



CHIEF JUSTICE AT OLYMPIA RESIGNS

Stephen J. Chadwick Quits Supreme Bench.

J. B. BRIDGES IS APPOINTED

Acting Governor's Choice for Justice Aberdeen Lawyer.

CHANGE EFFECTIVE JUNE 1

O. R. Holcomb Will Be New Chief Justice at Olympia—Retiring Judge Long on Bench.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Stephen J. Chadwick, chief justice of the Washington supreme court, today sent his formal resignation to Acting Governor Hart, to become effective June 1.

Having been previously apprised of Judge Chadwick's determination to resign, Governor Hart had selected Jesse E. Bridges of Aberdeen to fill the vacancy, and immediately announced his appointment. Mr. Bridges is one of the most prominent attorneys of the south-west, having served as president of the state bar association and upon the state board of law examiners.

He will serve out the remainder of Judge Chadwick's term, which expires in 1921. By the supreme court rule of succession Judge Holcomb automatically becomes chief justice on June 1.

As one of the best known and most popular jurists in the state, Chief Justice Chadwick's resignation comes as an abrupt surprise to many. He will enter the pioneer Seattle law firm of Hughes, McKicken, Rupp & Ramsey, with which his son, Lieutenant Stephen F. Chadwick, is associated, and his primary object in retiring to private practice in this connection is believed to be a desire to see his son securely established. Of his retirement from the supreme bench, which he has occupied for a dozen years, Chief Justice Chadwick says:

"I am very grateful to the people of this state for their many expressions of respect and confidence. My son, Lieutenant Stephen F. Chadwick, was connected with the firm of Hughes, McKicken, Rupp & Ramsey before he went overseas. In the meantime E. C. Hughes died. I have been invited to become a member of the firm. I had thought that I would not be a candidate at the next election, and when this opportunity to enter an established business, and with my son, was offered, I felt that it was my duty to accept it.

Character of Court Laundered. It is hard to break association with my fellow judges. They are earnest, sincere and learned men, and if the public only knew them as I do no one would ever asperse the character of this court. It is unfortunate that our system of electing judges calls forth candidates who are willing to traduce others that they may win. The judges are good to meet such methods but the good people of the state should meet them and rebuke them in future campaigns.

Mr. Bridges, who is suggested as my successor, is an able man and the state will improve by his election. In this criticism of judicial elections the retiring chief justice is understood to refer to direct primary efforts to win the nomination, several of which, particularly the last, developed considerable bitterness on the part of one of the unsuccessful candidates.

Justice Native Oregonian. Chief Justice Chadwick is one of three native Oregonian members of the state supreme court. He was born at Roseburg in May, 1853, the son of S. S. Chadwick, a pioneer lawyer, who came to Oregon in 1831; and a democratic presidential elector in 1868, secretary of state in 1870 and succeeded to the governorship in 1877.

As a student Chief Justice Chadwick attended the Willamette and Oregon universities, studied law at Salem and was admitted to the bar there in 1885, passing first in a class of 20. He married a daughter of Dr. O. P. S. Plummer at Portland in 1887, and moved to Coquiam, Wash. In 1900 he was drafted by the Whitman county bar as a candidate for superior judge, was elected without opposition and became a primary candidate for supreme judge in 1903, winning his election in the primary with a 30,000 lead over his nearest opponent and carrying every county. He was re-elected in 1914, and became chief justice January 1, 1915.

On the supreme bench he has participated in all the construction of progressive legislation of the past 12 years and was the first judge in the United States to hold the railroad commission law constitutional, passing upon the act after Judge Hanford, in the federal court, had ruled against it.

Motto "I Tried to Make Good." "I have tried to make good," is all he says of his judicial service in leaving it.

Today's resignation opens a new field of political speculation in the state. Chief Justice Chadwick is a democrat and has long been understood to have other public aspirations than ending his career on the bench. At one time it was thought he would resign to become a candidate for United States senator.

