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SPLIT BETWEEN LEADERS SEEN

Washington Draws Conclusions From Visit of Bryan to New Jersey.

BRYAN SEEMED PLEASED

It is Made That Clark and Underwood Have Formed a Conservative Coalition.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Intimations of a fast moving line-up of the more conservative forces of Democracy in opposition to President Wilson and William Jennings Bryan, to be led by Speaker Underwood and House Leader Underwood, were manifested, following Colonel Bryan's visit to Washington. It is now freely predicted, even by early supporters of Mr. Wilson, that Mr. Bryan will accept the portfolio of state, although according to the best obtainable information and Wilson's own statement, neither Mr. Bryan nor anyone has as yet tendered a cabinet place. The thing is certain, and that is that Mr. Bryan came to Washington on his way to visit Governor Wilson, being cheerful about conditions; that he had a long visit with the man whom he nominated for president; and that he came back to Washington feeling more pleased with things in general when he passed through here on his way north.

A report says Mr. Bryan and Mr. Wilson understand each other, and are determined to co-operate, and they have found special incentive to close harmony in the fact that since the opening of the congress session developments have made clear that Speaker Clark and Mr. Underwood have established a working understanding which has the purpose of promoting mutual interest, even at the expense of President-elect Wilson.

AMENDMENT IS VOID

Supreme Court Says Recall and Bond Issue Unconstitutional.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Little Rock, Ark.—The Supreme court of Arkansas has declared unconstitutional Amendment No. 15, the amendment permitting Arkansas cities to issue bonds, in an opinion in which the main features was a declaration that only three amendments can be submitted at one election. As five amendments were submitted, and Amendment No. 15 was the fifth to be certified, this amendment and Amendment No. 14, providing for the recall of state officers, are declared null and void. The case was taken to the supreme court on an appeal from the Pulaski Circuit Court, where it was asked that the State Board of Election Commissioners be required to canvass the returns and declare an amendment adopted. The amendment received more than 22,000 majority at the election, September 9.

Minister-Banker Jailed.

Memphis.—L. T. Ward, a former minister and cashier of the suspended bank of Collierville, Tenn., was taken to a local hospital where he was a patient, to the county jail and imprisoned, charged with larceny and the embezzlement of \$38,000 from the bank's funds. An indictment against Ward was returned several days ago, because of his illness, he was not taken until later, when County Physician T. C. Graves examined the accused banker and reported that he was not suffering from a serious ailment.

Alton Train Held Up.

Springfield, Ill.—Reports received from the general offices of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company, stopped the Alton Hummer a short distance west of Alton, cut off the engine and baggage car and compelled the engineer to run down the track a short distance. The Springfield sheriff and Alton detectives were sent to the scene.

Viceroy Escapes Bomb.

Delhi, India.—Baron Hardinge, the viceroy of India and his wife, were being assassinated by a native Indian, while making their ceremonial entry into Delhi, the new imperial capital of India. Three splinters of a powerful bomb, which killed one attendant and injured another, struck the back and shoulders of the viceroy. The screws and iron with which the bomb was filled passed through his helmet.

Trusted Employee Missing.

Birmingham.—Herman Ehrlich, confidential assistant to Louis Pizitz, one of the largest department stores in Birmingham, has disappeared after 21 years' service with the employer, leaving an alleged shortage of \$45,600. Mr. Pizitz offered a reward for his arrest. Ehrlich was in the store trusted employee to such an extent that they placed charge of Mr. Pizitz's personal accounts, \$1,600 of which is missing.

SUFFRAGETTES WALKING TO ALBANY



The little party of New York suffragettes who started to walk from the metropolis to Albany to deliver a message to Governor Sulzer at his inauguration is still plodding along, making about ten miles a day, and preaching "votes for women" at every stopping place.

TO WITHHOLD ALL NAMES

Pres.-Elect Wilson Says Announcement Officers Will Be Made in March.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Trenton, N. J.—Whether William J. Bryan, or any of the other Democrats mentioned by politicians generally for places in the cabinet of President-elect Wilson, will be appointed probably will not be definitely known until a few days before inauguration day.

Governor Wilson said that very likely he would not make a single announcement of importance until about March 1.

"Scattering announcements would be foolish," he said, "even if I had them to make. I'll wait until pretty late. The time will depend somewhat upon the number of written communications received. All these letters recommending individuals for office are being grouped and will be taken up separately."

Mr. Wilson indicated he would not feel at liberty to make final decision until the merits of all possible candidates had been set forth to him.

"What I am sincerely trying to do," he added, "is to see the field of choice and to try to get as many opinions as possible that are worth while."

