-attacks near the Neuville-la-Folle road, where the Germans claimed to have captured a half mile of French trenches Tuesday night.

Artillery battling proceeds around Friz, where the French are ruining the last few buildings, while the Germans with mines and grenades are seeking to improve their positions at that point. The struggle, at certain sections, has developed into hand-to-hand fighting.

PLEAD FOR REDUCTION OF TAX ON BRANDY

Washington, Feb. 10.—Headed by Congressman Kent, a delegation of California winegrowers today asked Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn for a reduction in the tax on brandy used to fortify wine. They pleaded that the increases under the emergency tax threaten the very life of the California industry.

Kent is leading a fight to gain a reduction, and has hopes of success.

ADVISORY BOARD INVENTS TORPEDO

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 10.—The deliberations of the new naval advisory board, headed by Thomas A. Edison, are bearing fruit. Already the board has evolved a torpedo more deadly than that of any European power, has obtained secret plans of foreign battleships from which America can glean some lessons, and has arranged for construction of a research laboratory in which the brains of America will develop means of making America pre-eminent in defense, provided congress gives a desired appropriation.