PEACE PACT WORRIES RANTZAU EXCEEDINGLY

COUNT UNABLE TO DECIDE IF HE WILL SIGN OR NOT.

In Effect, German Envoy Says He Will Be Damned at Home Despite What Course He Takes.

BERLIN, via London, May 26.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau in an interview with the Versailles correspondent of Vorwarts said he went to Versailles with the firm intention of defending what remained for the welfare and happiness of the German people, but that even this remnant had been destroyed by the peace treaty. The count said it was a question, therefore, whether it could not be better saved by refusing to sign than by submitting, as was desired by the independent socialists.

The chairman of the German delegation said he certainly would fight to the last in order to try to improve the lot of the working people by negotiation, but that the delegates would be signing against the interests of the working people if they signed conditions which signified only "perpetual famine and unemployment."

"I can't bear pressure from our own misled countrymen, sign this sentence of death?" asked Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau.

Questioned as to whether he feared that the demonstrations of the independent socialists would be successful in the sense of moving him to abandon his resolve not to sign what he believed would be tantamount to the destruction of the nation.

Referring to Herr Haase's statement that peace must be signed and that the coming revolution would make it a scrap of paper, he said:

"When I came to Versailles I had the firm hope that the time of scraps of paper had finally passed and that a new age would begin in which only treaties would be signed which would be respected by both sides. I have not abandoned the hope of attaining healthy international morality. A mere scrap of paper will never bear my signature."

ALASKAN ROAD GETS AID

\$2,000,000 for Railway Work Is Included in Deficiency Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Decision was reached today by the house appropriations committee to include in the general deficiency bill an appropriation for \$2,000,000 for immediate use in construction of a government railroad in Alaska. Members of the Alaskan engineering commission said that construction would be interrupted unless money was provided soon by congress.

The commission's request for an increase of the original \$5,000,000 authorization for building the line, of which \$31,000,000 has been spent, will be considered by the committee in framing the new sundry civil appropriation bill.

CONGRESS TO THANK YANKS

War Heroes, Auxiliaries and Relatives of Soldiers Mentioned.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—A resolution by Representative Mondell, republican leader, extending the thanks of congress to those who served in the war against Germany, to the various auxiliary forces and the mothers, wives and relatives "who gave their nearest and dearest in the hour of the nation's need," was introduced today and made a special order for Memorial day.

EXCHANGE TRADING BOOMS

New York Market Sees Two-Million Share Mark Passed.

NEW YORK, May 26.—For the first time since February 1, 1917, trading on the stock exchange today exceeded by a slender margin the 2,000,000-share mark, heavy buying of specialties contributing largely to the huge total.

The market was characterized by a greater degree of enthusiasm and confidence than any of the many active sessions since the middle of last February.

BUSY ANGLER DEFIES PAIN

Hook Caught in Lip Does Not Bar Bend Man From Fishing On.

BEND, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—So deeply engrossed in his self-appointed task of catching the legal limit of trout that he was insensible to pain, Deputy Sheriff August Anderson merely bit off the leader and attached a fresh fly to his line, when his original hook, blown by a stiff breeze, became imbedded in his lip today.

Mr. Anderson wore the hook for two hours, obtained a record catch, then motored in more than 20 miles to Bend before having the barb removed.

LISTER REPORTED BETTER

Governor's Condition Apparently Improved, Says Physician.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 26.—Governor Lister's condition tonight was reported slightly improved. His pulse was 92, temperature 98.5 and respiration 19, according to his physician.

FIGHT FOR COAST SHIP INDUSTRY ON

Revival of Canceled Contracts Demanded.

WESTERN DELEGATIONS UNIT

Pressure Brought to Bear Upon Shipping Board.

LABOR ALSO TO BE HEARD

Important Meetings Held at Capital and Interests of Coast Fully Presented to Authorities.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 26.—Demand will be made on the shipping board as the result of meetings held today between shipbuilders and the senators and representatives of Oregon, Washington and California that contracts for \$75,000 deadweight tons of shipping canceled in Pacific coast yards be reinstated.

