

FINDINGS ON HUNT CAUSE REJECTION

Senate Sub-Committee After
Investigation Turns Down
His Nomination.

HE HAS ONE MORE CHANCE

Candidate for Court of Commerce
Will Be Confirmed to Membership
if Committee's Action
Is Later Reversed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—By a vote of 4 to 3 the Senate Judiciary committee today voted not to report favorably the confirmation of Judge William H. Hunt now serving as a member of the Court of Customs Appeals, and promoted to a Circuit Judgeship for assignment to the new Commerce Court.

The subcommittee has been hearing the charges in regard to Hunt's rulings in the Williamson trial and in the case of the "smoke farmers" of Montana against the smelter trust were of sufficient gravity to warrant the rejection of his nomination as a member of the Commerce Court. There were five absent members today.

President Taft, it is understood, will undertake to influence the majority of the Senate to make a favorable report to the Senate. If the Hunt nomination is later reported favorably the fight against him will be carried to the floor of the Senate in the hope of preventing his confirmation. The outcome is doubtful.

When his case was called up in the committee his friends did not press the case, although all the others appointed to Circuit Judgeships for service on the new court were ordered reported favorably.

The judges selected were Robert W. Archbald, of Pennsylvania; John E. Carroll, of South Dakota, and Julian W. Mack, of Illinois.

Judge Martin A. Knapp, ex-chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, was confirmed for presiding judge. It is expected these will organize the new court as soon as those reported today are confirmed.

Soon after the appointment of Judge Hunt was sent to the Senate, charges were filed against him by Montana land owners, who alleged that while serving on the Federal district bench, he had aided smelting interests by delaying court proceedings.

The subcommittee made two reports to the full committee. The first considered the case today the Democrats are said to have opposed confirmation unanimously. They were joined by several Republicans.

No appointment has been made to the Customs Court to succeed Judge Hunt, and it is the belief of the Capitol that if he is not confirmed for the Commerce Court he will retain his present position.

ONLY JONES AGAINST RUDKIN
His Nomination as Federal Judge Is Considered Favorably.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The nomination of Judge P. H. Rudkin, as Federal Judge for Eastern Washington was today referred to a subcommittee, together with a letter from ex-Congressman W. C. Jones of Spokane, protesting against the confirmation. Unless something more substantial than Jones' letter is produced against Rudkin, he will be confirmed as both Washington Senators are supporting him.

Modoc Project Gets \$50,000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 23.—The Senate today agreed to an amendment to the Indian bill, appropriating \$50,000 for beginning construction on the Modoc Point irrigation project on the Klamath Indian Reservation, the total cost not to exceed \$185,000. An amendment was also agreed to appropriating \$15,000 for the extension of the brick school building at Chemawa.

No Action Taken on Colwell.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 23.—No action whatever was taken by the Senate Judiciary committee today upon the nomination of Elmer Colwell as United States Marshal for Oregon.

Farm Superintendent Named.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 23.—John P. Irish, Jr., of Chemawa, Pa., was today appointed farm superintendent in the Agricultural Department.

NEW TARIFF PACT SECRET

With Its Changes Unknown Canadian Agreement Is Ready.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The new Canadian reciprocity agreement will be presented to Congress next Thursday, accompanied by a message of introduction by President Taft. Almost simultaneously Mr. Fielding, the Canadian Minister of Finance, will submit the agreement to the Canadian Parliament.

Absolute silence still is maintained here as to the nature of the tariff changes proposed, but there is reason to believe that they are sure of hearty approval in at least one quarter, and that is by the American publishers and consumers of print paper.

HAYTI TO ADJUST DISPUTE

Governor of Santo Domingo Agrees to Arbitrate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The Governor of Santo Domingo has officially accepted the proposal of Hayti that the boundary dispute between the two countries be submitted to arbitration.

The news was contained in a telegram from Hayti's government received today by H. Paulsen Sannon, Minister of Hayti to the United States.

Snead Poisoner Gets Seven Years.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 23.—Seven years in state prison was the sentence imposed on Mrs. Caroline E. Martin for the part she played in the death of Oney W. M. Snead, her daughter, by Judge Ten Eyck today. Mrs. Martin had pleaded not guilty to manslaughter. The body of Oney Snead was found in a bath-tub in a house in East Orange, N. J., November 29, 1909. The indictment of Mrs. Martin, Miss Virginia A. Wardlaw and Mrs. Mary W. Snead, Oney's aunt and mother-in-law, for murder followed. Miss Wardlaw died in jail. Mrs. Snead faces a charge of conspiracy.

JUDGE WHOSE CONFIRMATION IS OPPOSED BY SENATE COMMITTEE FOR COMMERCE COURT.



