

HARMONY SESSION STIRS UP TEMPEST

Perkins Assails Republican Leaders.

MOOSE CHARGES BAD FAITH

Reply Says No Slight to Progressives Was Given.

ADAMS' CHOICE DEFENDED

Election Declared Based Solely on Fact November Result Showed There is Need of Organization Work in West.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Efforts to bring about harmony between Republicans and Progressives here today produced as the first conspicuous result a stormy protest from George W. Perkins and Everette Colby, Progressive leaders, that Republican leaders were not acting in good faith. Later a statement declaring the charges unfounded was issued by members of the Republican committee.

Chairman Wilcox, of the Republican National Committee, called together a subcommittee of the Republican executive committee appointed yesterday to devise a plan of co-operation between Republicans and Progressives. The result of this meeting was the issuance of resolutions adopted for the purpose of forming a supplemental committee to be composed of Republicans and Progressives to have a voice in party affairs. This would take the place of the Joint Republican-Progressive campaign committee, which went out of existence after the election.

Perkins Defends Wilcox.

Almost simultaneously with Mr. Wilcox's announcement of the plan at the Union League Club, Mr. Perkins at his home around the corner issued a statement attacking the Republican executive committee and Mr. Wilcox's subcommittee on harmony, but as a time defender of Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Perkins declared at the meeting of the executive committee yesterday that there had been an effort to force Mr. Wilcox out of the chairmanship and to place a reactionary vice-chairman in his place to prevent Wilcox from "liberalizing" the party.

He called also for a meeting of the entire Republican National Committee to work out harmony plans, declaring the subcommittee on harmony, of which Mr. Wilcox is chairman, is in the hands of the "Old Guard."

Finally, when he saw the harmony plan proposed by this committee, he declared it had been dictated by James A. Hemenway, of Indiana, whom he called one of the "Old Guard." Mr. Perkins said he regarded the resolutions "merely in a scrap of paper."

Perkins' Charges Denied.

A statement declaring the charges of Mr. Perkins unfounded was issued tonight by James A. Hemenway, F. W. Estabrook and ex-Governor Gillette. They declared it was indorsed by John T. Adams, Cornelius N. Bliss, Jr., and other members of the committee. The statement follows in part: "There is no justification for the interpretation which Mr. Perkins places upon yesterday's action of the executive committee. He challenges the selection of John T. Adams as vice-chairman of the committee. In the selection of Mr. Adams there was no slight intended to the Progressives, nor was there any given. His choice was based on the fact that the November election showed that there is need of organization work in the West and that his knowledge of conditions there and his political experience make him well fitted for this work."

Election of Vice-Chairman Deferred.

"The fact is that the convention of 1916 provided for the election by the National committee of four officers of the committee. When the National committee met in Chicago at the close of the convention a sub-committee was appointed to confer with Mr. Hughes, and after such conference to select an executive committee, power being delegated by the full committee to the prospective executive committee to elect the four officers. When the new executive committee met it elected Mr. Wilcox as chairman, Mr. Bliss as treasurer and Mr. Reynolds as secretary. It was understood at that time that a member of the executive committee would be made vice-chairman, but the election of such officer was deferred."

Choice Practically Unanimous.

"At yesterday's meeting of the 14 members of the committee only four expressed themselves as in opposition to an election at this time. Upon the question of Mr. Adams' election he was chosen by practically a unanimous vote. It is difficult to understand how anyone who is unselfishly interested in the success of the Republican party could challenge the result. Mr. Adams never has been and is not now a candidate for public office. He has been

WEDDING GUESTS TRAPPED BY FIRE

FIFTY BADEY HURT, AND TEN PROBABLY WILL DIE.

Half of Population of Harford, Pa., at Reception When Suspended Oil Lamp Falls to Floor.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Fifty persons were seriously hurt, 10 probably fatally, when half the population of the little town of Harford, Pa., about 30 miles from here, was trapped in a burning frame structure at a wedding reception and dance tonight.

A large oil lamp suspended from the ceiling on the first floor fell and soon the entire floor was blazing. The one narrow stairway was blocked by a sudden rush of flames, and men, women and children, crowding the floor above, were panic-stricken.

A few residents who did not attend the reception hastened to the burning hall with ladders, but not before all those trapped on the second floor had jumped. Physicians were sent to the scene from neighboring towns.

VALDEZ SUSPECT IS HELD

Otto Kantz Accused of Starting Fire That Did \$300,000 Damage.