One move followed another in rapid succession today in the campaign of Pacific coast shipbuilders and the congressional delegation to restore these contracts, which affect 18 steel shipyards on the Pacific coast, either operated privately or by the United States Emergency Fleet corporation, and the employment of 120,000 persons, 100,000 in the shipyards and 20,000 additional in allied dependent industries.

Coast Organization Formed. The shipbuilders appeared first today before a conference which was attended by all the house members from Oregon, Washington and California. A permanent Pacific coast organization was then appointed to attend another conference in Senator Jones' office late this afternoon, which included Senators McNary and Chamberlain of Oregon, Jones and Poindexter of Washington and Johnson and Phelan of California, and the shipbuilders who attended the meeting earlier in the day. Harrison E. Robinson of San Francisco, general counsel for the Pacific Coast shipbuilders, presented the case of the yards.

It was decided to call another meeting at the senate office building on Wednesday morning to be attended by all of the senators and representatives from Oregon, Washington and California and the shipbuilders, before which Edward N. Hurley of the shipping board will be called. The foremost labor leaders in the United States are expected to appear at this meeting.

Restraint Order Prohibiting Continuance of Labor Strike was affirmed today in a decision of the United States circuit court of appeal.

A restraining order by the district court of Los Angeles compelling the cessation of a strike by employees of the Pacific Electric company, a railway, was upheld.

HUNGARY TO GET RELIEF

Blockade to Go When Stable Government is Established.

PARIS, May 26.—(Havas.)—The supreme economic council announced today that the allied and associated governments had decided to lift the blockade of Hungary as soon as a stable government is established there.

U. S. FLYERS EXPECT TO LEAVE AZORES TODAY

NC-4 READY FOR RESUMING FLIGHT TO LISBON.

One Man Killed and Several Hurt When Largest Plane in World Is Wrecked in England.

PONTA DEL GADA, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The motors of the American seaplane NC-4 were tuned up this afternoon and the plane was ready to start its flight tomorrow.

Weather experts predict favorable weather with westerly winds of between 20 and 30 miles an hour around Azores, diminishing to five miles an hour off the coast of Portugal. Cloudy weather may be encountered midway in the course.

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LISBON, May 26.—(Special Cable.)—This end of the trans-Atlantic flight is the scene of tense waiting, and Admiral Plunkett is sending and receiving many wireless messages, directing and checking up the flight.

Naval officers here have been concerned over various wireless messages that have been picked up in the south Atlantic whose origin or purpose is not discoverable. They refer mainly to bad weather conditions, some of them reporting the impossibility of flying. It is feared that, if such messages should reach the aviators, they might become confused and the success of the flight might be hampered; but everybody is hopeful that the NC-4 will come through without mishap.

Admiral Plunkett has arranged for a reception of the fliers on the flagship Rochefort, which will be attended by the Portuguese president, the ministers and the allied military and naval missions.

LONDON, May 26.—One man was killed and several were hurt when a giant Tarrant triplane, largest in the world, was wrecked this morning while taxiing for its first flight near Farnborough. The machine dug its nose into the ground and turned over. It weighed 30 tons and was equipped with six engines.

STRIKE HALTED BY COURT

Restraining Order Prohibiting Continuance of Walkout Upheld.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Authority of the United States courts to issue restraining orders prohibiting continuance of a labor strike was affirmed today in a decision of the United States circuit court of appeal.

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DEATH OF OFFICERS PLANNED BY I. W. W.

Army Intelligence Service Agents Named in Plot.

SERGEANT HEARS CONSPIRACY

Witness at Trial in Seattle Springs Sensation.

MURDER FUND COLLECTED

Attorney Vanderveer Gets Laugh When Federal Man Says Lincoln "Sounds Socialistic."