The president-elect likewise made it clear that he would maintain a policy of silence, and nothing would be finally established until he made the announcement over his own signature.

Mr. Wilson was asked if he believed he would encounter any difficulty in getting the men desired for cabinet portfolios to accept. It had been suggested that in the case of the attorney generalship, noted lawyers often had been reluctant to leave their practices and for this reason many able men were not pushed by their friends.

"That has not been my experience," replied the governor, with a smile. "I've asked some people and they have been quite ready with their names."

Chicago.—George W. Fitzgerald, former assistant treasurer in the United States treasury at Chicago, charged with the theft of \$173,000 from the government in February, 1907, was found not guilty. The trial began November 12, and it, with five years' preliminary investigation of the mysterious shortage in the Chicago treasury, is said to have cost the government more than \$100,000.

Taft Congratulates South.

St. Augustine, Fla.—President Taft, in a speech here congratulated the South upon the election of a Democratic president, predicted nationwide prosperity under the new administration and spoke with pride of the way this nation takes the quadrennial verdict of the people at the polls. The president spoke in the Masonic Temple and was frequently cheered.

Threat to Dynamite Mint.

Washington.—As a result of the anonymous threat to dynamite the Denver mint, Director George E. Roberts has warned the superintendents of all the mints in the country to observe rigid measures of precaution. While Mr. Roberts does not take the Denver threat seriously, he said the mere suggestion of a plot to blow up a mint must put officials on the alert.

Kansas City.—In order that he might learn the spelling and definition of all the words in an abridged dictionary, S. Cruso, who styles himself a "bright and refined young man," 24 years old, wrote Judge Ewing W. Bland asking that he be allowed to enter a prison cell for three years. "In case you should reject my application on the ground that you have no right to convict an honest man without a charge against him," wrote Cruso, "I am willing to commit something that will give jurisdiction."

FOREIGN TRADE RECORD BROKEN

Imports Will Approximate \$1,800,000,000—Was \$1,563,000,000 in 1910.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The foreign trade of the United States in 1912 will exceed all previous records. Figures just compiled by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, indicate that the imports of the year will approximate \$1,800,000,000 against \$1,563,000,000 in 1910, which was the former high record year for imports, and that the exports will aggregate \$2,400,000,000 against \$2,093,000,000, the former high record for exports, 1911.

The calendar year also will break all records in the value of both imports and exports.

The increase in imports occurred especially in manufactures of raw materials, which for the ten months for which figures are available amounted to \$523,873,088, against \$421,503,273 in the same months of last year. The increase occurred especially in hides and skins which show a gain of \$33,000,000; rubber about \$20,000,000; wool more than \$15,000,000, and fibers \$10,000,000. In foodstuffs, imports of coffee showed an increase of \$31,000,000 and sugar \$23,000,000.

Exports of cotton for the 11 months of 1912 amounted to \$531,000,000 against \$440,000,000 for the same months in 1911. Wheat exports for the period probably will amount to about 20,000,000 bushels of last year.

Underwood Improving.

Washington.—Representative Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama, floor leader of the house, who has been ill for several days with a severe cold and threatened pneumonia, is making rapid progress towards recovery. His physicians reported him to be greatly improved. Mr. Underwood was at the capitol for a while attending to pressing matters.

Bryan Goes to Florida.

Washington.—Col. William J. Bryan, after spending a day here, left for his winter home at Miami, Fla. While here Mr. Bryan was the guest of his son, W. J. Bryan Jr. He saw a few personal friends during the day, among them Representative Henry of Texas. Mr. Bryan would have nothing to say about his conference with President-elect Wilson.

Bryan and Wilson Confer.

Trenton, N. J.—President-Elect Wilson and William Jennings Bryan were in conference at the statehouse for three and a half hours last week, and at the end of that period Governor Wilson admitted that names had been discussed for cabinet positions. He insisted, however, that Mr. Bryan's name was not among those discussed. The president-elect asks to be taken at his word when he says he has come to no decision as to the details of the cabinet.

Want American Rescued.

El Paso.—Through Consul Thomas Edwards at Juarez, the American State Department has requested Mexican military officials to rescue J. I. Morris, an American railway man. Morris was taken captive by rebels when he attempted to save a burning bridge on the Mexican Northern railway, which had been set afire by rebels. Since Morris carried federal passports, it is feared that he will not be given any consideration at the hands of the rebels.

TAFT A YALE PROFESSOR

Will Be Instructor of Law—Follows Grover Cleveland's Example.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—President Taft has made up his mind to accept the professor of the Kent professorship of law at Yale, and probably will take up his duties at New Haven early in the spring.