VALDEZ, Alaska, Jan. 16.—Otto Kantz, who is under five charges of arson in connection with the fire here January 2, when most of the business section was destroyed entailing a loss of \$300,000, was ordered held, after a preliminary hearing today, to await the action of the Grand Jury. His bonds were fixed at \$17,000, in default of which he is in jail.

The fire is said to have started in several buildings at once, and for at least one of these buildings Kantz is declared to have been the agent.

TROOPS HUNT EX-MAYOR

Pioneer Disappears After Business Reverses at Port Townsend.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Jan. 16.—Israel Katz, a noted pioneer, who retired from the office of Mayor a few days ago, disappeared from his home yesterday. Five companies of Coast Artillery stationed at Fort Worden searched the whole country about Port Townsend today, but found no trace of him.

He was the head of a once-prosperous shipping firm and was formerly wealthy. Lately he had been despondent over business reverses.

POLICE ARE MINUTE MEN?

Chicago Squad Carries Rifles and Are Told to "Shoot to Kill."

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Chief of Police Schuetzler today organized a squad of four expert riflemen, known as police "minute men" who will be used in running down criminals. The squad of "minute men" will be hastened to any section of the city in a racing automobile when an important crime has been committed.

The squad is in charge of Lieutenant James Mooney and each member will be armed with a rifle. "Shoot to kill," are the orders given the squad.

THAW FACES MENTAL TEST

Examination to Be Made Before Removal; Contest Is Likely.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—An examination of Harry K. Thaw's mental condition will be made before he is permitted to leave the hospital where he is recovering from self-inflicted wounds, according to Dr. Ellwood R. Kirby, his physician, in this city.

Questioned whether Thaw would be removed to New York without a legal fight, Dr. Kirby gave it as his opinion that there undoubtedly will be a contest.

BOUCK WHITE IS INDICTED

Radical Pastor Charged With Burning American Flag.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Bouck White, pastor of the Church of Social Revolution, author and college graduate, was indicted today, together with eight of his followers.

They are charged with destroying an American flag last June in the yard of their church. Flags of many nations were burned. Mr. White formerly held several prominent Brooklyn pastorates.

BRYAN CALLS ON WILSON

President Is Congratulated on His Recent Peace Note.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Ex-Secretary of State Bryan called at the White House today and congratulated President Wilson on his peace note.

"The President has done just right," said Mr. Bryan. "Anything calculated to bring the peace terms of belligerents out into the open should have the support of every American."

ADMIRAL SIGSBEE IS 72

Sea Warrior Celebrates Day by Sitting Up for Breakfast.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—This is the 72d birthday of Rear-Admiral Charles D. Sigbee, who has been ill. He celebrated it by sitting up for breakfast and luncheon and reading congratulatory telegrams and letters.

DRAGNET IS SPREAD OVER WALL STREET

Leak Inquiry Diverted in New Direction.

FINANCIERS ARE SUMMONED

Wcman Mentioned by Lawson Disappears, Is Found.

BROKER CONTINUES STORY

Dramatic Declaration Made That Either Lawson Himself or Chairman Henry Is Perjuror.

Tumulty Named Again.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Spreading a dragnet over the financial district of New York, the House rules committee today extended the peace leak investigation to a general inquiry into the stock market. At an executive meeting the committee considered the advisability of employing expert counsel familiar with financial affairs to conduct the examination of witnesses.

It also planned to ask Congress tomorrow for an extension of time to report.

As the first step in enlarging the scope of the hearings, the committee subpoenaed J. P. Morgan, H. P. Davison, F. A. Vanderbilt, Arthur Lipper, Sol C. Wexler and J. S. Bache, New York financiers.

Woman Witness Hard to Find.

Trying in interest with the summoning of the financiers was the disappearance for a time of Mrs. Ruth Thomason Visconti, who Thomas W. Lawson says told him Secretary Tumulty "and others" had profited in the stock market by the leak and that William W. Price, one of the White House correspondents, had acted as the "go-between" in the affair and received \$5000 for his work.

Mrs. Visconti was sought for hours by Sergeant-at-Arms Gordon and his assistants. She surprised them all tonight, however, by reappearing at the apartment-house in which she lives and which had been under surveillance since last night. A deputy sergeant-at-arms promptly served a subpoena directing her to appear before the committee tomorrow morning. She promised to be there and the officer left her in the apartment.

At the outset of today's hearing Lawson attacked Representative Henry's denial of his testimony and emphatically declared that he or Henry was guilty of rank perjury. In a characteristic outburst, Lawson shouted his reiteration that he had told the truth.

"One or Other Is Perjuror."

"When there is a direct difference of opinion—stronger than a question of veracity"—said Lawson, "it is perjury." (Continued on Page 3, Column 3.)