SEATTLE, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Members of the I. W. W. planned to kill Lieutenant F. W. Becker, navy intelligence officer in Seattle during the war, and other army officers here and in Spokane, according to testimony offered by T. R. Allison, former sergeant in the intelligence section of the United States army, when he resumed the stand this morning as a witness for the state against James Bruce, I. W. W. organizer, who is facing a jury in Superior Judge Walter M. French's court on a charge of criminal anarchy.

"I heard E. I. Chamberlain and several other members of the I. W. W. plan to kill Lieutenant Becker because, they said, he framed up a fellow worker," Allison told the jury on cross-examination by George F. Vanderveer, chief counsel for the defendant.

Chamberlain is one of the 25 members of the I. W. W. arrested as criminal anarchists. His trial may follow that of Bruce.

Seuth Hears Plot. "The plan to get Becker was discussed in my presence in Spokane about the first of August of last year," Allison told the jury in response to a question by Vanderveer as to whether he ever had heard an I. W. W. advocate killing as a part of their propaganda.

The court room rang with laughter during Allison's cross-examination when, in response to a question by Vanderveer, the witness said that the following quotation "sounds like a socialist" to him:

"Inasmuch as most good things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things belong to those whose labor produced them. To secure to each laborer the full product of his labor is the worthy object of each government."

Lincoln "Sounds Socialistic." "Does that sound like I. W. W. propaganda?" Vanderveer demanded.

"Sounds like a socialist to me," Allison responded.

"It just happens to be a quotation from Abraham Lincoln," Vanderveer remarked.

Vanderveer then launched question after question in a test of the witness' knowledge of I. W. W. aims.

Allison testified that he joined the I. W. W. in 1917.

SUFFRAGE OPPONENTS DELAY SENATE ACTION

RESOLUTION SET ASIDE UNDER RULES UNTIL THURSDAY.

Supporters of Amendment Expect to Pass It Thursday, Despite All Efforts, It Is Announced.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Opponents of woman suffrage succeeded today in blocking efforts to expedite senate consideration of the constitutional amendment resolution adopted last week by the house, but supporters plan to renew the fight Wednesday with the hope of bringing the measure to a vote on Thursday.

Immediately after the senate convened at noon Senator Watson of Indiana, new chairman of the woman suffrage committee, called up the motion of Senator Jones, republican, of Washington to take the resolution from the committee and place it on the senate calendar. Southern democratic senators registered opposition, insisting that the resolution come up in the normal way with ample opportunity for debate.

The first test of strength between the opposing factions came on a motion to debate Senator Jones' motion, which was defeated, 54 to 27. Opponents then resorted to parliamentary tactics to prevent a vote on the Jones motion until 2 o'clock, when it was set aside under the rule for renewal of debate of Senator Johnson, republican, of California requesting the state department to furnish the senate a copy of the peace treaty. Senator Johnson agreed to have his resolution go over temporarily, but the rules prevented such action.

Opponents freely admitted that there was no doubt of sufficient votes to insure passage of the suffrage resolution and supporters expect to pass it Thursday after it has remained on the calendar for a day as required by the rules.

Before the senate met the republican conference called to consider committee selections adopted a resolution pledging prompt action.

COLUMBIA EDITOR PAROLED

Publisher Pleads Guilty to Sending Obscene Matter Through Mails.

ST. HELENS, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—After pleading guilty today to two charges of sending obscene matter through the mails and to one charge of libel, Ham Kautzman, editor of the Columbia Herald here, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Eakin to six months imprisonment on each of the first two charges and three months on the libel charge. The judge then paroled Kautzman pending good behavior.

There are 16 other indictments against the editor, but there is a rumor that these may be dropped.

VOTE AUGURS DRY TEXAS

Amendment to State Constitution Probably Adopted.