The president was said to have determined upon accepting the Yale professorship for several reasons. He will not be restricted merely to lectures to Yale students, but will be permitted to lecture if he desires in other law schools or upon the platform or to engage in any other occupation which he sees fit.

The analogy between the Yale professorship and Grover Cleveland's relation with Princeton appealed to Mr. Taft strongly, and when many of his close friends and advisers wrote to him approving his acceptance of the chair at Yale, he decided to take it. The president expects to spend several weeks after March 4 in Augusta, Ga., where he has passed two winter vacations.

ARKANSAN HONORED

Governor-Elect Presented With Loving Cup by Public Lands Committee.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—As a token of the high esteem in which they hold Congressman Joe T. Robinson, retiring chairman of the Public Lands Committee of the house, the members of the committee, both Republican and Democrats, joined in honoring the governor-elect of Arkansas by presenting him with a handsome silver loving cup, appropriately engraved.

The cup, which is as large as a peck measure, was presented by Representative Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, who, in a brief speech, thanked the retiring chairman for the genial, cordial and patient way in which he has presided over the committee and expressed the sincere regret of the committee over his loss.

Mr. Robinson replied feelingly. At the same time Mr. Robinson was presented with the resolution adopted unanimously by the committee, in which the people of Arkansas were congratulated upon their sagacity in choosing him for their governor and in which the hope was expressed, that still higher honors await him.

Snowfall in Texas.

Fort Worth.—Four inches of snow fell in southern Texas following a sudden drop in the temperature. For the first time in 20 years the people were out in sleighs.

Fight Opens in Senate.

Washington.—The long threatened fight in the senate over the confirmation of President Taft's nominations for office broke on the floor of the senate, and in the first skirmish the Democrats were successful in preventing an executive session, demanded by Senator Cullom, Republican. The results of the encounter were uncertain, but the Republicans threatened to continue efforts to secure an executive session for action on the score of appointments now pending.

Want Money for Red River.

Washington.—Representative Goodwin of Arkansas announced that he would ask congress to appropriate at least \$150,000 this year for improvements on the Red River. The estimates of the board of engineers call for but \$75,000, and some of the members of the rivers and harbors committee of the house want even this amount reduced. Representative Goodwin and Watkins of Louisiana will lead the fight for the Red river.

NEWS OF LOUISIANA

Many Prominent Speakers to Address Farmers' Conference in January.

ELECTION TANGLE GROWING

Jacobson, Who Received Largest Number of Votes Cast, to Take Contest Into Higher Courts.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Baton Rouge.—A list of speakers and lecturers has been selected to address the farmers here January 6 to 17 in the fourth farmers' demonstration conference. These speakers in addition to the regular faculty of the Agricultural College of the State University. Of the faculty workers to lecture and demonstrate will include Dr. W. R. Dodson, Dr. W. H. Dalrymple, E. L. Jordan, A. F. Kidder, H. G. Lee, Edward Richardson, J. B. Garrett, J. E. Halligan, George I. Tiebout and Miss Elizabeth Kelley.

Among the prominent agriculturists to participate in the conference are G. C. French, secretary of the Southwestern Boys and Girls' Hog Club, Fort Worth, Texas; Hugh Van Lelt, editor of the Kibbula Dairy Farm, the National Dairy Magazine, and one of the foremost authorities on dairying in the United States; J. B. Davidson, professor of agricultural engineering of Iowa State College; Governor Hall, Dr. Oscar Dowling, of the State Board of Health; T. H. Harris, state superintendent of education; Bradford Knapp, in charge of the farmers' cooperative demonstration work of the United States Department of Agriculture; Mason Snowden, in charge of the demonstration work in Louisiana; E. O. Bruner, commissioner of agriculture; S. Locke Breaux, of New Orleans; L. N. Brueggerhoff, secretary of state fair; George A. Villere, president of the Cloverland Dairy Company; Dr. A. T. Peters, Illinois biological laboratories; E. Wade Hewitt, manager of the East Baton Rouge Truck Association, and Archibald Smith, professor of animal industry, Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College.

TO CONTEST ELECTION

Mix-Up Due to Failure of Officials to do Their Duty in Filing Returns.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Shreveport.—In so far as proceedings to date are concerned, Walter R. Jacobs has lost his fight for the office of justice of the peace of Ward 8, consisting of Caspiana and Forbing precincts, which office is being held by H. M. Sutton, under a commission issued on the face of the returns from Forbing, the only precinct making official report. Caspiana's returns, which gave Jacobs the ward's majority, were not filed. District Judge Sutherland dismissed a suit that Jacobs filed to correct an error, and also denied an injunction requested against the district clerk to prevent Sutton being sworn in. The court, however, reserved Jacobs' right to file a contested election suit or a suit demanding his title, and it is understood a contested suit will be filed.