COLD SNAP HOLDS; 25 LOW FOR DAY

PORTLAND COMFORTABLE, BUT EASTERN OREGON SHIVERS.

Baker Has Record of 27 Years With East of the Cascades There is a Real Cold Snap, with the Mercury at 10 Below Zero, and It's 30 Below Farther East.

Yesterday won out on a technicality at the office of Weather Forecaster Beak, as the coldest day of the year, when the mercury got down to 25 degrees above zero.

The year is young yet, it might be pointed out, and furthermore, this record has been beaten this season, although it was still 1916 when the low figure was recorded. Back in December it got down to 24 degrees and also tied the 25 degree mark—but that was last year you know, although less than 20 days ago, and that's where the technicality comes in.

All around the winter is proving much milder than that of 1916, for at this time last year we were in the throes of the silver thaw and the thermometer was away down. Once it got to 18 degrees above zero, the coldest weather Oregon had experienced in seven years.

More cold weather is predicted by Assistant Forecaster Drake. Skating is already good on Gull's Lake, and on the lake at Laurelhurst park and smaller lakes about the city.

East of the Cascades there is a real cold snap, with the mercury at 10 below zero at Baker, and 6 below at Boise, and the ice running heavily in the upper Columbia.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Pendleton is in the grip of a cold snap. The temperature dropped to eight degrees above zero last night and the mercury did not climb above 28 all day. A year ago today a new government record was set when the thermometer registered 22 degrees below zero. Meacham reports as low as 25 degrees below zero last night.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Two degrees at La Grande and as low as 22 and even 30 below at various Wallowa and Union county points are reported today. Every indication is that it will be fully as cold tonight.

This is the coldest La Grande has seen in two years, being four degrees lower than any record thus far the present winter. Several cook stoves burst this morning, the city water pouring out of two doors in one home before the supply was cut off.

BAKER, Or., Jan. 17.—(Special.)—The cold notch of 27 years was touched this morning when 18 below zero was registered here, while North Powder shivered at 26 below and Haines reported 20 below. Only once in 1917, has 13 below been recorded since January, 1890, when 14 below was reached. It is near zero tonight and indications for fair weather promise that tomorrow may be colder than today. More damage was done by freezing pipes last night. The dealers of the city have enough coal to last less than two days, and unless there is quick relief there will be some suffering.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Roseburg and vicinity early today experienced the coldest weather for more than 17 years, according to the records at the local weather bureau. At 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 18 degrees above zero, which was the coldest weather experienced here since February 4, 1899, when the mercury dropped to seven above.

ADMIRAL DEWEY IS DEAD AT AGE OF 79

Wife and Son With Sea Hero at End.

HARDENING ARTERIES CAUSE

Last Illness at First Diagnosed as Slight Cold.

DECLINE THEN IS RAPID

Funeral Services in Washington to Be Most Impressive in Character—Life in Capital Simple and Retiring.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Admiral Dewey, the Nation's Spanish War hero and by priority of grade the ranking naval officer of the world, died at his home here tonight in his 80th year. He had not been conscious since yesterday, when he lapsed into coma, still believing that in a few days he would be back at his desk in the Navy Department.

General breakdown, accompanied by arterio sclerosis incident to old age, was the cause of death. The disease had been gradually spreading its hold upon the powerful body for a year and a half, but the Admiral, proud of his physical vigor, had fought it off and even kept its existence a secret from most of his intimate friends.

Beginning of End Seen.

Last Wednesday he was at his office apparently hale and hearty. The next day he collapsed as he was preparing to leave the house, and the beginning of the end was at hand.

Mrs. Dewey and the Admiral's only son, George, were at the bedside. They had known since yesterday that there was no hope.

The Admiral died at 5:56 o'clock. President Wilson and Secretary Daniels were notified at once and the news was flashed by wireless to American naval vessels and stations all over the world. The message carried orders that all flags be half masted.

Funeral Probably Saturday.

The President will confer with Secretary Daniels and Rear-Admiral Badger tomorrow and arrange for the funeral, which probably will take place Saturday. The body will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on the Virginia shore of the Potomac River, where many of Admiral Dewey's former comrades have been laid to rest before him. Owing to the Admiral's high rank, the services will be especially impressive.

Only two other men, Farragut and Porter, have held the rank of Admiral of the American Navy, and since Civil War days no military figure has held such a place as Dewey in the affection of the people.

TUMALO RESERVOIR TO BE INSPECTED

DESERT LAND BOARD TO PROBE REPORTS OF LEAKAGE.