DALLAS, Tex., May 26.—Complete returns from more than one-half of the state today showed that the voters of Texas Saturday probably had adopted amendments to the state constitution to provide prohibition of the liquor traffic and to extend suffrage to women.

TEXAS TO QUELL DISORDER

State Pledges Aid to Mexico in Quieting Border Outbreaks.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., May 26.—The state of Texas will co-operate with the Mexican government in stamping out disorders along the border. This was announced today.

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SENATE IS TORN BY DEBATE ON LEAGUE

Arguments Marked by Increased Bitterness.

MEMBERS GLASH ANGRILY

Senator Reed Says Colored Nations Will Rule World.

GREAT DANGER FORESEEN

Senator Hitchcock Insists That Opponents Have Drawn Unfair Conclusions as to Fact.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The league of nations was debated in the senate again today with an increasing show of bitterness.

Senator Reed, democrat, of Missouri, attacked the proposal in such vigorous terms that he aroused repeated objections from senators supporting it and a running debate developed, colored by dramatic accusations and heated retorts. The Missouri senator declared the league would place the destinies of the white race in the hands of ignorant and superstitious nations of black and yellow population, and charged that many democrats were supporting it for partisan reasons.

In frequent interruptions of Senator Reed's speech, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democrat of the foreign relations committee, insisted that the premises for these charges were false and that the inferences drawn were unfair and dangerous. He drew in turn a reply from Senator Knox, republican, of Pennsylvania, who suggested that supporters of the league covenant should read it before they discussed it.

Debate Becomes Heated. So heated did the exchanges become at one point that the chair rapped for order and Senator Reed declared that Senator Hitchcock had "lost his temper."

The measure which brought the league issue before the senate was the resolution of Senator Johnson of California, republican, requesting from the state department the full text of the peace treaty. There was no attempt to reach a vote on the resolution, and the measure went over again as unfinished business to come up when the senate reconvenes Wednesday.

Without speaking directly on the Johnson resolution, Senator Reed made a general attack on the covenant itself as a proposal to hand over control of the white race and the civilized world to an assembly of nations where a majority always could be brought together on any race question in opposition to white supremacy. He declared support of the plan never could be explained at home by senators from the south, with its negro problem, or from the west, with its Chinese and Japanese problems. Turning dramatically to his democratic colleague, he continued:

"If a republican president had brought it here—if Roosevelt had brought it here—there isn't a democrat that wouldn't have been standing by my side fighting to the last ditch to rescue the country from so monstrous and so cruel a thing."

Senator Hitchcock interjected that Mr. Reed confused the powers of the league membership with those of the council, but this was denied by Mr. Reed. Analyzing racial and other conditions in Honduras, Panama and other small nations which would have league membership, Senator Reed said:

"Oh, you men of the south, you 'Lily Whites,' you want to give Panama, with its 90 per cent of negroes and mulattos, a vote equal to the United States. Go tell your people that in the league one negro outside the United States would have a vote equal to 500,000 whites of this republic."

The senate adjourned without any attempt to bring the Johnson resolution to a vote. It went over as unfinished business and will come up again at Wednesday's session.

Statistics Are Cited.

Senator Reed presented statistics to show that of the total population of the countries composing the league, \$11,425,500 would be of black, yellow, brown and red races with only 289,488,800 of the white race. In the assembly which is to be the governing body, he said, white nations would have 17 representatives and other nations 17 representatives.

"An examination, however, of the membership of this present league will first astonish and then arouse the indignation of every thoughtful man," he continued. "It will come as a distinct shock, first that this is a colored league of nations. That is to say, the majority of the nations composing the league are a conglomerate of the black, yellow, brown and red races, frequently so intermixed and commingled as to constitute an unclassifiable mongrel breed."

Japanese Action Pointed To.

"In any contest which may hereafter arise involving the equality of race it is not perfectly plain that the dark races will all unite and declare for race equality in every part of the world? It must be remembered that this is a living and burning question; that Japan has expressly reserved it for future consideration."