Italians Escape From Jail.

Natchitoches.—George and Joe Pinino, two of five Italians in jail, charged with the murder of Joe Mandella, made their escape by sawing through the window bars of their cell. Joe is 18 years old, five feet eight inches, weight about 140. George is 28 years old, but looks older, and weighs about 175, height five feet eight inches. Sheriff J. W. Freeman has offered a reward of \$100 for their apprehension. The indications are they are making their way to New Orleans to embark for their native land. The murder was a most atrocious one with all the characteristics of the Italian vendetta.

Attempt to Wreck Passenger Train.

Plaquemine.—An attempt was made to wreck the fast Texas and Pacific train, known as the Texas-Colored, at the crossing on the St. Louis plantation, a short distance below town. Several pieces of iron were placed on the track. Fortunately the engineer saw the danger in time to slow down his train, but could not bring it to a stop. The engine was derailed, causing a delay of one hour. No one was hurt. A negro boy named Ernest Little was charged for the crime and placed in jail.

Lake Charles.—When his clothing caught in a revolving shaft the body of Weber Long, a negro, aged 17 years, was crushed at a lumber plant. Long was employed at the mill. The man had been dead thirty minutes before his lifeless body was discovered by Don Windson, assistant foreman.

Election Date Changed.

Lake Charles.—The primary election on the new judgeship of this district will not be held on December 30, Governor Hall was wired to postpone the date of the election thirty days in order that the primary might be held after December 30. The right to hold the primary before the new parishes had been officially organized promptly this move. It was believed that an injunction would have been asked as to the legality of the election had the date not been changed.

LEVEE BOARD CHANGES

New Members Appointed by Governor Take Seats—Officers Elected.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Tallulah.—The Fifth Louisiana Levee Board held its regular meeting here last week to allow the new members of the board, recently appointed by Governor Hall, to qualify, and to elect a president of the board, the presidency having been made vacant by Governor Hall's appointing T. P. Kell as a member from Madison parish to succeed J. T. McClellan, who has been president of the board for a number of years.

E. C. Rhodes, of Concordia parish, was elected president of the new board, with O. W. Campbell, also of Concordia, as secretary. Mr. McClellan, the former president of the board, was elected general inspector of levees.

The new members of the board who qualified are: R. L. Hall, of East Carroll; J. M. Johnson and T. P. Kell, of Madison; S. D. Watson, of Tensas, and E. C. Rhodes, of Concordia.

J. M. Hamley, of East Carroll; J. T. Young, of Tensas, and E. D. Lambdin, of Concordia, are the old members who were reappointed.

In accepting the position of general inspector Mr. McClellan stated that he appreciated the selection of himself for the position and that he accepted it both as a compliment and a sense of duty and would give his best efforts to assist the president and new board to become acquainted with the affairs of the levees.

Investigation Urged.

Lake Charles.—United States Court for the Western District for Louisiana convened in the new courtroom of the federal building, Judge Alec Boorman presided. Judge Boorman set some cases for trial at this session and continued others until the next term. The case of the United States vs. W. H. Simmons was set for the Shreveport term, to begin March 17. The grand jury was charged by Judge Boorman on the importance of a close investigation into the charge of peonage. Judge Boorman dealt at length with the necessity of giving the "under dog" the proper protection of the law, and read the federal statute fixing the punishment of those who were found guilty of peonage.

Land in Dispute.

Baton Rouge.—Fred Grace, register of the state land office, has returned from Monroe, where, in company with Assistant Attorney General C. A. Gaudin, he looked after the interest of the state in a land case before United States Commissioner O'Kelley. In this suit the state is trying to prove the character of some lands taken from the United States government in 1850, and resold by the state. The lands were taken under the swamp land grant. The title of the state to the lands was attacked on the grounds that the lands were not swamps.

Sewerage Bonds Sold.

Opelousas.—The Interstate Trust and Banking Company, of New Orleans, was the successful bidder at the sale of \$16,000 sewerage bonds made by the board of sewerage commissioners. Its bid was par and accrued interest, with an allowance to complete the sewerage system, which started here four months ago, the previous issue not being sufficient to construct the system in accordance with the plans.

Levee Cave Causes Worry.

Plaquemine.—The cave in the levee in front of town is attracting considerable attention. The lateness of the season in which to build a levee before the water comes up, and the fact that about two dozen buildings have to be removed, are the cause. United States Engineer Knoblock, of New Orleans, was on the ground. Several employees of the State Board of Engineers were running lines for a new levee.