Appropriation of \$25,000 to Be Asked of Legislature as Maximum to Be Spent for Repairs.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The Desert Land Board tentatively agreed today to ask the Legislature to appropriate \$25,000 for needed repairs on the Tumalo project in Eastern Oregon.

It has been whispered during many months past that the floor of the immense reservoir, which covers over 1000 acres, has developed fissures which threaten the water supply. Governor Withycombe at the board meeting today mentioned these whispers and declared that the time had come to appear in the open in regard to the project. He asserted that if the project is endangered it is the duty of the state to obviate the danger. He suggested a recommendation of an appropriation for \$25,000.

Secretary Olcott and State Engineer Lewis were inclined to doubt the advisability of asking the Legislature for that amount of money until more data are available, but the executive insisted that it be asked for and State Treasurer Kay and Attorney-General Brown had previously given their sanction to such a move.

The plan as finally decided upon is to send two engineers to work in conjunction with Fred N. Wallace, project manager, and ascertain exactly the repairs needed on the project. The board will pledge itself, in event it is found the repairs would cost more than \$25,000 to spend none of the money, but to allow it to revert to the general fund, while if the cost less the balance will revert to that fund.

INDIAN GETS PRISON TERM

Guy Hayes, Umatilla, Convicted on Statutory Charge at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Guy Hayes, Umatilla Indian, was sentenced to from six months to two years in the Penitentiary today on a statutory charge. The sentence imposed by Circuit Judge Phelps was prompted by the many escapades of the prisoner on the Umatilla Indian Reservation and his conduct last night when he beat up one of the state's witnesses.

Hayes was out on bond last night and became intoxicated on Chinese wine. He then sought out one of the Bushman boys and attacked him.

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CONSOLIDATIONS UP TO NEW COMMITTEE

House Tackles Economy Problem

BROWNELL MADE CHAIRMAN

Bill for Abolishing Tax Commission Introduced.

ONE MEASURE IS PASSED

Memorial to President Asking for Return of Oregon Troops Adopted Without Flurry—Big Grist of Fishing Measures Appear.

LEADERS IN HOUSE AND SENATE GET TOGETHER

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Leaders of the House and Senate conferred tonight on a plan that will enable the two houses to get together in carrying out their consolidation programme.

Some Senate members resent the action of the House today in authorizing the appointment of its own consolidation committee while the Senate resolution providing for a joint committee of the two houses was held up. Certain Senators threatened to recall the resolution and substitute one providing for an independent Senate committee.

Cooler heads hope, however, to avert a conflict by securing a joint committee, as they realize no effective consolidation legislation can be accomplished with a separate committee in each house.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Further progress in the economy and consolidation programme was made in the House today.

By unanimous vote the House adopted the resolutions committee's resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five members to "examine all feasible plans, to receive, prepare and report bills looking toward the abolition, consolidation and merging of various state officer boards and commissions in the interest of a more economical and efficient government."

Economy Committee Selected.

Speaker Stanfield immediately appointed on the committee Representatives Brownell, Thomas, Ritter, Fortwood and Porter.

The resolution under which this action was taken was a substitute for Representative Brownell's resolution, debated on the floor of the House yesterday, and providing for a consolidation programme by the revision of the laws committee.

Chairman Stott and other members of the revision committee protested against the Brownell plan because, they explained, it would throw additional work on a committee that already is one of the hardest worked committees of the Legislature.

Consolidation Fight Won.

Today's resolution seemed to be satisfactory all around, and members who discussed it insisted that the committee should get to work right away.

"I consider that I won my fight," commented Brownell. "What I want is an intelligent consolidation programme."

In his argument on the floor yesterday Brownell said that he was willing to give his time and his clerk's time to the consolidation work, and it is apparent that the Speaker has taken him at his word by making him chairman of the committee.

Early Report Required.

The committee is instructed, under the resolution, to report its recommendations not later than the 25th day of the present session, and to "continue its duties until discharged."

The committee also has power to "subpena and compel the attendance of witnesses, and compel the production of books, papers and all necessary documents, and employ all necessary clerks."

The House's action today probably means that Senator Dimick's joint resolution providing for a committee of four from the House and three from the Senate to inquire into the consolidation possibilities and report back to the session, will die in the hands of the House committee on resolutions, where it has been resting since January 11.

House to Act Independently.

The House apparently proposes to pursue its consolidation course independent of the Senate.

In fact, one consolidation measure was dropped into the House hopper this morning. Representative Thomas, who probably will be the mouthpiece of Governor Withycombe on the floor of the House, is the author. The measure provides for the abolition of the Tax Commission as at present constituted and the substitution of a commission composed of the Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State and a single commissioner. The plan is in accord