WILLIAM H. HUNT, OF MONTANA.

TARIFF PLEA MADE

Piecemeal Revision Attacked
by Senator Flint.

PUBLIC ATTITUDE WRONG

He Deplores Results of Last Election
and Says People Fail to Understand the Probable Effect of Such Action.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Piecemeal revision of the tariff was attacked vigorously today in the Senate by Senator Flint, of California, a member of the finance committee which helped frame the Payne-Aldrich law.

He deplored the fact that the results of the last election seemed to be a declaration in favor of local revision and he charged that the probable effect of such action was not understood by the people. Senator Flint based his speech upon the Cummins' resolution, which he designed to limit the power of amendment to schedules actually under consideration and to prevent the weighing of the interests of one section against another in what is commonly termed "log rolling."

The California Senator contended that the very essence of the protective system was to frame a bill which would protect the industries of the entire country against the competition of the balance of the world.

He quoted from a speech by Chairman Emery of the tariff board to show the intention of that body to have considered first the print paper schedule, then wool and third farm products. "In all the tariff history," said the Senator, "the schedules should be taken up in their natural order: First, chemicals, then earthenware, metals, wood, sugar, tobacco, farm products, etc."

BOURNE FORMS LEAGUE

PROGRESSIVES COMBINE TO
PROMOTE POPULAR RULE.

Insurgents Will Work for Direct
Legislation Under Leadership
of Oregon Senator.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Organization of the "progressive" Republican League by Representatives, Governors, and others—an organization which will seek to "fight for the establishment of a popular government"—was announced here today.

Plans of the new league, which have been under way since the assembling of Congress, were concluded at a meeting here Saturday night, when a declaration of principles was signed, a constitution adopted and the following officers elected:

President—Senator Jonathan Bourne, Oregon.
First Vice-President—Representative Norris, Nebraska.
Second Vice-President—Governor Charles Osborne, Michigan.
Treasurer—Charles Crane, Chicago.

Executive Committee—Senator Moses Clapp, Minnesota; Senator Joseph Bratton, Kansas; Representative E. H. Hubbard, Iowa; Representative Irvine L. Lenroot, Wisconsin; Representative-elect William Kent, California; Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania; George L. Record, New Jersey; and others.

The declaration of principles, signed by nine Republican United States Senators, the Governors of six Republican states, 13 members of the House, and others, says that its object is the promotion of popular government and legislation, which have been thwarted and strangled by the special interests. As evidence of this fact, the declaration cites obstruction of legislation on railroads, trusts, tariff and conservation. It says that in proportion as popular government has superseded the convention system, progressive legislation has been secured. It declares popular government fundamental to all other questions and advocates:

"The election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people."
"Direct primaries for the nomination of all elective officials."
"The direct election of delegates to National Conventions with opportunity for the voter to express his choice for President and Vice-President."

"Amendment to state constitutions

providing the initiative, referendum and recall."

"A thorough corrupt practices act."

"The League will co-operate with Progressives in the several states wherever acceptable will render assistance in promoting the organization of state leagues."

"Wherever requested by any Progressive state league or by Progressive leaders in state legislatures, the National Progressive Republican League will assist in the preparation of bills and resolutions and will furnish literature in support of legislative action upon the propositions enumerated in the five numbered paragraphs set forth in the foregoing declaration of principles."

(Signed.)

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"Congressmen: Henry Allen, Cooper, Wisconsin; William J. Cary, Wisconsin; C. R. Davis, Minnesota; E. H. Hubbard, Iowa; C. N. Haugen, Iowa; Irvine L. Lenroot, Wisconsin; C. A. Linbergh, Minnesota; Victor Murdock, Kansas; H. Madison, Kansas; E. H. Morse, Wisconsin; John M. Nelson, Wisconsin; Miles Polinder, Washington."

Other signers include: Ray Stannard Baker, Massachusetts; Louis B. Brandeis, Massachusetts; Charles B. Crane, Illinois; James R. Garfield, Ohio; Francis J. Heney, California; Fred S. Jackson, (Congressman-elect) Kansas; William Kent, (Congressman-elect) California; William La Follette, (Congressman-elect) Washington; Gifford Pinchot, Pennsylvania; W. S. U'Ren, Oregon; Merle D. Vincent, Colorado; William Allen White, Nebraska. Bourne, in explaining its motives, said the league would not promote the political fortunes of any man or men and would assist Democrats as well as Republicans in carrying out its programme. It would at once enter on a progressive campaign, organize state leagues and establish headquarters, plans having been laid to continue the work for a number of years. Bourne expects to devote his entire time to it, so far as his official duties permit.

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