Arrested for Wife Desertion.

Alexandria.—James Marshall, a painter, was arrested here on the charge of wife desertion. The arrest was made on a telegram received from Sheriff W. O. Pankhurst, of Genesee county, Mich. The telegram stated that Marshall was wanted in Flint, Mich., for deserting his wife and his two minor children.

Will Build New School.

Houma.—The Board of School Directors opened bids for the erection of an agricultural school and awarded the contract to A. A. Bonvillian. The building will be known as the Bourne Agricultural School, which will cost approximately \$8,200. It will be a modern two-story building.

Plaquemine.—A negro named Austin Johnson, living on the St. Louis plantation, was accidentally killed by his revolver falling out of his scabbard to the floor, causing the weapon to discharge, the bullet entering his body.

Negro Dragged by Cars.

Lafayette.—Leon Wilson, a negro youth, employed at the depot, while attempting to cross the Southern Pacific main crossing, was caught between the freight cars and dragged. The wounds are painful, but not necessarily fatal.

New Clubs Organized.

Stonewall.—S. M. Yeates, instructor of agriculture at the Stonewall High School organized corn and cotton clubs at Grand Cane and Gloster.

U. S. CONSIDERING MEXICAN AFFAIRS

Conditions Regarding Americans Have Not Improved Since Last Warning.

AMERICANS BEING KIDNAPED

Bandits Force Tribute to Cause—Officials Considering Note Carefully.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—Henry Lane Wilson, American ambassador to Mexico, who has been here in conference with State Department officials regarding conditions growing out of the Mexican revolution, left last week for New York preparatory to sailing for his post without the expected note of representations which this government is preparing to be sent to the Mexican government demanding protection for American citizens and property.

This action is taken as a further evidence of the intention of the administration to deal with this delicate and difficult situation with circumspection and in a spirit of deliberation. The communication is being prepared with the greatest care at the State Department and will be transferred to the American ambassador shortly after his arrival in Mexico City, early in January.

The deliberations with which the officials are moving in the preparation of the case of the United States vs. Mexico is expected to result in the production of a brief that is expected to be well high unanswerable except by a promise of prompt and adequate action on the part of the Mexican government to fairly and fully meet the demands of the United States in the matter of the protection of American interests in Mexico.

Justification for this demand by the United States government is declared to be found in the numerous reports to the State Department from every quarter in Mexico have grown worse since the dispatch of Secretary Knox's note of protest last September and that there has been a marked increase in brigandage and the kidnapping of Americans for ransom and in the levying of force war loans by the rebels upon American mines and plantations.

REPORT AGAINST BOARD

Commission Finds That Swamp Land Should Not Have Been Sold.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Memphis, Tenn.—According to the report of a government commission just made Moon Lake, a drained land district, belongs to the government and its ground, made ready for agricultural purposes, should not have been sold by the St. Francis Levee Board, against which the investigation is directed. R. E. Lee Wilson & Co. bought thousands of acres of this land from the Levee Board months ago at a price ranging from 60 cents to one dollar an acre. Part of it was to be drained and sold to some seekers at \$20 and \$50 an acre. From the time the water left this land until the present day, squatters settled on it, believing it still belonged to the government. New owners attempted to oust them after coming in possession of the property and this caused suits in the federal courts of Arkansas.

Trip to Establish Government.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Whether the time is now opportune for the establishment of civil government in the Panama canal zone is the purpose of the present trip of President Taft to that region. The president announced this in a speech here, it being the first explanation he has given of the purpose of the visit. You may think I could ascertain this as well in Washington, but I don't know," said the president. "At any rate I am going and I expect to issue the order creating the new government in the zone if I find conditions warrant it."

To Make Indian Land Report.

Guthrie, Okla.—Federal Inspector Cook left Pawhuska, Okla., for Washington to report to the Interior Department on Indian land oil lease conditions as he has found them at Pawhuska, and throughout the Osage Indian country during the past few weeks' inspection. It was on Mr. Cook's preliminary report, it is said, that President Taft recently wired Superintendent Carroll of the Osage Indian agency that he would not approve "blanket" leases for 180,000 acres of oil lands recently made by the Osage Indian council.

Race Commission Meets.

Athens, Ga.—The University Commission on Southern Race Problems in the final meeting of its 1912 conference here, selected Richmond, Va., as its meeting place for next year. It was decided to convene on December 18, 1913. Representatives of 11 Southern colleges and universities attended the meeting this year. Dr. C. H. Brough of the University of Arkansas is chairman of the commission and Prof. W. M. Hunley of the University of Virginia, secretary.